



# No Lobby For The Poor As Legislature Delays

**EDITOR:**  
In a few days the State Legislature will recess for the Christmas holidays. Before that it will recess for Thanksgiving, for deer hunting, and a month and a half summer vacation.  
For almost six months now, the very poor of the state have waited and watched the Legislature recess and convene and talk, but never pass the social services bill that was by law due last July 1st. This means that for these six months the poor who are welfare recipients in Michigan have lived on last year's budget—one that is below the federal poverty line.  
In effect, this has meant a reduction from what they received a year ago because of the increase in the cost of living. The disruption caused the Department of Social Services which cannot plan ahead or implement proposed programs until a final budget is passed, and the disruption to welfare workers has meant hardship for many, but mostly for welfare recipients.  
But none of us can point the finger of accusation at the legislators without realizing they only reflect our own apathy and lack of concern for the poor. The communications media hasn't shown much concern either. A press conference was called by

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welfare organizations on Nov. 21 in Detroit asking the attorney general to file suit against the governor and Legislature because of alleged unconstitutional actions with regard to voting funds for the welfare budget.  
Suburban newspapers such as the Observer group did not mention it, and by the late evening news broadcasts, this exciting news was dropped for more pertinent reports. Where is the lobby for the poor that will fight these and other injustices as the education, the medical, the natural resources lobbies would fight if six months into the new year they were still operating on last year's figures?  
The ironic part of it all is that in separate proposals of the House and Senate for the welfare allotment in this forthcoming (?) budget, neither would bring the grants up to the poverty level. The Senate version would allot a two-cents increase per day—again a reduction in buying power from last year because of increased living costs, and would add almost 100 amendments destined to harass rather than help those in assistance.  
There are 25 million people in this country struggling along on less than the \$4,000 poverty level. As many of us buy and plan and anticipate the season ahead, we might wonder what hopelessness there is for the poor in this country. Maybe the season brings its own kind of hope to them too. Wouldn't it be great if the spirit of this season's vacation could move us and the new year they were still something that should have been done six months and three vacations ago.  
MARGUERITE KOWALSKI  
Farmington

INTEGRATION for the holidays—that's what a nationally-known toy maker had in mind for the season. This toy school bus, given to a West-land toddler for Hanukkah, contains six passengers—four white youngsters, one black, and one oriental. (Observer photo by Leonard Pöger)

## AREA DEATHS AND FUNERALS

**JOHN GILDERSLLEEVE** -- Services for Mr. Gildersleeve, 32, of Southgate, a former Observer Newspapers employee, were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Rockwood. Burial followed in Our Lady of Hope Cemetery.  
An accounting executive for radio station WIO in Garden City, Mr. Gildersleeve had worked for the Observer advertising and art department for two years in the mid-1960s. He died Dec. 9 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Allen Park.  
Survivors include his wife, Nancy; two daughters, Lori and Ann; three sons, John, Matthew and Paul; his father, Robert; a brother and four sisters.

**BARBARA A. BROWN** -- Services for Mrs. Brown, 27, of 21112 Negus, Southfield, were held at the Thayer Funeral Home with Rev. Ed Burnett and Rev. Billie Whit officiating. Burial followed in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.  
A six-year resident of Southfield, Mrs. Brown was a member of the First Park Baptist Church. She died Nov. 28 in Boston Hospital.  
Survivors include her husband, Keith E. Brown; a daughter, Kim Brown; a son, Raymond Brown; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Doherty of Detroit; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dick of Warren; and two sisters, Mrs. Warren Brown of Southfield and Mrs. Diane Lewis of Redford Township.

