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OBSERVING the Scene . . .

By MYRA CHANDLER

There is a nice chunk of money, \$600,000 to be exact, waiting to be returned to this area, to build a YMCA in Livonia.

No, for a change this is not Federal money. There are no matching funds to be imposed on one and all as more tax monies.

There are strings, of course, but they are on a voluntary basis. All United Foundation requires before it invests this money in the YMCA in Livonia is \$10,000 in memberships.

This is reasonable. If there is not enough interest in a community to have \$10,000 in memberships then those who fell a community building for youth as well as adult activities was the way to go, were dead wrong.

Actually this \$600,000 has one thing in common with Federal funds. We, in this area did contribute toward it.

And I can remember the day so well when the germ of this idea was planted or exploded might be a better word.

It was during a U.F. campaign. Workers in the area were organized; ladies knocking on doors telling the United Foundation story; businessmen leading the way for their fellow workers with pledges under the "once for all" slogan.

Then two things happened. First a group of ladies came to see the late Paul Chandler, then publisher of The Observer Newspaper Group. They wanted to be included in the budget of the YMCA in Redford Township where they were active and that served the community with tween, teen and adult programs.

While they were served by the Redford YMCA, the United Foundation budgeted them and gave money to the Dearborn YMCA for Livonia. Dearborn did not want to give up the money they received but they did not offer the same conveniences of traffic pattern and accessibility as did the Redford Branch. The U.F. administration turned a deaf ear on the ladies, the Mayor of Livonia, the funds closer to home.

The second thing on the heels of the first, was a full page ad in every metro paper and many weeklies touting the United Foundation and their services. Said publisher inquired politely about the possibility of the same ad for The Observer Newspapers or at least The Livonia Observer. "Livonia, where's Livonia?" was the approximate answer.

It was far from the right answer.

The next natural thought expressed and emphasized with sparks from the publisher was if you can find us to collect there had better be a show of faith you can find us to give — and to prove it we need a YMCA in Livonia and by golly that is as good a place as any for you to prove to us we exist.

There were more phone calls, letters, telegrams, personal appearances — but eventually there was real action. Through a grant of money from United Foundation funds a dedicated YMCA staff member by the name of Chuck Wiese came to Livonia, began to call on civic leaders and finally turned in a report there was a need and a desire for a YMCA building and program in the City of Livonia and surrounding area.

Therein lies the complete tale, unabridged.

Since then Dr. Don Friedricks and a Board of 49 solid citizens have carried the message to the community.

The goal is \$10,000 dollars worth of memberships. There is a Civic for \$100; a partnership for \$50; a family for \$15; adult for \$10; or a youth for \$5. If you want to be a part of realizing this wonderful community center building be built in Livonia — not a cracker box type building, but a carefully designed, well thought out addition to the community, please fill out the blank below accompanied by a check or money order and mail to Gene Harris, 18049 Farmington Road, Livonia, or the YMCA Office at 12330 Middlebelt Road, Livonia.

Make Checks Payable to YMCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION I hereby apply for membership in the Young Men's Christian Association and will endeavor to cooperate with others in achieving the purposes of the Association.

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Thanks From Bereaved Family Editor: Mr. and Mrs. Garfield D. Hay and family wish to express their thanks to the Bentley High School student body staff, and all our many friends and neighbors, who sent flowers, contributions to the Memorial Fund, and messages of sympathy during our recent bereavement of Joyce Ruth Hay. Everyone has been most kind. I am sure that the bereavement of Joyce Ruth Hay. Everyone has been most kind. I am sure that the bereavement of Joyce Ruth Hay. Everyone has been most kind. I am sure that the bereavement of Joyce Ruth Hay.

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Where Do I Live? Editor: When you please print this article in your paper, so I can find out where I live? I am getting mail from Plymouth, Garden City, Wayne, Nankin, and Westland and my correspondents are going out of their minds trying to figure out where we live and I'm going out of mine trying to tell them. I know I'm on the verge, because I live on Newburg Road, and I'm on the point where I'm telling them I live at 7241 Nankin, Newburg, Mich.

