

Chuckholes Irk Driver, Harm Car

EDITOR:
On the evening of March 10, 1971, while traveling south on Farmington Road at approximately 10:20 p.m. and upon crossing the Farmington-Schoolcraft intersection, my car dropped into a large and dangerous hole, resulting in the complete destruction of my wheel rim and throwing my front end out of alignment.

It is completely beyond my understanding why a newly-developed road has depreciated in such a short period of time. If our tax dollars are being spent on such sub-standard construction, maybe someone should investigate the highway department's expenditures.

It dismays me to have to write such a letter, but you must understand the inconvenience and expense the highway department's incompetence has caused me. I am sure you will want to take the right steps towards relieving the situation.

MISS ALISON BRIGGS
Livonia

No Bounty On The Fox!

EDITOR:
Your article by Lem Messee, outdoors writer, in the March 10 issue of the Observer confused me as it said there is a bounty on fox in Michigan. I had just read the only bounty in Michigan was on the coyote. I have checked with the Dept. of Natural Resources and it confirmed that the only bounty is on coyote.

Your story also convinces me that there is nothing sportsmanlike about hunting for a large group of people, dogs and No. 2 shot against one fox makes the hunt a bit one-sided.

How about an article on the bill before the Senate to abolish the coyote bounty?

MRS. ROGER ROUND
Farmington

EDITOR'S NOTE: You're right. There has been no bounty on fox in Michigan for several years. There is a bounty on coyote — \$15 for a male and \$20 for a female. In response to pleas by sportsmen, conservationists and officials of the Dept. of Natural Resources, the House — with support from all state representatives in Observerland — has voted to abolish the coyote bounty. The issue is now before the State Senate. An article discussing the bounty on coyotes appeared recently in the Observer Newspapers.

Reading Series Explained

EDITOR:
The Livonia Observer article on the new reading program is in error on two counts. First, the Buchanan-Sullivan 21 Book Series is scheduled for grades 1-8, not through the sixth grade as reported. Each grade consists of seven readers with concomitant assignments in Webster's Masters, Stray Books and other materials. Second, rapid advance-

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ment can be accomplished by the child providing interested parents recognize the several roadblocks to progress, such as scheduling of test grading, availability of teacher's aides, free time with comic books and games, teacher interest and assignment of fill-in material.

Nearly every child wants to read and is capable of reading well during the first three grades. The Buchanan-Sullivan Series avoids the pigeonholing of the tri-basic system and offers an excellent opportunity to build a firm base in reading ability. However, since the success of the program relies heavily upon the self-motivation of the child, whether by stick or by carrot, many capable children languish behind schedule and reading ability.

MRS. R. J. CRAIGIE
Livonia

Parent Peeved By Car Law

EDITOR:
Our forefathers immigrated to this land to escape oppression, suppression, taxation without representation, etc. Where are we going? To the bottom of the sea or to the moon?

On Feb. 26, 1971, I was informed by a Livonia policeman that under city ordinance, a 1969 Pontiac (14,000 miles) and a 1967 Chevrolet (being repaired) parked in my driveway inside my gate must be licensed or garaged or be fined daily \$28 plus \$3.

Such cars are owned by my son who is unemployed. Why add hardship to hardship? Same could hold true if said person was in the service. These cars are not junk.

So he has several choices: Sell cars and lose money and buy another when employment is obtained; refuse to pay fine and sit in jail; seek welfare and drive cars; borrow money and purchase insurance and plates; allow them to set and fatten the city fathers' purses. Is this why we elected you?

Generation gap? Communication gap it is!

Cheers to the young who are standing up to be heard. I hope all the new voters are fully aware of what all forms of government are getting away with and whom to vote for.

Just this past week a picture was published showing signs that had been sawed down by an unknown. Why isn't this law enforced? Big business, that's why!

MRS. PATRICK J. ROACH
Livonia

Blasts School Tax Proposals

EDITOR:
I certainly agree with Jack Burgess on his article on schools and school boards. They must think that the average homeowner has a money tree growing in his back yard. They should be

required to take a course in business management or bow out and let someone with business ability in.

There are a lot of people who have worked all their lives to pay for a home and now are not going to be able to live in them because of the constant increases in taxes.

Why should senior citizens pay these high school taxes anyway? They certainly have contributed plenty of tax dollars in their day. With the raise in assessed valuation, a token reduction to senior citizens means absolutely nothing.

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NORWOOD MILLER
Livonia

Those High Assessments!

EDITOR:
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the law says, "... taxes shall not exceed 50 per cent of

market value." I have nothing to do with market value. My home was bought to live in and raise a family, but it's becoming very difficult. My taxes have doubled in five years, but my wages haven't.

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TOM CROWE
Westland

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