

# Farmington Readers Write A Proud Bircher Tells Views On Love

## EDITOR:

As a member of the John Birch Society and Motorede I would like to try to clear up some of your confusion about Motorede.

It is to be assumed by the name of your column and the allusions to the stories that you are knowledgeable about the Bible. I am surprised that you do not see the difference between Philip and the black man? (Acts 8: 26-39) and our minority group understanding program. The whole New Testament's thrust is that God has to change men's thinking and thereby his compassion and not man change man.

Jesus didn't like laws that bound men by fear or coercion to behaving properly. He stressed "Ye must be born again" spiritually which Philip had been. Nobody but God told Philip to get into the carriage with the Ethiopian. No school board said, "You are going to ride with this colored man and teach him what you know." No group of people told him he was a bigot or racist if he didn't get into the chariot and ride. He did this because he had the liberty to get in or stay out. He wanted to ride with the black man because he saw him as his brother, because of his renewed heart.

So you see in answer to your question, there was nothing wrong with Philip's

## Objects To Head

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I regret that the headline on the story about the Farmington minority understanding hearing on March 31 was misleading: "Hypocrites' versus 'Bigots'."

The implication is that those who support minority understanding and those who have worked so hard on the curriculum guideline to incorporate the teaching of understanding all people, are hypocrites. (Opponents may likewise object to being termed bigots.)

These terms were apparently taken from the opening speaker, Marshall Greene. Many present at the hearing were shocked and chilled to hear the open hatred in his statements. It does no service to the community to use his terms in your headlines.

ESTHER HEDFIELD  
Farmington

ride. We in Motorede think it is just as immoral to force a man into taking a ride he doesn't want to take as to not letting him take a ride that he might want to take.

As to your remarks about "only sex education involves the indecency issue" I can't agree. What is decent about nitty gritty about drug addiction? Showing them how to put the needle in the arm, showing them the horrors of withdrawal, teaching them the vocabulary of the addict, frightening them with stories of violent death. Information once reserved for the opium dens and their inhabitants is

now the common knowledge of our boys and girls. You will say yes, but times have changed, drug addiction is now a problem with our children and you are right but we will not change it with this type of education. Again, men's hearts must be changed.

The John Birch Society is not hiding behind the "lag" of Motorede as you called it. We see the breakdown of decency as only one aspect of the breakdown of our country, foreign policy, inflation, high-takes among some of the others.

This ad-hoc committee was formed to meet a need of

many people concerned about the moral decay of our society. They may or may not be interested in the other areas of concern of the John Birch Society. These people only want to become informed and involve themselves with this one issue. It is true that some of them do prescribe to the John Birch Society motto which is "Less government, more individual responsibility, and with God's help a better world" but that is entirely up to them. No pressure is ever exerted for them to join the Birch Society or become active therein.

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Farmington

## ...Another Reader Hears Bells

### EDITOR:

"Tinkle tinkle" went Mary's bell as she called the lambs to follow her. Our Farmington School board members were running to the "Tinkle tinkle" of Gerald Freedman and Dr. Edwin Blumberg's bell as they voted in sex education for our children.

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time comes in the near future, you will be wanting people to be on your side.

Sorry all of you on our present school board. None of you will get my vote for your election, your need for new millage, or anything that will be needed in the coming years.

I'm really good when things need to get done. I can spend as many hours I have put in fighting this new program as I can seeing you fail to remain in the driver's seat.

You have kept calling us the minority group of a few parents. You have insulted our intelligence. Our right to teach our children about the facts of life has been belittled.

WELL, we will see, for we

are still in there fighting for our children, and feel there are certain areas that are our right to teach our children.

Prayer isn't allowed in school. Very little is taught about respect of our flag. I wonder how many class days are started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a song. Each morning when I was in school, this and a prayer was a big part of the day. We all wanted the honor of holding the flag, or of choosing which song would be sung to start our day.

We learned reading, writing and arithmetic. We had wonderful spell downs. It was really a challenge to see how long you remained standing and when you were able to spell down the whole room—that was really an honor.

I'm proud of my children. Maybe neither will be the President of the United States but I know they love God and respect us as their parents. This I intend to

keep, regardless of how our school board thinks.

Mad - oh yes - I'm really ready for a good old fashion scrap. Lots of people have thought we were crying wolf, that things were not as bad as were being printed. Well, I assure you that they were mad on Monday night, March 22.

You must of thought you were really smart by shutting us out and not allowing us in the meeting. I'm afraid it has really back - fired on all of you on our school board. We'll see who has the last laugh, you or the parents.

There are those who think teaching sex from kindergarten through twelfth grade would be very good. Yet, there are enough of us who still believe that this is our right, to teach our way and to add God to our teaching.

ANY CHARRON  
Farmington

## Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

## How Can You Love A Dog?

The winter thaw and subsequent yard cleaning chore brings to mind what a nuisance dogs can be. It is one thing to cleanup after a dog weekly but quite another to collect a winter's accumulation in April.

Dogs have never been my best friends but we have one at our home just the same. Toby and I simply tolerate each other which is okay with him because he's well loved by wife and daughter. My affection does not carry a high premium.

WITH WARMER weather approaching, it would be well for owners of these beasts to consider a major doggie problem - dogs running loose in residential areas.

Each year there are many complaints filed with Farmington Township Police and the animal welfare division of Oakland County by both owners and non-owners of dogs.

Loose dogs form packs and become a real danger to the safety of all but especially to young children. F. Hugh Wilson, the county's animal welfare director, points out that dogs are similar to people in

that they too are subject to "mob rule".

A loose female dog is most often the cause of packs being formed, especially females in heat. Female dogs in heat should be kept on a leash says Wilson. (Unfortunately, for men, we cannot leash humans.)

STATE LAW and local ordinances require all dogs off the owner's property to be under reasonable control of the owner.

Violations of dog laws can result in tragedies such as the recent case in Troy where two boys were badly attacked.

Persons who allow their dogs to spoil neighbors' lawns are not only grossly inconsiderate but not worthy of having a family pet.

My child has a great time with Toby, inside the house and in our backyard. Any walks the daughter takes is with her parents, not Toby. A loose, unleashed dog is the sign of adult neglect and also leaves the dog open for disease.

It's 11 a.m., do you know where your doggie is?



## Our money helps put out fires.

A few years back, the City of Farmington wanted to increase the fire-fighting power of their local Fire Department. They decided that what they needed was a special "snorkel" to supplement their existing fire-fighting equipment.

They also needed the money to buy it. They came to NBD. And they left with sufficient funds to make the purchase. That was in 1969. Since then, their spectacular "snorkel" equipment

has made fire fighting more effective.

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SAMUEL A. CASHWAN, a Farmington Township sculptor in abstracts, adjusts the stainless steel limbs of his latest creation which hangs over the lobby of the new Manufacturers Bank Building in downtown Detroit. The 16-foot high sculpture comprises eight slender rods of stainless steel from which the limbs radiate as far as eight feet. Steel bubbles on the branches capture the light for a crystalline effect.