When I lived in Garden City, they switched my address around so often, I finally put a note in the mailbox asking the carrier if I had moved, and if so, would he tell me where? Now, I'm in the same predicament. So, FERN M. CARRIGHT 7241 Newburg, Nankin, Mich. (If HOPE) EDITOR'S NOTE: Lady we will like in Westland Post Office, HOPE. Even politics being what it is the designer has not gone through. At this time your mail should be Wayne, Michigan.

Thank You Police Editor: It seems like the Livonia Police Department has been criticized so much lately that I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rescue Department and the Livonia Police Department not only for all of their help but also for their thoughtfulness. MRS. JOHNN WHITE BARJACK Avenue Livonia

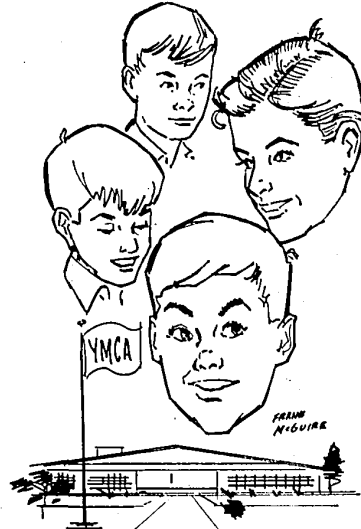
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"A Group Not a Gang"



Readers Speak

Wide Differences On Integration

Editor: Attention: Mr. Robert Tobin and friends. Were your children communitarian? Did they catch a little democracy? Tish, lah, musn't let anything like that happen must we?

Nancy Stein Livonia

Good Training For Students

Editor: I would like to refer to an article in The Detroit News printed last Thursday. Would you answer a couple of questions for me either by mail or in the paper.

1. Why hasn't the Observer carried an article of this quality concerning this program?

2. When certain residents became disturbed by untrue and misleading statements in a rival paper, why didn't our school board answer in this vein rather than merely apologize for the program?

The School Board backed the program and Superintendent of Schools backed the program. He apologized only for not communicating the pre-plans to the press earlier. Mrs. Purvis if the School Board spent all the time it would require correcting misleading stories in the tabloid newspaper it would have no time for other pressing administrative matters.

My third grader took part in the program. As a parent I went with the students on

their Livonia visit. I also followed the program from the beginning. It has been a very fine and constructive community study for all concerned. The emphasis was on community differences (the big city, suburbia, small town) not groups of people.

What a shame that adults must taint a healthy and wholesome meeting of children. Also, what a shame that the story of the program was not told proudly and truthfully from the beginning.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and any answer you care to extend will be appreciated.

MRS. S. R. PURVIS Editor: The Observer agrees completely with the sentiment expressed in this letter.

Editors Note: The Observer is pleased that the students and their parents were so enthusiastic about this educational experience, and it is gratifying that we have such dedicated educators as Mrs. Jean Boissinoux and Mrs. Joan Messer in our school system.

We look forward to hearing about our school district's further participation in this program, and hope that greater numbers of children will have the opportunity to realize a similar experience.

DONALD H. MURCH ATTORNEY AT LAW LIVONIA

Bad But Good Editor: I thoroughly dislike the Observer, its tactics, its "impure" motives, and last but not least, Myra Chandler.

However, I agree 1000% with every word she wrote in the June 2 issue of The Observer on the colored situation.

Ed. Note: Thanks a lot!

Janet Muller JoAnne Hammerschmidt Stark School Grade 5

Both of us are puzzled about why anyone is angry about keeping the matter secret. Besides, it wasn't secret to us.

We have nothing against Mr. Tobin, but we are puzzled about his actions. Why announce and you know that JoAnne and I (and most of the other children) enjoyed the whole thing, no matter what other people say to disapprove.

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Behold American Textbook!

(With the thought in mind of sponsoring a public forum on the subject Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Company of Plymouth will publish a series of several provocative articles on education of our children. If there is enough public interest, pro and con, the forum will be held to exchange ideas verbally on the subject.)

In many American school systems today it is possible, and indeed common, for a student to graduate from high school with above average grades and still be unable to read mature prose.

A large number of educators and critics agree that this is possible because of a reduction of emphasis on reading skills in our schools. As Charles C. Walcutt, Professor of English at Queens College and author of "Tomorrow's Illiterates," explains: "For the past thirty years standard textbooks that have gone through four or five editions have been revised each time to smaller vocabularies, simpler sentences, and fewer ideas."

