

## Our Good City Fathers

How many public officials would be so generous as to donate \$2,000 out of their own pockets to construct a dog pound for all the wayward puppies in the community. Not many, if any.

But our good City Fathers have done just that. Garden City has opened up a new dog pound which was sorely needed. The grand opening was greeted with an official press release from City Hall which stated in glorious fashion, "After these many years of criticism, our good City Fathers have provided us with the necessary finances to permit the construction of this new and modern dog pound. Give us taxpayers credit for this."

Actually, the good City Fathers didn't kick in a cent to build the dog pound. It was financed by transferring \$2,000 from the City's water depreciation account to the police budget with an installment repayment plan devised. Trace it back further and you'll find it was the good old taxpayers who provided the necessary finances for the pound.

And although we give credit to our good City Fathers for all they did, we also praise our good taxpayers for providing the necessary finances to permit the construction of this new and modern dog pound. Give us taxpayers credit for this."

Give our good City Fathers all the credit we can for making the transfer of funds, recording the need, making studies, designing the building, and providing the necessary administration to construct a new pound.

But our good City Fathers did not provide us with the necessary finances to construct this modern dog pound. Give us taxpayers credit for this."

The efforts of Garden City politicians who worked on the dog pound in their off-duty hours for nominal pay is certainly commendable. The city administration is deserving of a praise for seeing the long-needed facility was built.

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EMORY DANIELS

## Governor Romney Reports

Michigan could be plunged into a major financial crisis if the legislature persists in its current reckless spending course.

Midway through the 1968 Legislative session, preliminary actions in both houses of the legislature would increase my budget recommendations for next year and would give Michigan its first billion dollar budget — at least \$1,000,000,000. This proposed increase is in addition to my recommended increase of \$126.8 million and would result in a total increase of over 200 million in a single budget.

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I am hopeful that, like last year, more common sense will prevail by the time the budget bills are finalized and sent to the desk. I am not wedded to every proposal just as it stands in my budget, but I believe that there is a certain amount of give and take in the months of work that result in a state budget for an entire year.

But I have no intention of seeing our more than three years of hard work to return fiscal sanity to state government tossed aside.

I am certain and I am pleased to see our future is very in one year while the future is left unproctected and unprovided for.

The budget I presented reflects both fiscal responsibility and program responsibility. It is both practical and progressive. It administration would substantially improve the level of service in all important areas and would reasonably meet state needs.

Fortunately, budgets totals in the house of origin can seldom be considered final action; generally they are reduced. Fortunately, the legislature is conservative about the reckless size of these tentative budget totals. But to avoid financial difficulty, they will need strong public support in bringing the final budget back to a sound basis.

GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY

## It Could Happen to Plymouth

For years it was a most prosperous downtown. Some business men have made considerable improvements to keep the community thriving. Others have not. They prefer to let the guy next door make the improvements, and reap the walking business. Others sit back hoping the Federal Government and local officials can solve their problems.

Times are good. This is the time to begin to think and develop plans that are workable.

The business men and the public must work with the local officials. But this takes time and effort not loose talk and passing the buck.

With shopping centers springing up, PLYMOUTH MUST MOVE FORWARD. If we don't move today, we will sink tomorrow. Take a look at some of the downtown communities. Wyanotte lost its Sears and Federals.

Since the arrival of our new City Manager,

Dick Blodgett, we the Chamber, have begun work together along with the City Planning Consultants on a new workable CBD Plan. It is in its initial stages. We hope that when it is ready for presentation that the local business man, will be willing to sit down and review, recommend and support it. Over 100 questions will be filled in by downtown business men who have been used to start the Plan. It includes off-street parking too.

It must be a joint effort. Businessmen, City Officials, Planning Consultants, and the public must work on a coordinated basis. A good plan must be supported by all parties to be effective.

It must be a frank and open program. Everyone should have the opportunity to discuss, evaluate and finally support the final Plan.

CARL D. PURSELL, President  
Chamber of Plymouth

## Must Be A Better Way

Our boys in Viet Nam deserve only the best.

Those of us back home facing a new tax drain on May 1 will wonder about the latest Federal expenditure for our fighting lads: their favorite TV programs.

