

Readers 'Speak Up' On Controversial Subjects

Would Like Apartments

EDITOR:
I live in a single family home, but what's so hard about apartments? Are all the people who live in apartments bad? Isn't there a demand and a need to provide some apartments in carefully selected locations where they will not interfere with the single family residents? What about older people who do not want the cares of a home?

Why not accommodate the young people who are getting married and want apartments until they are able to buy a home? A city the size of Livonia must have a few apartments.

This was the feeling of the City Council when they approved six of the 13 apartment buildings that were submitted to them for approval by Mayor Moelke's Planning Commission.

Mayor Moelke tells us any body that lives in apartments does not care about the city and are a transit type of people. He also misrepresents the tax picture.

The Planning Commission paid good money for a study made by experts for the city of Livonia. This study presented statistics showing apartments are a better tax return, than single homes. They do not demand as many services as a single home. Apartments do not have garbage pickup by the city. Also School Board figures show that apartments contribute less children per acre than single homes.

The last apartment project approved by the Council, which Mayor Moelke is trying to kill, is located in the Clarenceville District at Eight Mile Road and Merriman. The Clarenceville School Board and the 400 families living in the area begged the council to approve this project which is not near any homes.

Livonia has rigid laws requiring high quality apartments. Solid masonry walls are required on the outside of the apartments. They are limited to no more than two bedrooms per unit.

Again, I say, what is wrong with a few apartments in Livonia? MRS. THOMAS J. MONAHAN 18025 Middlebelt Road Livonia

Union Explains Stand

EDITOR:
In regards to the article: Job-at-home Issue, Wally Decision, in the February 18, Livonia Observer.

Mr. Miller, personnel director for the Civil Service Commission, failed to mention the complete facts as to why the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Union 192 is opposed to the change in the regulation that employees do not have to live in Livonia to work for the city, but could live within one hour drive to their job. We have inquired with other cities who have had this ruling. After a length of time the ruling was changed so that employees must live within the city to work for the city.

The problem Livonia employees would face is that the Civil Service Commission could change the ruling at their own discretion and force employees to move either back into Livonia or face losing their job. Not to mention the cost of trying to buy another home in Livonia.

We have asked the Commission if employees could be protected on this ruling and the answer was 'not'. The union suggests that this issue be put on the ballot for the citizens to vote on, making this ruling legal binding and not up to the commission. How about it, citizens, would you like your firemen and policemen living outside the city when emergency arises?

JACK L. McDONALD Steward, Local 192

Praises Ninth Graders

EDITOR:
I would indeed be remiss if I did not comment upon a 9th grade dance my husband and I had occasion to chaperone at Whitman Junior High School on W. Chicago. Credit for duty 'above and beyond the call' should surely go to Mr. Kline on whose shoulders the responsibility for these weekly dances rest. It is obvious he has laid good groundwork on proper behavior by the way the children acted. Due to the physical layout of Whitman there are large glass areas where outside back-

caution has been made to avoid it. Perhaps we all ought to chip in to compensate Mr. Kline should he suffer a hearing loss from repeated insults to his ears from loud music! Credit too, should go to the parents and to the boys and girls themselves. With two or three exceptions all were dressed in extremely good taste, their actions were unusually mature and I was impressed by the way they pitched in to pick up the folding chairs, put back the pop cans and leave the room as it was when they came.

If you want your faith restored in our youth just give the school a call and say "I'd like to help".

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT FERRY

Charges Over-Charge

EDITOR:
Dear Senator Lorraine Beebe and Representative John Bennett:

As the duly elected state officials from this area, I wish to bring to your attention the fact that a review of the minutes of the Bedford Township Board meetings indicate that the garbage pick-up contractor has been paid several thousands of dollars over and above the agreed contract price for garbage pick-up and disposal over the past several years.

Article XI, Section 3 of the Michigan State Constitution reads: Extra Compensation "Neither the legislature nor any political subdivision of

this state shall grant or authorize extra compensation to any public officer, agent or contractor after the service has been rendered or the contract entered into."

Therefore, the Bedford Township Board has paid hundreds of thousands of dollars of the taxpayers money out in direct violation of the state constitution, and I am requesting your good offices to direct the Attorney General's office to initiate action to recover these over-payments for the taxpayers of Bedford Township.

NATE BANKS 15464 Delaware

Thanks For Editorial

EDITOR:
Thank you for a splendid editorial—that which appeared in the Observer on February 7. After reading about the gun school proposed by our Mayor, I should have written to him to voice my opposition, since he implied that information reaching his office was that of

approval. I DO NOT APPROVE and feel strongly that it is time for those who do not to come forward and speak.

