# Spirit of Memorial Day Violated--Readers

## 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.

### Plymouth Band Losers Of Day

EDITOR:

James Griffin and the Plymouth High School Band were magnificent in musicianship and attire in the Memorial Day parade in downtown Plymouth.

I hope that it was only a single thoughtless act which allowed this group to disassemble in an unorderly fashion in the middle of a beautiful, well-organized service. This is the day we should stand tall and proud in memory of those who gave everything for us and our country.

We were proud of the Junior High East band which remained in formation throughout the service. They proved to be well-disciplined. They marched out of the park, back to the school at the conclusion of the program in a manner which belied their youthfulness.

**The high school band and their bandmaster were the losers of the day. They missed one-half of an outstanding program and displayed a gross disrespect. The decision of those in authority who allowed this excellent aggregation to turn their backs and walk away from such a program does not gain respect from this viewer.**

I hope it was an incident not to be repeated in the future. These are wholesome, talented young men and women who probably did not realize what they had done. Please do not allow honor and respect to drop from our school's curriculum.

DUANE A. STEPNITZ
Plymouth

### Kadish Parade Tactic Is Hit

EDITOR:

The Livonia Memorial Day parade was again a heartening success, but one political hopeful succeeded in violating the spirit of the day.

Overcoming my objections to parade officials, Paul Kadish managed to be included in the parade under some very dubious circumstances.

Mr. Kadish's very interesting float consisted of an eight-foot sign urging his election to a state office and some flag-bearing youngsters with his bumper stickers on their hats.

He stated that he was "observing Memorial Day."

**Well, I say he was campaigning, and several parade officials agreed with me. I was told that he would not be allowed to proceed. He then pulled some strings. He was then allowed to proceed behind the police car which signifies the end of the procession so that, technically, he was not part of the procession.**

That maneuver apparently satisfied some people, but it doesn't satisfy me.

Most people would agree that maneuvering a police car doesn't make that much difference. The float with the eight-foot sign should have been unequivocally excluded from the procession. I hope that in the future, parade officials will have the intestinal fortitude to enforce their rules. Meanwhile, Mr. Kadish, whose signs state that he is responsible, has again displayed how irresponsible he can be.

It will be noted that our float was accompanied by the Livonia Republican State Central committeeman. In deference to the fact that he is a candidate for public office, Mr. Pridgeon was not identified on our float, thus keeping the spirit of the day. It's too bad everyone doesn't go by the rules.

GEORGE KETTUNEN
GOP Campaign Chairman
Livonia

### Candidate Dishonors Day

EDITOR:

I would like to write this letter to that "responsible" candidate who is running for office and using this day (Memorial Day) to further his personal ego by using the Livonia Memorial Day parade to publicly campaign for office.

I don't know anything that is lower or more underhanded than to use the memorial thoughts and ideas to push a personal effort for one more office.

When he was denied an official allowance to be in the parade by the parade marshal, Disabled American Veteran Commander Ken Nowry, he tried to get past the marshal aides and get a position in the line of march. Having no luck, he was determined to get in ahead of the last place unit, the fire engines, and this was stopped by another marshal aide.

**This "responsible" candidate ignored the words of Cpl. Hewitt, Livonia Police, that he was not officially in the parade, boldly fell in behind the last police car and sitting there like a cat that out-guessed everybody, drove the length of the parade route. Boy, has he got a lot of GUTS.**

Well sir, this veteran did not like it one bit along with a lot of other veterans. When the Democratic committee heard about it, they said that they had no part in this show by this "responsible" candidate.

Several times before other candidates tried subtle means to get publicity from a Memorial Day parade, and veteran action led to the defeat of that candidate for office, and this time it is going to happen again.

**This type of display by a man who seeks votes is totally uncalled for and his action is an affront to citizens of this city. If this type of action is the method that a person needs to call attention to himself, then he asks only a total rebuttal of all he may stand for.**

**Memorial Day was for those who gave their lives for their fellow countrymen, and for remembrance of those that still live to honor their fellow comrades. This day is very sacred to those who are still here.**

Mr. "responsible" candidate, you dishonored many today.

WALTER MARTYNOW
EC, Livonia Chapter 114
Disabled American Veterans

### 4-Letter Word 'Crossed Out'

To your May 23, 1970 paper, the article "School Paper Obscenity Rapped by 600 Students".

I wrote one article for "The Liberator" on pollution and I got listed as a staff member. If you did any sort of investigation, you would have found out that I am not a Bentley student but a Clarenceville student, and that I am not a staff member of "The Liberator".

To Mr. Zack, who said the editors might be deliberately "seeking a confrontation": In Clarenceville, I was the distributor for this edition of "The Liberator". Before it was distributed I went through 490 copies of "The Liberator" and crossed out the four-letter word not to cause any trouble, but it turned out that there was still a fuss about it, and they could not even see the word, I call this a "reverse confrontation".

LEE LEIBOLD
Livonia

### Fine Music At Franklin

EDITOR:

What an experience! We have just returned home after attending the spring concert at Franklin High School.

Those kids are just fabulous. I just don't have the ability to put into words the feeling of pride and love for our country that I felt listening to the students perform.

Anyone who has doubts about the young people of today should have spent the evening at Franklin. All of my fears and doubts have been erased.

Much credit should be given to Mrs. Duprev and Mr. Ballard.