TV commercials in glowing terms the installation of some 2,000 sets at military locations and in Saigon. Saigon has only 110 sets in public places for the one hour that programs of informational nature are telecast to the citizens.

No doubt, their most popular program is "What's Government?" as would you believe, "Saigon Place," the saga of frustrated Buddhist in love with a seductive Army Nurse who is smuggling tainted rice to the Viet Cong.

Regardless of favorite programs the TV Guide left out ONE important item of news: the bill of fare. Items of news, entertainment and sparse items of information? Old money bags, Uncle Sam, of course! The New York Times informed us more observing readers that the Congress has appropriated over six million dollars for remodeling a battlehip into an off-shore transmitting TV station.

Granted that a little TV might go a long

ways to boost sagging morale in Viet Nam and that the Vietnamese might need some additional informational channels.

Do we need to go to such extremes? A few million dollars for the same job?

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— WALLY ROBERTS

## HEY! THE GUY WITH THE MONEY IS LEAVING!



## Our Readers Speak Up:

### Residents Fed Up By Patter Drain

Editor:

Subject—History of Patter Drain: From the Year 1956-1966. It is now called Livonia Drain 211.

For six years now the City of Livonia Officials and the County Officials have been giving us excuses and blaming each other for their failure to take care of this dirty, dangerous ditch.

The Mayor has given his share of fiction stories to the paper also. (The Observer) "All the work is being done on the planning stages for two years." And as of May 1968

Let it be known residents

are to be held responsible for this drain.

(The Observer) Nov. 3, 1965

— Mayor plans to lift Drain Bond unless Contractor gets to work. Did the City have a valid contract at this time?

The elapsed time with no

improvement in the condition of the Patter Drain is only

proves to that above

statements in the paper

are just another run around. As of May

1968, this dangerous ditch is still open.

The people responsible

are still giving out basically the same old story we have heard since 1962.

This is the reason this drain

has not improved with age. It

has eroded more of the land away

trapping up 70 feet or more of

the back yards of 80 people who

have children. It is a breeding

ground for rats. We have

been told from the property

where the sewer is supposed to

go some day, if the Engineering

Dept. doesn't change the plans

again. There are more trenches

and mud for the children to get

trapped in. Headers are pushed

off ends of St. Louis

small children like I saw

through these when they are

born.

We also have a storage yard

at the corner of Five Mile

and Gary for construction

equipment that hasn't been used

for about six months. It isn't fenced

in or guarded in any way.

It is filled with debris

and trash.

It is a public hazard.

— WALTER H. BROWN

or influence the vote of any other member, or directly or indirectly bring pressure to influence the vote of any other member in connection with the investment of funds through the Northwestern Mortgage Company other than normal debate and exchange of ideas commonly engaged in in the transaction of the business of the college.

That neither William W. Brashears, as then Mayor, nor Jack Salvatore, the Councilman member of the Board of Trustees, used the prestige of his office to influence the other voting trustees,

we believe, is fully consistent with the investment of retainment funds through the Northwestern Mortgage Company.

On August 28, 1964, Wayne County Circuit Judge Rashid entered an Order dismissing me as defendant in the Civil Action involving the Northwestern Mortgage Company.

Judge Rashid made the following statement on the record:

"But, I do say to Mr. Chandler on this record, 'He made statements of fact which are not accurate.' ... and I would suggest to him that he keep his mouth shut. American tradition of good newspaper responsibility, as far as we know, he should exert some effort in ascertaining actual facts and be a little more meticulous about the choice of words and language."

Now that we have results something that has been true for two years ago, I wonder, will I have the courage to print this letter likewise under your 'Reader Speaks' column?

WILLIAM W. BRASHEAR  
Livonia

ED. NOTE: Maybe if Mr. B. is willing now to tell ALL about his "success" we will be breathless readers who the mystery man, the "Mr. X" that was put up that \$100,000 in Rashid's Court that will be filled on the Patter Drain after Mr. Chandler of The Northwestern Mortgage Company, the "Mr. X" about it being illegally invented, (which the Judge at the time allowed as though it really was.)

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