

Pro-, Anti-Abortionists Disapprove Of 'Barton'

Pro-Abortionist Rips 'Barton'

EDITOR: Men like "Henry Barton," of the Legal Abortion for Women referral agency, continue to exploit women along with the back alley butchers as long as we have the present abortion law. Until we change the law, they will get the profits and women will die or suffer financial and physical hardship.

Good medical care is only possible under good medical supervision by the Health Department. The present abortion law was passed in 1948 to protect the life of the women and not the fetus. To deny women the right to good, legal, medical care, which is available to the rich woman, is discrimination. To oppose abortion reform on any other grounds needs legal clarification.

There is no law that states a fetus is a human being. The legal ruling which gave the fetus a financial settlement stated that it should not be interpreted in any other way under the criminal abortion law. It did not rule that the fetus was a human being.

It is immoral to force an unwanted child to accept the abuse and neglect that unwanted parenthood inflicts upon him. It is immoral to force a woman who has been raped to have a baby.

It is immoral to force a child to stretch her budget, to take away from one little mouth food that belongs to another. Continue the list of why desperate women seek abortions and then decide where the priorities on your conscience should be. Until we change the law, we are responsible for the conditions it produces.

State Rep. Marvin Stempien, our majority leader in the House of Representatives, wants to amend the state constitution to give women equal rights. Why has he denied us the right to decide if, when, and how often we

READERS' FORUM

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choose to become mothers? Where were all the other representatives when we tried to get Sen. Gilbert Bursley's bill approved? Is this not one of those women's rights he wants to amend to the Constitution?

If Rep. Stempien is sincere, he will clarify the question publicly and not use that as a political ploy to entice the women's vote. Why has he consistently voted against abortion reform if he is so concerned about women's rights?

SOPHIA DRUTCHAS
Redford

Conception Starts Life

EDITOR: I have been reading with interest your abortion coverage and have noted with regret that you continually seem to promote the pro-abortion movement ("Mr. Barton" followed by a professional nurse seeking signatures for a petition opposite three housewives from a neighborhood group.) I am a registered nurse that has had several years of obstetrical experience in addition to general nursing and hate to see erroneous information passed on to the public.

I'd like to ask "Mr. Barton" for his source of information—perhaps a trip to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago would enlighten him. Their display of the fetus at the various stages of development is excellent and proves that life is constant from the moment of conception.

I hate to think what will become of a society that decides murder is justifiable. Certainly there are enough contraceptive means available for every man and woman to employ who wishes to do so.

It would be interesting if some of these so-called friends of women in distress, as these abortionists and others who promote their work like to be labeled (it does sound nicer doesn't it?) would check the mental status of their patients, contrary to what they like to think, statistics prove that many women have guilt feelings with resultant mental depressions, many of these occur immediately while others are dormant for years. What appears to them as a solution at the time is nothing more than a temporary escape.

As a nurse, I choose to uphold life, not destroy it. As a mother, I, too, am aware of the facts of unwanted children, starvation, war, etc., but I fail to see murder as a solution for the ills of our society. If there is no respect for life in our society how can we have respect for any natural or man made law?

MRS. J.A. CLEARY
Redford

EDITOR'S NOTE: Careful readers will recall that several past articles have quoted anti-abortion sources and that we have made it a policy to balance coverage on this important issue.

Thomas Gregg Completes Airman Basics

REDFORD Airman Thomas E. Gregg, son of Mrs. Zania F. Hannerod, of 4500 Terry, has completed his U.S. Air Force basic training at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB in Texas.

He has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., for training in the armament systems field. Airman Gregg is a 1971 graduate of Cooley High School.



FUTURE SECRETARIES — Checking over a list of 21 charter members for the new Future Secretaries Assn. at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College are student Barbara Patak of Southfield; Dr. S. James Manilla, provost; Jan Freeze of Farmington, president of the chapter; and Kathleen Lorenz, business education instructor. The new association is a chapter of the National Secretaries Assn., an international group. The 21 students will be initiated Feb. 15 on the Farmington campus.

Area Deaths And Funerals

KENNETH W. DOWN — Services for Mr. Down, 59, of Sebring, Fla., were held in the Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery.

M. Down came to this community in 1959 from Brighton and worked as an accountant for the Ford Motor Co. He died Feb. 4 at Wyandotte General Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Aileen Baughman, one son, Mr. Philip Down of Detroit, three sisters, Mrs. Claude (Thelma) Maes of Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Herman Leary of Redford; and Mrs. Gertrude Lynne of Detroit.

