

Wanted: Solution for Riddle

"Have you guessed the riddle yet?" the Hatter said, turning to Alice again.
"No I give it up," Alice replied. "What's the answer?"
"No I give it up," Alice replied. "What's the answer?"
"Nor I," said the March Hare."

The above is, of course, a bit of dialogue from the Mad Tea Party in the children's classic, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland."

The current situation in South Redford is terribly similar:
In that beleaguered school district mistrust and hard feelings are rampant. This year in the light of three million dollars of state aid, the Board of Education was forced to cut \$161,000 worth of education and services from the program in order to balance the budget.

Members of the South Redford Board of Education and its staff are individuals of honor. They are trying their best to provide the best possible educational opportunity for the children of the District.

The citizens who formed a study group to reexamine the District's program to discover if the cuts could be restored are honest and sincere.
Transportation was what started all the real furor in the District because of the safety factor. The Board of Education and the South Redford staff agree with the parents that there is a definite safety problem involved, but feel that their hands are tied because of finances.

In spite of this, however, the Board has been accused of blackmail and heartlessness.
The citizens' proposal for the Board to restore the program immediately and try in turn to go out and work with the parents for the mileage goes to the Board table tonight. The citizens say that Board action before a mileage election is necessary to restore community confidence and support of the schools.

The Board, in turn, feels that this is the citizens' own form of blackmail. It is not expected to comply with the citizens' request.
Both groups are neither completely right nor wrong.

Thus the insoluble riddle.
On the one hand is a group of individuals trying to achieve a compromise to a community's problem and on the other is the Board of Education with not enough money to run the schools.

The Board's determination to hold the line stems from this dilemma of finances rather than the feeling of blackmail.

However, the fact that such a feeling exists on both sides is an indication of the deterioration of an "esprit d'corps" in South Redford.

The big question, of course, is what is going to happen when the Board tells the citizens "no" tonight.

Hopefully the beginnings of a "boot strap" type of operation in the community which has been generated over the past few weeks will continue and the indignity will stop.

However, given the two sides—parents who are seriously concerned about the safety of their children and the lack of educational opportunity in the District and a Board which honestly believes that no other course is open to it—it could very well turn into the insoluble riddle.

If the community falls once again into its common mistrust and fatalism it will be the only one to suffer. However, the damage could be irreparable in terms of the training and consequent ability of the District's children.
Hopefully the riddle will prove to be solvable. South Redford can turn in on a job that needs doing—providing education for children and an atmosphere in which educational opportunity can nurture and flourish.

—SUE SHAUGHNESSY

GOP Needs John Birch Like Another Trunk

(Ed. Note: This is a reprint from The Pontiac Press Thursday, Oct. 7. It is printed in conjunction with a "Letter to Editor" on in Reader column in Defense of the Birch Society.)

The Republicans in the '80s are suffering from the same kind of infection as did the Democrats in the '30s—the infiltration by extremists who purport to share the ideals of the party but who in actuality are working to destroy them.

The most basic of these ideals is the one called "democracy," which has to do with the free and open interplay of competing ideas, majority rule tempered by a loyal opposition, compromise, fair play.

Democracy is a dirty word to the rightist John Birch Society, just as it is, in its true sense, to the Communists. The guiding principles of the Birch Society founder, Robert Welch, could have come directly from the lips of Lenin.

The John Birch Society is an authoritarian structure. Orders come directly from the top. There is no dissent, no discussion, no discussion. Every member of the society acknowledges the right of the leader to oust him at any time without explanation.

The most fantastic and insidious thing about the Birch Society is that it does not hurt its own people. The Communists, in the slightest. It does not even pay attention to liberals. Its most bitter venom is directed against responsible and respected American conservatives.

Clearly, as Rep. Gerald R. Ford of Michigan has said, "There is no place for it in the Republican Party."

The Like Of Humphrey-Stevenson

(Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United States, will be in Livonia on Friday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m., to dedicate that City's new Stevenson High School, on Six Mile Road, west of Farmington Road. The school is named after the late Adlai E. Stevenson. Here, an Observer writer tells why Vice President Humphrey is the right man to do the honors.)

It is fitting that the Vice President of the United States should come to Livonia—to dedicate the new high school, for the lives of Hubert Humphrey and Adlai Stevenson are intertwined in American history.

They were comrades, they were friends, they were rivals. There were very different men with much in common; Stevenson the reserved aristocrat, Humphrey the outgoing extrovert.

Philosophically the differences were subtle. Humphrey was more of a doctrinaire liberal; Stevenson more the skeptic.

