

Helpful Youth Group Shows Pioneer Spirit

EDITOR:
The evidence of goodness still alive in our world is so great I have to share it with others at this appropriate Thanksgiving time.
My grateful thanks goes to the beautiful, loving, unselfish, giving Y.O.U. (Youth of Unity) from Livonia who played good Samaritans to me last Saturday. I have been confined to a wheelchair the past few years and unable to take care of my lawn and shrubs. I have been living on a very limited budget which doesn't allow for the purchase of a multitude of plastic trash bags for the current method of disposing of leaves. Due to the ecology and pollution problems, we are no longer permitted to burn leaves, and I was at a loss to know what to do until the Y.O.U. called.
When they asked if they could bring my Thanksgiving dinner and share with me, I was deeply moved. But having

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a practical nature and knowing I was not in need of food, I asked if it would be possible for them to use the food funds to supply me with a few trash bags. The spokesman for the group said they would discuss it at their next meeting.
A few days later they called again and asked if they could

not only supply the bags, but would Nov. 13 be convenient for me to have them come and rake the leaves and bag them for me. I was delighted, for the 13th was my birthday.
When the group arrived last Saturday, they also surprised me with a beautifully decorated birthday cake and a small gift and card, and all sang "Happy Birthday" in perfect harmony. It was a delightful, uplifting, moving experience to watch these young people as they worked together in harmony and laughter.

It reminded me of the "barn raisings" you see in the old western movies, where neighbors come from miles around to give each other a helping hand, and I believe these youths should be commended for their loving attitude toward mankind. Later I learned that one of the participants had asked for and been given the day off from a paying job so she could take part.

I also give thanks to three senior citizens from Plymouth, whom I met through a part-time help wanted advertisement I placed in the Observer newspaper. These lovely people, who wish to remain anonymous, spent a day washing my windows and installing my storm windows for the winter. Like the Y.O.U., they volunteered, and they also worked in harmony and laughter.

There is much to be grateful for if we will open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to the "good" that is all around us.

ELEANOR J. NESLEY
Garden City

High Bushes Block Vision

EDITOR:
I'm 13 years old and con-

cerned with a serious problem.
Around our neighborhood (Melrose), people persist in letting their bushes grow too high by the corner. They obscure the vision for oncoming traffic. I'll be driving in three years and I hope something can be done about it before then.
EILEEN HAGGERTY
Livonia

Tax Land, Not Income

EDITOR:
I read Philip Power's editorial on "The Property Tax Solution Leads to Other 'Promises'" in your Wednesday, Nov. 17 edition.

With all due respect, I think you missed the point of the property tax. If properly applied, it can lead to a good deal of financing of our schools in Detroit and even in the suburbs as witnessed in Southfield during the administration of Mayor Clarkson.

There are two property taxes, one on land and the other on improvements. Raise the tax on land even beyond the 50 per cent assessment level if the State Constitution can allow it and lower the tax on buildings and improvements and you will see the end of land speculation and relief for the small homesteads and business itself.

In this way there would be no need for an income tax.

There is a film on "Better Cities" which you ought to see.

HENRY GALL, MD.
Livonia

Area Deaths

BETTY WALSH - Services for Mrs. Walsh, 68, of 21390 Cowell, Farmington Township, were held in the Sunset Funeral Home with Clarence Kitzke officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood cemetery.

A 30-year resident of the area, Mrs. Walsh was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall in Farmington. She died Nov. 10 after a long illness. She leaves her husband, Arthur W. Walsh.

ELIZABETH A. DOUGHERTY - Services were held for Mrs. Dougherty, 75, of 22615 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Township, were held in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church and the Hearney-Sundquist Funeral Home with Mary Thomas P. Beahan officiating. Burial followed in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

A 40-year resident of the area, Mrs. Dougherty was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows.

She leaves her brother, David Spill, of Chicago, Ill.

FLOYD H. MERRILL - Services for Mr. Merrill, 83, of 11261 Morgan, Plymouth Township, were held in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Francis C. Byrne officiating. Burial followed in Fairview cemetery.

