

"Were Voters In Livonia Disenfranchised?" Asks Reader

Editor:

It would be in order to preface any observation on our legislative body's unanimous appointment of Jerry Raymond to the vacant Council seat, by commending and concurring with the comments in the Observer's "Looking Around Livonia" column.

It read, in part, "—several of the newly elected Councilmen who had received COPE endorsement felt a political obligation (and some pressure was applied) to give credence can be given to an already tenable theory when one considers the fact that Raymond is a former union official; and further, that the Council President departed from the regular agenda so that his cohorts could expedite the appointment; and still further, that in their haste to seat Raymond, the Council nearly circumvented City Charter Provisions such as, approval of the minutes and the oath of office."

The most reprehensible inequity in the council's arbitrary action was the disenfranchisement of the voters who made their choices only three months ago; and the bypassing of Donald Pollock, heir apparent to the vacant council seat by virtue of the votes he received.

Pollock, an able, honest and conscientious public servant earned the right to a position on the city council. He serves honorably on Livonia's City Planning Commission and gave "his all" in time, money and effort during a hard-fought campaign.

Talk about "Political Power Structures" and "Influence Establishments"—only the most politically naive could allow this "stacking-of-the-deck to continue. The citizens of Livonia should insist that our Charter Commission take steps to make certain that this deplorable governmental manipulation never again defames the integrity of our city and its people.

GEORGE KINDRED, Livonia.

Likes Mayor and Charter Editor:

This is the first election I've seen in Garden City where the candidates are not stating what they stand for, or what they will do, if elected. The present Mayor and Council have done everything they promised us when they ran two years ago and they are asking us to keep Garden City on the move. It seems the candidates are running down the present office holders and the City of Garden City. Why don't they tell the people their qualifications and what they can do for our City. How can we vote for people that are only running because they got tired or they are mad at someone at City Hall. I just hope the people of our city do not get fooled by some of these candidates.

In fact I hear that one candidate running for Mayor has his house up for sale and is moving out of town if he doesn't make the primary. Another candidate is running because he was fired and another running because a former councilman talked him into running. I urge the people of Garden City to keep the present Mayor and Council and vote for the new charter. If the charter isn't passed, we will be the only Community around that will be 30 years behind time.

KEITH D. LINTON, Garden City.

Five Minute Limit Editor:

When I received a letter from V. E. Matthews (also run in The Observer) concerning the train blocking the crossing, I contacted the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co., and inquired as to the circumstances. The train in question is a westbound "through" freight that had to stop for a signal located at Eckles Road. The train would stop short of Eckles and not block it. The gates should be down no longer than a minute and a half. As you are aware, a long

train could very easily block Newburgh Road. The same train would not block Levan Road. It is probable that a local switcher was responsible for the blocking of Levan Road, that you reported, at this particular time.

By law, trains are permitted to block a crossing for a period not exceeding 5 minutes. When one is waiting for a crossing to clear, this 5 minutes seems more like an hour.

We receive complaints such as his from time to time, and we immediately contact the railroad. They take steps to rectify the situation. We have very few problems with "local" trains. The majority of our problems and complaints are the result of actions taken by "Through" trains. The railroad does take action against these crews, but since the train may have a different crew each time, it is difficult to maintain the desired standards.

Our department has taken action against train crews for blocking crossings. A citizen may sign a formal complaint against the crew. In order to do this, they should obtain either the engine number or the caboose number and the time of the incident as well as the location. If there are any further difficulties with these crossings, please contact the undersigned or the Chesapeake & Ohio yard office in Plymouth, Michigan.

ROBERT E. THORNE, Lieutenant, Livonia Traffic Division

Loyal to Kuhn Editor:

These next few weeks the voters of Michigan will be bombarded with political literature soliciting votes from candidates seeking various elective offices. Voters should carefully judge which of these candidates are best qualified to serve them as their trusted public servants. However, it becomes difficult to choose wisely the most qualified person if you do not personally know the candidate. These last two years I have had the privilege of a personal friendship with Richard D. Kuhn, Republican Candidate for the U.S. Congress in the 19th District.

I have found that Dick Kuhn is an honest, sincere, and dedicated person. He has the utmost integrity, high morals, and principles traditional to our American heritage. Dick Kuhn has the desperately needed educational and legislative background to restore dignity and common sense to the U.S. Congress. He comes from one of Michigan's finest families, all of whom have served the needs of their fellow man for many years.

Therefore, I personally endorse and recommend to every voter in the 19th District, when you vote Republican in the August 2nd Primary to cast your vote and make it Congressional Richard D. Kuhn.

JOHN TIMMONS, Livonia

For G. C. Mayor Editor:

I've been wondering why Robert Nee "Politically Speaking" article in The Observer have had me so confused. I am a country boy at heart, raised where the schools were few and far between when I grew up. Maybe that's the reason that I didn't get anything from his articles, or it could be that as Mr. Ripa of the Garden City Observer pointed out that Mr. Nee isn't too good at spelling. I am of the opinion that Mr. Nee, who according to his own statement, quit as city clerk because of so-called petty politics, was to ever be elected mayor and was put under the pressure that this office calls for, he might again holler-petty politics and quit.

I along with practically all of the good people of Garden City work for a living and have our problems at our



CHROME SHOVEL being used by Mayor Harvey W. Moelleke of Livonia and W. B. Drake, general sales manager of Northwest Chemical Company, typifies the metal treating specialty chemicals to be manufactured at a new plant being built by Northwest at 38521 Schoolcraft Rd. in Livonia. Mayor Moelleke took the first spade

of earth from the plant site during ground breaking ceremonies Wednesday, July 13. Other company officials participating were Howard Lee, plant manager; F. W. Cook, technical service manager; and J. C. Browne, controller. Northwest is a unit of Chemetron Chemicals division of Chemetron Corporation.

Chemetron Breaks Ground

Chemetron Corporation Northwest and that it is designed for further expansion when the need occurs.

"We selected Livonia for our plant because of the excellent industrial neighborhood it offers," McCaulliff said. "Transportation facilities are excellent, facilities of other industries in the area are modern and attractive, and the location is near our recently completed laboratory and development facilities at 10700 Puritan Drive in Detroit."

City and company officials participated in the ceremony at the plant site with Mayor Harvey W. Moelleke of Livonia turning the first spade of earth and extending the city's welcome to Northwest's management.

Representing Northwest were W. B. Drake, general sales manager; Howard Lee, plant manager; J. C. Browne, controller; and F. W. Cook, technical service manager.

J. F. Crowther, general manager of Northwest, said the firm will produce specialty chemicals at the plant for metal treating and other industrial uses. Northwest has been supplying chemicals to the automotive industry for 33 years.

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