

Baseball Tournament, JC Carnival Mistreated

EDITOR:

On behalf of the Optimist Club of Livonia, I am issuing a strong protest against the city allowing the Jaycees to put on a carnival at the site of the Les Anders baseball tournament. The Optimist Club has for several years co-sponsored the Les Anders Memorial Baseball Tournament at Livonia's Ford Field.

This year, the tournament has been played under conditions which were intolerable. A first-class baseball tournament has been effectively destroyed by the apparent small-town decision-making process still used in Livonia. The Jaycees fundraising carnival is as important to them as our tournament is to us—the city's bungling was very unfair to both worthy projects.

The Optimist's objection specifically to the following: 1. The carnival has greatly increased the possibility of injury to participating ballplayers. The lights from the centerfield portion of the carnival interfere with a batter trying to see the ball as it is pitched. The lights also interfere with infielders throwing the ball. This increases the possibility of a serious head injury. The extreme noise of motors, sirens, records, etc. prevents the proper communication that should take place in a game. This creates the possibility of injury from collisions between defensive players.

2. The outcome of most of the games has been changed

READERS' FORUM

Letters must be limited to 300 words. Letters must be signed, with the writer's address. Names will be withheld only at the writer's request and for good cause. Please type or write plainly. The editor reserves the right to reject unsuitable letters.

'Brilliant,' Says Reader

EDITOR: Philip Power's "Observation Point" about ecology and race relations was brilliant.

I was certainly gratified to read that so many of my neighbors in Southfield took the time to let Mr. Lyons know that we greatly admire him and that the small, small minority of bigots do not speak for us.

There seem to be several alternatives that were not investigated. Why was the carnival held on the outfield of the baseball diamond as opposed to some other spot at Ford Field? What was the process used to make this unbelievable decision? Were the affected departments of the city involved in the decision?

We hope that the Mayor will use his good office in the future to guarantee that service club projects will get the first-class treatment they deserve.

RICHARD J. DEVRIES
President

controversial political clubs in our high schools, while another item states that both favor millage renewal . . . amazing!

During the past week, I received a paper addressed to "Parents of Stevenson High School students" stating that even if the millage is renewed, extra-curricular activities (including clubs) will have to be curtailed, and that if renewal fails, they will be eliminated.

This is either a case of gross inconsistency and insincerity, or it is another example of supposedly responsible elected school officials forgetting their obligations to their constituency and allowing a small group of children to bully them into an unpopular action with no regard for the cost of consequences.

GEORGE J. CURRIER
Livonia

Goldberg Joins Board of LNB

Irving Goldberg, president of Community Theatres, Inc. of Detroit, has been elected to the board of Livonia National Bank.

Goldberg, 60, fills the vacancy created by the death of Vernon Mills.

A life-long Detroit, Goldberg graduated from Ferris State College, served as an Air Force administrative officer during World War II, and has been active in Children's Hospital, the Detroit Jewish Center and Temple Beth El.

AREA DEATHS

BLANCHE M. BAGGOTT — Services for Mrs. Baggott, 81, of 7720 So. Mile Rd., Salem Township, were held Friday in St. John's Episcopal Church, Plymouth, with Rev. Robert S. Shank officiating. She died June 8 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after a two-month illness. Mrs. Baggott had lived in the area since 1950. She is survived by her husband, William, a son, Gary, of Silverton, Minn.; a sister, Mrs. Edward Zundel, of Kalamazoo; two brothers, Fred, of Northville, and W. Dale Hansen, of Birmingham; and three grandchildren. Burial was in Woodmere Cemetery.

CLARA EMPRINGHAM — Funeral services were held recently for Mrs. Empingham, 85, of 21218 So. Pioneer Ave., Farmington Township, in the Thayer Funeral Home in Farmington with burial in Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. V. V. Van Hook, Jr., of Grace Lutheran Church, Detroit.

