

The Power To Tax

As we prepare to enter the New Year it would not be amiss to remind ourselves that: ● You can't have your cake and eat it, too. ● He must pay the fiddler who would dance, and ● The power to tax is the power to destroy. Wrapping these all up into one related bundle we find that Livonia School District officials — along with other school and municipal officials — are wondering how to maintain the quality of services without raising taxes. You can't have your cake... We can't send pounds of astronaut tumbler through space, send 400,000 troops to Vietnam, build a giant naval base in the Gulf of Thailand, provide increased Social Security payments, wage wars on poverty, without a sacrifice of something somewhere. He must pay the fiddler... Livonia's school district will seek an additional 9 mills for operating expenses on Jan. 17. Starting Jan. 1, every taxpayer earning \$6,000 or more will pay an additional \$103.20 yearly for Social Security. This amount for social security is probably

Meet Schimpke Of Schoolcraft Road

In a world where individualism is all too rare, there is a man in Livonia who stands out for his dedication. He is a man of action and his dynamic personality has built his corporation into a world-wide organization dedicated to development of new methods for air and water pollution control. Milton Schimpke, president of Centri-Spray in Livonia, is a builder of ideas. He not only dreams but he makes these dreams become reality. One of the ways President Schimpke does this is by personally rocking the boat. He isn't a "P.R." (public relations) man. Rather he does things up. He has the ability to separate the talented from phonies and goes after the talented. He has surrounded himself with those who are interested more in accomplishments than in social security. Centri-Spray Corporation is a pioneer in the development of air and water pollution control equipment with its dust and chemical fume collecting systems described as the most efficient in the industry. Centri-Spray parts include washers, paint-sprayers, and other equipment are well known in every major industry. Composed of five separate divisions, Centri-Spray Corporation is a diversified company. Centri-Spray Corporation has five divisions: Cent-Tec Division—special production, test stands for leaks, flow and endurance, and precision sheet metal assemblies; Cent-Air Division, aggressive cleaning, deburring and descaling machines; Cent-Cler Filter Division, custom designers and fabricators of filtration equipment and all removal units for process liquids in the automotive, steel, paper and chemical industries; and Centri-Man Division, design, manufacture and installation of auto-

Leave This To Administration

Are the Farmington Public Schools doing enough for their scholars? We think so. But, one member of the Board of Education doesn't agree. After a review of the high schools' policy for honoring high scholarship, Board Trustee Herbert Neal took objection. Other Board members, seemingly content with the existing policy, asked him to prepare a list of suggestions for more honors. He did and they were presented in detail at the next meeting. No action was taken and the matter was tabled pending further study. So it should be. No action is required. The two high school principals indicated that parents and students alike were satisfied with the system of honoring scholastic achievement. Days have changed since the "honors" or "out of it" to be a "brilliant" Today, high school students, particularly those in Farmington, seem to be aware of the importance of education. This is a serious era. We shouldn't have to spend important time thinking of ways to put high school scholars on a pedestal. High school graduation is far from the end of an educational venture. The men are separated from the boys at a much higher level. Today, a college education has become almost a necessity for success. We don't need to protect our youngsters so that they know the benefits of achievement. Statistics offer the proof. More than 75 per cent of Farmington Public School graduates go on to higher education. Therefore, someone must be adequately impressing on these youngsters the advantages of knowledge. Our education system alone. It is both adequate and rewarding. And, it seems that there have been no complaints except from one Board member. Our education system is to be commended. Education in Farmington becoming big business. The school system has grown and is growing by leaps and bounds. Running the system is big business, but off times the Board of Education becomes

King Merger is Dead

Place a member of the to live below his means and accept that fate by simply writing letters to the school board. Teachers in the same room and usually an endless debate will ensue on how a professional teacher should behave. The MEA teacher will shake a finger at anyone who suggests a merger suggesting going on strike or picketing to obtain higher salary benefits. It is just not the profession or a criterion for a teacher to carry a picket line in public protesting for more wages. The Federation member will counter that it hardly seems however, the merger ties are out. This is the 220



