

Lack Of Plymouth Twp. Services Criticized

EDITOR:

In the little over five years we have been residents of this community, we have become increasingly dissatisfied with Plymouth Township.

Blame Orville Hubbard for spoiling us, if you will, but the taxes were much lower and the services received in Dearborn were infinitely superior to what we have (or don't have) now.

Dearborn is clean! The streets are swept and washed on a regular basis. Not so in the township.

When the street-cleaning vehicle came through our subdivision, seven people fainted, 14 saluted, three cried and the rest stood there with their eyeballs on their cheeks and jaws aghast. Not only was snow plowed off the streets in Dearborn, but all the public sidewalks along the main roads and inside residential areas.

In the township, once through the winter, a sand truck comes through (if we're lucky), and we don't even have the public sidewalks along the main roads—which are a necessity, not a luxury. We support the Citizens for Safety Commu-

tee in their campaign for the safety of all citizens of Plymouth Township.

In Dearborn, trash collection is a part of the regular service. In Plymouth Township, you are forced to pay extra to have a private trash collection service come through.

IT GOES WITHOUT saying that the litany of services offered in Dearborn includes police and fire protection. Of course, everybody knows the township hasn't got its own police force. Could you please tell us what we are receiving in return for our tax dollars?

Community, according to Webster, means "A body of people having common organization or interests... joint ownership or participation..." Apparently, Plymouth Township is not a community.

The citizens ask for services and are rejected. The citizens strongly urge safety and sidewalks and more than likely will be rejected.

The common people with a common interest elected their thought were common citizens who'd see to their needs, and were disappointed. Whenever other community

councils meet, they let their people know what subjects will be on the agenda.

Does the Plymouth Township board refrain from this practice purposely to avoid taxpayer attendance so they can do as they choose?

The voters selected the purchase of a large area of land in the western portion of the township for recreational purposes. The board overruled the decision of the voters and purchased it anyway. The latest expenditure of funds (\$10,000) was for a fence on three(7) sides of said property.

IT DOES appear the board doesn't care how we feel about anything. They do as they wish regardless of public opinion. Where's the democracy? If you understand the public's apathy, why bother? The people in office get their own way. Right?

Raising the ethical standards of our public servants will help establish better government for the people, and hopefully, we may derive something for our tax contributions.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT ROGERS
Plymouth Township

READERS' FORUM

Letters must be limited to 300 words. Letters must be signed, with the writer's address. Names will be withheld only at the writer's request and for good cause. Please type or write plainly.

The editor reserves the right to reject unsuitable letters.

Moral Decay Disappointing

EDITOR: We have been residents of Farmington Township for over 12 years. For the first eight years we felt fortunate that we had the foresight to move from a lesser (materialistically speaking) neighborhood in Detroit.

The last four years have been a disappointment. Not because of the growth, nor the schools, nor the probability of cityhood - all of these are satisfactory - but we are dismayed at the decay of the moral fiber of this community. The ever-increasing incidence of vandalism and stealing is frightening.

In that period we have had three bicycles stolen. In the past six months my son's sleeping bag and bicycle were stolen while he played in a school yard, a wallet was stolen from a locker at North Farmington High, a coat stolen during a concert at Dunkel, a tape recorder stolen from a locker at Dunkel, a case of wine stolen from our garage, a pair of boots stolen while skating at Hidden Lake and now money stolen from a purse at Babylon Junior High. That record could hardly be matched in the infamous "inner city."

But you say, "Boys will be boys," and all the other clichés and I ask you where are the parents of those confused children? It is incredulous that such significant articles can appear mysteriously in or out of the newspaper without the parents questioning the source.

It is the apparent apathy of some parents that frightens us; that gives us reason to seriously consider leaving this community. We implore you, the parents

that the majority of the board starts the new contract cycle with a new policy of considering kids before pay raises, and no pay raises until the deficit is paid.

CHARLES W. CHANDLER
Livonia

Must Schools Be Nurseries?

EDITOR: As a student at Bentley High School and a supporter of the recent boycott, I feel obliged to comment on two recent reports on this boycott which I feel do it an injustice. Philip Power's report was reasonably unbiased and brought up some good points, but Tim Richard did not fare so well.

The thing that disturbed me about both of these reports is that they did not treat this boycott as serious, and as more of a schoolboy prank, designed to give these uncouth, ill-raised more of an opportunity to cut classes. As a conscientious student, I object. I have missed a total of five days of school (approximately) out of one and a half years at this institution.

Undoubtedly, there would be students who would, if the attendance policy were indeed relaxed, skip much more. The attendance policy therefore has the effect of keeping kids in their assigned room at the proper time. But what happens when these students who would skip go to their classes? They sit and sleep or cause trouble and assorted hassles for the teachers and the students who want to learn.