Mrs. Empingham, who died June 8 in Good Samaritan Hospital after a short illness, had lived in Farmington for 28 years. Survivors include daughters, Mrs. Laura Robinson and Mrs. Eleanor McArthur; brother, Edward Roeder, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

GERTRUDE E. FENNER — Services for Mrs. Fenner, 86, of 21839 Jefferson, Farmington Township, were held recently in St. Michael Catholic Church, Southfield. Mrs. Fenner, widow of Lynn Fenner, died June 2 in Botsford General Hospital after a short illness. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Survivors are five sons, Bernard F., Joseph C., Richard D., and Ernest J., all of Farmington; and Thomas C. of Pontiac; four daughters, Mrs. Spencer (Rosalia) Rowland and Mrs. Richard (Carmelita) Blagg, both of Southfield; Mrs. William (Virginia) Bump of Union Lake and Mrs. Robert (Gerardine) Buck of Livonia; 43 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Other survivors are three brothers, Joseph (Compliment) of Milford, Fred (Smith) of Detroit and Gale (Smith) of Detroit; and two sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Day of Ferndale and Mrs. Thomas (Sterner) of Beavertown.

MRS. CAROLYN FOERSTER — Services for Mrs. Foerster, 25, of 50475 Powell Rd., Plymouth Township, were conducted by the Rev. Henry J. Walsh in the Schrader Funeral Home, with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Foerster died June 12 in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. She had lived in the area for 20 years and worked at Western Electric. She was a member of Plymouth Chapter 115 OES. She is survived by her husband, Richard; father, Hubert Merrymann of Plymouth; mother, Mrs. James Durn of Plymouth; brother, Hubert Merrymann of Plymouth and James Merrymann of California; sisters, Mrs. Allen (Lillian) Young of Garden City, and Mrs. Derna (Barbara) Hicks of Plymouth.

EMORY J. GLASS — Services for Mr. Glass, 71, of White Lake Township, will be conducted June 17, by the Rev. Paul M. Fargo of the First Methodist Church, Plymouth, in the Schrader Funeral Home, with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Glass died June 14 in St. Joseph Hospital, Pontiac. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Dalia; daughters, Mrs. Margorie Reimann of Ann Arbor, Mrs. James E. (Phyllis) Young of Flint, and Mrs. Edward (Marion) Scott of South Lyon; a grandson, Howard of St. John's; 11 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

ELLA G. HOLTZEN — Funeral services were held recently for Mrs. Holtzen, 80, of 22841 Tulkens, Farmington Township, in the Thayer Funeral Home in Farmington with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery in South Lyon. Officiating was the Rev. Earl Beck of Pontiac.

Mrs. Holtzen, who died June 9 in Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital after a long illness, had lived in Farmington 10 months after moving from Iowa. Survivors include: son, Lester; daughter, Mrs. Lonnie McQuinn; three sisters, nine grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

MRS. CAROL MAE MOORE — Services for Mrs. Moore, 46, of 16871 Linden, Dearborn, were conducted in the Henry-Sunquest funeral home in Farmington with burial in Fernwood Cemetery in Detroit. She was a former resident of 22816 Margrove Court, Farmington Two.

Surviving are: two sons, Thomas Moore Jr. of Taylor and Daniel at home; two daughters, Pamela Ann and Cynthia Kay at home; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Nordstrom and Mrs. Lois Jason of Milwaukee, O.; and one grandchild.

RICHARD C. PARTRIDGE — Services for Mr. Partridge, 36, of Greenoak Township, were conducted by the Rev. Henry Walsh in the Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth, with burial in Brookside Cemetery, Tecumseh.

Mr. Partridge died June 12 in a plane crash. He was a talented musician at the Plymouth area and was a general contractor.

2 Get WMU Scholarships

Two Farmington students from the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College were awarded \$600 scholarships to Western Michigan University for 1971-72.

The recipients are: Robert L. Crain, 32222 Marblehead, and Janet G. Smittenbergh, 30043 Eastfield.

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