

# A Word To Penny-Wise: Troubles To Get Worse

EDITOR: We may be only three girls, but we're speaking for 1,500 in just our school alone. Harrison High, along with all other Farmington schools, has quite a lot of school spirit. Take away our sports, which will result from the millage not passing, and there goes all of our spirit.

You people out there who voted "no" for the millage don't understand the importance of it to us. You complain about the destruction and violence going on. It's going to get worse. Kids always have to have something to do.

Without our sports, there's going to be a lot more wandering the streets at night. That's not a threat. It's a "word to the wise." More kids with nothing to do means more drugs, more drinking, more destruction.

Besides all of that, sports are fun not only to watch but to play. They promote better grades, better health, better sportsmanship, and a better sense of responsibility.

As far as the money goes, think back when you were in high school. Most schools did have sports. What would you have done without them? The small amount of money to each family makes up the large amount the schools need.

So, when millage comes up again in the fall, vote "yes" for us.

AMY GREEN,  
VICKI ASH,  
PENNY OWEN  
Farmington

## Teachers 'Unqualified'

EDITOR: Today's teachers are not qualified to teach today's children. They are supposed to motivate children to have the joys of knowledge when they do not realize it themselves.

Colleges graduate masses of teachers who have never given a thought as to how a child learns, fails or succeeds. Pre-student teaching and stu-

## READERS' FORUM

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dent teaching gives them an excellent opportunity. These opportunities are utilized by getting through as easily and as fast as possible.

Books and experts say this is how a child learns. My limited experience as a student at Eastern Michigan University has shown every child needs individual attention with many ways of getting across the concept. No one way is best.

Talk, they all talk with great ideas. Practice proves otherwise, though. Ask one of them their objectives (behavior, attitude, knowledge) and they stumble until a neat book answer comes to mind.

Teachers are not a dignified profession especially when the teacher feels he/she is a baby sitter rather than a motivator. We need TEACHERS. Where are they?

JOANNE L. THORNE  
Livonia

## New VFW Post Seeks Vets

EDITOR: On behalf of a small group of men dedicated to community services, commonly referred to as members of the newly formed P.F.C. Patrick J. Connors V.F.W. Post No. 4034, I want to thank you for publishing a lead story regarding the formation of our new post.

Although our organization's home base is Livonia, we did not want to imply that our recruitment efforts were restricted only to Livonia.

Let's face the problem realistically. We know hard drugs exist and we know from experience the problem isn't solved by confiscating some of the supply or locking up a few pushers until they can get back on the streets. Battling the physical and mental problem of drugs using the police is like throwing a bucket of ice on a forest fire.

Let's take the problem off the streets and put it in the hands of competent medical people. We need federal funds available to open up clinics throughout the country to provide hard drugs at nominal cost, or free if the user can't afford it. Make the clinic so much cheaper than the pusher. It would no longer be profitable for the pusher, the last person in the long chain of the black market, and so we would see the black market diminish greatly.

Help to stop the habit, of course, will be offered, not forced, on the user. We'll see a drop in crime when there aren't gang wars over drug territory, or desperate people who will even kill for the money to support their habit. The idea of a drug clinic is not new or radical but being used in England with good effect.

CATHERINE DAVIS  
Plymouth

## Press Has Obligation

EDITOR: I have to compliment you on the comments you made in your recent column of the government and the press.

Since the subject matter had to do with the freedom of the press, you state "I feel I must go beyond the normal subject material of this column - local matters, of direct concern to us in the suburbs - and discuss them."

Of course, the attempt made by Government officials to keep secret, information which the people need to know in order to protect their welfare is of direct concern not only to people in this locality but to all of the people of the Nation. Just why you

had to make an exception to your established policy - restricting editorial comments to local matters - to publish your "observations" on this subject, poses a question. Is it your judgment that only the big city news media can convey important information to the public with importance to all citizens and to discuss these matters?

You assert "A free press has the obligation to report to the people just what is going on in their government." How does that square with your policy of restricting, to purely local matters, the information the Observer papers will print and discuss? You own and publish these papers and can do as you please, in which case you are disregarding - not only your own obligation to report - but the right of the people to learn, what is going on that affects their welfare.

Directly or indirectly every problem that now plagues this nation has been caused by unconstitutional actions taken by government officials. "Politics" has become rotten to the core. The people have not been educated to what has gone on, since the adoption of the U.S. Constitution and establishment of the Federal Government, so they could bring incompetent or corrupt government officials to account simply because the so-called free press has not fulfilled its obligations.

I have presented, to people in your organization, information about Sec. 3 of the Fourteenth amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which automatically disqualifies any public official from continuing in office who "shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the Constitution of the United States or shall have given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof." Congress was given authority to enforce the 14th amendment by proper legislation. But for over 100 years Sec. 3 of XIV has not been enforced!! Rather it has been deliberately ignored, because public officials in particular and a lot of other people, who are obtaining "special" advantages at the hands of corrupt officials, do not want constitutional government.

This is a matter of most vital importance to the people "in the suburbs" as well as everywhere else in this United States. It too "strikes to the heart of what is democracy!"

I am mailing a pamphlet that discusses Sec. 3 of XIV in more detail and suggest that it is a matter that should be given some attention in your editorial columns.

E. ARTHUR RICE  
Plymouth

## AREA DEATHS

DAVID JOHN MONTAN — Funeral services for the 14-year-old Riley Junior High School student were conducted in the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home for the Rev. Thomas Can of St. Maurice Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery. 10 years ago he died July 11 in Most Children's Hospital. Ann Arbor. Survivors include parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Montan Jr. of 14363 Ardmore, Livonia; a brother, Michael; sister, Cynthia; and grandparents, Mrs. Mary Kahan and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Montan Sr.

