

Are Bible Teachings Key To Solution Of Problems?

EDITOR:
As I read the Observation Point column written about Mr. Powers' commencement address on this date, my heart ached for this girl from Farmington and all those like her. The heading of the column was certainly well worded, "We Listen to Ourselves." It is time we, as individuals, as a country, as a world leader, start listening to someone who knows more than we know about our problems.

Man has certainly made a mess of everything he has ever done and is continuing to make it even worse. Every generation has more and deeper troubles. This girl is right when she says, "They will never understand."

I know of one who does understand though and has written a book with all the answers in it. You only need read it and follow what it says to know all the answers. Anyone can buy it and most everyone can read it. We have no law, so far, that says we may not read and read this book. It is named the Holy Bible.

You've read this letter so far, now read a little farther. We are plainly told by God in the book of Exodus, Chapter 20, how to govern our country and our homes. I would like to refer you to verse 12. In case you don't have a Bible nearby, here is what it says, "Honor thy father and thy mother."

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You will need more teachers, textbooks, school rooms and supplies for each family that moves in. Only the home of \$56,000 or more will pay its way for schools.

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Until then, all the laws, all the marches, all the revolutions, will not make any improvement in the problems. We need God in our lives; we need to follow His laws; but most of all, as individuals, we need Christ as our Savior.

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MRS. GRACE BREAZEALE
PLYMOUTH

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community funds by so many members of their communities? I'm tired of every Clyde, Sam and Joe telling me how well-paid I am.

Show me a teacher who is living in a more than modest home and I'll show you a person who is either moonlighting two other jobs to make ends meet, living off inherited wealth or combining his income with that of his wife.

Is \$7,000 that fantastic . . . or \$10,000 for nine years of experience? Okay . . . plus a summer job which may net \$1,500 or \$2,000 more. A teacher, if he can get a good laborer's job or work in a factory, can take more money home per month in the summer than the community pays him for teaching.

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teachers was held March 5 with over 80 people in attendance which, I believe, shows a good number concerned; both present and absent.

Another 20 parents were most kindly, patiently heard by the Plymouth School Board at the regular March 14 meeting. This resulted in Board Members Bruce and Tripp being appointed to lead an investigation into the actual program at West. That report is eagerly awaited. It is hoped that a great deal of good can come from different innovations in education such as team teaching, but if there are serious flaws in the use of them, hopefully our educators will adjust accordingly.

MRS. N. JOHNSON
PLYMOUTH

Not Ginty-Eyed

EDITOR:
Recently I came in contact with ladies known as John Birchers. They showed SEBASTIAN promoted materials purported to be in local and nationwide sex education programs. I made my own investigation and found out they were telling the truth. My point, however, is aimed at the Birchers I met. After all I have read about the Birch Society they were very disappointing. They weren't ragged, ginty-eyed, or hysterical. They should have lived up to their image and acted just a little bit wilder. After all, they are extremists, aren't they?

MRS. C. STEELE
WESTLAND

Summer Ads Great Community Service

EDITOR:
As spokesman for the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee, I would like to thank The Observer Newspapers for running "Summer Situations Want Ads." This is, indeed, a service to the community and to the teenagers. Your support of and understanding of young people should be applauded.

MRS. F.B. MACMILLAN JR.
FARMINGTON

Team Teaching Hit In Plymouth

EDITOR:
I feel compelled to comment on the letter in your column concerning team teaching at Plymouth Junior High West. The letter was the first I've seen in The Observer on the subject. The writer admittedly hasn't a child actually involved in team teaching at West, so how could he possibly know how the program is being implemented when most of the involved parents don't even know? Those involved who are deeply concerned with their children's apparent lack of academic progress this school year have found that although the highly idealistic concept of true team teaching is admirable, the actual use of it, at present, at Junior High West, doesn't seem to "live up" to expectations.

A meeting of parents and the school administrators and

them. I am a sincerely concerned parent who agrees that this subject is one of the most delicate, traumatic and important experiences of life. That is why I would rather do it myself.

American children are better informed about sex today than ever before and we certainly have the statistics to prove it. The illegitimate birth rate climbs yearly. Surely the federal government has something better to do with its money in the field of education.

My daughter's 8th grade class at Marshall School could not have science this year because there were not enough books. I would have more respect for a school board that concerned themselves with inadequacies such as this.

AUDREY T. ANTHONY
LYNIA

Ninth Grade Lounge Makes Blood Boil

EDITOR:

I just read something that made my blood boil. Bryant Junior High is having an additional lounge, one they may need but . . . after all this about no money? Anyway, they're adding on an air-cooled lounge with carpeting, a teachers lounge, and two classrooms. This lounge will cost about \$400,000. The two classrooms are great, why a new library, and do the teachers really need a new lounge?

The real troublemaker comes in the plan for the old teachers lounge may become a ninth grade lounge? Stevenson High has tried time and again to build a student lounge but did they? Are you kidding? "You're not responsible enough" and "there would be

too many kids there and not enough in study hall." You're really got to be pulling our legs. You mean to say that seventh, eighth and ninth graders are more responsible and would be in study hall when kids three years older can't be trusted?—aw come on!

Sure, give them better facilities, but giving them a private social area is going a big too far. I always thought schools were for education, not for socializing. Where is all this money trouble? You mean to say that we need it so badly that they threaten half days but turn around and give 15-year-olds a lounge?

To me, this seems a little ridiculous; but, if the Livonians want their money wasted that's OK with me, at least for a few more years until I start paying. A DISGRUNTLED STEVENSONITE

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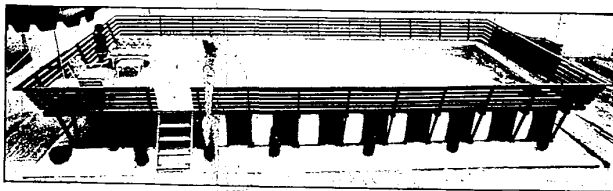
EDITOR:

In behalf of the South Redford Board of Education I take this opportunity to express to you our appreciation for your positive support to our recent school millage renewal campaign. It is apparent the factual information set forth by your paper together with editorial statements encouraging its passing did much to contribute to a successful vote.

Our goal as a Board of Education remains to provide quality education. We recognize this responsibility and realize that support such as you have given is essential to accomplish this goal.

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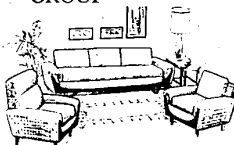
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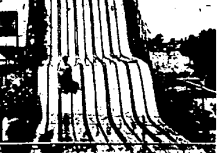
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