A five-year resident of the area, Mr. Merrill was a salesman for John Hancock Life Insurance Co. He died Nov. 16 in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Ada, two sons, Richard Merrill and William Merrill both of Detroit, four daughters, Mrs. Phillip Coates, Mrs. Fred Knight and Mrs. Robert Wilkins all of Plymouth, and Miss Gloria Merrill of Tampa; and 13 grandchildren.

SIDNEY R. FACTOR, 52, of 2888 Melrose Lane, Birmingham, died Nov. 19 in Sinai Hospital, Detroit. He was a member and active in the Men's Club of Temple Emmanuel in Southfield.

Mr. Factor was a member of the board of directors and vice president of corporate production, Brawcraft Manufacturing Co., Detroit. He had been with the company since 1949.

He was born in Brooklyn, and resided in Cleveland, Ohio and Detroit. He was a graduate of Ohio State University and



THOMAS KLEIN (left), president of Velvet O'Donnell Corp., and Stanford C. Joddard, director of Livonia National Bank and chairman of the Michigan Bank National Assn., investigate photographic typesetting equipment in the Observer Newspapers new plant. They are members of the Michigan chapter of the Young Presidents Organization, which met recently in the ONI plant. Klein is a new member of YPO. Velvet O'Donnell owns Velvet Peanut Butter, which has a plant on Schoolcraft Rd. in Livonia, as well as O'Donnell Importing Corp., importers of wines, beers and spirits.

Promotion F'ton Firm Installs IBM Computer

Noel E. Kurth of 21980 Twedwell, Farmington, has been promoted to market planner in North American Rockwell Corp.'s transmission and axle division.

The chairman of the board of Farmington Area Jaycees, Kurth earned a B.S. in industrial management from Michigan Technological University and an M.B.A. in marketing from Wayne State University.

He was a veteran of World War II and served 4 1/2 years in the U.S. Air Force, Panama Canal zone and Hawaii. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice; three daughters, Karen B., Marlene A. and Lisa S.; and two sons, Mark G. and Scott J.

Services were held Sunday morning at the Immanuel Chapel in Southfield with burial at MacIntosh Cemetery in Ferndale.

Friends can send memorial contributions to the Civil Hospital Heart Research Fund.

JOE GLOWACK Services for Mr. Glowack, 91, of 425 Ridge Road, Plymouth Township, were held in the R. G. & G. H. Harris Funeral Home with the Rev. Dwight W. Murphy officiating. Burial followed in Woodman's Cemetery.

Born in Poland, Mr. Glowack was a cobbler and moved to the area five years ago. He died Nov. 19 at Wayne County General Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Katie, a son, John Glowack; two daughters, Mrs. John Costello and Mrs. Arthur Turpin; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

BERTHA V. SEIDEL Services for Mrs. Seidel, 85, of 41575 Joy Road, Canton Township, were held in the Schwab Funeral Home with the Rev. Henry J. Walsh officiating. Burial followed in Goodwill cemetery.

A housewife, Mrs. Seidel came to the area from Detroit in 1960. She died Nov. 22 in the Hendry Convalescent Center.

She leaves her daughter, Mrs. Grace Stedden of Plymouth.

GILSEN C. MCCLELLAN Services for Mr. McClellan, 70, of 240 Princeton Drive, Lake Worth, Fla., were held at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkeley.

Formerly of Livonia, Mr. McClellan resided in 1968 after 35 years with the G.M. Transmission Division. He was a member of Athol Lodge 91 F. & A. M. and Elk Lodge 1530 in Lake Worth. He died Nov. 21 in Lake Worth.

Survivors include his wife, Marie; a daughter, Mrs. Richard Kase of Farmington; and a sister, Mrs. Ackie Patton of Detroit.

Appraisers

Ralph Lipshaw of Southfield will be installed as treasurer of Michigan Chapter No. 10 of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers at its Dec. 1 meeting to be held in Bolston Inn, Farmington.

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