

Readers Express Views On Controversial Topics

Story Irks Driving Teacher

This is in regard to an article that appeared in several of your papers on April 17, under the heading, "Warn Students of Unscrupulous Driving Schools," with a dateline, Lansing. We feel this article fell short of the mark in its discussion of driving schools. The effort was disappointing partly because whoever wrote it was unable to digest his research or his research was incomplete and inaccurate. Most-

ly, it is disappointing because it abuses what information it has with a succession of half-truths and groundless generalities. Here is an array of facts of which your readers didn't have the benefit: There is a statewide association of driving schools, composed of businessmen, professionals, retired police officers, etc., with its principal office in the Detroit metropolitan area, known as the Michigan Association of Professional Driving Schools which has effectively upgraded the standards of its members and the industry, and which is dedicated to improving traffic safety. We believe that the driving schools should be licensed as is the proposed legislation. We believe also that convictions of a felony, or crimes of violence, degeneracy, or moral turpitude, should make operators or employees ineligible. We further agree that there should be other requirements in the operation of professional driving schools. The thing we want most of all is for our side of the story to be heard by the legislature and the public. The actual amount of "mass" evidence against these "shady operators" must be limited to a minute few driving schools in the area which we are in favor of restricting. You may check with the Better Business Bureau of Detroit and you will find that there are no complaints against any member of our Association.

The House Bill 2547 currently in committee could, however, virtually put the "free enterprise" private driving school industry out of business, and put the whole burden on driver education in the hands of government, i.e., the Secretary of State's Office and the Department of Education. We feel we should be given time to help with passing the legislation and to upgrade or weed out the one or two schools that were responsible for that articles being written in the first place, and to help improve our own industry. We feel that it is only fair for your papers to print our side of this vitally important issue. One final point of fact: We feel the general public as a whole could be much better served by an upgraded industry where they would have a choice of different, private, qualified schools to choose from rather than be limited to the choice of going to an overcrowded government-controlled driver education course or being taught by incompetent lay instructors such as relatives and friends in inadequately equipped automobiles. We believe that the overburden on the Department of Education in this respect would result in a high percentage of these individuals making the unfortunate decision of seeking an outside source such as mentioned. This could not possibly be construed as an improvement over going to a qualified, properly equipped, private driving school.

BUDDY L. DURBIN, Vice-President, Michigan Association of Professional Driving Schools

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The article published in the Observer Newspapers was printed as a public service release coming from the Secretary of State's Office rather than by unscrupulous driving training schools. It was not a figment of imagination of a reporter as the above letter would tend to indicate.)

What Has Happened?

EDITOR:

In one of your papers some time ago, you had published an item where an investigation was being made by (Councilman Peter Ventura) in the discrepancies in the Bond Issue for the Parks that the Property Owners and Tax Payers of Livonia had voted on. What about this investigation? Or was it all a pull-up job with lots of hot air, or deception on the part of the Councilman??

He was also going to investigate the letter from Mayor Hubbard of Dearborn; what about all this bunk and try to be the nice guy, when we the tax payers know better. The people of today cannot be fooled any longer on such trickery.

What about the recall of the Board of Education Officials? Was this also a hot-air proposition?

What about the recall of the Mayor of Detroit, what a bunch of foolish politicians, there is nothing too dirty for them to do, just so they will get the votes at election time; rather than make a good name for themselves, something that they can be proud of, and that the community says there is an honest politician, he knows his business, and is for the betterment of the Community. Rather than to use some deviation to gain an unjust truth in the matter, to garner votes.

What about the \$10,000 Policemen, the \$10,000 Firemen, and the overworked employees of the City, and the School Teachers; Why not pay them all at the rate of \$20,000 per year with ten months of vacation, all expenses paid, plus a kiddy fund say of 100,000 dollars used in any way they see fit.

Why the Property Owners and taxpayers would be delighted to pay for all this through higher Property Taxes say at least an increase of 80% in their taxes. Then the community could tell the world just what they are doing for their servants. And if need be, each could have their home built at the Property Owners expense, and be kept up to date in every way possible.

Now comes up the push by the (City Council to start Civil Rights) for whom is this to be for?? Just for the Councilmen themselves?? Or just to put into print more hot air, and foolishness to trickery, so that Edward Milligan has something to play with at the taxpayers expense, together with his Blue Ribbon Committee to play with him.

Lets all investigate each other???? (RUSH) Just how stupid can people get this day and time, any thing to make publicity, picture in the papers all over the World, with lots of hot air and just so much hog wash.

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Housing In Subdivisions

U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark—calling racial segregation the most harmful discrimination of the decade—has asked the Supreme Court to order open housing in large subdivisions.

Clark told the court segregation makes it almost impossible to provide such rights as equal schooling, equal use of community services and equal employment opportunity.

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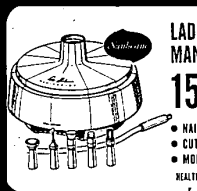
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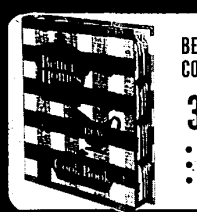
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