You know, you can't squeeze water out of a stone. I see no reason why you should be able to squeeze it in, either. Mothers and fathers feel that if their kids were allowed to go to school, as their choice they would stay home and get in the parents' hair, so to speak. So schools, along with their roles as institutions of knowledge, must become Mom's Public Day Nursery For Big Kids.

Knowledge is power, but an individual must seek it, and want it; otherwise, it's meaningless.

I know the teachers are dedicated and may have earned a salary increase, but I hope

MARK DEVON
Livonia

Pupils Invited Policy Change

EDITOR: Reading the letters in this newspaper regarding the attendance policy in Livonia schools really upset me.

Why was the policy put into use in the first place? Because too many students had a free and easy time of it in past years. Those students who took part in the boycott are the ones who need it the most. They, you might say, "brought it on themselves."

Finally, the school board has put it to you students who would rather cut class or miss school than attend.

Can you honestly say a student wanting to learn and get ahead would boycott this policy?

MRS. WALTER MORRISON
Westland

Please Display Haircut Rates

EDITOR: Approximately six weeks ago, my sons with medium hair length were charged \$3.50 each for a regular hair cut.

I accompanied them this week and the same establishment had the audacity to charge them \$4 each and me \$3.50 for a regular cut.

When I queried the reason for the difference, I was told that hair over the ears 1) takes longer to cut, 2) is more difficult to cut and 3) the union makes the minimum rate.

I say poppycock. It is what the traffic will bear. If a 14 percent increase can be so arbitrarily applied, then it is time for this family to find a more reasonable establishment. Had this barber's rates been displayed, we would have saved his time and our money.

CERI DANDO
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Area Deaths And Funerals

RUTH RIDGOUT — Services for Mrs. Ridgout, 81, of 27704 Maplewood, were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 in the Rev. Harold J. Howell of the First United Methodist Church of Dearborn officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

CHRISTOPHER A. LUKA — Services for Mr. Luka, 20, of 14500 Felling, Detroit, a former Farmington resident, were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 10 in St. Alexander Catholic Church, Farmington, with arrangements by Heister-Schmidt Funeral Home. The Rev. Albert C. Koch of St. Alexander officiated. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

CORA P. (CADDY) BOURBON — Services for Mrs. Bourbon, 71, who lived in Farmington 30 years before moving to Oshtemo in 1967, were held in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Farmington, with arrangements by Heister-Schmidt Funeral Home. The Rev. Philip R. Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

JOHN R. BOONE — Graveside services for Mr. Boone, 88, who lived in Farmington 11 years before moving to California in 1961, were held at 10 a.m. Feb. 8 in the Rev. Philip R. Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

BEATRICE M. SPAYEN — Services for Mrs. Spayen, 88, of 27035 Lyndon, Farmington, were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Farmington, with arrangements by Heister-Schmidt Funeral Home. The Rev. Philip R. Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

ROSE ANN KELLY — Services for Mrs. Kelly, 84, of 22578 Woodman, Farmington, were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Farmington, with arrangements by Heister-Schmidt Funeral Home. The Rev. Philip R. Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

MORRIS G. EASTWOOD — Services for Mr. Eastwood, 82, of 12788 Rochelle, Detroit, were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 in the Rev. Philip R. Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

EDWARD O. RYDER — Services for Mr. Ryder, 59, of 14936 Farmington, were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 in the Rev. Philip R. Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

DOROTHY BAUER — Funeral services for Mrs. Bauer, 87, of 14936 Farmington, were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 in the Rev. Philip R. Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

WILLIAM BRUNING SR. — Private graveside services for Mr. Bruning, 71, of 14936 Farmington, were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 in the Rev. Philip R. Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

WARREN SPALDING — Services for Mr. Spalding, 30, who died Feb. 3 in Detroit, were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 in the Rev. Philip R. Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

GEORGE B. RADFORD — Services for Mr. Radford, 82, of 31222 Reynolds, Livonia, were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 in the Rev. Philip R. Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

MACK DONALD LEE JR. — Services for Mr. Lee, 20, of 32537 Joy Road, Westland, were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 in the Rev. Philip R. Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

MELVIN GUTHERIE — Services for Mr. Gutherie, 72, of 7332 Newburgh, Westland, were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 in the Rev. Philip R. Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

DEISE K. KUBAK — Services for Mrs. Kubak, 74, of 31181 Gomerly, Garden City, were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 in the Rev. Philip R. Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

RAKAPAL A. METTAL — Services for Mr. Mettetal, 58, of 24838 Livonia, were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 in the Rev. Philip R. Magee officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

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