

The Reader Speaks Up

Tells Of Problems

Editor:

The Michigan Health Commissioner is threatening to take away the right to vote on fluoridation from every citizen in Michigan cities with a population of 1,000 or more. Such a move would wipe out the right of cities to have home rule and to make their own decisions about local matters.

Certain cities in Michigan, namely, Saginaw and Pontiac already have laws which make it illegal to add fluoride to drinking water.

In Saginaw, the only legal way for fluoride to be added

to municipal water supplies would be to again submit the issue to a public vote. The outcome of which would determine whether or not it could be added.

In Pontiac, an amendment to the City Charter makes it illegal for any councilman to add fluoride to water supplies. A fine and jail sentence are provided for violation.

A Michigan House Representative, Bill No. 3948, which would have made fluoridation compulsory throughout the State was killed in Committee in

spring of 1965. Does an appointed state official have the right to overrule duly enacted city laws and decisions of the state legislature? A state bureau which assumes such authority in one area, could be expected to venture into other areas and force unwanted regulations on the people.

CITIZENS OPPOSING FLUORIDATION

Griffin Ducks
Editor:

The hue and cry is ever "get involved in politics, fight voter apathy, write and see your men in office, etc."

Well, 216 active, qualified voters did go to Washington for exactly that purpose July 17-21, never, for it is ludicrous Senator Griffin did not have time for the average voter. He deliberately avoided any attempt we made to meet with him.

I cannot help but feel that Senator Griffin does not represent all the people of Michigan.

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P.S.—I must mention that U.S. Senator Hart and Congressman McDonald were very cooperative in granting us interviews. It gave us 218 members of D.R.I.V.E.—Democratic Republican Independent Voter Education (the opportunity to meet the men we put into office and share their views on legislation pending.

Town Pride

Editor:

I took a good look at our town while driving down Ford Road. Don't we have any pride in the looks of our town. The weeds between the road and sidewalk. Can't each lot owner be encouraged to keep them mowed?

The town took a second look at our town near Middlebelt. Litter and bareness—nakedness—empty—I can't think of better words. All I saw was one grey litter can.

We had just come from visiting an old town in Michigan. Manistee. In front of each store was a tree or shrub in a huge container. The waste paper containers were placed every so many feet apart, neatly painted and decorated. The sidewalks looked like they had been freshly hosed. The town smelled old but clean. We enjoyed being there.

Why can't we have a front street like that? It would invite people to stop and visit us instead of passing through.

Then I turned into our parking lot. It's like a game of dodgeball. You need 10 eyes—the cars are coming from everywhere. Isn't it possible to have an organized parking lot with no parking behind the stores? Main thoroughfares definitely marked and stop signs.

It is all possible, if we all care—and do. I hope I can get some other citizens concerned about our town so we also could have an attractive city we all could be proud of.

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Constant Hum

Editor:

I am writing for several neighbors and myself, who are residents of Lyndon Meadows sub. Most of us have lived here over five years and during that time there has been a very annoying noise.

A constant humming sound that never stops. It is heard seven days a week 24 hours a day. At night it is very loud. No one knows where it comes from—someplace possibly two miles away.

Isn't there laws against such disturbing noises? Many people have talked of moving out of Livonia because of this. If more people would complain of this—possibly something would be done to muffle the sound. Does anyone know where it is coming from?

Some of the men in the neighborhood have actually driven around in the area trying to locate where this noise is coming from.

Lyndon Meadows Residents



Home Swim Pools Can Be Death Traps

Some 200 persons will drown this summer in home swimming pools. Most of the victims will be children. Most will die needlessly.

The home pool has no waves, tides, or motorboats to worry about. Yet, despite certain safety advantages over the lake or shore, pools too often are the sites of unnecessary accidents.

The number of home pool drownings in recent years has risen in proportion to the increasing popularity of backyard pools. Privately owned permanent pools now number nearly half-a-million.

Although pool owners are not charged higher premiums on their homeowners insurance, safety specialists warn that the premium for forgetting vital safety practices may be higher than anyone wants to pay.

This example from its claim files of a typical home pool drowning:

A two-year-old boy was riding his tricycle in the backyard as his mother watched him from the living room window.

Her attention was diverted by a telephone call. While she talked "for two or three minutes" her son rode his shiny red tricycle into the family's swimming pool and drowned.

This tragedy occurred because the boy's family violated the first two rules on this list of "musts" for home pool safety:

1. In-ground pools should be fenced by high vertical wooden slats with pointed tops or chain link fences with inwardly slanted tops of some sharp material such as barbed wire. Gates to permanent above-ground pools should be kept locked and ladders to plastic above-ground pools should be removed when pools are not in use.

2. Watch children closely. Lack of supervision is the largest single cause of toddlers' drownings. An occasional glance from a house window is not enough. You must be outside with your child.

3. Under no circumstances should a child who cannot swim be allowed to use inflated toys. Such playthings are not life savers but potential killers. They may tempt young swimmers to try tests beyond their ability.

4. Your pool skimmer can be used to fish drowning swimmers out of the pool. Keep it handy at all times, along with a complete first aid kit.

State Fair To Sponsor Band Battle

The "Battle of the Bands" will be in full swing again this year at the Michigan State Fair. And teen visitors to the fair will love every minute of it.

Folk singing competition also will be held during the fair, which runs from Friday, Aug. 25, through Monday, Sept. 4.

Any Michigan teen-age group is eligible to audition for the band or folk-singing contests. Auditions will be held the week of August 14 at the Fairgrounds.

Trophies and cash prizes will go to first and second-place winners in both the band group and the folk singing. And the top groups also will be given feature spots during the Music Shell program on the final evening of the fair, Sept. 4.

Groups wishing to try out for the competition should contact Melvin at the Fairgrounds, 869-5550.

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NOW YOU CAN "CHARGE IT" AT KRESGE'S

impressions

by hue shaughnessy

It was 1868 when a gentleman by the name of Daniel Drawbaugh put the first telephone into practice.

That's right, the man's name is Drawbaugh. The U.S. Supreme Court granted the patent for the invention to Alexander Graham Bell even though Drawbaugh proved that his telephone was operational a full 10 years before G-b's contribution to society.

However, the history digresses from the original thought of the column.

The original thought is simply that Graham or Drawbaugh did a disservice rather than a service to society when the "talking invention" was perfected.

That's right, a disservice. More time is wasted because of his phone than any other single item of society.

Teenagers might love the instrument, but their parents don't. Mothers tie in by small children love the instrument and term it as a "sanity measure," but when their husbands open the monthly phone bill, they don't.

Businessmen, secretaries and especially newspaper people certainly don't like it.

The greatest problem with the phone is the fact that the public doesn't think before they use it. The most common reaction of people when they are angry is to grab the phone and vent their ire.

If there was no phone and a person were forced to frown or to write a letter then at least the arguments and complaints would be the subject of some thought and reasoning.

Thus the invention might have been a disservice to society.