

Now Is the Time

Just a few weeks back, more than 400 gathered at the annual meeting of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce were challenged by Dr. Kenneth McFarland to "stand up and be counted". What he inferred was that there is general feeling among folks today to allow matters to go along as they are, to allow violence to go undetected if it rests in their hands to report incidents to the police or to cooperate in an effort to stamp out such violent acts.

That same kind of a challenge could well be made to Livonia residents who have refused for more than three weeks to step forward and help identify a male driver who ran down a six-year-old girl on a Livonia street and then sped away.

His car struck the tiny girl while she was crossing a street. Her battered body was thrown against the curb and the driver of a small foreign made car stepped on the gas, turned a nearby corner and vanished down a busy thoroughfare.

Luckily, the girl wasn't killed. But she was seriously injured and is just now starting back to school. She suffered a broken pelvis among other internal injuries.

Just how hard-hearted can a person be? This man or youth knew he had struck a tiny girl—he knew she was injured for the impact did toss her to the side of the road, yet he never hesitated a moment to flee.

The accident took place before the horrified eyes of her twin sister, an older sister and

a neighbor boy, while the stricken mother watched from the windows of the home just yards away.

Yet, despite pleas of the Traffic Bureau of the Livonia Police Department for anyone who has any ideas on the case to call or write, no one has bothered to even give a clue to the accident.

Perhaps, the words of Dr. McFarland should be repeated again, "Now is the time to stand up and be counted."

At about the time in Livonia just sit by quietly and allow a driver of this type to get off free on one of the worse driving crimes on the book?

This driver should be apprehended. He should be brought to trial. He should receive the full extent of the penalty for failure to stop after an injury accident.

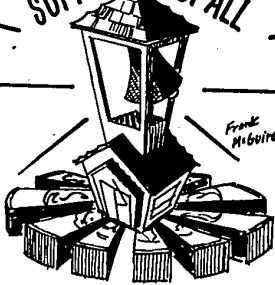
But he won't be brought to justice unless someone—and there must be someone in the community who witnessed the accident—stands up and is counted by telling what he or she knows.

If you know anything about this accident, call the Traffic Bureau of the Livonia Police Department.

At this moment, all of the victim's clothes and other articles in the vicinity have been taken to the crime laboratory of the Michigan State Police in Lansing for possible clues.

In the meantime, stand up and be counted if you have any knowledge of this case. R.T.T.

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READERS SPEAK UP

Tax Money for Service-Not Land

Editors: And to all good people in general:

How long are we, the general public, going to let the school board, get money for the education of our children by increasing our taxes consistently then have the school board pay for no children?

My children are growing now! Not 10 years from now. They need the education I am paying for now, but they have no auditorium or pool that can be used by them. I'm paying for my child's swimming as an extra outside of our community.

—should this be necessary? I say, No.

I don't know anyone else who feels this way but I don't want any more taxes for pools or auditoriums when we should be constructing and maintaining them within the budget.

And I don't think future state aid will be a good excuse to tell my children as a reason they can't get a full education at the present rate of taxes. Nor can the dropouts be convinced that this is a good reason. I sincerely believe that the present income from our taxes can do this job, but the people must insist on this from the Board of Education.

It seems to me, that we should clean house someplace and really examine the budget. Much more of this has been done in the past. Doesn't this sound logical? If more people buy more homes or build more schools, it doesn't mean school in the future—more people than the present number make it easier to pay for this need with a better tax base from more homes instead of vacant land? Common sense says, yes!

Let us use today's money for today's children and their needs today. Who knows what progress will provide for the future and schools may be greatly improved if our children are properly educated today.

Or are we just going to pay and pay? But let me remind you also that the school board has enough property now and that they are even letting it out as well as the city without legislative action. However there might be some hidden agreement I'm not aware of.

On the question of increasing my taxes again—where will get this increase in wages? I work for a school board.

GEORGE STRELCEK, Farmington

With marriage comes an in-corporate responsibility to the results of sex intercourse. For two people to live together, provided they have no children, is playing with sex passions and brings sex down to the level of an IBM card one track for children and one track for no children.

I agree that two engaged people should sit down and thoroughly talk out every aspect of sex intercourse and the responsibility of children. But this is as far as they should go. Two people should know each other, but not through promiscuity; through plain talk.

As Myra Chandler considers herself a modern grandmother, I consider myself a modern college student. Rev. Ed's concept, however, reminds me of times for the Old Testament.

MARY JANE BROWN

For Paul Hower Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to tell my friends why I am supporting Paul F. Hower for Mayor of Livonia.

Hower has an excellent background in business and personnel management, which I believe will enable him to lend dignity to our city government.

He has maintained a consistently firm and enlightened stand on issues vital to the welfare of Livonia's people. He speaks forthrightly and doesn't change his position for the benefit of different groups.