Both were ambitious men, driven to serve at the highest possible level. Of Humphrey this was always true; for Stevenson ambition was late-born.

They were rivals for they both spoke to the highest ideals of their countrymen. Hence they were dependent on the same countrymen's support.

As Governor Stevenson of Illinois and Mayor

Humphrey of Minneapolis they were magnificent. And together they inspired a generation of gifted men to public life.

It was Adlai Stevenson who made young Americans aware of the hunger and aspirations of distant lands. But the Peace Corps was Humphrey's idea.

When Humphrey and John Fitzgerald Kennedy battled for the Democratic nomination in 1960 both sought Stevenson's blessing. He did not give it to either—hoping to profit from their deadlock.

Yet on the night before Kennedy was nominated, Humphrey in a gallant, hopeless gesture—endorsed Adlai Stevenson.

Four years later Stevenson hoped to be tapped for the Vice Presidency. That Humphrey got it made no apparent strains on their friendship.

After his death, CBS did a program called "Some Friends of Adlai Stevenson." One of them, Hubert Humphrey, talked of the "lunchable" —the theatre and after the theatre. We have had some wonderfully good times."

And Eric Sevareid recalled having been with Stevenson in London on the eve of his death: "His face really lit up when he talked about you, Mr. Vice President. He said 'That Hubert. He's my buddy.'"

Dedicated in friendship, Stevenson High School could not have a better beginning.

Allen Rosenfeld

HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF LIFE?
Beautiful 20-year-old Jennie Wallis, popular Dearborn model, 5'7", 37-25-37, 132 lbs., says: "Until about four years ago I had never a day in my life. Most of the food I ate did not agree with me, and I suffered from flu attacks every year. I was soft and flabby and had a difficult time participating in sports and social activities."
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"I also use weight lifting four times weekly for figure control. Since I began using natural food supplements I have been able to control overgrowth and the bloated feeling I had before."
Jennie Wallis neither smokes or drinks and is the mother of a cute 3-year-old girl.
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More precious than gold is the heritage of free speech. More powerful than the sophisticated weaponry of today is the power of the pen. More important than any other struggle is the struggle to maintain free speech in a free society so that the men of good will—everywhere—may rise to the fulfillment of the great potential which lies within them.
At the time of National Newspaper Week, and during the Golden Anniversary of Kiwanis International, the men of Kiwanis take pride in saluting the great free press of the western world.

THE READERS SPEAK UP
Parents 'Speak Up' On Bus Issue
Editor:
I agree with Mother of Walkers too (Redford Township). Let the children walk a little. Let's good for their health.
They have so much energy they don't know what to do with it. I don't like to see them riding bicycles in the streets when there are parks near; and run the streets yelling at night until 10 o'clock.
I walked three miles to school when I was six years old and it didn't hurt my health or personality.
REDFORD TAXPAYER
Democrats in Redford Township—I'm speaking here as a citizen of South Redford, as an educator and as a Republican.
To members of the Executive Board of The Democratic Party:
I am amazed at your recent action in endorsing the South Redford School Board. Instead of working with school officials and attempting to solve the system's financial problems, you seem to be trying to win votes with vicious attacks. Instead of working to solve the school's possible instructional program and adequate transportation service, you seek to undermine public confidence in the schools.
The spur that drives Birchers and so amazes the opposition is:
1. Understanding the alteration of delivery little or nothing, and the need for concerted effort.
2. McNamara and the misguided, moderate, liberal, socialist, do-gooder, accommodationist and the communist string pullers, who are procrastinating and are to be defended toward a nuclear Pearl Harbor.
3. Gradual acceptance and support of socialism in a little compromising at a time "so the good people can get in." But success is always just around the next compromise, individually and accommodation Nationally.
If Birchers could be granted one wish, it would be to inspire individuals to have an open, inquisitive mind to our appeal so they may compare the issues.
Robert Welch, the founder of the Society, has provided the vehicle that will indirectly cause the defeat of communism. It will be known in history as the "Father of the rebirth of our Country. He has re-lit the torch of Liberty! Its flame shall engulf this nation."
Now it is up to all good men and women to nourish and protect this child of Liberty to fulfillment.
From observation of the John Birch Society and experience as a member this is what all Birchers stand for:
With God's grace, let us live the moral individualist and the Republican!
BRUCE E. DUKE
Community-Minded Citizen
Editor:
I am writing in favor of a citizen's committee to look into the trouble in our Police Dept. as outlined in your "Reader Service" column. This situation is one that should concern each and every taxpayer in this city. If allowed to continue it could end in total chaos affecting every citizen of the community. It is quite evident the Mayor or his Director of Public Safety are incapable of coping with this problem. In view of the non-existent communication between the Mayor and his Council, it remains for someone or body to step into the breach and come up with a solution.
I personally have my beliefs on the matter as I am sure the press has.
I believe your paper has a responsibility to print your opinion on this matter, (unless of course it would conflict with your political views).
As for myself I would be glad to give my views at an open discussion of the matter. I would be glad to donate as much time as required to any committee endeavoring to come up with the answers. I feel this Mayor and his Council are vitally interested, to the point they would be glad to assist with it.
There are innumerable issues I would like to voice an opinion on, but to comply with your requests for brevity I will wait till next week. This particular issue however I feel is vitally important to the entire community.
C. M. MCINTYRE
Livonia

