

# C'ville Board Agenda Unavailable To Public

## EDITOR:

As concerned parents and taxpayers of the Clarenceville School District, with children in the system, we would like to know why every parent with a child in the district was not made aware that the Student Mobilization Committee issue was to be discussed and that Supt. McDowell's commendable recommendation was to be acted upon at the April 9 Board of Education meeting.

Fortunately, we read an article in The Observer which made us aware of the issue. But unfortunately, when we called the board office, there was no information available to us as to whether or not it was actually on the agenda. Either the board should give agenda information to the reporter or instruct her to refer questioning calls to the proper person.

Just because our children are not in high school does not mean we are not concerned, nor that we should not be advised of important issues when the outcome can affect their future so greatly.

There are such things as postmortems, flyers and newsletters. Doesn't the Clarenceville Board of Education realize that public awareness—so that there can be public involvement—is a must?

MR. & MRS. R.E. NORRIS  
Farmington

## 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.

### Why School Millage Lost

#### EDITOR:

I have to let the Plymouth school board know why I think their millage request was turned down.

1. Why should we pay for the education of children whose parents are renting houses or apartments? Those children are getting the same education my boy is. I believe their parents should pay a fair tuition a year according to their income. There is some of these people that their income is even higher than that of some homeowners and still they are having their children educated for free.

2. There is also homeowners that does not have children in schools, and so they still have to pay as those who have. Why should they? Why not tax them according to their income? I resent when I see the schools filled up with children whose parents are not paying, getting an education for free.

3. Why spend so much money in fancy and luxurious schools? Children does not need carpeting to mess up. Keep the schools with the necessary equipment for children to go and learn. School is not for leisure, is just to go and learn and get prepared to live a decent life.

4. Last fall there was no money to give the teachers a raise. They all wasted time. Children got behind in their school calendar. And all of a sudden "bang!" schools were open, teachers had their raise, and the school board met secretly and topped their salaries with thousands of dollars. Very fishy, and very impressive to fill our imagination with snaky thoughts on where is all the money? Where is that federal fund? Etc., etc.

Now they claim there is no money to open the new high school in the fall. Mr. Superintendent, there is not too many dumb people today. . . So you had a big fat No because everybody knows what's going on.

6. I believe the school board should open their meetings to the public, publish a statement at least twice a year, and inform the public where the floating millions of dollars goes each year.

MRS. NIELS K. HANSEN  
Plymouth

### Firemen Save One Small Life

#### EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Livonia Fire Department for an act beyond the call of duty.

Last Saturday (April 11) the department answered a call within 10 minutes to rescue a bird which was caught by its wing in a kite string too far above our roof for us to be able to reach. The bird had hung suspended overnight, and it was more than our neighbors and we could stand to see the bird helplessly suffering.

With much effort, the men finally were able to bring the bird to the ground.

Such acts make many of us happy and proud to be citizens in Livonia where men have big enough hearts to help life, no matter how small.

JOSEPHINE BALLERT  
Livonia

### Straying Dogs Bite And Run

#### EDITOR:

Your story on the front page of the April 8 Livonia Observer concerning the six-

year-old girl who had 70 stitches in an attempt to replace her eyelid and repair the physical damage done by a stray dog prompted me to write.

How can the mental trauma ever be repaired?

Livonia's laws concerning dogs must be very lax as stray dogs are constantly roaming the neighborhood, rummaging through trash and barking at mailmen, paperboys and everyone else who dares to be on the street.

What exactly can be done? Calling the dogcatcher is usually fruitless as the dog is usually gone by the time he arrives. Reporting a bite brings a warning to the owner to keep the dog in the yard for 10 days and when the dog is out many times during the 10 day period, more warnings are evidently given.

What laws does Livonia have concerning animals in a private home? How many animals are considered too many? How many times must a dog bite before it is considered a menace? Exactly what is going to happen to the dog that bit Kristine?

Many people have dogs and take the responsibility of keeping the dogs in their own yards and cleaning up after the dogs, but isn't it time something is done about the dogs who roam the neighborhoods and attack without the slightest provocation?

MAUREEN ROMAN  
Livonia

### Error Was Corrected

#### EDITOR:

A clipping of a story in your March 22, 1970 edition has been brought to our attention. The article referred to showed a South Redford sixth grader pointing out an "error" in The New Book of Knowledge.