THE READER SPEAKS UP: Wants School Buses

Editor: I wonder how many people went to the polls in South Redford and voted the millionaire on the strength of restoration of bus service only to find on Thursday that there were no buses except for kindergarten? Mr. Row stated in the newspaper that we would go back two years in service. He was either mistaken or misquoted. Ashcroft School stated that no child in the district lives over a mile from school. That may be as the crow flies, but my child doesn't fly, she walks and I clocked it at exactly one mile from our house to school. I say let the children screech! I say let the school and I walk us more buses. MRS. NORMAN BOCKELMAN Redford Township Editor: I am a Livonia contractor and have recently erected three commercial buildings for lease. Vandals, in a few short weeks, have broken large plate windows for the second time. The disgusting element in my mind is the end result. Insurance rates must certainly continue to increase. Taxes are soaring as our municipalities attempt to cope with malicious destruction. Business absorbs their loss with higher prices. This caliber of individual will hardly be able to cope with the financial chaos 10 years from today that is being created now. Our responsible citizens should deal harshly with the situation today. KEEN BRUCE Editor: On Christmas Eve my little son had not seen Santa. No matter where we took him, Santa was for some reason not in. We convinced him that everything would be alright if he sat under the tree and waited and we would mail it airmail so here is the letter he wrote: Hi Santa — I went to your house but you were not there. But I would like a house trailer for Christmas. (Signed) William M. After he finished his letter he felt this sympathy card would be the right one to send him since it had a prayer on it and he felt Santa needed this prayer for all the good works he would do for all the little boys and girls tomorrow (Christmas). This only shows if we as parents have the imagination of a little child what a different world this might be. WILLIAM MURPHY, LIVONIA. Against K-Mart Editor: Whenever you write articles in this week in regard to rearing the parcel of land at Schoolcraft and Farmington must be sitting in a safe, side-line position where their home is not threatened by this invasion of big time commerce. Otherwise, they should pick on adjacent residents for "wanting something better than a "commercial development."

Plans Change

(Thirty seconds of reading that might give you an insight how another family spent their Christmas.) "We would like to share our Christmas letter with you just as it came from the pen of our son." Dear Folks, I have some bad news for you and there is no way of breaking it softly. I received the time element on my orders and I'm afraid I won't be home for Christmas. None of us will, as all sixty-seven orders are the same. When they told us, it was like telling a group of kids there was no Santa Claus as far as impossible value goes. Some of the men, (Dave, Mike and Bob) just names to you but good friends of mine, were planning to be married, had their invitations out, all arrangements completed and had to start changing them. As much as I wanted to be home for Christmas, at least it was easier for me to accept than this was for them. Our morale was lower than it has ever been. On that day we grieved and moaned but on the next morning, it was all behind us. It's not that we found it easy to say, "Oh, what's Christmas," for we didn't. To look at it realistically, at Christmas time next year, five or more of us will not be alive to enjoy it so you see it was rather simple minded, wasn't it? I know some of the men with whom I went

The Governor On Viet Nam

It's good to be back in Michigan again and to resume my weekly visits with you. I was privileged to spend nearly three weeks in the Far East with nine other Governors at the invitation of the Japanese government and stimulate other false wars of liberation through terror directed by the international Communist conspiracy. Our commitment of ground troops has also engaged the nature of the conflict. It means the North cannot win and it has given courage and greater effectiveness to the South. Now I don't know whether we are doing everything we should. I know some of our policies are wrong such as giving foreign aid to countries whose ships are delivering supplies to North Vietnam. But I also know it is not a simple situation to be solved by simple, conventional solutions. It is as complex a military, political, psychological and total struggle as could be imagined. Of this I am certain. If tyranny can be imposed by terror on South Vietnam, directed and controlled from abroad, it can and will be imposed throughout the world, including the United States. War is horrible. We all yearn for peace, as most people do. GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY Lansing

Time Clocks?