Safety Is Concern
Editor:
I have just read a letter written to you an "Interested Citizen" and I feel just as compelled as this housewife to answer her letter.
My children also attend parochial school, as she states. Mr. Giordano's children do. Where his children attend school, I do not know, but of our situation, I know.
Apparently this mother can send her children off to work on her own safe arrival and return. But I am one parent who cannot cross the Telegraph Road at Elmira to attend St. Hilary School. When she said Mr. Giordano "expected the School Board to pay his children's free" this becomes hard for me to understand. I have heard of rumors that we parents who send our children to parochial school do not pay the same school taxes as those in the public schools. This kind of statement is so ridiculous I was sure one with half a brain could see that. Also the "free transportation" the township provided our parochial school children last year, was paid for by the bill Governor Romney signed, providing \$40 per parochial school student—paid to the community serving this transportation besides our school taxes.
The Township has given us a policeman to stop traffic but no one to enforce the law on the island—what if he had children coming across then? This location has been a good spot for a ticket stop. There is no traffic light but we do have a half a blind spot which obstructs the view of oncoming vehicles. We also have to cope with a cutoff from Plymouth Road where drivers try to beat the Plymouth light. One of the policemen told there are so many dangers to contend with when crossing these children, the only solution is a pedestrian overpass. I have talked to the Michigan State Road Commission, and they have made an investigation. Apparently they see the need for an overpass but the community must bear the expenses.
I am curious to know what the School Board would do if these 278 children were removed from their present school and put into public school, which we have every right to do. Perhaps half-day sessions!
I have not heard one parent complain about our children walking. It's the crossing that worries us. We would be happy to have the school bus at Telegraph, drop them between the street and dropped them off on the other side. Walking with them is a lot more trouble than that sure about the crossing.
It's refreshing to know some parents have problems with foreign language, art, music, library, etc., when we worry about whether or not our children make it across Telegraph.
MRS. JAMES L. MULLINS
S. Redford Township

Afraid of Merger
Editor:
I write to you regarding the proposed consolidation of the Police and Fire Departments. I, for one, want a first class force to answer my call if I should need one. I want a man thoroughly trained in his job and willing as part of a team of firemen just as thoroughly trained.
I have the same feelings in regards to a police officer. If I have need of the services of a policeman, I don't want to have to wait for him to finish fighting a fire.
The concept of consolidation of police and fire departments is not new and I am sure that if the idea had much merit there would be many thousands of communities operating with consolidated departments. At this writing, the percentage is very small. Some of these communities have found consolidation detrimental.
Apparently the Mayor doesn't pay much attention to the wishes of the voters. In two elections we reduced the work week of the firemen and voters ourselves a tax increase for first class police protection.
Obviously what we want are two first class departments. Consolidate records and paper work and dispatching if they will, but let our firemen be firefighters and our policemen be law enforcement specialists.
WALTER SHERMAN
Livonia

In Defense of Birchers
RE: Editorial Oct. 7, Pontiac Press
This Birchers wonders who is next?
When some of the Republican Ins would advocate the Birchers and the Constitution from political activity for supposed undesirability and if this is possible, who would be next?
Their whole reason for our exclusion is based on a false premise. Birchers can not and will not mix politics or religion in the Society, because it can't. Bodies people from all groups. It could not be otherwise, they are the individualist of the individualist.
The only discipline Birchers have is agreement on aims. The only loyalty is to our flag, our Country and its Constitution. The only policy we can or will use to reach our goals is always strict adherence to the law, with no semblance of means of achievement. Never would means justify the end. We are