We felt you would like to know that the inadvertent transposition of titles in the bridge article drawings was corrected several years ago. We have not received a letter from Mark Carlson so we hope you will let him know that the mislabeling was noted previously and adjusted accordingly. We do, however, congratulate him on noting the

discrepancy in the original edition.

MRS. MARTHA G. SHAPP  
Director, Young People's Publications  
Grolier, Inc., New York

### What A Monster In The Park!

#### EDITOR:

If you lived near the ugly mess in the Livonia City park east of Hubbard on Six Mile and wondered what our \$4.2 million worth of parks was being used for, you would pause and wonder some more.

First, "old wonder how much per day" I could realize from renting similar land of my own and then wonder what the city is getting.

If it were my land, I'd have it all in writing and perhaps a bond or retainer to insure the restoration of the land when operations ground to a muddy halt.

The City of Livonia, though, is big business and would certainly have it all in writing . . . permission, conditions, time limit and a set rate per day for the use of the park land. I doubt all this is so, though, after all my intensive inquiry around City Hall.

Then I would wonder just what raucous type of athletic field will spawn on these nearly 200 acres of once serene land. If I really knew, I would probably say, "What a monster our City Fathers hath wrought!"

ALFRED D. YOUNG  
Livonia

### Airport Critic Out Of Line

#### EDITOR:

With regard to Mettetal Airport, located in Canton Township, south east corner of Plymouth, I have based an aircraft at this airport for approximately 13 years. While I live in Birmingham, my place of business is in Redford Township, and Mettetal Airport is the only convenient airport adjacent to my place of business. Approximately 50% of my flying activity is for business purposes. This airport serves several of its surrounding communities and its continuation as an airport is most important to the communities, whether they know it or not.

As of late, one Dr. Ralph Atchley, has conducted a vitriolic campaign of harassment of the airport management, the Federal Aviation Agency, the Michigan Aeronautics Commission. He seemingly intends nothing less than closing the airport as it seems small general aviation aircraft arriving and departing this airport, or engaged in instructional flying disturb him.

The airport has been located where it is for approximately 30 years now, while Dr. Atchley has been located in northwest Plymouth for approximately 2-1/2 years at a distance of approximately 2-1/2 miles from the airport, his claim being we are polluting his environment with noise.

The largest aircraft operating from this airport is a medium twin category (Cessna 310) and the smallest being a very light single engine Cessna 150. During a recent measurement of the noise level conducted by the airport management and myself utilizing an industrial noise meter (General Radio-Type 1560-231) adjacent to the area of Dr. Atchley's residence, we found that a Cessna 310 (single engine 100 hp) passing over the area at an altitude of 600 feet at climb power produced a noise level of 75 to 80 decibels on the "A" Scale, slow response, while a Beech Baron (Twin 260 hp) passing over the area at an altitude of 500 feet at climb power produced 75 to 80 decibels on the same scale.

Current federal standards applying to occupational noise hazards under the Walsh Healy Act allow 85 decibels on the "A" scale slow response. Now the noise pollution Dr. Atchley claims of most certainly does not approach allowable federal standards as considered an occupational hazard, nor does it exist for more than a minute at a time, while the federal occupational regulations assume eight hours or more exposure.

Now it is about time Dr. Atchley was advised emphatically that he is out of line with his complaints and harassment and told to cease and desist by the proper government officials and authorities, and all

his misinformed ideas completely disregarded.

Changing the pattern to a right hand pattern would be a disservice to the residents to the east of the airport and also dangerous, as non-standard patterns are an invitation to mid-air collisions. Airplanes need to take off into the wind as opposed to Atchley's proposal to take off south, land north regardless of wind.

Bear in mind also that the current FAA Proposals to install terminal control areas may well compact general aviation aircraft, to lower altitudes and being a little bit noisier. In the interest of safety!

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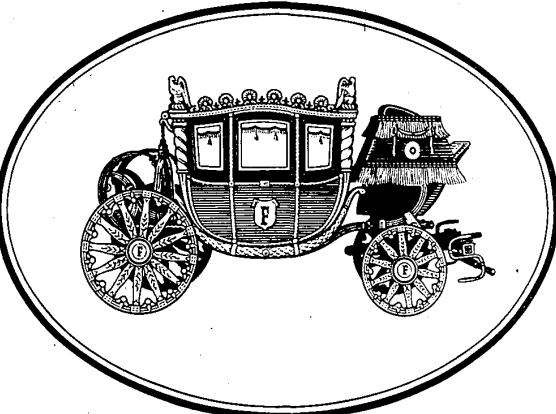
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