

# 'Establishment' Sets Bad Political Example

**EDITOR:**  
I view the student anti-war movement at Wayne from an unusual perspective—that of a close-to-30 father and home-owner. The unusual part is that I look 19, so I have the rare opportunity of observing closely, unrecognized.  
Although I sympathize with student goals, I mourn the fact that they feel disfranchised enough to use violent, ineffective means. But who they are young. Are we, who know better, much better?  
The students are accused of not using the present avenues of dissent open to them within the system. 90% of the registered voters vote in primaries.  
The students are accused of trying to overthrow established, majority decisions. 65% of the registered voters vote in general elections... what a majority?  
The students are chastised for backing inflammatory demagogues (most Livonians were busy on the nights good candidates were looking for campaign help).  
The students are admonished for being organized under undemocratic banners (whoever thought Americans would be proud of that nebulous, useless title "Silent Majority").  
The students' efforts are laughed at because they are far removed from the workings of true democracy (Livonia's state senator doesn't have to come into his

## 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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The editor reserves the right to reject unsuitable letters.

district to listen to his constituents, his newsletter suffices.  
This area of America's campuses are accused of fomenting their own disfranchisement (but can YOU name a state senator, state representative, U.S. senator, U.S. representative?).  
Let's not count our youth out too soon, just for being young. Let's hope to God that when they find their roots they don't learn their Americanism from us who are the establishment.  
THOMAS M. DUGGAN  
Livonia

## Concert Rudeness

**EDITOR:**  
Tuesday night I attended the concert given by Bentley High High students at Rivley High in Livonia. The concert was divided into three parts: Band, chorus and orchestra.  
Of course the band was first (they always are). After they finished, half the audience

up and walked out. Then the chorus sang their part and another large group of parents left while the conductor was talking to them.

Can you imagine how disheartening and disappointed the children were when the curtain opened and only a small group of parents were left? Not only that—the orchestra had to cut their part short because there wasn't enough time.

I never saw such rude people to leave in the middle of a program. I wonder how they would like it if the band teacher switched the program around next week at Dickinson by putting the orchestra first so that they could play to a full audience for a change.  
They play next week at Dickinson Junior High. I hope the students have a little bit better manners and stay for a full concert. It was lovely.  
They missed one of the highlights of the concert, a young

violinist, Charles Roth, who received a standing ovation from what audience was left.  
SHIRLEY E. PING  
Livonia

## Mothers Need A Dress Code

**EDITOR:**  
I must get something off my chest. I just came back from a kindergarten round-up at which I was helping serve refreshments.

I hope I never again hear how poor our Livonia schools are because we do not have a dress code.

How about you mothers that came to school today in slacks? As another helper there said, "They aren't even Sunday slacks."

One mother looked as though she was wearing the same pedal pushers she wore to clean her house in. They were a mess.

It was a very big day in your children's lives and you couldn't take time to slip into a dress.

How can we expect our children to act or dress better if grown adults have not set a good example?  
Shame on you, mothers!

MRS. R. J. OLIVERIO  
Livonia

## Dog Scouting 3rd Victim

**EDITOR:**  
The letter which appeared April 22 from Maureen Roman was pointed out as a problem of roaming dogs and questions our present laws concerning dogs.

I too live in a neighborhood where some dogs are allowed to roam and children have been bitten from time to time. It is my understanding that a dog is allowed to bite three children before anything can be done by the city. Each bite must be reported to the police department or it doesn't count.

There is a dog in our neighborhood scouting up his third victim.

Admittedly, most dog owners are more responsible than this, and our laws were obviously passed with the responsible dog owner in mind. Perhaps our laws should be revised.

Since all dog owners are obviously not responsible, why not more stringent rules for dogs who roam? Why must a dog be allowed to bite three children? Why not just two? What can be done to reduce the number of dogs permitted to roam? Should fines be increased? Should enforcement personnel be increased?

As both a parent and the owner of a dog, I feel that it is my duty to protect all children from my dog. My neighbor's family may be too large by my standards, and he may not live by my standards, but since I place a high value on human life, I am obligated to go out of my way to protect his children. I have no problem distinguishing between human rights and the rights of animals as the author of a letter last week had. Please do not publish his name.  
CONCERNED  
Livonia

## Thanks From Easter Seals

**EDITOR:**  
Officers and board members of the Detroit Society have asked me to express their sincere thanks to you and your publication for your continued interest and response in helping to publicize the 1970 Easter Seal Campaign.