A PROUD LISTENER
Livonia

### Thanks For POW Story

EDITOR:

You and your paper are to be commended for your timely, interesting article on Livonia school Trustee John Stymelski. Your talent enabled you to capture and portray an important, but seldom acknowledged attribute of Mr. Stymelski, namely his courage and suffering as a prisoner of war, and his pride and patriotism as a loyal American.

Thank you very much.

MRS. DAVID GLOVER
Livonia

EDITOR'S NOTE: Credit goes to Livonia Observer Editor Dan Gilmartin, who wrote the story for the Memorial Day weekend edition.

### Bad Crossings In Redford

EDITOR:

What does it take for Redford Township to erect a couple of simple stop or yield signs? How many children must be hurt, and hurt quite seriously, before the city realizes our situation?

There have been two accidents in our immediate area in the months of April and May--the second involving two small children and a mail truck. This accident ocurred only yesterday. The other mishap could have been prevented by a simple stop sign. A young boy was hit by a car that didn't even slow down for the intersection.

The intersections in question are located at Seminole and Pembroke, and Poinciana and Pembroke. There are no signs at all.

With the amount of school and pre-school children in this area, it is impossible to drive without extra caution at all times. A stop sign would serve as a reminder to drivers. Also, there are several speed-driven cars that use Poinciana as a test track. A stop sign or two could eliminate this problem also.

How many more children must be hurt before City Hall does something?

THE NEIGHBORS
Mrs. C. Bowman
Mrs. W. Operhall
Mrs. R. Darden
Mrs. G. Bartle
Mrs. E. Stewart
Redford Township

## Area Deaths

MRS. AMY PERRY. Services for Mrs. Perry, of 130 Harrison, Garden City, were held Thursday, May 28, from the John Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, Garden City. Officiating was Pastor James Plyler of Temple Baptist Church. Burial was in Anderson, Ala.

Mrs. Perry died May 27 in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital at the age of 79. She was a local resident for 10 years.

She is survived by five daughters, Lela Mae Green of Richmond, Mich., Mary Alma Savely of Nashville, Tenn., Cordelia Otie Douglas of Nashville, Vina Leora Grubbs of Ypsilanti, and Clydean Brunson of Garden City; a son, John of Nashville; 33 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

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THURMAN WINSTEAD. Services for Mr. Winstead of 30537 Krauter, Garden City, were held Monday, June 1, in the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. Rev. Stanley Kruse officiated. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

Mr. Winstead died May 28 in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital at the age of 70. He was a repairman for a lawnmower company.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby; a son, James; brother, Herman; and four grandchildren.

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NICHOLAS JONESCUE. Funeral services for Mr. Jonescue, 82, of 15336 Forest Dr., Plymouth, will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday (today) in the Schrader Funeral Home. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Mr. Jonescue, a former resident of Livonia, died June 7.

He is survived by his wife Bessie; a step-daughter Mrs. Betty Jo Conner; two brothers; and a sister.

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KENNETH M. SHIRTZ. Funeral services for Kenneth M. Shirtz, 47, of 18886 Lexington, Redford, were held June 6 at the Charles R. Step Funeral Home in Redford. The Rev. Robert Moore officiated. Burial was at the National Memorial Gardens on Plymouth Rd.

Mr. Shirtz died June 3, after a six-month illness. He lived in Redford Township for approximately 15 years, and was a general foreman with the Ford Motor Co. He was born April 14, 1923, in Detroit.

He is survived by his wife, Winifred, two sisters, Mrs. Mary James and Mrs. Martha Watts, and a brother, Clinton Shirtz.

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PAUL J. VOLK. Funeral services for Paul J. Volk 85, of 18812 Dalby, in Redford Township, were held June 6, at Charles R. Step Funeral Home and St. Agatha Church. Rev. James Hagerty of St. Agatha Catholic Church officiated.

Mr. Volk died June 2 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia after an illness of several years. He had been in Redford Township for approximately 15 years, and was retired from Ford Motor Co.

Mr. Volk was born Feb. 11, 1885, in Pennsylvania. He was a member of St. Agatha Church.

He is survived by his four daughters, Mrs. Agnes Holtz, Mrs. William Ward, Mrs. Jack Brooks, and Miss Betty Volk, and a son Carl. He also leaves two sisters and one brother.

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MAUDE REDDEMAN. Funeral services for Mrs. Reddeman, 75, of Anaheim, Calif., will be held at 3 p.m., June 11 in the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Henry Walch officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Reddeman died June 6.

She is survived by a daughter Mrs. Ruth Lorenz; a brother Walter Schifle of Plymouth; and three grandchildren.

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RAY W. GREEN. Funeral services for Mr. Green, 64, of Wolverine, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Henry Walch officating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Green, a former Plymouth resident, died June 7.

He is survived by a brother Lawrence and a sister Agnes.

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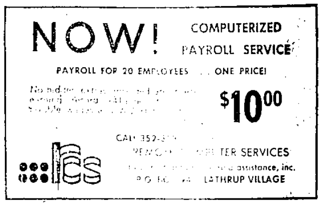
GLEN KOGELSCHATZ. Services for Mr. Kogelschatz, of 32884 Birchwood, Westland, were held Tuesday, June 2, in the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City and from St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, Westland. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Kogelschatz died May 29 in Mt. Carmel Hospital, Detroit, at the age of 39. He was a carpenter and a life-long resident of Westland.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kogelschatz of Garden City; a son, Glen Jr.; four daughters, Debra, Sandy, Linda, and Kim; and a brother, Rolfe.