No one controls his thinking! For these reasons I feel a moral obligation to give him my support and ask that other concerned citizens do likewise.

Tom Genova Jr., Livonia

Wrong Name Used On Col. Cofer's Picture Editor,

I wish to take this opportunity to express appreciation for the support to the Marine Reserve Civic Action Program for Viet Nam. The recent proclamation by Mayor Moelke and the picture in the Observer of the issue of the Observer were most appreciated.

Now I wish to call to your attention a personal complaint which would be expressed by cancelling my subscription to the Livonia Observer if such a privilege was afforded me.

We have lived in the City of Livonia for eight years and during that span of time my wife's picture appeared once in the

Livonia Observer and my picture has been printed once. It is obvious that we neither seek recognition nor publicity. In both instances the picture caption incorrectly identified us.

Last fall my wife was identified in a group attending the Livonia Lecture Series as Mrs. Lifer.

In your recent issue in the picture with Mayor Moelke signing the Marine Reserve Civic Action Proclamation I was identified as Lt. Colonel Arthur Drump. Lifer I can rationalize as an honest mistake but Drump, I consider downright lying.

In the future we will try to avoid the Observer photographer but in the event we should still please refrain from giving any identification.

LA. Col. Arthur E. Cofer USMC Livonia

Ed. Note: A letter of apology is in the mail to you air—and we are sorry. The myriad of copy processed by Observer sometimes results in a mistaken name. Sgt. Drump, was of the Marine Corps, was supposed to have appeared in another picture in The Observer that was not used. The mistake was unfortunate, but Sgt. Drump is just as proud of his name as is Lt. Col. Arthur E. Cofer — and rightly so.

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Observing the Scene...

By MYRA CHANDLER

One obvious reason against ever taking the gas pipe today, is tomorrow may be better.

The tomorrow may just be here for panicky school administrators and harried taxpayers.

One legislator has come up with an idea.

He is State Senator Edward J. Robinson, representing Redford Township. He calls it his space-age education reform package and is said to completely revolutionize the concept of public school financing in Michigan.

The proposed legislation would repeal all the operation millages levied by both school districts.

In Redford Township, for instance, currently Redford Union is levying 27.90 mills and South Redford will be levying 22.90 mills.

In place of the local operation millage the state would levy 23 mills uniformly throughout the state.

The 23 mill levy, coupled with earmarked funds and general funds, would allow an appropriation of \$740 per pupil in Redford Township.

Currently R.U. spends, \$524 per pupil while S. Redford spends \$523.96 per pupil. Robinson's proposal means an increase of \$226 in the case of R.U. children and \$225.96 for the children of S. Redford.

Robinson stated that, "This means for the first time real, equal educational financing for all children and allows school boards to plan from year to year without facing continual financial crises."

Why, it would add years to the life of Business Administrator Ron Upton of Livonia.

"This proposal brings up into the second half of the 20th Century and puts on the line the question of whether we really are sincerely interested in insuring each child, regardless of whether he lives in Redford Township, Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City or Farmington, will have the same financing behind him, irrespective of the property taxes base of the community."

Redford Township as a result of the 23 mill levy would pay approximately five million dollars to the state and receive back about 13 1/2 million dollars.

As much as I am opposed to Robin Hood as a way of life and heartily approve of Ayn Rand and her philosophy—nevertheless—drastic action is called for.

Now, Senator Edward J. Robinson of Dearborn may not get this through this year, but doesn't it give one a sense of peace to know we really do have some statesmen in Lansing? Senator Robinson said he would send some complete details on how this would affect all of our communities and keep The Observer posted on reaction. It may be local citizens will have to contact their local legislators to show their interest in this revolutionary legislation.

Presently the total millage of other communities in this area, including bonding retirement is: Livonia, 30.97; Plymouth, 26.05; Garden City, 30, and Farmington, 32.50.

Even without the bonding millage representing a small part, you can see how our areas would be benefited.

Cakes and Ale

Disclosures of lobbying activities of Peoples Community Hospital Authority officials by Attorney General Frank J. Kelley should not be viewed as corruption limited to the hospital authority—school and municipal officials have been engaged in lobbying for years and also spend public funds in doing so.

Discussions among hospital board members resulted in press coverage of PCHA cocktail spend and prompted Kelley's statement investigation. Some spent by hospital officials winning legislators is shocking but represents only a drop in the bucket of the pay-as-you-go tradition of enacting legislation.

Politicians accepting the creed "I am not my brother's keeper" encourage the practice of lobbying to get bills enacted. If all legislators assumed the responsibilities for which they were elected, and were concerned for the people's welfare, lobbying would not be necessary. Trading hamburgers for hospital beds does not exemplify sincere concern for the citizens of Michigan. The State could well afford to investigate the motives and conduct of legislators who eat, drink and then vote.

