

Long-Haired Lad Told: 'Conform Or Starve'

Girlish Hair Makes Her Sick

EDITOR:
If the young Torok man (Regional Affairs, July 23) was really interested in getting a job, he would have cut the long mop of "girlish" hair and looked like a presentable young man.

It certainly makes me sick to see such long hair on boys (who think they are men). If the couple were a little smarter, they would have postponed the marriage until he was working.

What's the rush on getting married when you are only 19 and 17 with so much growing up to do?

MRS. E. MERRIMAN,
Plymouth

Conform--or Starve

EDITOR:

The young married couple from Livonia who have been unable to find work because of the husbands long shaggy hair, beard and hippie-type look do have a choice.

The choice is to either shave, take a bath and look like decent young people who want a job in industry or starve.

From their letter and your article, it looks like they've made the latter choice.

Conform they may call it--but industry isn't going to go out of its way to help them find employment unless they do conform. And I can't see anything wrong with conforming--a person can still be an individualist and have his own beliefs even if he is forced to shave or take a bath.

LAUREN R. JANUZ
Plymouth

How Will He Survive?

EDITOR:

My deepest sympathy to the family of Michael Torok (July 23.)

If this young man finds it childishly impossible to part with his "... flaming mane of red hair," which is complemented by a mustache and goatee" in order to gain employment, how on earth is he going to survive in a world which demands only sacrifice and excellence to achieve any measure of success?

It is unconscionable that not only his wife but his mother and friends must also suffer for the lack of a ... HAIRCUT? If Mr. Torok feels this is "desperation," may he experience no greater problem than his hair for the rest of his life!

PATRICIA BROWN
Plymouth

READERS' FORUM

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Letters must be signed, with the writer's address. Names will be withheld only at the writer's request and for good cause.

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Teepees Just

Wonderful Guy

EDITOR:

I am a 17-year-old Farmington Township boy. I, like many others, have had my troubles. For awhile, things were pretty bad. I really had a terrible couple of months. One day I found myself in the view of Earl Teepees. I have never seen a look so fierce, kind and worried in my life all at one time.

But he gave me the most beautiful talk I have ever heard. My father says to this day that he wished he had a tape recording--it was so great. I have always respected Mr. Teepees and will as long as I live. In my eyes, he is the greatest man who walked on two legs.

I wish people could realize how great he really is. Maybe he is wrong sometimes. Maybe all policemen are wrong but ask yourself this: how many times have you been wrong and have admitted it?

Policemen are only human; yes it's true, they are just the same as you or I. Teepees is not a superhero but he doesn't have to be. He is also human and when people turn against him, he is hurt, especially when he tries to help.

In my words, the trial should never have come up but it did. It's just one of those odd things. No one is to blame. And I think the trustee who said Chief Irving Yakes should be demoted or dismissed is a person who should take a long look at himself. I think he will find a person who always has to put his foot in everything.

I hope now everything will cool down and everybody will find Teepees really is a guy's best friend.

JIM CLARKE
FARMINGTON

8-Sided Story

EDITOR:

In the July 16 issue of your newspaper you have showed a picture of an octagon house and described the history of it. You attribute the origin of the house to a ship captain named Fowler. This is untrue. The octagon house had in the United States

"A Home For All", inspired by his inspection of an octagon style house in Wisconsin in 1846. Fowler was a phrenologist, one who attempted to say what was wrong with you by reading the bumps on the top of your head.

He stated that an octagon house was more healthy as the sun always penetrated into the house no matter what hour of the day. He also stated that the rooms that are the most lived in would be large and rectangular and still leave room for pie-shaped closets.

There would be a central circular stairwell which would draw the heat in winter. He also stated that "an octagon would provide a shorter distance than afforded by a square house for a weak woman to carry fuel between the woodpile and the fire."

Fowler himself lived in an octagon house in Fishkill, N.Y., which was four stories high. In height it was 80 feet and had 100 rooms. Due to his book octagons became popular in upstate New York and in the mid-

west between 1850 and 1870. There is an excellent example in Washington, Mich. which is owned by Wayne State University.

GEORGE W. BROWNE
BIRMINGHAM

Whose Was The Warped Mind?