Editor: While we're on the subject of the board of education, what I'd like to know is why don't we have time cards and time clocks so we can account for governmental funds spent exactly? The smallest check should be paid from a time clock, card punched. Why doesn't our government officials see that this is done today? The tree trimmer, the janitor from Livonia, Garden City, Farmington, etc. what's the difference, his government funds should be accounted for, exactly, not on papers, that aren't exact. Then there won't be shortages caused from improper time keeping. We should see that these smaller areas are run exactly as our Detroit offices must operate. Why are these elephant ways not abandoned? As a taxpayer I'm sure you

Observing the Scene...

A column is a personal thing. Each week as a columnist pours out his heart he builds up an image of the readers with whom he has a rapport. This conception, no doubt, is based on his personal contacts, his phone calls, and his day-to-day experiences. For some reason my column has always been a source of strength to me in my ever-changing pattern of life. A place to spill it, unburden, be glad, get mad, release the tensions and engrams. Today another phase is about to develop — another change. One year ago there were grave doubts in my mind as to my capabilities to carry on without my husband and publisher of the paper after his death Dec. 12. Through team effort the paper managed, as Paul always predicted, to grow and prosper. "Any of us could be hit by a Chinese streetcar and The Observers would carry on by their own momentum," he used to say. The past year proves him right. There does come a time in the life of a newspaper, however, when you either strengthen and grow or remain in the status quo, and thus, in effect, eventually slide backward. I have seen this happen to many of our competitive newspapers. The publisher lacks the interest, imagination or, as in our case, the capital to venture forth, to grow and to expand. Thus they have regressed. This must not happen to the strong voice of The Observer Newspaper Group. The well-earned reputation for honest and fearless journalism must continue, and must grow stronger. The sale of The Observer Newspapers to Philip H. Power of Ann Arbor assures this continued growth and strengthening. He brings to The Observer a reputation, among newspaper men, for honesty, honor and integrity. This is not his only advantage. For the first time, The Observer will have a strong working capital. As a result we have plans for growth and expansion to match the vital communities which we serve. It is a thrilling thought to me — and a fine monument to Paul Chandler — for the future plans Philip Power has for the papers. And thus it takes the edge off any hesitant feelings I may have in relinquishing the challenge and responsibility of publishing the paper. When Philip Power comes to this area as a working publisher this spring I look forward to a new and dynamic era for our communities. I think he will bring a fresh viewpoint to government and new leadership to our areas, and thus be stimulating and exciting. Close observers will surely see the similarity between Philip Power and Paul Chandler. I do. It is my wish for the New Year that my friends in the community will give the same loyalty and interest to the new publisher as I have enjoyed and that my enemies will be just as wary. Further, I look forward to the communities offering the same inspiration to Philip Power as experienced by both Paul and myself.

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to basic training are dead. They didn't have the opportunity to enjoy the extra training I'm getting and at that time I considered them mixed-up children. No one can deny them their method now, but in proving themselves worthy as men, they were deprived of their right to live and reap the benefits of their sacrifice. As officers, we must be capable of facing reality with unwavering stability for after all we are going to be sending men to die in less than a year. I imagine it won't be easy for me to sit down and write a Christmas letter. I knew only by his last thrust for glory that he was killed on Christmas Eve in a teeming jungle diet. Yet these are the trials and tribulations of war. I am sure that ready while the rest of the world rejoices, if not we must lose everything that freedom stands for. I know how much it hurts but then, others will be able to have a truly happy Christmas after all, isn't this the true spirit of Christmas? Take care of yourselves and say hello to everyone for me. Love, Jim And so we find a newer philosophy and a broader concept of Christmas. As ever, ESTHER AND JIM

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