

Road Conditions 'Worst Ever'

EDITOR: I have been living in Farmington Township since 1938 on a gravel road and this year, I believe, is the worst ever. Of course, if you never repair anything, it will wear out in that length of time. All they ever do is grade the road and push what little gravel we do have in the ditches.

Half of the ditches are filled up even with the roads so there is nowhere for the water to run away. The only gravel ever put on the road is some the residents pooled their money for and even put it on themselves.

We have been walking out to the pavement and our cars for over two weeks. Now, rain, shine, snow or blow, it

is around two-thirds of a mile to pavement, walking through mud. The final straw came when I slipped and fell on both hands and knees in the mud. I tore my slacks, cut and bruised my knee, got mud all over my coat, slacks, purse and the bag I was carrying. Besides this, I jarred my whole body and hurt my ankle. I have to go out every day to hold my job and have a paycheck each week.

It seems to me that we should be guaranteed an entrance into our property by the township, county or state, or someone. Everyone talks about people's rights these days; well how about ours? Don't we have a right to expect our roads to be at least

Elders Forget Tax Factors

EDITOR: I have a great deal of sympathy for retired persons who are being hurt by rising property taxes, but I feel they are forgetting a few things.

1. Their generation received an education paid for by taxes from a generation that received little or no public education.
2. The parents of today's retired workers had little trouble with property taxes because they didn't have much property. They also had no medicare and there were few nursing homes.
3. A great deal of the money being paid into Social Security is from parents of school children.
4. Senior citizens do have various exemptions from property taxes and can apply to have taxes go unpaid and left as a lien on the property to be paid when the house is sold.
5. It is hardly to the benefit of young families to have senior citizens lose their homes and go into nursing homes since they are helping to pay the taxes to support nursing homes.

Last week's letter from R.H. Clough proposed an exemption for senior citizens with annual incomes of less than \$25,000. Few parents of school age children make anywhere near that amount.

G.A. BIRNBAUM
Redford Twp.

Help Arrived Without Asking

EDITOR: This is an open letter to the men who live on the 26900 block of Springfield in Farmington — those who came to my aid when I was quite stuck in the snow during the last great snowfall:

"As you were comfortable in your warm homes that Saturday afternoon, you noticed a car which was buried in the snow. To my good fortune you came out in that awful weather and pushed me to safety onto Orchard Lake Road. I am most appreciative of your kindness and wish to thank you."

H.B. DUBIN, O.D.
Farmington

Councilman Gets Praise

EDITOR: As a resident and homeowner in this community for the past 14 years, I am concerned about the many problems we have in Westland and many more are bound to come up in the future, namely taxes that have increased to a high point that is unbearable.

Some homeowners have sold and moved to other cities for a tax break.

Another problem that concerns most Westlanders is the teenagers and adults who do not seem to understand as to how they should conduct or behave themselves in human society.

Westland's primary elections are coming up Aug. 7 and I would like to see many new people attend the City Council meetings that are held Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers, 36501 Ford Road, Westland City Hall.

I seem to think that you will agree that Mrs. Justine Barns has the necessary qualifications and ability to correct the above mentioned problems.

Mrs. Barns' performance speaks for itself. She has served on the city council for six and a half years, since Westland was incorporated. She has always been elected by an amazing margin, and I seem to think that some of these individuals who have plans to become candidates and seek the mayor's office of Westland will be a little bit on the slow side in declaring themselves, including Mayor Eugene McKinney.

Mrs. Barns made her move partially in the Westland Observer.

In closing, I would like you to vote in the Aug. 7 primary for the most qualified candidates who will serve you with the most interest and not waste your tax dollars on plans such as to build windcastles in the news media.

LEONARD SPARKMAN
Westland

Youth Pleads For Bike Help

EDITOR: On March 20 I had a black English racer locked in the bike rack at Grant School in Livonia, but it got practically stripped.

Someone took the generator, wires and taillight. I am 13 and got it as a gift. I can't afford another one and I don't think my parents should have to either.

If any one out there has a son or daughter who has come home with one or any of the articles listed, I would appreciate it if you would get in touch with me by calling the residence of Raymond L. Rowe, 31723 Wyoming, Livonia.

DOUG ROWE
Livonia

Police Praised By Plymouthite

EDITOR: During the night of March 28, an illegal entry was made in one of the apartment buildings on Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

The Plymouth Police Department was alerted and in just over two minutes three patrol cars and six officers were at the scene, and two arrests were made. All of this without any of the tenants in the apartment complex being aware of what was happening.

Plymouth residents should know they have alert, efficient and well-trained police officers ready to respond to any such emergencies. If you want action, call Plymouth police and you'll get it.

NAME WITHHELD
ON REQUEST
Plymouth

Gas Tax Hike Raises His Ire

EDITOR: Your March 21 editorial by Steve Barnaby that favors the two-cent gas tax increase was ridiculous. Our elected officials are doing nothing to outlaw studded tires that will cost hundreds of millions in repairs.

They are doing nothing to stop overweight trucks that travel our highways. They are doing nothing to stop parking on our main roads during rush hours. They refuse to pass an economical no-fault insurance bill.

They refuse to have trucks with gravel covered. They refuse to use the original seven-cent gas tax for highway use (only one-half was used prior to the two-cent hike).

The petition to eliminate this two-cent gas increase should be signed by every Michigan voter.

HUGH SKELLEY
Farmington

Fights Against Handgun Ban

EDITOR: I have had more than I can stomach of these bleeding-heart do-gooders that have nothing better to do than rant and rave for gun control.

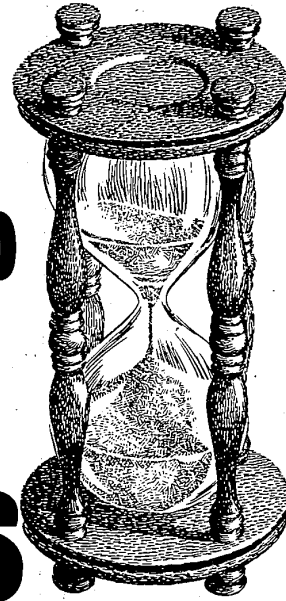
All informed citizens certainly should know that the second amendment guarantees to us the right to bear arms. Yet, these incredibly stupid fools would rather have the average, law abiding citizen stripped of his defense and left helpless to the lawless madmen who rampage our streets.

It would make considerably more sense to pass stricter laws to convict the criminals that are caught, rather than to restrict ownership of handguns upon the innocent public.

The real truth of the matter remains: Guns never kill; it is the lawless, crazed criminals, only who inflict mortal wounds.

DAN TIMMONS
Livonia

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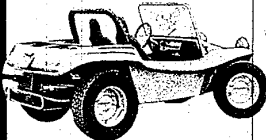
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