

Town Snobs Humiliate This ADC Mother

EDITOR:
I just finished reading the article on ADC mother Cathy Walker (Feb. 24) and I agree with her completely.

Plymouth is a snobbish little town. I've lived here all my life (so have my parents and grandparents) and I was always proud of my home town. I say "was" because three years ago I was forced to go on ADC and the humiliation was almost unbearable.

I'd like to tell you the explanation I received from my case worker when I inquired about dental help for one of my four children. She advised me that Plymouth was not considered a "needy" area; thus, my children could not get any help. I wonder if a boy's teeth hurt more in a needy town.

I called 10 Plymouth dentists, for I have no transportation, and all 10 told me they were sorry but they knew they would probably never get paid. My worker said, "Surely you can borrow the money from someone." My word! I don't enjoy taking ADC and I sure can't begin to borrow from friends. Like Mrs. Walker, I am extremely thankful for the help I get but I also hate it and what it does to me inside.

UNTIL MY oldest son became ill, I worked full-time and fought the sinner problem along with all the other problems I thought that was hard, and it was, but the feelings of having to accept assistance were much harder to adjust to and it doesn't get easier with time.

Even some of my friends have made such remarks as, "You know it really burns me up to see you getting all the aid and I am out working and paying my hard-earned money so you can sit home." Honestly, I've been told this and similar digs. I never thought I'd be in this situation. When I first realized I could no longer work I was frantic. All I could think of was, "What will we do? Must we five move in on my folks?" If it weren't for my parents I really feel I'd have never made it emotionally. Alas, Fred Gibilisco of Family Service helped me feel worthwhile. For him I am thankful.

READERS' FORUM

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Mrs. Walker mentioned Parents Without Partners. I've been to this group and enjoyed it but found I couldn't afford a sitter without letting something else go. Then I am upset and depressed because once again I am over my budget. It seems I can never keep within my budget. Something always seems to come up, like a birthday, dental emergency, Boy Scout outing, Little League baseball, school play, school pictures, four haircuts, holidays, dog or cat emergency, and more.

"I find it hard to like myself a lot under these circumstances. I am ashamed and embarrassed, almost as much now as when I started. I feel guilty.
I have many ideas and feel if we ADC moms could get together, we could help each other and possibly even help this city.

AN ADC MOTHER
Plymouth

F'ton Ignores Real Problems

EDITOR:
Why is it that Farmington Township has a beautiful \$6 million high school and an almost equally expensive college and has ideas for a park but has yet to come up with a solution for the most important problems, such as safer ways of getting the children to school?
We need better roads, lights, etc. Why can't they find money for these things? How many must die or be hurt needlessly on the roads before something is done?
No one seems to want to do anything about the real problems. They keep tossing them around like they were a rubber ball, until finally the

School Chief Raps Editorial

EDITOR:
In a recent editorial, Tim Richard (the Observer news editor) made some very dramatic statements regarding my participation in letting our local taxpayers know what the governor's budget provides in the way of educational funds.

I read your paper very carefully and can find nothing in my memory that says that the citizens of our community were informed that on the average, statewide, the local property taxpayers would pick up \$2.52 for each \$1 of new money the state proposes to put into K-12 education for 1971-72.

RESIDENT
Farmington Township

Don't Forget Alcoholics!

EDITOR:
Perhaps we should take a hard look at our society's glamorization of alcohol while we're examining the problem of drug abuse. I was glad to read in the Observer that the problems of alcoholism will be included in the substance abuse program in the Farmington schools.
Alcoholism is related to far more crimes than drug addiction and is a factor in 50% of all fatal accidents, according to Dr. Frank Seixas, medical director of the National Council on Alcoholism. There are 64,000 narcotics addicts in the U.S., but there are over 6.5 million alcoholics!
"We've gotten used to walking past a drunk lying in the street and we ignore it because, since most of us drink, we don't want to prejudice our own feelings about alcohol," Dr. Seixas said in a newspaper article. Dr. Seixas also stated: "The fact is that marijuana is not the latest inciter to drug addiction. Drinking is. There is a far greater number of drug ad-

Chancellor Is Named

Robert H. Maier, vice chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, recently was named to the new position of chancellor at the Dearborn campus of the University of Michigan.
Maier's appointment will become effective July 1. He graduated from the University of Miami with bachelor of science degrees in chemistry and botany and has a graduate degree in agronomy (plant and soil science) from the University of Illinois.

