

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Vote Circumstances "Unfortunate" In Redford Township

Editor:

Recently an election recount was made in Redford Township. Mr. Kuhn's challenges were disallowed, according to Mrs. M. Montgomery, Chairman of the Board of Canvassers, the errors turned up by Kuhn's forces had been minor and were typical of every election.

I took part in the recount and the readers might be interested in what Wayne County Board of Canvassers consider a clean election!

Four or more sworn signatures attested to the fact that all machines were properly sealed and all keys to absentee ballots were properly protected.

The following are a few circumstances we discovered a few weeks after elections:

—Many machine fronts un-locked exposing voting levers.

—Several seals on key envelopes missing, destroyed or improperly validated.

—The absentee ballots stored in back of machine are supposed to be protected by key and metal seal. One Kuhn worker brought this to the attention of the Wayne County Canvassers that the door was unlocked and the sealing mechanism was such that the absentee ballots could be removed without disturbing the metal seal.

—The hinge pins on protective doors were readily removable and some showed signs of being improperly sealed.

Cop Missing, J.P. Frees Two Drivers

Failure of an officer to appear in court Sept. 8 led Justice of the Peace James Ryan to dismiss two cases scheduled to be heard that day.

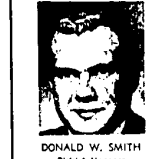
Captain Edwin Gleza of the Redford Township Police Dept. said Patrolman Richard Blazo, the complaining officer, worked the midnight shift, finishing at 8 a.m.

He said Blazo told him he intended to take a half-hour nap, intending to be in court at 9 a.m.

However, he did not heed his alarm and did not awaken until 3 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., Ryan dismissed two drivers, one accused of running a red light, the other charged with drag racing.

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5—The number on the metal seal did not agree with sworn statements.

6—Absentee ballots seal opened and replaced without explanation required by statute.

7—Absentee ballots with distinguishing characteristics which actually allowed one to know who cast the ballot and how they voted.

These are the challenges that were raised by Kuhn volunteers which were disallowed.

The board ruled against allowing Frank O'Brien, Chief Mechanic, City of New York Board of Election, to examine the machines.

If these are typical and reflect lower than average percentage of errors, "Quote" Mrs. M. Montgomery, we citizens have expected more of our elective procedures than may actually be the case.

We all owe a debt to Mr. Kuhn for bringing these unfortunate circumstances to our attention!

Mrs. Iris Allen

P.S. If interested you may find information regarding this Kuhn-McDonald recount by contacting their offices directly!

Where Are 8,000 Voters in Redford?

Editor:

Whom does the Township Clerk serve?

Our township clerk has done a remarkable job of eliminating registered voters. In three short years she has eliminated over 8,000 voters from the registration rolls, and the amazing part of it all is that she has not made any effort to re-register the disenfranchised voters. While our governor has been preaching more citizen participation in government, our clerk has been practicing citizen elimination by removing more and more citizens from the voter registration rolls.

Prior to the last presidential election the cities of Dearborn Heights, Livonia and Detroit all had extensive programs for voter registration. Residents of those communities could register to vote in all the public buildings, schools, and some stores. But in Redford Township our clerk's voter registration program consisted of opening one south-end and one north-end fire station which forced our citizens to stand in long lines for hours to register.

Before the present clerk took office Redford Township was noted for having the highest number (percentage-wise) of registered voters. Now we are among the lowest in all of the 37 representative districts of Wayne County. If there is any doubt in anyone's mind, please check the number of registered voters in each representative district, and you will find that Redford ranks among the lowest.

In view of the incompetence in the Clerk's office, each of us has a responsibility to help the disenfranchised voters. In the near future you will be advised of our registration drive. In the meantime, please call Town Hall and check your voter registration and ask your neighbors to check theirs. Let's start taking voter registration to our neighbors and our friends, and keep right on talking voter registration until election time.

HELEN M. BELL,
Democratic Candidate for Clerk

Thinks Clerk Efficient, Editor:

The article in your Sept. 7th issue concerning Township Clerk Dawn M. Rice and voter registration deserves comment. Although my wife and I just moved into the township the 2nd of July this year, we have lived in this general area for two years. We were attracted to the Township because of good schools, recreation, low taxes, and a good clean pleasant place for families to live.

