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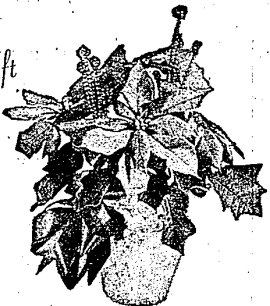
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Water Problem

Editor:

I have been reading your account of the plight of the people in the Kendallwood subdivision with much interest and, I must admit, a little envy for the concern the township officials are showing them. I realize that these people have a problem, and a serious one, but so have we!

We live in the area west of Farmington Road and north of 8 Mile. When we bought this house the first of last May, and the Valerian's Administration were assured that the water would be in by the end of May, but here we are without water in December! And yet, we are practically being told to "jump in" by the very people who have shown such concern for the people in Kendallwood.

Some of Kendallwood has been without water for only two or three weeks and everyone in an uproar, but many homes in our area have been without water since the middle of last summer.

Much of our trouble has been due to the sewer construction, too. A creek passing through this area has been largely responsible for keeping up the wells that do have some water, including my own, but those who don't live near the creek are not so fortunate. I say "fortunate" with some reservation, as I have heard that the creek is being contaminated since the sewer construction disturbed some of the tile fields for the septic tanks. I have two pre-schoolers and a new baby, so you can imagine how frantically worried I am!

Furthermore, during the summer dry spell, our creek was blocked off during the sewer construction, and we didn't even have water to flush the toilet, let alone wash and cook with. We were told we'd just have to get along, until we threatened to put up an outhouse. Then they finally came back and unblocked the creek channel.

I must say that our experiences with the Township Administration have given us a very low opinion of it.

Sincerely,
Mrs. William Vanderveer III

It WAS Puzzling

Editor: I am puzzled. In the Dec. 2 edition of your paper there appeared a letter in "Reader Speaks Up" column, entitled "Freedom of Press." I have read and re-read this letter several times, and cannot seem to get any sense from it. I have shown it to several neighbors and friends and no one can fathom what the writer is talking about. If there is a letter to grasp it in this I fail to grasp it.

From this approach, the writer really mixes it up. Taxes, Teen Aged-Police Dept., and finally Communism. Some of the remarks in this letter I resent, especially about our Police Dept. I happen to hold our Police Dept. in very high regard from the top to the bottom, and I can not believe what I read in this letter. I also resent the implication regarding "Livonia's government controlled Communists at work."

While I differ with our city fathers at times I do not think they deserve a label of this type. If the writer has any proof of the actions of the nature he describes, I think they should be brought out in the open or a retraction of charges should be made. I certainly believe in "Freedom of the Press" but at least let's keep it honest and deal with facts as we see them individually. I appreciate the fact that I am allowed to voice an opinion in the paper, but, I don't think this gives me the right to malign anyone or attach a label to any deserving body, whether I differ with them or not.

Personally I abhor the word Communism and I think anyone should be very careful about attaching this label to any group without definite proof. Maybe this was not the impression the writer was trying to imply, but, again I urge caution.

I can not believe what I read in this letter. I trust that just may be he gave the wrong impressions in the letter, because I would hate to see anyone enter the Christmas season with such a mixed up version of "Life in Livonia."

Very truly yours,
F. McINTYRE

Pot and Kettle?

Editor:

I notice that in one of your articles concerning the "riff" between the Livonia school board and the city council you quote a councilman as saying, "If you wait for the schools to put in the sidewalks, you'll wait a long time."

I don't know how long it takes the school board to put in sidewalks, but I wish you would inform the councilman that the Emerson Junior High School sidewalk, that you helped publicize over two years ago, was just put in by the city last month.

Maybe the school board is slow, I don't know; but the city council sure is not one to complain about it.

TORTOISE

Do It Yourself?

Editor:

I live in Livonia, but this is written for Mrs. Marjorie Gluckstein of Farmington, who had a letter in The Observer recently.

I have just concluded reading your letter which appeared in The Observer, titled "YOUTH CENTER."

You have not given any information as to how much money the parents of these youth would be willing to give towards this youth center, for each child of theirs, and how much they would give to keep it in operation, after it's built. Eighty-five per cent of the

property owners in Farmington that must pay their property taxes, would not receive any benefits from this Youth Center in any way.

In your own case, you have not stated how many thousands of dollars you would be willing to give? And how much you would be willing to give to keep it running, to see that the youth have an excellent time, and bring out these special qualities that you speak about, that these children have.

One can see by the news papers every day of the special qualities of these youth 60% never had any training at home, and home is where this training center must be located, and not at Taxpayer expenses.

Until you, and the rest will learn, that this training of youth must be given at the source, which is home. And that each family must pay their own way, as they are the ones that brought into this world, their children, and it's their responsibility to see that they will get their education, training, and good conduct.

It is not up to the property owners, or the Taxpayers to take over this job, as a Youth Center and see that taxpayers money is being used for such purposes, when it's up to the parents to make this youth center possible, and also the youth themselves to do their part. If any one youth has the guts as well as their parents, they would start building this center, and not bemoan the township officials, city or state officials.

Anybody can write a letter to any paper with self-expression on any subject, if one is not willing enough, or have the guts to get it started by digging out the basement, pouring the concrete, lay the cement blocks, get the building under way with your own night and strength, than to use an easy way out, let your Township officials build it at taxpayers' expenses. If you and your

friends are so interested in this center, why don't you get it started as stated in this letter?

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