Misbehavior of a few legislators, however, does not in any way excuse the actions of PCHA lobbyists or others engaged in the trade. Necessity does not add righteousness to spending public funds to wine and dine legislators. The money was still mis-spent even if the motives were to provide better facilities to the public.

The most serious disclosure, however, was the attempt of certain PCHA leaders to convert the hospital authority into a private corporation and feather their nests with high salaries for the PCHA corporation. The four hospitals governed by the PCHA were built in part by the 23-member communities contributing 4 mills annually to the authority. Conversion of the PCHA into a corporation for private gain would have been a despicable misuse of public funds.

Another serious problem brought forth by Kelley's report is board members who contract for hospital services without bids being taken. This and other activities mentioned in the Kelley report does not help keep hospital rates down. In fact, at the last PCHA Board meeting, room rates for the Sea View Hospital in Trenton were raised because that particular unit had been operating in the red.

Unnecessary expenditures may have effected room rates at Annapolis, Beyers and Outer Drive hospitals. This is being looked into. If it is found to be true, then the Board of Directors must be held accountable for approving excessive expenditures.

Gov. George Romney is asking for legislation requiring monthly expense accounts for lobbying which would be helpful in curbing exorbitant spending but would do nothing to insure responsible and non-biased legislation. Equality in government and lobbying oppose each other and one needs to be eliminated.

Mory Daniels

Township versus Incorporation

How would you like, in the view of rising prices, to have to maintain a family of eight on a budget for a majority of the month? Add to the pressure, no hope for relief in sight for a matter of years.

That is exactly the situation that many townships find themselves in today. Not every township is in this predicament, but many are. The money was still mis-spent even if the motives were to provide better facilities to the public.

Many critics are leveled at townships during the winter and spring when the roads begin to bog down. "Why don't they do something?" is the question furious residents hurl at the officials. Under township law, a township is UNABLE to own or maintain one piece of road equipment. Therefore, they must rely on the county. If the budget is universal, naturally they must wait their turn.

Ordinance fines remain in the county fund. Under city charter, they are given to the government. In Southfield alone, last year, the ordinance fines amounted to somewhere around \$70,000.

The most common statement when incorporation into a city is being discussed is "We don't want city taxes." Why would you have to

have taxes you don't want? Residents can form their OWN charter. When the decision to form a township has been reached by the voters, nine charter members are elected, and they will draw up a charter. An important thing to remember is that under township laws, the STATE will enact legislation concerning your taxes, under a city charter, the CITY will enact the legislation.

Farmington Township has been fortunate in having very hard working officials. Regarding less of political differences, no one could ever charge Floyd Cairns, Elise Avery or Curt Hall with not giving the taxpayers their more than fair share of working hours. Incorporation into a city is inevitable, there seem to be many advantages. Outside of being able to enlarge the present staff of police and firemen, there is the distinct advantage of owning and operating one's own road equipment. This will be a virtual godsend to the subdivision dwellers who are often snowed in for days at a time, when the county equipment which is at a distance, is unable to get through.

We will be able to have the money from our ordinance fines to help us with some improvements.

Lastly, if every citizen maintains a lively interest and is careful in his selection of charter commission candidates, there is no reason a tax structure that is fair to everyone cannot be worked out.

It is still the American privilege to vote for whatever type of government you prefer, but we feel that it would behoove every citizen to consider these factors carefully before making the final choice.

Jerry Wendt

PREGNANT MOTHERS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY

A pregnant mother has the world's greatest responsibility on her shoulders. If her body chemistry is in fairly good balance she will have a son or daughter that will grow up to be a responsible citizen. But if this very important pregnancy balance is below normal and especially if the crosses chemical amounts—sweets, starchy foods, alcohol, meat, etc.—then chances are that she is helping to fill more and more of our institutions with individuals who are of little use to themselves, especially by the third or fourth generation.

For many years some of our leading "nutritionists" have made public claims that white sugar and white flour products are nutritious!!! This claim is untrue. With the help of doctors, nurses, and dietitians, the diet of almost all of our patients shows an intake of high carbohydrate foods. It is very difficult for the body chemistry to assimilate protein in high intake of sweets and starchy foods.

The perforations on a piano roll control the quality of the music which the piano plays. With the help of available protein the chromosomes control the critical development of the embryonic baby brain.

Our body-rebuilding nutritional program will help support and control a better balanced body chemistry through the use of natural food supplements and a controlled dietary regime of high class protein foods.

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College Student's Viewpoint on Sex

In agreement with Myra Chandler's article on Rev. Robert Eddy's recent talk, I consider sex and the timing, girl and boy outside of marriage as bringing the human body down to the point of automation. This boy and that girl live together and if they can get along, then let's call it marriage. Dad tries a new Tornado and if he has no trouble with it, he keeps it.

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