As you know, the Detroit Society is a voluntary health agency entirely dependent on the contributions of its Easter Seal friends. Without the help of the communications media our appeal could never achieve the goal we strive for.

VERA H. NOLAN  
Director Public Relations



RONALD B. HECKER

# Hecker On 'Peace' Slate In 19th District Race

Ronald B. Hecker of Livonia chose this period of the Cambodian War crisis to announce as a peace candidate for the Democratic nomination for 19th District congressman.

He became the first to throw his hat in for the 1970 race to unseat two-term Republican Rep. Jack McDonald of Farmington.

Several other Democrats are believed on the verge of seeking their party's nomination, including Livonian Ron Mardiros, chairman of the 19th Wayne Democratic organization, who said Monday he is "seriously thinking about it."

HECKER is the avowed favorite of the New Democratic Coalition, a group that has been involved in Vietnam moratorium activities during the past year.

He listed peace, full employment, racial justice and a healthy environment as priority issues in the campaign.

Hecker, 35, resides at 19417 Maplewood with his wife Adrienne and two children. He has been a Livonia resident 12 years.

He is chairman of the Livonia Democratic Club, vice

chairman of the 19th Congressional District Organization of Wayne and Oakland Counties, a member of the executive board of the Wayne 19th Democratic organization, a member of the New Democratic Coalition (NDC) of Livonia, and was a member of the NDC forerunner group of Concerned Democrats who supported Eugene McCarthy and Robert Kennedy in the 1968 presidential election.

HECKER is a member of Business executives for Peace. For the past three years he has been co-owner of the Household Appliance and Discount Center in Waterford Township. Previously he was in retailing at a chain department store, an insurance salesman and a partner in an advertising firm.

In 1954-56 he served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Europe. He is a graduate of Central High School in Detroit and attended the Detroit Institute of Technology.

Hecker holds memberships in B'nai B'rith and Temple Kol Ami.

## Completes Course

Tyson Daniel, a member of the service department at Greene Motors, Inc., Livonia, has completed a two-day automotive transmission and automatic electrical course at the Grand Rapids, Mich., headquarters of Import Motors Limited Inc. Video-graph distributor for Michigan and Indiana.

# Trouble-Shooters In Auto Contest

The 1970 Plymouth "trouble-shooting contest," in which auto mechanic students will match their skills for school honors and scholarships, will be held at Wonderland Center, Plymouth at Middle Belt, on Friday, May 15.

Local area schools participating in this event are Bentley High School, Livonia; Franklin High School, Westland; Redford High School, Detroit; Thurston High School and Redford Union High School, Redford Township.

Two students are on a team. Each team will take a written exam and will then be given a car to put in running condition. These are new cars, supplied by area Plymouth dealers, but each car will have been deliberately tampered with. Teams will race the clock and each other to restore their cars to normal running order.

The winning team and their teacher will represent the Detroit area students in the trouble shooting finals in Indianapolis in June at the "500" Speedway.

They'll compete with teams from about 100 other local contests across the country for more than \$25,000 worth of scholarships and awards.

Competition is in two classifications — high school and post-high school.

Scholarships go to the winning teams in each division. Each of those teams will also earn a trophy for its school and a new Plymouth engine complete with transmission and accessories — for use in the school's auto shop. In addition, every team competing in the National Finals receives a set of mechanic's tools for its school.

# AREA DEATHS AND FUNERALS

**MARION CLINE HARTUNG.** Funeral services for Mrs. Hartung, 67, of 4840 W. 13th, were held in afternoon with Rev. Ted Roberts officiating. Burial was at Oakland Cemetery. Mrs. Hartung, a former long-time resident of Plymouth, died May 11.

She is survived by three sons, Ronald, Jack and Douglas; three daughters, Mrs. Betty Meyer, Mrs. Maria Votaw and Mrs. Janet Rodgers; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**JOHN MARKLEY.** Funeral services for Mr. Markley, 78, of 385 Maple, Plymouth, were held in the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Carter officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Markley died May 4. He is survived by a son, Carroll of Westland; two daughters, Mrs. Frances Grooms of Plymouth and Mrs. Marie Roberts of Westland; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Hudson's Hikes Farmington Man**  
Robert J. Thompson, 48, of Farmington, has been named store superintendent of J.L. Hudson's new Southland store in Taylor scheduled to open in early August.

Thompson has been with Hudson's since 1957. Before his new appointment, he was fashion division manager of Hudson's Eastland store. Thompson attended Assumption University in Windsor. He is married and the father of two children.

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