

# Our Readers Write On Variety Of Community Topics

**Editor:**  
This is in reply to the Lynwood Meadows residents who complained of the "Livonia hum." I too have been hearing and began looking for the source about six weeks ago. By pure chance I found the hum to be emanating from the Light Weight Aggregate plant at the City dump.

Mrs. Cruzan, a vice-president of this Company received my complaint with courtesy but did not act to relieve the problem. My subsequent contact with Mr. Kaiser of the City Inspection department was more fruitful.

He made a preliminary investigation, and on Thursday evening (August 31) he and I visited the Light Weight Aggregate factory. We were assured by the foreman that he was aware of the noise problem and was attempting to determine its source. He asked Mr. Kaiser to return on Tuesday evening (Sept. 5) to verify that this annoyance had been relieved.

If the hum continues, I might suggest that those residents who are annoyed by it contact both the City and Light Weight Aggregate Company to allow an assessment of the magnitude of this problem. The individuals to contact are: City Inspector, Mr. Kaiser 421-2000 ext. 331; and Company V. P. Mr. Cruzan 421-4855.

Our current noise ordinance is a very weak one and almost unenforceable since the City owns no measuring equipment. A new ordinance is currently under study and when enacted should go a long way towards abating noise pollution.

Keith B. Termast

## Outsiders Knocked

**Editor:**

The recent column, telling how the City of Plymouth always goes outside to fill an administrative position, will bring more benefit to the third-rate taxpayers than the Revolutionary War.

We have a moonlighter Chief of Police, a Fire Chief from the sticks, a clerk from

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Florida, a recreation park and etc. from Peru, a school superintendent from some distant point and on an on. To me, Civil Service is the outsider that governs the land.

Now that Plymouth has a new City Attorney from Garden City, I might point out that we have a sibling from Nova Scotia.

Keep plugging away. And if I don't get fouled up, I'll help clear the decks so the local citizens' homeship can get rid of the barnacles.

East Hamlin  
Garden City

## Just Chattin'

### Excitement of Labor Day Is Only A Memory

By W. W. EDGAR

**A**NOTHER LABOR DAY has been written into the records and one can't help calling attention to the great changes that have marked the celebration.

Through the years it has meant the end of the summer season—the time when you closed up the cottage and began the long trek back home to start school.

It meant the start of what was really another stage of living, for it meant that parents were parted from their youngsters during school day. To some it was a welcome change, while to others it meant a sort of sad parting.

To many it was sad time of year because it meant that the leaves soon would start to change color. And there was an old psychological trend that those who were afflicted with disease would pass on "when the leaves began to fall."

While to the sports minded it meant that approach of the world series in baseball and the start of the football season—or the season for what has been referred to quite often as "the period of nonsense."

But through the years there have been many changes and there are pangs of regret and a hankering for some of the old excitement.

**L**ABOR DAY was always a big day in Detroit for the politicians and more than one president or presidential candidate opened his campaign for the White House in Cadillac Square.

It was there that Harry Truman opened his battle for the unexpected victory in the 1948 election when he came from behind to upset Tom Dewey, the Michigan born Republican rival.

Following in Truman's wake came Adlai Stevenson and the late John F. Kennedy, each of whom stirred thousands of persons of all parties to the celebration.

It was the political battles that brought about the most excitement, however.

The most famous pulse quickening moments came with the stirring naval battles fought on the Detroit River when Gray Wood, the Gray Fox of Algoma, gained his notable victories that enabled the United States to retain the famed Hornum Trophy, most coveted of all speedboat awards.

Those were the days.

**C**AN YOU imagine arising at 4 o'clock in the morning to start for the boat races at the head of Belle Isle. More than that, can you imagine crowds so large that police escorts were needed to get to the officials to the scene.

Sounds dubious today. But that is exactly what happened back then in 1932.

Kaye Don, a famed Englishman had challenged Wood, and it was known that he had the biggest and best motors in Great Britain. And Gray Wood knew that his prestige was to be tested.

"We're going to need the best water conditions available," he said at an official meeting, "I find that the water will be the smoothest at 6:30 o'clock in the morning. So that's when we'll race."

The sports minded were plumped. But that's when the race was held. I recall attending a press breakfast at the Book Cadillac at 4 o'clock in the morning and the police escort could not get us through to the judges stand. We had to turn off and go to the boat docks and go the rest of the way by boat in the inky blackness of those early morning hours.

