

Readers Speak Out On What Bothers Them

Working Mom Irked

EDITOR:

I am one of the working mothers referred to by a reader of the Observer as contributing to the "affluent slump". My reasons for working are my personal concern—whether they be economic reasons, or self-satisfaction.

But I am fed up to my eyes with the supposition that working mothers contribute to the "affluent slump". In our "affluent suburb", I find the direct opposite to be true.

My children are not bored—they have no time to be. They have learned to cut the lawn, wash cars, cook, wash and iron clothing, and keep the house in reasonable order. They do not play the streets at all hours of the day and night.

They don't cruise up and down streets in cars or tear up lawns with motor bikes. They do drive out cars on errands, etc. They don't need a place to go for a quiet place to listen to records. They do that at home along with their chores.

The children who have mothers staying at home (when they are home from their social coffee rounds, and after dinner cocktail rounds) are the ones who are out in the streets from dawn to well past a decent bedtime hour. They really are bored—mom does the inside work and dad struggles with the grass, etc., after coming home from work.

These children are the ones who cause most of the neighborhood mischief—the ones who need a place "for a coke"—but more than anything else, they need parents who are interested enough in them to teach them how to do constructive things around the house, and to instill that each child contribute something constructive toward life and society.

Don't blame working parents for teen-age problems. When I hear the comment (before the 11 p.m. news) "do you know where your children are?", I can answer yes, they are in bed, tired after their day of being busy.

Now may I ask the stay at home mothers do they know where their children are? I do—I can hear them out in the street.

WORKING MOTHER

Workshops Necessary

EDITOR:

Before someone questions the workshops held annually in Westington which are attended by some of our Westland city officials, I would like to ease the tax-payers mind as to how much of this expense he is picking up the tab for.

Being a tax-payer myself this is the first question I would ask. Being the wife of one of the city officials, I am perhaps, in a position to clarify this.

The Westland city official is allowed a set amount of funds to help defray his ex-

penses. If he travels alone, and if he is careful, the amount allowed him just might cover his personal needs, but if Mama goes along there are no funds allocated to cover her expenses. It's that simple. . . .

"If Mama goes, . . . Mama pays."

I accompany my husband on these trips and I keep a record of my personal expenses, including meals, motel and my share of travel expenses from the time we leave our door until the minute of our return.

I accept no gratuities from our good city of Westland. . . . I pay my own way. . . .

allowed to our officials before they leave is to cover only his expense, how he spends this, whether he stays in a \$50 a day room or a 50 cent top-house is his decision, but when his money is used any additional expense for friend wife must come out of his pocket.

In the course of these workshops, they are informative and are indeed worthwhile. If your city representative does not benefit from these, then I might question if he takes his official position seriously.

Does he ever want the title of a city official without assuming the responsibilities that go with that office? Is he one who takes this trip and does not bother to attend the sessions and seminars while there?

For the tax-payer has the right and the responsibility to ask for a report from your representative. I have been privileged to sit in on one of these workshops and found them interesting and most informative.

Our nation and the world are moving so swiftly that these changes are a necessity to keep abreast of the problems facing our city and our country. We must know how to cope with these new problems which face our city and nation daily.

What would happen if your doctor never attended a lecture or workshop in modern medicine and modern science research? What kind of horse and buggy doctor would you have?

The same goes for your city officials, they must be kept informed of our changing times. If we are to have a modern, orderly and desirable city for our children.

MRS. HARRIET GAGNON

Wife of Westland City Councilman Virgil Gagnon

Councilman Virgil Gagnon

Sure Cure For Riots

EDITOR:

It is very interesting to note the article that appeared in "Urban", the official publication of the Detroit Police Officers Association, they propose a "Riot Cure at No Cost."

Their solution: "At the first sign of insurrection, evacuate all Policemen from the area. Form a special riot-unit. . . (which) would include the study groups who were so diligent in exposing the problem, other concerned politicians, interested clergy, judges, and in the case of an extremely tense sit-

uation, the President's Committee on Civil Disorders can be flown in to direct the efforts."