Almost all of our children begin their formal reading instruction today with the typical "Dick and Jane" readiness primers. Proponents of this "look and say" method of reading believe that in order to derive meaning, children should be taught to read almost any child reading the "R-U-N" spells "run".

The "mountains and monkey," or to be more technical, "look and say" method of teaching almost ignores the existence of words. Consonants and vowels are concepts too tricky for a child's mind. It seems why teach basic foundations and structures when repetition, repetition, repetition will make almost any child reading the "R-U-N" spells "run".

The fact that reading and spelling skills are pitifully low in our schools, that the don't-learn-to-read programs are the rule rather than the exception in high school and even college curricula might seem to be a reflection upon "look and say" vocabularies — a little more than the computer in this. The problem with such "programmed retardation," as Dr. Arthur J. Tracy, associate professor of English at John Carroll, calls it, is not only that the child with the ability to read is being held back, but that they have also reduced the essential reading skills to the level of finger pointing.

Trace, one of the current spokesmen of educators, crying with the loudest voice in protest, is the author of two critical studies on the subject. One, "What I Know That Johnny Doesn't," is a comparative study of basic reading in the United States and England. The other, "Reading Without Dick and Jane," indicts nearly every major school system in the United States. Trace's total conclusion is a splendid non-computerized axiom: "To hell with Dick and Jane and Jane too!"

Who invented this vocabulary restriction? Publishers refuse responsibility, authors are stifled by it, teachers are bored by it, and kids hate it. But the fact remains that the word, set up by The Commandment that odd words, long words, interesting words, grown-up words just cannot belong to children trying to learn to read. The computer must have said so!

—L. W. Wakshut

Make Hastle Slowly

Although it is understandable that employee negotiations should be concluded as quickly as possible, it would still behoove the Livonia School District and others not to rush into signing master contracts until the tax-paying public has had a chance to grasp their full impact.

Many of the contract terms are just now becoming known as everyone rushes to wrap them up before school finishes.

Let not the haste sweep us into some agreements which have not been carefully considered.

Livonia taxpayers have been promised that pay raises will not exceed income this year which has been increased by a voted five mills.

However, the district is confidently boasting an increase in the second year of \$1,200,000 in anticipation of revised state taxation, improvements in state aid and larger local valuations.

Are we in a position to be sure this will happen?

There are a number of contract provisions which time and space do not permit us to examine but which should be explained to the public. As yet, citizens have not had a chance to study the contracts thoroughly.

and formulae. This computerizes readers so that there are no more than five new words introduced every five pages. The series has been repeated five times in the next five pages.

Using one widely-used primer series as an example, let's take a look. The first primer offers 15 different words; the second has 26 additional words; the next primer, 80 words; and the reader another 114. These have appeared in 7,257 words of text and every word has been repeated an average of 22 times. Thus the successful first grader recognizes 235 different words—no more and no less—at the end of one year.

The most unfortunate thing about this commonest literature—programs are from Poe, Dickens, Mark Twain and others because they are just full of "hard" words. These are words that might not have three-to-five letters, but they do contain in the middle, and monkey tails at the end!

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The agreement with the non-teaching personnel provides that employees must either join the union or be fired. Employees who are now on the payroll will not be required to join, but must pay an amount equal to the dues, or \$36 a year, for the administration of the contract.

We want to force school employees into this type of tribute payment.

Also called for is a cost-of-living adjustment tying pay hikes to increases in the Consumer Price Index.

How can a public agency agree to this type of practice?

It is not in a position to raise millage at will but must live on a fixed income.

And who knows what the income will be? Both of these agreements are expected to be considered tonight (Wednesday) by the Livonia School Board.

How can we who are interested in where their dollars go should make every effort to get a copy of both agreements before the meeting and should be on hand to hear the discussions of these two proposals.

In other school districts, citizens should plan to do the same thing when negotiations have been completed.

—Bill Gall

Applauds Newspaper Cartoonist

of the generations depicted by the soldiers' hat in the cartoon. "Will Killing for anything it is Ever Go Out of Style?" in last the hope that their supreme sacrifice would make it unnecessary for Memorial Day to be observed. I think, then all the parades we can produce. If the young men of each

meaning it ought to set to work thinking about ways and means to get along with other people and other nations without war. Thank you for this provocative cartoon. Farmington Resident.

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