My apprehension for the months ahead does not lie in the "supposed" invasion of suburbia, but in the slow unveiling of what man in all of his splendor has become. Civilized and educated people seem to be "losing their cool." Mighty man is taking refuge behind guns—a cowardly way out of a situation which is of his own making.

ALICE GUNDERSEN

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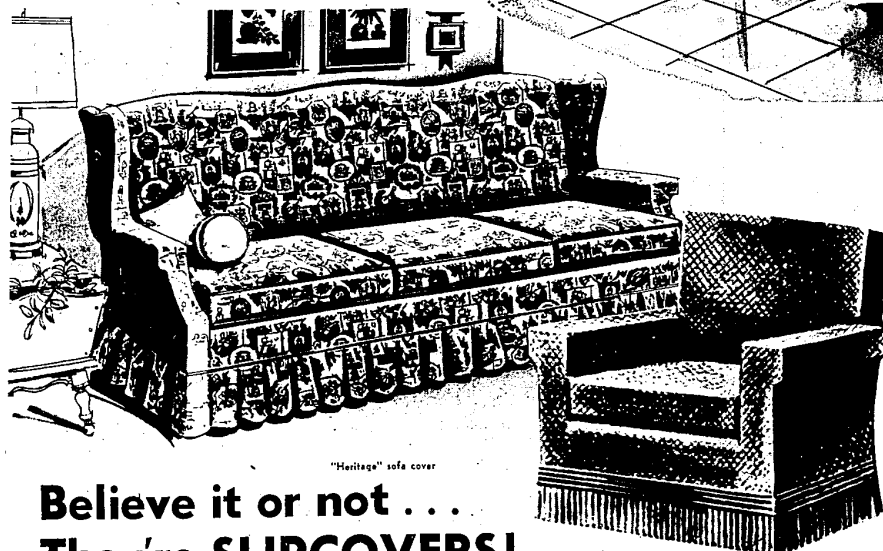
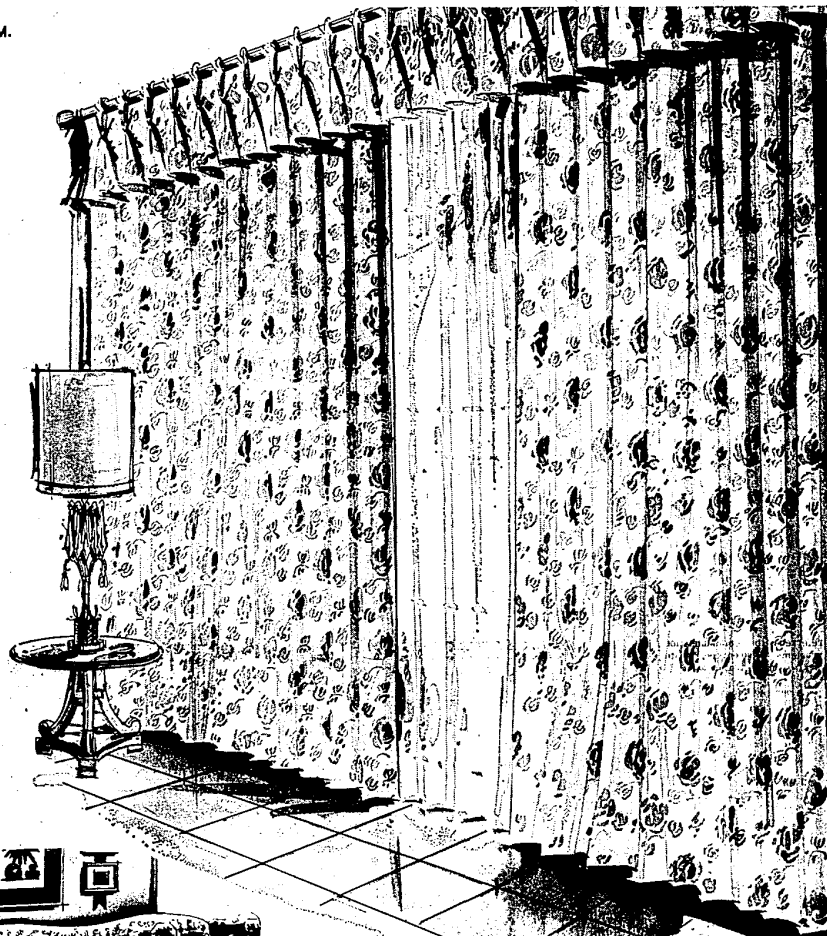
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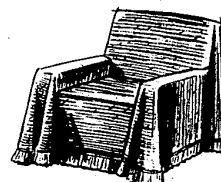
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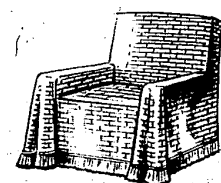
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