"The solution" also suggests that since "guns and gas are proven to be unnecessary and dangerous commodities," they will be ruled out. "A mere review of the constitution will suffice, for knowledge of the laws relating to individual rights is the most important consideration in enforcement."

The riot force also won't need uniforms and helmets, "because it has been shown that they only further harass and irritate rioters."

The Police won't be there to aggravate the situation, but will be dispatched to other areas to perform their simple duties of catching robbers, dispensing tickets, and finding lost children.

ROBERT BROWER
REDFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

No Laws

Against Weeds?

EDITOR:

One year ago last May two young girls met a tragic death in an overgrown field on Marquette Street near Wayne Road in Westland.

Since that time laws were put into being to stop the sale of

glue to minors. But nothing has been said about land owners keeping their properties cut down. That that field been cut down maybe, just maybe, those two little girls would be alive today.

Why is it that this field and others like it are allowed to overgrow year after year? Have we no laws to govern this?

MRS. C. H.

Answers Letter

EDITOR:

In answer to John Koz, whose anti-gun letter appeared in the Redford Observer, I would like to point out that we should not have to register guns because it is wrong to punish 200 million people for the wrong doing of a comparatively few criminals.

It has always been an American right to own a gun and American tradition that dates back to when the Pilgrims came ashore with guns on their shoulders. Honest gun owners would have their rights trampled, their taxes raised to pay for the thousands of man hours that it would take to register millions of guns and criminals do not register guns.

Many countries have had registration of firearms then confiscation and then a dictatorship. The Constitution of the

United States does not say anything about registering guns and that Constitution is good enough for me and I do not want to see it changed.

SINCERELY,
ARTHUR BENSMILLER

Complaints Unanswered

EDITOR:

Dear Mayor Moelke: On several occasions, I have called the Department of Public Works in the City of Livonia to register a complaint about the condition of a open drainage ditch which runs on the back of my property and to the side of my property.

When I called back to inquire about these complaints, the first time I was told that it had been taken care of which is not the case. The second time which was today I was told that the report said there was no ditch.

For the record this is an open drainage ditch which runs between my property and Lincoln School property and curves around to the back of my property. This drainage ditch has a low spot in both of these areas in which water constantly stands. This makes it impossible to cut the weeds unless one were equipped for swamp.

I feel that if this type of ditch is the best drainage facility the City of Livonia can offer they could at least improve the ditch

so that the water would not stand around a residential home. This ditch also due to the stagnant water breeds insects and rodents of all types.

The back of this ditch and to the side of our property which must belong to the City or the school had weeds which I was forced to cut three times now to protect my sod from becoming over run with weeds. Someone should see to it that these weeds are kept cut.

I sincerely hope that by bringing this to your attention you will be able to direct the proper people to have something done to make this area livable.

JAMES J. O'BRIEN

Labeling Incumbent

EDITOR:

During the past few weeks you have published articles about the ballot designation of the present municipal judges in the District Court race.

Knowing your desire to publish and report the news as accurately as possible, I wish to advise that the law passed by the Legislature creating the District Courts provided for ballot designation of ELECTED incumbent municipal judges.

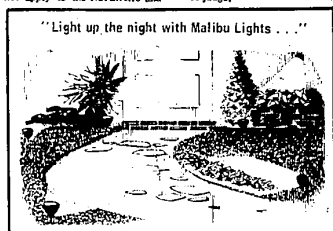
There was no provision for elected justices of the peace. Under the law, the present Northville and Plymouth municipal judges who were both appointed should not have applied for the designation.

The Wayne County clerk, upon learning that both were appointed, took the designation off the ballot on July 8. The permanent injunction granted by Circuit Court Judge Robert L. Templin of Oakland County did not apply to the Northville and

Plymouth municipal judges, as his decision applied to ELECTED municipal judges.

ALLEN C. INGLE

EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer is himself a candidate for district judge.



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