

'Underpaid' Teacher Era At An End

EDITOR'S NOTE: Taxes and teachers' pay are statewide topics of argument, and we feel that readers in other Ohio school districts would be interested in this story, reprinted from the *Southfield News & Observer*. The views are the writer's and do not necessarily reflect the views of the editors.

By ROBERT R. SCRASE, president, Board of Education, Southfield

During this season of "Peace on earth, good will toward men," it is all too easy to put on rose-colored glasses, mutter platitudes and pretend that life in the Southfield Public School District has been — is — or shortly will be "just a bowl of cherries."

As one year ends and another begins, labor peace reigns in our "hallowed halls of ivy." During 1970, all bargaining units reached agreement on two-year contracts. Administrative salaries were standardized. Annual performance reviews and evaluations became mandatory. In 1971, merit pay evaluations for administrators will come into being.

The salaries being paid to all classes of employees seem to be competitive with similar categories in other school districts — and in most cases are higher than salaries paid for comparable skills and responsibilities in business or industry.

It would appear that the era of the "underpaid" educator no longer exists. This is as it should be. Educators should be leaders in everything.

For many years we have been hearing that the future of America lies in her youth. I wonder about that. Who teaches the youth? What do

they teach? How do they teach it? What are their objectives? What are their ideals? What are their standards? What are their values?

PERHAPS IT MIGHT be more realistic to acknowledge that the future of America possibly rests with her educators. If this is the case — and I think it is — then it might be a good idea for each of us to take a closer look at who is teaching "what."

Perhaps we are only hearing the opinions of a vocal minority, rather than considering the needs, wishes and rights of a silent, even polite,

majority. Maybe now is the time for citizen non-involvement in our schools to come to an end.

During 1971, it would be nice to see more interest and attention paid to basic education and less publicity and exposure given to those people who are "doing their own thing." I think "doing your own thing" is fine — providing you do it on your own time, not someone else's.

It seems to me that a school should be a place of fundamental learning, not an actor's workshop.

Isn't it about time for all to assume their logical natural

proper responsibilities and quit role playing? It seems about time for all young people to get back to being full-time students, not rebels with — or without — causes.

It seems about time for all teachers to get back to being highly effective educators, not buddies, organizers or dialogue initiators or proprietors. It seems about time for all administrators to document that their job is to run their buildings, not be run by them.

ALL THIS should be done with integrity, sincerity and enthusiasm. It should also be

done on a businesslike basis, since there is no more important business than providing children with equal educational opportunities.

Maybe what I'm saying is that there is a chance that 1971 will become known as the year of the parent.

Maybe parents are getting a little tired of being treated like second class citizens — just taxpayers. Maybe they want their children to grow

up to be morally, socially and educationally correct. Maybe they would like to determine what language and actions should be acceptable in their own homes. Maybe they think being a lady or a gentleman is worth the time and effort required to become one. Maybe they would like to see everyone else raise their standards. Maybe? Maybe! The economists of the

United States tell us that 1971 is going to be a year of growth. By mid-year the economy will be right back where it belongs. Recovery is definitely forecast. By like token, 1971 can be a truly great year for education in the Southfield Public School District.

All that is required is sincere interest on everyone's part. No matter how you slice it, you can't escape the

fact that your school district will be exactly what you allow it to be.

WHY DON'T YOU join with me in a New Year's resolution to make the Southfield School District exactly what we want it to be — the very finest. All it will take to make this wish come true is your concern, involvement and willingness to stand up and be counted.

Vets' Group Spreads A Story Of Benefits

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

The Michigan Chapter of the Jewish War Veterans has obtained exclusive rights for sale of "What You've Got Coming In Benefits For U.S. Veterans." The \$1 booklet covers every law pertinent to veterans that has been passed through mid-1970.

Sidney Lantz, post commander of the state's JWV, who lives at 30255 Woodgate, Southfield, says "Most veterans are very ignorant of what benefits they have coming."

Lantz adds, "The old Va (Veterans Administration) book is just that: Old. And with new laws and new benefits coming out just about every week, it's impossible for one man to keep informed."



SIDNEY LANTZ

It is his hope that 100,000 copies of the handbook can be distributed throughout the state.

"DO YOU know there is a \$24 million trust fund in this state for the sole purpose of helping veterans in need? Well, most people don't and I think we ought to spread the word," Lantz says.

Sale of the book will aid the veteran who reads it and profits from the sale will revert to veteran services for the JWV performs. The booklet will be the first item the group has sold for fund raising purposes since Lantz became state commander.

The JWV raised money through ads placed in the newsletter, "Salute," and through direct contributions from members. Of the book, Lantz says, "I'm doing this because I believe its distribution will be a real service for the vets in Michigan. Besides its written in laymen's language. Something everybody will understand. No government jargon here."

Author of the handbook is retired Army Col. Ray Cromley, a former reporter for the Wall Street Journal and now a syndicated columnist on military affairs for Newspaper Enterprise Association.

Starting with a timetable of deadlines, Cromley outlines a maze of benefits covering education, loans, job assistance, insurance, help from local service organizations, hospitalization, pensions, aid for survivors and burial benefits.

The book is also recommended for veterans' families and survivors.

The handbook has been checked and approved by the VA, Amvets, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, Lantz says. It covers benefits for veterans who served in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and in peacetime.

Copies may be obtained by writing Jewish War Veterans State Headquarters, 21561 Eight Mile, Detroit 48219. A check made out to Jewish War Veterans for \$1.55 covers the cost of the book, postage and handling.