Observing the Scene...
By MYRA CHANDLER
The mayor didn't sign a proclamation and there is no banner strung across Main Street; nevertheless, it is National Newspaper Week.
Responsible newspapers rededicate themselves to remaining on the alert to protect the public's right to know—in the police station, city hall—court room, and with legislative bodies of both government and school.
Some of our predecessors went to jail fighting to establish this right—and although it took 30 years, we still must put up a fight—and sometimes we lose.
It appears we lost this week.
A decision was made that is meaningful to citizens of seven communities. Why the decision was made is a mystery to the press and thus to the community.
The decision was handed down this week from the State Board of Education—a body of eight elected officials—to deny South Redford and Redford Union School District citizens a chance to vote on joining Schoolcraft Community College.
Instead, they decided to consolidate the Redfords with the entire rest of Wayne County, not now affiliated with a Community College School District, into a five-campus district which will be spread out over the entire county. The election is slated for March 1. Communities may not approve this vote individually as they did when they voted to join (or not to join) Schoolcraft College. It is by simple majority of the whole lump mass.
We agree it is better that the two Redfords be part of this community college district rather than none at all, but there is no denying the disappointment of The Observer Newspapers with the fact it could not be a part of Schoolcraft College. The Redfords carried the banner for the original Schoolcraft College plan seven years ago and they are geographically and psychologically part of it.
The decision of the State Board may have been based on facts. But we can only listen to rumors, assume, and presume, because the decision came in a closed, unannounced meeting—something The Observer abhors for a governing body because it DOES lead to misunderstanding and rumors.
The item was not on the agenda of the unannounced meeting. Superintendents and spokesmen from both Redfords, as well as from Schoolcraft College, asked to speak on the question. They were not only denied; they were ignored.
On the basis that the public has a right to know; and again, because we feel it our duty to inform, we share here with you what we have heard from many who asked that their names be withheld because they were "not to tell".

● Petition was denied Redfords because eventually Wayne County Community College wishes to swallow up Schoolcraft College, too.
● There were political involvements. The eight-man Board is all Democratic and they felt they owed Leonard Woodcock, UAW Vice President, a political debt. He is a very Democratic who originated this plan and very much wanted the Redfords in; in fact, pressured for it.
● That they were denying the Redfords the petition because they felt the only reason Redfords wanted to be attached to Schoolcraft instead of the county was to avoid any racial integration.
● Pressure was brought to bear on the State Board as part of a creeping inner-city plan to ruthlessly scoop up the independent suburban areas.
What is truth and what is rumor? Unfortunately we are not in a position to report this because the fourth estate was not allowed or invited to attend the meeting where the decision was made.

Lauds Giordano
Editor:
This is a response to the "Interested Citizen" who can't see why Mr. Giordano is so concerned about the transportation problem in South Redford. It's true, his children do attend a parochial school, as does my daughter.
If this interested housewife would check further, she would find that we do not get a reduction in our tax bill, as a lot of people must think, because our children attend parochial schools. We do have to pay for our children's education, but we also must pay to educate her darlings.
Our biggest complaint is not that they have a distance to walk, but the fact that there are hazardous areas to be traveled. We have been turned down in our requests for sidewalks, and for traffic signals at all dangerous crossings.
In another month it is going to be dark when our children will have to be on their way to school. This will make the situation more hazardous.
So my dear interested citizen, do you think we are asking for so much? One thing to remember is that there is a great number of South Redford students attending parochial schools and it could be a deciding factor in the next mileage increase election. We have voted in the past to better the school system but now we feel that we are treated as second class citizens. All we want is for the safety of our children. I feel the School Board owes us that much.
Maybe if the "Interested Citizen" would travel the route on foot that these children have to use she may have a change of heart. I suggest she pick some rainy or snowy morning between 7:15 a.m. and 8 a.m. when traffic conditions are at their worst.
We are grateful that we have a Mr. Giordano fighting for our cause. May God bless him.
STEVEN SIEKIERKA
Redford Township

Ideas for Better City
Editor:
Upon traveling on Livonia's streets and roads, a visitor's initial impression of our city is one of indifference or that of a small uncolorful addition to the greatness of Detroit. But a more informed and informed visitor—neither is the only small town. Livonia is Michigan's know, the printed word.

Devil And John Birch
Editor:
I've been very disturbed by the rash of ultra-conservative literature being clandestinely delivered to the homes in our neighborhood.
If I were a Communist, I would be troubled by the damage being done by the John Birch Society in the name of America with as much glee as Satan would be troubled by the harm being done by the "witches" in Salem in the name of God.
ROBERT S. PAVLOCK
Livonia

Privileged or Public?
Editor:
I wish to endorse the action of my school board and superintendent in refusing you access to privileged information. Your principles may be correct but your methods and arrogant attitude are revolting.
CLARENCE CHONHEIM
Garden City

Ed Note: The Observer is not interested in "privileged information" is merely a publication—and by the only method we know, the printed word.