We checked on registering to vote and were told the we could register after the August primary. When we went to the Town Hall on August 2nd we were treated courteously and efficiently and are now registered voters. There is no excuse for voters not registering unless they are physically disabled, and there are provisions for such people to be registered in their homes! I was personally impressed with Mrs. Rice's effective office system.

I should think that the politicians would be with some REAL issues instead of these from facit-pipe dreams.

D. M. "HOPPY" HANSON
Commander U.S. Navy
(Retired)
Director of Christian Education
Village United
Presbyterian Church

Are Parents Aware?

Editor:

About five months ago, our local newspapers told of the vandalism destruction of maple, beech, oak and cherry trees on my property. The vandals have never been "caught". There is no insurance coverage on this type of destruction. The loss therefore is personal, amounting to hundreds of dollars.

Labor Day when walking in the woods, I heard chopping and on investigating found four boys probably from ages 8 to 13, chopping trees down with an array of tools: saws, hatchets, nails, hammers, etc.

I asked what they were doing. "We're building a fort!" I asked if they knew they were on private property and the response was "No one owns this land!"

In the course of our conversation, one boy told me his parents knew he was going out with the boys to build a fort in the woods.

They knew that taxes had to be paid by the people who owned houses or lots, and one said his parents complained about them when the tax bills came.

I explained that the person who owned the property on which they were chopping the trees also paid taxes and believed his property was well protected from vandals. In the course of the conversation, one boy told me his parents knew he was going out with the boys to build a fort in the woods.

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ing citizens assume through necessity a parent's responsibility?

Our local newspapers have discussed the City Council's consideration to make it mandatory that parents be obliged to pay for the vandalism of their children.

Perhaps this is one way to charge parents with the privilege of having and rearing children. Since these four boys said they lived in Kimberley, I did not ask their names. I do not want to know who their parents are, or perhaps I was afraid to learn their names.

Many groups of students and conservationists have enjoyed by field trips the natural resources of these woods and have been welcomed. Some children ask permission to play here and they have never been denied.

However, the abuses by tree chopping on these two occasions and the experience of seeing two adult males on Honda's practicing how to dodge trees preparatory to deer hunting up north, are very disturbing.

MARY F. ALLISON
Farmington

Not Complaining—Just Concerned

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MAYOR

DEAR MAYOR MOELKE,

Have you taken notice of our Fireman's uniforms lately? There have been some real duties in the past, but the latest are unbelievable. I realize there is a twelve dollar per man budget and this has to be met, but why can't the city buy them one good uniform. I know the men would be more than happy to match it with another.

Instead they buy two of the cheapest material, the poorest workmanship, and they certainly are not made in accordance with any size scale. The latest ones are all made over from either larger or smaller sizes. If a thread is found they literally fall apart.

I am not exaggerating either, you would have to see the poor quality to appreciate this JOKE of a uniform. I am not an irate Fireman's wife as so many call ALL of us. I am just concerned over my husband's appearance in the public eye. There are far too

many now thinking all firemen are bums, I don't think they should have to look like it, do you?

I know this is a very minor detail to the many things you are concerned with, but if you can find the time I for

one would really appreciate your opinion.

Thank you,
A Very Concerned Wife

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UNITY HERE, and to prove it, incumbent candidate Marvin Stemples, State Representative, Congressman Billie S. Farnum, 18th District do the "blood brother bit" with 18th District Chairman Ronald Mardis on. They are all working for the Dollars For Democrats Drive during this month. Thursday night is designated as "Show a Little Nite." Residents of Livonia, Redford who wish to contribute a dollar are asked to turn on their porch light or lamp post. Those whose home might be missed can contribute by sending their dollar to "Dollars For Democrats, 31122 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150."

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Similar Names Cause Confusion

Similarity of names has caused some embarrassment to the Edward Delany family of 11325 Arden, Livonia.

They have asked The Observer to point out that their son, Robert, was not the Robert Delaney, reported by police to be the driver of a car which struck a 49-year-old bicyclist two weeks ago.

The father said some of his friends have asked if his son were the driver and pointed out the difference in the spelling of the two names.

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