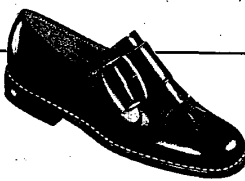


RIGHT BEHIND THE TRUCK...

To bring you friendly greetings from your new community, along with useful gifts and information.

Welcome Wagon

SOUTHFIELD 386-0066
FARMINGTON 861-4711
LIVONIA 464-1314
PLYMOUTH 483-8369



ANNUAL

SALE

FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!



Del's SHOES

153 East Main Street
Northville, Michigan
349-0630

HYLAND PLAZA
Corner Duck Lake Road
& Highland Road (M-59)
East Highland, Michigan
887-9330

Open Monday, Thursday and Friday Evenings until 9



Ray Interiors

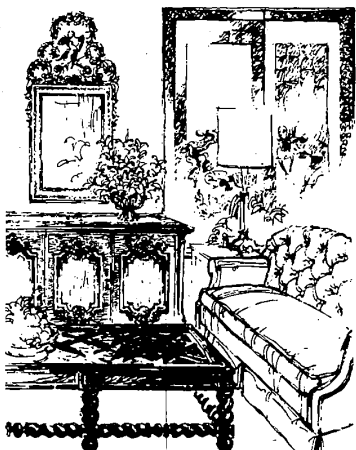
"Furnishings for Distinctive Homes"

Eleventh Annual Mid-Winter Sale

What an opportunity to select famous brand-name home furnishings at important savings.

You'll choose from a wonderful variety of pieces. Imagine a painted sideboard, its sunny hues enlivening an entire room, or again an opulently tufted sofa, a china cabinet in richly ornamented French style. And along with fine design, each piece bears the stamp of a quality manufacturer and a concerned retailer. Your satisfaction is our main purpose.

Now is truly the time to begin, or to finish, the job of furnishing your home the smart, old-fashioned way...use our professional Interior Designers and buy at these great sale prices. Budget terms, of course.



Sample Listing of Substantial Savings Now In Effect On All Home Furnishings

Half console, cantilevered at side by Driscoll Walnut Finish, 36" wide x 13" deep x 30" high reg. 249.00 sale 124.50

5 piece girls bedroom grouping Full size bed, night stand, chest, dresser, and chair. Aspley green finish reg. 425.50 5 pieces sale 289.00

Round marble top, lamp table, Italian style by Driscoll reg. 129.50 sale 84.50

Octagonal and commode, transitional styling, pecan finish reg. 156.50 sale 79.00

Contemporary vinyl covered lounge chair, black pedestal base, blue pillow back reg. 258.50 sale 179.00

Italian Renaissance open bookshelf 32" wide x 60" high x 15" deep reg. 348.00 sale 258.00

Open glass shelved curio, Traditional styling, 11 1/2 anywhere 36" wide x 11" deep x 67" high reg. 299.00 sale 154.50

58" French Loveseat: antique white/gold finish, 2 piece group, 4 piece group, Imported frame reg. 649.00 sale 315.00

Imported gold leaf mirror by Kinsler 32" wide x 48" high reg. 179.50 sale 144.50

Contemporary lounge chair, pecan finish, 2 piece group, 4 piece group, reg. 368.00 sale 218.00

6 piece dining room group, by Driscoll 42" buffet, 2 side tables, 4 side chairs reg. 1274.00 sale 689.00

Our own 80" curved, lowline pillow back sofa, Olive patterned fabric reg. 406.50 sale 285.00

Cocktail cart table, removable formica top, pecan finish 32" long x 20" wide x 16" high reg. 106.50 sale 64.50

8 piece dining room grouping, Italian styling 60" buffet, Octagon table, 2 side chairs & 4 side chairs reg. 1,452.00 sale 1,089.00

Our own 85" contemporary loose pillow back sofa, Copper/gold grid velvet fabric reg. 599.00 sale 425.00

Cube styled contemporary curio, built-in under front with 9 glass shelves reg. 271.50 sale 183.50

Pair of square coffee tables Walnut tone, white/gold whitewashed bases reg. 176.00 sale 119.00

6 piece dining group 80" French Provincial styling 42" China, round table 4 side chairs reg. 1,486.00 sale 929.00

Lapham's

January SUIT SALE STARTS THURSDAY 900 MEN'S SUITS

AND SPORT COATS CHECK THESE FAMOUS MAKERS

KUPFERHEIMER
AUSTIN LEEDS
BOTANY 500
CLIFFER-CRAFT
CLUBMAN
CAPPS

Size 36 to 50 in Regular, Shorts and Long

\$38 to \$138

MANY AT HALF PRICE (ALTERATIONS AT COST ON % PRICE ITEMS)

DRESS SLACKS

OVER 300 PAIRS AT % PRICE (DOUBLE KNITS NOT ON SALE)

HUNDREDS OF TIES, SWEATERS, SHIRTS AT % PRICE

BONUS — LOOK for the Gold Ribbon on new Spring Merchandise for added savings!

CUSTOM TAILORING

Remember when you have your pants, bring your clothes here for expert alterations in our Tailor Shop.



DON'T FORGET TO CHECK "ZIPPER" FOR SOME DOG-GONE GOOD BUYS ON ZIPPER'S TABLE



Lapham's Men's Shop

120 E. Main St. Northville 348-3677

Store Open Mon., this Thurs., and Friday 'til 9:00 Week Days 'til 8:00

Ray Interiors
"Furnishings for Distinctive Homes"
33304 Slocum Drive, Farmington
Phone 476-7272

2 BLS. SOUTH OF GRAND RIVER
OFF FARMINGTON ROAD
Mon., Thurs., Fri. 10:30 a.m.