Would anyone get up that early today?

It is doubtful—and proves that Labor Day has changed.

## Counselors Lose Week In School Pact Snarl

The approximate 53 counselors in Livonia's school system probably will work a harder "when school opens Wednesday because of a pre-school contract dispute.

But they will find much of the preliminary work has been done by administrative officers and others pressed into service in the emergency.

Counselors assigned to the city's junior and senior high schools in the past

## Soldier Thankful

**Editor:**

I'm in the army and really have something on my mind that I think all the people should know or else try to realize.

We live in the greatest land in the world and there's no other country that we have a sibling from Nova Scotia.

Keep plugging away. And if I don't get fouled up, I'll help clear the decks so the local citizens' homeship can get rid of the barnacles.

There's so many things to be proud of but people are too

scared and sometimes ignorant to admit their country and mine is the greatest.

Sure it hurts to be away from home and away from the people you love, but it would hurt even worse if the people you love were taken away from you. As long as I have a choice, I'll fight to keep it and all proud Americans feel the same way, but that's not the point, the point or idea is to show the pride you've got, the great feeling to be an American, and the understanding that goes along with being free.

In the Army as well as all the services, men are dying every day to be able to leave behind them a country that might be proud of the service that they bestowed on it. Nobody here likes war or violence of any kind but we must go to war and kill or else be killed. White people, Negroes, Indians, are all putting an effort into it, and we sit together, we sleep side by side, we fight for the same cause, and we'll die together if the occasion should call for it.

We're all proud to serve together with pride and dignity and a feeling of accomplishment that every American has worked so very hard for. In my closing I'd like to

thank every citizen in this country, who made it such an honor to go all out for, but even more important to me, thank God I have Livonia and the people I want to be with so much. Be proud of yourself, of your way of life, and most of all your country. Thank you, Livonia.

Pfc. Ronald A. Ross  
Pfc. Gordon, Ga.

## "Go-Go" Conservation

**Editor:**

Your article in the August 20 paper about Conservation was interesting, but I do have some criticism.

First, the title of the article should have been Go-Go Conservatism, because we have

## Racial Editorial Praised

**EDITOR:**

Just a note to commend you for your recent editorial speaking up on the racial issues.

You might be interested to know that "The Hearstsonian," a newsletter published in the Hearsthouse subdivision, requested residents to write them on the question of Negroes moving here.

They published the only two letter received, both favoring Negroes moving into Hearsthouse. That is one small cheering note in these troubled days.

Mrs. Coy Sandrock

had about all the liberalism in the country can stand.

Second, you like all liberals, are only liberal as long as every one agrees with your thinking.

Third, if you do not think we are losing ground to the Communists, look at a map of the world prior to 1917 and look at it today.

Finally, remember when Conservatism is wrong, it tends to be obstructive, but when Liberalism is wrong, it tends to be destructive.

John A. Rigato

## No Stone Throwing

**Editor:**

Your post-riot editorial more-or-less implied that all

politicians (possibly Cavanaugh and Conyers excepted) were chiefly interested in making political hay out of a tragic affair. You played the old game of "damn the politicians."

Are politicians responsible for employment and housing discrimination against Negroes in Overland?

Rather than printing anes-theic editorials like "It is our problem too," how about getting down to cases? For example, how about:

1. Calling on the Jaycees for local surveys of Negro employment opportunities in Overland?

2. Calling upon councilmen and trustees for money to expand local human rights committee activities?

3. Calling upon brokers to form a cooperative to handle Negro housing transactions in order to get the individual firm off the hook?

4. Calling upon school boards to aggressively seek at least a handful of Negro students in each school so that our children could get to know them as individuals rather than as stereotypes?

Suburbia's outpouring of charity in response to the

riot signals a milieu for concrete editorializing, not innocuous generalities. Otherwise, editors in glass houses should not throw stones at politicians.

Louis L. Stern

## Inspections Rapped

**Editor:**

Dear Mayor Moelke:

This letter is written in behalf of many Livonia business property owners who were charged for a so called "building inspection" that was made earlier this year. Truthfully, none of us have any intention of paying this bill as we are all very irritated.

Observer, it seems that even our city officials have a difference of opinion regarding this matter.

May 1, for all concerned, request that a public hearing be held, and that all business property owners be informed of this meeting. This hearing would help to clear up the ill feeling that exists between our city government and the business property owners.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter I remain

George M. Marston OD  
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