**MARSH WOODS** -- Services for Mr. Woods, 80, of 48370 Schoolcraft, Plymouth Township, were held in the Schermer Funeral Home with Rev. Paul S. Thompson officiating. Burial followed in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.  
A yard baker in the C&O Plymouth yard, Mr. Woods died Dec. 9 from injuries he received in an accident at work Dec. 7. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.  
Survivors include his wife, Marie; three sons, Marshall D. Woods of Westland, Philip M. Woods of Plymouth and Roger T. Woods of Detroit; his mother, Mrs. Thomas Woods of Murray, Ky.; eight brothers and sisters; and four grandchildren.



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**CLARA KLEIN** -- Services for Mrs. Klein, 92, of 18291 Free Pointe, Redford Township, were held at the Charles R. Step Funeral Home with Rev. Victor J. Jakubik officiating. Burial followed in Roseland Park.  
A 15-year resident of the township, Mrs. Klein was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and the Redford Township Senior Citizens Group. She died Dec. 5 in St. Mary Hospital.  
Survivors include her husband, August Klein; two sons, Howard Billie and Elia Driller; four daughters, Madeline Stark, Thelma Fournier, Donna Rauton and Beverly Collins; a brother, William Steinhilber; 27 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

**VICTOR SCHOEB** -- Services for Mr. Schoeb, 81, of 18251 Glenmore, Redford Township, were held in Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church and the Charles R. Step Funeral Home. Burial followed in St. Hedwig Cemetery.  
A two-year resident of the township, Mr. Schoeb was a member of Our Lady of Loretto. He died Dec. 8 in Redford Community Hospital after a long illness.  
Survivors include three sons, Louis, Paul and James; a daughter, Magdalen; two sisters, Mary Assenmacher and Agnes Schoeb; and eight grandchildren.  
**ALBERT W. ROSEBUD** -- Services for Mr. Rosebud, 81, of New Hudson, were held in South Lyon where burial followed. He was a former resident of Plymouth and Southfield.  
A member of the New Hudson Methodist Church and Farmington B.A.M., 151, he died Dec. 10 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.  
Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Claude Rucker of Plymouth, Mrs. Aden Mead and Mrs. Woodrow Anderson both of Tecumseh and Mrs. Clayton Rickard of South Lyon; a sister, 15 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.  
**MICHAEL A. WEIDE** -- Services for Mr. Weide, 21, of 48127 West Road, Canton Township, were held in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Francis C. Byrne officiating. Burial followed in St. Hedwig's Cemetery.  
A stock handler for the Farmer Jack grocery store, he was a seven-year resident of the area and a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel. He died Dec. 8 in St. Mary Hospital.  
Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Wade of Plymouth; four brothers, David, Eugene, Gregory and James all of Plymouth; a sister, Diane Wade; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Wade of Alpena and Stephen Rade of Detroit.

**GUY O. ADKINS** -- Services for Mr. Adkins, 57, of 32584 Glenview Drive, Farmington, were held in the Richardson-Sid Funeral Home with Rev. David Church officiating. Burial followed in Oakland Hills Cemetery.  
A 30-year resident of the Farmington area, Mr. Adkins was a millwright for the Ford Motor Co. He was a member of Southfield 573 F.A.M., the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry and the Milford Chapter 71 R.A.M. He died Dec. 7 at Roseland Hospital.  
Survivors include his wife Evelyn M.; two sons, Guy R. of Westland, Colo. and James E. of Farmington; two brothers, Layton J. of Detroit, Tenn. and James S. of Milford; a sister, Beatrice Bateman of Jackson, Tenn.; and two grandchildren.

**FRED S. SMITH** -- Services for Mr. Smith, of 31504 Windsor, Garden City, were held Friday afternoon, Dec. 10, in the R.O. and G. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. The Rev. Glenn Kallberg, of the First United Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery.  
Mr. Smith died in Harper Hospital, Detroit, Dec. 7 after a long illness. He was 68. He was a truck driver before his death.  
He is survived by his son, Ralph; three brothers, Rev. Douglas, Ralph; two sisters, Mrs. Eugene Paderon and Mrs. Harriett Reynolds; and four grandchildren.

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