

New ONI Building: A Community Asset

Sisters Greet New Neighbor

EDITOR: Though we know that you have not yet had the dedication of the new Observer plant, we couldn't let you move in without at least saying, "Hi, neighbor."

THE FELICIAN SISTERS
Livonia

include announcement in our next news letter to publishers. I hope to be able to come see it some time.

CHESTER K. HAYES
Executive Director
Suburban Press
Foundation, Inc.
Chicago

Deer Spotted At ONI Plant?

Congratulations On New Plant

EDITOR: Congratulations on your new plant. Sounds great. Thanks for sending us the release and photos. We plan to

EDITOR: Congratulations on your new plant, but did not someone on your staff get a bit too enthused? Beech trees, yes, but deer, too?

MAXWELL McDOWALL
Livonia
EDITOR'S NOTE: A

Best Wishes On New Plant

EDITOR: Congratulations and best wishes on your fine new venture of a thoroughly modern newspaper plant which, I am sure, was conceived with the idea in mind of advancing the best interests for each community it serves.

PAUL SHOEMAKER
SUPERINTENDENT OF
REDFORD
UNION SCHOOLS

Driver Salutes City's Finest

EDITOR: I'm a resident of Westland, and on Tuesday, Feb. 22, I was involved in an auto accident in Livonia. My car had to be towed away. Patrolmen Henry Vaughn and William



DEER TRACKS can be found on Observer News-papers' property south of Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. (Observer photo)

Corcoran, of the Livonia Police Dept., handled the call. They were efficient, courteous and helpful, even driving me to my job. My thanks to the city's finest.

GRATEFUL
Westland

Good Movie Comes High

EDITOR: I have read with great interest about the \$9,000 donation the owner of Skipper's Table made to the owner of the Mat Kai Theater. The stated purpose was to provide five months of family type movies at this theater. Indeed, such a big sum is a personal tribute to Mr. DeLuca for his interest for the people of this community.

But what I can't understand is why it takes money to persuade a theater owner to give our community this type of entertainment. Why does he need \$9,000 to give us family type movies? Or is he so concerned for showing decent movies that he's not even charging admission and, therefore, deserves compensation for his sacrifice.

The expressed hope that other businessmen would take steps towards improving movies is worthy of thought but not necessarily in like manner. Perhaps through licensing or some other legal way, we could control a theater to again show movies suitable for a family to see.

Nothing is more disgusting (except perhaps the picture being shown) than to have to refer to its rating before venturing inside.

JOSEPH NEUVIRTH
Livonia

Fire Fighters Are Praised

EDITOR: Recently when I became ill and passed out in my home, my son called the Westland Fire Dept. rescue squad. Because of the speed and efficient manner in which this call was answered, my life was saved.

I want to think my friends and neighbors who were so helpful and considerate, and I would like to express my own as well as my family's gratitude and thanks to the alert, efficient and courteous Westland Fire Dept., especially to Lt. Joseph P. Bayo and Fire Fighters Ron Dillingham and Thomas Bennett, and to Chief Ralph Savini. These men went beyond the call of duty in their concern for my welfare.

Westland residents can be proud to have this fine group of dedicated men in our community.

MRS. MILDRED EVANS
Westland

Voc-Tech Issue Is Examined

EDITOR: The proposed building for skill and technical training of Livonia School District residents, once constructed, would soon become

READERS' FORUM

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inadequate because the "curriculum for the proposed school was the vaguest area studied by the groups." (This quoted statement appeared in the Livonia Observer weekend issue of Feb. 20/21.)

The largest vocational-technical in-depth program in the area (Detroit) is in continuous diminishing value to the taxpayers due to supervisory deficiencies and its housing division's reluctance to implement suggestions of need from the skilled trades and technical teachers who would use the facilities.

The practice of providing any amount of space without having carefully determined the needs and requirements for fulfillment results in terrific waste of money and enthusiasm and talent.

Such practices caused all the journeymen trades teachers, including this writer, to leave the well-known Wilbur Wright Vocational High School and Technical Institute. Some have come into the Livonia school system. Academic administration of vocational facilities and the loss of industry training cooperation programs also contributed.

To justify the most expensive of school buildings and equipment for bona fide vocational and technical programs, there must be jobs waiting all graduates on the following Monday. This the teacher-coordinator can provide when backed by complete facilities and administrative cooperation. Nothing less will suffice.

Complete proposals should be published before election day.

LEO W. WALLACE
Livonia

Rips Kurtzell Industry Plan

EDITOR: I have just read of Councilman Glen Kurtzell's proposal to the Garden City City Council. As a property owner in Garden City, to say that I am appalled and aghast at his proposal is an extremely mild statement.

(**EDITOR'S NOTE:**—Councilman Kurtzell proposed that the city form an economic development commission to promote development of property in the city's industrial park.)

There are a number of factors Mr. Kurtzell has failed to take into consideration, and I would suggest to him and any one else approving of his proposal to consider all facets of this situation well before giving full approval.

—The Campbell Development Co., a leader in in-

Why Pay To Use Dump?

EDITOR: The City of Livonia is well known for its stand on pollution, for example, the Rouge River clean up sponsored by the Livonia Jaycees. This is all very commendable.

My question is, if Livonia is so concerned about pollution, why then must the citizens pay to use the dump?

It seems to me that it would be a lot easier to dump it in an open field than pay to have it gotten rid of at the proper facility. Also you wouldn't have to have the inconvenience of transportation to and from the dump, only the inconvenience of having garbage laying around.

Also I hope you will understand that even though other things have been done about pollution, this might be a suggestion for lifting the prices on garbage and creating a positive attitude among the citizens towards pollution control.

DEBBIE WALKER
Livonia

EDITOR'S NOTE: Garbage collection, like other city services, costs money and some body must pay for it. Residents now charges for residential collection, which are billed with water and sewer charges. Residents pay the way of the city dump by their user fees, which pay for treating trash as required by state law. The city is now transporting garbage to a site in Northville Township because the landfill site was being filled up too fast.)

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Don't Ignore The Losers!

EDITOR: I am writing in regard to the recent spelling contest Garden City elementary students have been participating in. They have been doing a tremendous job. But they are discouraged because the second and third place winners get no recognition, such as a dictionary or even a small certificate for their effort.

My nephew came in second in the contest and is very disappointed because of a lack of recognition for his efforts.

Couldn't the Garden City Board of Education at least present them with a small written document or certificate if a miniature dictionary isn't possible? Last year many dictionaries were distributed and it encouraged many of that group level.

Don't disappoint our students but praise them for their efforts and I'm sure we'll get better results.

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