EDITOR:

There are a lot of people who would like to know the identity of the warped mind who made the decision to build a new road

simultaneously on Lyndon and Stark, effectively blocking access to the new Livonia Family Y at both ends.

Although it was common knowledge that the Y was being planned and built all last year, construction on the roads did not begin until the Y was open and the summer programs in full swing. All members who now wish to use their new building or take children to activities there must navigate a tortuous route of unconscionable inconvenience.

There can be no question that this has to be the same mind that made the decision to erect a huge blockade and repair project right in front of the post office last year for the entire duration of the Christmas rush, creating a maximum amount of inconvenience for a maximum number of people. There could not possibly be more than one such brilliant but twisted mind at large in one small community.

MARGARET L. ARNETT
LIVONIA

Area Deaths, Funerals

REGINALD V. SEAL. Services for Mr. Seal, 66, of 329 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, were held in St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Hazel Park. Funeral arrangements were handled by William Sullivan & Sons Funeral Home, Royal Oak. Mr. Seal died suddenly at his home July 21.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; and two brothers, Cecil and Ev, both of Detroit. Mr. Seal was employed as an industrial engineer for Evans Products in Plymouth. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. He was born Dec. 8, 1900.

AUDREY HELEN KIMMEL. Services for Mrs. Kimmel, 41, of Walpole Lake, were held in the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Earl Reh officiating.

Mrs. Kimmel died July 23 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. She is survived by her husband, Victor; her mother, Mrs. Eva Erle Neale of Plymouth; one son, John of Walpole Lake; one daughter, Dawn at home; and one brother, Richard Neale of Plymouth.

MARY H. SMITH. Services for Mrs. Smith, 47, of 1599 Lexington, Plymouth, will be held Thursday, July 31, at 1 p.m. in the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. William Ritter officiating.

Mrs. Smith died July 23 in Rosford General Hospital, Farmington, following a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Warren; two daughters, Mrs. Daniel (Elizabeth) Bohl of Plymouth and Mrs. John (Dorothy) Alibayd of Mason; one brother, George Hume of Farmington; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hume of Plymouth; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Smith moved to Plymouth six years ago from Detroit. She was employed as an IBM operator for 13 years with the Detroit Edison Company. She was also a member of the Newburg Methodist Church of Livonia.

SISTER MARY GEORGIA, C.S.F. Requiem mass was offered July 19 at the Pelican Sisters Motherhouse Chapel for Sister Mary Georgia. Rev. Eugene Kirk, chaplain, officiated. Sister Geor-

gia, who spent 60 years in religious life, died July 17 in Herman Kiefer Hospital, Detroit.

The former Anastasia Mitchell, she entered the community in 1909 from St. Clair parish. Following her profession in 1911, she taught in a number of schools in Michigan and Ohio. She was principal of Resurrection School, Detroit, and St. Adalbert, Toledo.

Sister Georgia is survived by two brothers, Leo Mitchell of Whitmore Lake and Anthony Mitchell of Tomak, Wisc. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

MRS. MARY ELLEN DICKSON. Funeral services for Mrs. Dickson, who died July 12 in Wayne County General Hospital at the age of 67.

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Margaret Barrett of Garden City and two brothers, Joseph and George Flett.

LILLIAN L. GALASSO. Services for Mrs. Galasso, 67, of Cicero, Ill., sister of Mrs. Clara Anderson of Plymouth, were held in the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. David T. Davies officiating.

Interment took place at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Mrs. Galasso died July 26 in St. Joseph Hospital, Ann Arbor.

HERBERT TAYLOR. Services for Mr. Taylor, 64, of 20 Lillian Court, Whitmore Lake, were held in the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Livonia, with Rev. William C. Midwin officiating. Burial was in Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit.

Mr. Taylor died July 17 in Ann Arbor. He is survived by two sons, Donald R. Taylor of Livonia and Herbert F. Taylor of Northport, Mich.; daughter, Mrs. William Taylor of Chicago; and Thomas and Stanley Taylor of Wales; two sisters, Mrs. Fredrick Macfarlane and Mrs. Harold (Nellie) Price of Wales; six grandchildren.

Mr. Taylor was born October 17, 1904 in Chester, England, retired supervisor at Kellogg-Hayes in Detroit. He resided in Livonia several years before moving in 1960.

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