JUDITH YOST — Services for Mrs. Yost, 68, of 36244 Curtis, Livonia, were conducted by the Rev. Paul Hart in the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home. Burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Yost died July 1 in Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital. She was a retired teacher with the Detroit school system and a member of St. Matthew Methodist Church.

Survivors include: her husband, John; daughters, Mrs. Juliette Maciejewski, Mrs. Jean LaMotte and Mrs. Joyce Gidycz; sons, Mr. Gene Spahr and Mrs. Evelyn Kucharski; and brother, William Kozak Jr.

CLAUDE D. PORTER — Services for Mrs. Porter, 72, of 25338 Ardmore Park, Farmington Township, were conducted in Richmond, Ind., with arrangements made by the Hays-Sundquist Funeral Home. Burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Porter died June 24 in Beaumont Hospital. She came to the community a year ago and is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Earl Hebert of Farmington Township.

SPATIA PANOFF — Services for Mrs. Panoff, 73, of Wilson, were conducted by the Rev. J. Clifford Thiel in the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Panoff died June 27 in Martin Place Hospital. She was a member of the Riverside Church of God. She is survived by her husband, Samuel; a daughter, Mrs. Joseph (Victoria) Spilak; and one grandchild.

ANDREW D. FLETCHER. Services were held for Mr. Fletcher, 80, of 23930 Potters Ave., Farmington in the Thayer Funeral Home with the Rev. W.C. White of the Farmington First Methodist Church officiating. Burial for Mr. Fletcher, who died July 5, will be in City Cemetery.

Mr. Fletcher, a retired army technician for the Detroit Industrial Clinic, was a Naval veteran of World War I, a past commander of the WWI Baracks No. 1152 Farmington and a charter member of Lincoln Lodge F and AM No. 504.

He is survived by his wife, Vera L.; one daughter, Mrs. James D. Morrison; three sons, Mr. Harold Benkenham, Mr. Earl Webster and Mrs. Clara Benkenham; one brother, Archie; and two granddaughters, Mrs. William Burke Jr. and Judith Morrison.

MARY M. HOGAN — Services for Mrs. Hogan, 42, of 25738 Lyndon Dr., Farmington Two, were conducted in St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church of Farmington with the Rev. Joseph A. Drogowski officiating. She died June 30 in Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Hays-Sundquist Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hogan, a resident of Farmington for three years, was employed as a nurse at the Franklin Nursing Home. She is survived by her husband, Richard J.; her parents, Mrs. Edward of Flint and Mrs. Nellie Common of Davison; two sons, Daniel H. and David M.; four daughters, Ann M., Nancy J., Julie E. and Maureen M.; and one sister, Mrs. Thomas Lorraine Miller of Centerville, Ohio.

ERNEST H. CRONKHITE — Services for Mr. Cronkhit, 82, of 17210 Cen-

tralis, were conducted in the Charles R. Step Funeral Home with the Rev. James Barnes officiating. He died June 30 in Martin Place West Hospital. Burial was in Roseland Park.

Mr. Cronkhit was born in Canada. He came to this community 10 years ago where he was employed as a tool-maker for Fleetwood.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. June Darbin; three brothers, George, William and John; and two sisters, Ethel and Vera Egolf and one grandchild.

MARGARET HAWLEY — Funeral services were held for Mrs. Hawley, 82, of 19359 Shadydale, Livonia at St. Gerald's Catholic Church with the Rev. James P. O'Hagan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Hays-Sundquist Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hawley died June 28 at Parkview General Hospital and Medical Center, Westland, after a short illness. Born in Reese, Mich., Mrs. Hawley had been a resident of Farmington for many years. She is survived by two sons, Patrick G. and Burton J.; one daughter, Mrs. Paul (Pearson) Smith; one brother, Richard Brennan; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WYLVESVILLE, Ind. Services were held Tuesday for Mrs. Wylvesville, 75, of 6229 N. Territorial Rd., Salem Township, who died last weekend in Wayne County General Hospital as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile crash near her home June 15. The same day she died at her home. Survivors include her wife, Nora, who is still hospitalized from the same accident, and two sons, Stanley and Sidney.

GERARD R. BARNEY — Services for Mr. Barney were held Tuesday at the John N. Santalo and Son Funeral Home, Garden City, and at St. Dunstan Church. Mr. Barney died June 24.

He is survived by his parents, Robert and Pearl Barney; brothers Rodney and Michael; and sister Michelle. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Barney and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Amalia.

JOSEPH VERES — Services for Mr. Veres, of 20761 Beechwood, Garden City, will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 9, in the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. Father Arthur Nickerson of St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, Westland, will officiate. Burial will be in National Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Veres died June 30 in Crittenton General Hospital, Troy, at the age of 48. He was an inspector for Ford Motor Co.

He is survived by four brothers, John, David, Steve, and Louis; and a sister, Mrs. Rose Powers.

RONITA YASENCHAK — Services were held Saturday July 3 for Mrs. Yasenchak, of 8818 Duane Ct., Westland, in the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. Rev. Glenn Kallberg of the First United Methodist Church of Garden City officiated. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mrs. Yasenchak died June 30 of a heart attack in Grace Hospital, Detroit. She was 28. She was a secretary for the Budgit Co.

She is survived by her husband, David; parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sheddick; and a sister, Debbie.

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