Sister Greets New Neighbor

EDITOR:
On behalf of the administration, faculty and students

Area Deaths

MARTHA K. WOLFF — Services for Mrs. Wolff, 76, of Lodi Township were conducted in Zion United Methodist Church with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. She died Feb. 27.

Mrs. Wolff was born in Livonia and is survived by her husband, Charles B.; three daughters, Mrs. Elsworth (Evelyn) of Plymouth, Mrs. Ernest (Mabel) of Plymouth and Mrs. Kenneth (Alice) Schlimmer of Ann Arbor; and four sisters, Mrs. Walter (Mabel) of Livonia, Mrs. Edward (Sally) of Farmington and Mrs. Edwin (Helen) of Livonia.

PATRICIA A. BENSON — Services for Mrs. Benson, 38, of 14382 Erickson in Livonia, were held March 8 at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth. Rev. Paul T. Hart of St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Livonia officiated and burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Benson died March 3 in Wayne County General Hospital. She was a housewife and a member of Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband, William Benson; two sons, Bruce and Scott; one daughter, Sandy; and one sister, Mrs. Carline Leachner.

MARGARET A. POUPORE — Services for Mrs. Poupore, 40, of 16200 Rosina Lane in Livonia, were held March 3 in St. John Catholic Church with Father John Van Antwerp officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Maerz Funeral Home in Livonia.

She died Feb. 28 in Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

Mrs. Poupore is survived by her husband, one son, John; four daughters, Patricia, Pamela, Penny and Paula; two sisters, Mrs. Betty Szwed and Mrs. Patricia Hayes; and one brother, Brown Brown.

CLARA K. SHAFER — Services for Mrs. Shafer, 95, of 8811 Newburg Rd. in Livonia, were held March 8 in the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth. Rev. William Ritter of Newburg Methodist Church in Livonia officiated and burial was in Newburg Cemetery.

Mrs. Shafer died March 4 in Nightingale Nursing Home in Westland. She was a lifetime resident of the area.

She is survived by two sons, Nelson Bennett of Westland and Ralph Bulmon of Livonia, and 11 grandchildren.

JAMES O. HARDY — Services for Mr. Hardy, 53, of Downingtown, Pa., and formerly of Plymouth, were held March 8 in the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Philip J. Clifford officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

A department manager with the Burroughs Corp., Mr. Hardy was born at Fulton, Ky. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a daughter, Mrs. Warren (Geraldine) Smith Jr., of Plymouth; a son, Gary, of Downingtown; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Nolan of Union City, Tenn.; and three brothers, Wilbur, Edwin and George, all of Fulton.

EDWARD FLETCHER BEALS — Funeral services for Mr. Beals, of 446 Brandt, Garden City, were held in the R. G. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City, Tuesday afternoon, March 9. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

Mr. Beals died Saturday, March 6, in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne, at the age of 80. He was a tool and die maker for General Motors Corp. and worked for 30 years before his retirement. He was also a member of the Garden City United Presbyterian Church.

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Surviving are his wife, Jennie; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Marshall; a son, Mrs. Martha Parker; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

MRS. MARQUETTE MOHLE — Services for Mrs. Mohle, of 11402 Centralia, Redford Township, were conducted in the Harry Wolf Funeral home and in St. John Bosco Catholic Church by Rev. Leo Shaltrau with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs. Mohle died in the Farmington Nursing Home. She was a member of St. John Bosco parish.

Surviving are her husband, Stanley Mohle; one son, Donald; three sisters, Mrs. Charlotte Fink, Mrs. Irene Brown and Mrs. Pauline Mitchell; and one grandson.

MRS. MARGARET CLARK — Services for Mrs. Clark, 57, of 7289 Chatham, Redford Township, were conducted in the Harry Wolf Funeral Home and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in charge of Rev. Paul Gledhill with burial in Parkview Cemetery.

Mrs. Clark died at her home. Surviving are her husband, Harry; one son, Richard; one daughter, Valerie; six sisters; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

NORMAN CRISP — Services for Mr. Crisp, 84, of 1431 E. 14th, Livonia, were conducted in the Harry Wolf Funeral Home in charge of Rev. Godfrey Albert.

Mr. Crisp died at his home. He was a partner in a food and garage shop and was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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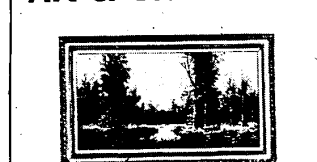
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