ROBERT E. MILLER — Services for Mr. Miller, 63, of Lincoln Park, were held in the Miller Funeral Home in Metropoli.

Mr. Miller died Feb. 6 at Quin Drive Hospital in Lincoln Park. He was employed at Norfolk and Western Railroad.

Surviving are his wife, Ethel, two sons, Robert E. Miller of Plymouth, and Jack D. Miller of Long Beach, Calif. Three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Leaky of Memphis, Ill.; Mrs. Vera Mae Barbas of Munising; and Mrs. Vera Lynn Caviglia of Allen Park, and one brother, Clifford, of Metropolis. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren.

VERDIE OSTERHOUT — Funeral services for Mrs. Osterhout, 70, formerly of Plymouth, were conducted by the Rev. Paul Schoun in Hudson Mich. Burial was in Plymouth.

She died Feb. 6 in the Castle Court Assisted Home in Van Wert, Ohio. Surviving are a son, Clinton Osterhout Jr. of Toledo; daughter, Mrs. Hubert Virginal Smith of Plymouth; a brother, Day Tuna of Plymouth; and three grandchildren.

GLADYS MACCOMBER — Services for Mrs. Macomber, 88, formerly of Plymouth, were held in the Home of the Future Funeral Home, Detroit, with the Rev. John F. Roschen officiating. Burial was in Bethel cemetery.

Mrs. Macomber died Feb. 7 in Whitehall Convalescent Home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, in February of 1951.

Survivors include two sons, Glen Macomber of Westland; George Macomber of Manchester; four daughters, Mrs. Gerald Austin of Detroit; Mrs. Kenneth Foster of Dexter; Mrs. Neil Luciani of Whitmore Lake; Mrs. Ralph

Schneider of Dexter; three brothers, William Thompson of Warren and Walter and Thomas, both of California; three sisters, Mrs. Stella Nelson of Northville; Mrs. Berle Drayton of New York; and Mrs. Sessions of Bellevue. 23 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

THEODORE M. ANDERSON — Services for Mr. Anderson, 57, of 23911 Powers Road, Farmington, were held in Travel Funeral Home with Mrs. Lucie Rice officiating. Burial followed in Roseland Park Cemetery.

Mr. Anderson came to this community 12 years ago. He worked with the State of Michigan Revenue Department and was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors are his wife, Virginia; sons, Michael and Thomas; brothers, Norman Warren, John Quimby, and George; sisters, Thelma Barrett of Columbia and Mary Lou Bahm of Pontiac.

WILSON EISEN — Services for Mr. Eisen, 53, of Sterling Heights, were held in Chapel Funeral Home and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Kenneth G. Davis officiating. Burial followed in Glen Eden Memorial Park.

Mr. Eisen was a bus driver at the Standard Tube Company and a member of St. Andrew's Church. He died Feb. 9. He is survived by his sister, Leonice J. Eisen.

HAROLD GILBERT — Services for Mr. Gilbert, 72, of 1546 Elmwood Dr., were held in Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert Ryan officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Elliott cemetery.

Mr. Gilbert was a retired sail um

plowed diuner and a member of Our Lady of Loretto parish. He died Feb. 7. Survivors are his sister, Mrs. Hazel Alder, Redford; one niece and three nephews.

HAMILTON A. NEWMAN — Services for Mr. Newman, 77, of 3966 Greenview, Plymouth Township, were held in the Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Henry J. Walsh officiating. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Newman died in Wayne County General Hospital on Feb. 9. He was an inspector for Chrysler Corporation.

Surviving are his wife, Zelma Cooper; two sons, Lawrence C. Newman of Monroe and Hamilton A. Jr. of Garland, Texas; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

MAX G. ROBERTSON — Services for Mr. Robertson, 76, of Northville Township, were held in the Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Richard F. Jesse officiating. Burial followed in the Riverside Mausoleum in Plymouth.

Mr. Robertson died Feb. 10 in St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. He came to the community in 1937 from Detroit. He was active all his life in theatrical and television scenery construction, retiring in 1961. Mr. Robertson was also very active in the Detroit Masonic Bodies and the Livonia Suburban Shrine Club.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Douglas Miller of Plymouth; one son, Mr. James Max Robertson of Detroit; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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