

It Took The Home Town Paper To Aid Susie

EDITOR:

What a tremendous coverage Mrs. Martha Mahan and your newspaper gave little Susie Krenkelmer! The Krenkelmers' appeals and some of ours went unnoticed and unanswered by the Detroit papers and any other dailies tried to put a foot in. Of course, the charitable act by Mrs. Hebert is what gave all this a beginning, but our own community paper gave it the publicity that brought such wonderful results. There are also two other important reasons why I am writing you. They are:

A letter appeared in Contact 10 (Detroit News) some two weeks ago from Mrs. Krenkelmer asking for help when at the same time the drive had reached \$5,000. Knowing that they had written way back in the winter, I called Kathy (she was in Boston when the letter appeared) after she came home and she said that she had assumed Contact 10 relocated their letter and wanted to cash in on the publicity.

To my great surprise, she said the letter was not returned by her, and she felt so embarrassed because most Livonians would not know this and would not doubt feel she still wasn't satisfied and wanted more!

She surely felt, she didn't need more help when so many were so generous! It is impossible for me to go into full details.

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.

tail as to why all this happened but while others were trying to save face it made a very humble and grateful family lose face.

And now to my final reason: Is it possible for our community paper to add a section similar to the Contact 10 and the Free Press' Action Line?

Many of us find it useless to write the Detroit papers when you're competing with inner-city families whose needs are far greater than ours could ever appear to be.

The Krenkelmers tried back in January, and I wrote in May with no results. The need for the letter was not changed; she just asked the wrong newspaper.

Many times I, like most of the Livonians, find fault with many of the issues of the Observer Newspapers print, but I find that the things closest to my heart you really promote, and that is "being our brother's keeper."

Moreover, we are aware that people on the News and Free Press, as well as the television stations, read the Observer Newspapers for "leads" and even "hot" story ideas from us rather freely. We don't put a fancy column heading on Martha Mahan's stories; we call it just plain good newspapering.

U.S. Flag Is Stolen

EDITOR:

I am sorry to say that we live in a town called Redford, where we cannot fly our American flag. I can only ask why this is allowed in our great country, America?

On Memorial Day we attached two flags to our gaslight pole. At night they were illuminated by the gaslight and so permitted to fly 24 hours a day. These flags were in memorial to our two sons, both of whom enlisted in the Army.

We had visions of taking pictures of each boy as he came home and took down the flag. Now that cannot be, as last week someone broke them off and took them away.

It seems that there are always kids, mostly the long-haired variety, wandering our street row. Perhaps they could not stand to be reminded that our two boys (who always had brush cuts) were serving their country because they wanted to, do so — they enlisted.

Sgt. Terry Graff has been stationed in Darmstadt, Germany with his family since September, 1969. He is serving with the Atomic Demolition outfit.

Spec. 4 Jerry Graff is now stationed near the DMZ line as a crew chief on a helicopter ambulance. He has already served over 100 hours as an academic instructor on helicopter instruments while stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala.

Because of kids who have the "freedom of discipline," we who try to raise our children to have respect for God, country and our flag are not able to display the flag as we would like. And that is right here in Redford Township.

MRS. MARILYN L. GRAFF
Redford Township

Keep Feds. Out Of It

EDITOR:

The increasing violence from demonstrations and revolutionary acts of destruction has been primarily directed towards the local law enforcement officer.

Since similar acts are occurring across the nation, there is little doubt that they are not coordinated.

Constant reference is made by public officials and the media to National Guard and other federalized troops as a solution for obtaining law and order.

This usurps local control of the community and makes public officials subservient to federal authority.

It is this community's responsibility to see that its leaders fulfill their official duties

in retaining our local authority in Livonia affairs.

LARRY G. HOLBROOK
CHAIRMAN
LIVONIA SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE

Enlightenment On Transit

EDITOR:

The editorial by Philip H. Power in your Aug. 5 edition of the Observer, entitled "Railroads Are Far From The Answer To Need For Mass Transit System" was excellent.

This was only the latest in a number of enlightening articles and editorials that have appeared in your papers.

The Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority has a tremendous "educational job" to do in order to acquaint the public with our objectives and thereby, to mobilize public support for our programs. You have been most helpful in appraising your readers about transit.

On behalf of the Transportation Authority, I wish to express gratitude for your perceptive editorial support. JOHN M. KONWINSKI
Administrative Assistant
SEMTA

HCMA Won't Be On Ballot

EDITOR:

Thank you for your comprehensive editorial which appeared in the Observer Newspapers Wednesday, Aug. 12, urging support for additional millage to the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority for the development of Belle Isle and other metropolitan parks in the five-county area.

At the present time, it appears unlikely that this issue will be placed on the November 1970 ballot, but we do appreciate your excellent support and urge all citizens to this issue. Hopefully, we should have additional information on this issue available soon.

We appreciate your continuing interest in this particular authority and all best regards.

JOHN C. STERLING JR.
Executive Director
Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority

Criteria For The COP

EDITOR:

Mr. Pajot's article in the Wednesday, Aug. 26 edition that all those proposed in Mrs. Dumas' state Delegate list did not support certain Republican candidates in the recent state primary contest. This is misleading and not representative of the facts.

In my case, I have strongly supported and worked for the election of Bob Swanson as state representative. I did and do support Lenore Romney for U.S. senator. Although I did not work actively in his campaign, I personally supported Mr. Moeke, who I believe, by virtue of his extensive experience in

New Duties For Maurer

A Farmington man was named manager of the Red Cross Northwest Regional office located in Livonia.

He is Henry Maurer, of 2659 Lincoln Ct. A Red Cross staff member since 1959, Maurer will also continue to manage the Red Cross West regional office in Dearborn.

He replaces Joe Boychuk, former Northwest regional manager, who was moved to the Macomb Regional office.

local government affairs will make an excellent Wayne County commissioner," and expressed this belief to many voters in my precinct.

In the race between Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Pursell, I felt the Republican party was in the position of offering two excellent candidates for state senator.

"The difference that the voters needed to discern was what issues they wanted emphasized at this point in time. It is from this position that I discussed the state senator race."

I will strongly support Mr. Pursell as I would have strongly supported Mr. Kuhn had he been nominated.

The article gave too much attention to those names listed on Mrs. Dumas' proposed list and those who would have been misplaced rather than to the real issue which is the criteria to be used in selecting individuals to be nominated as delegates to the state convention.

HARRY G. GREENLEAF
Republican Delegate
Precinct 14
Livonia

EDITOR'S NOTE: The reporter quoted Mrs. Dumas on this point, and Delegate Greenleaf's disagreement with her, not the reporter.

Rice Article Wins Praise

EDITOR:

The heartfelt thanks of our board, president and staff are extended to you and your organization for the support of our agency, Credit Counseling Centers, Inc., in your Redford paper.

Helen Rice has been instrumental in providing your readers with information regarding our services and have responded in great fashion.

Following her article last month, our branch office in Redford area scheduled 34 appointments—23 of those appointments were due to her article. That is 70 percent of our

appointments came from your readers. So far, Mel Persky, our branch manager, has scheduled 16 appointments before Sept. 12-11 of which are due to your article.

You and your staff are to be commended for your interest in providing your readers with information of public services beneficial to the community. It is obvious that your readers respond to the stories and material in your publication.

TOBY S. DAVID,
Director of Community Relations



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