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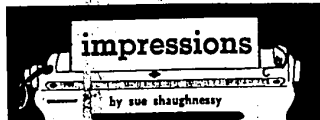
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A very amusing and entertaining book entitled "Suburban's Cuddled Kids" by Peter Wyden has come across the desk.

We are not certain just how true to life the book is, but it is interesting. Wyden, however, contends that all of the incidents cited are true. Some of these are:

● A 17-year-old girl from a wealthy family was taken to lunch at a downtown department store and didn't know how to get on the escalator; he had never seen one.

● A sixth grader tried to pay for his 35 cent school lunch with a \$50 bill.

● A four year old was taken by his mother to St. Louis, where he spotted a Negro boy and said "Look how dirty that boy's face is!"

Wyden warns that "the tail has begun to wag the dog" and no as that 28 percent of all U.S. children live in Suburbia.

He contends that the driving force behind the growth of suburbia is "escape from dirt and crowding and switchblade knives and minorities and, well, unpleasantness."

Citing the common plea that the move from the City is "for the children's sake," Wyden quotes a Washington psychiatrist who told a joint conference of the National Institutes of Health and the Brookings Institution that:

"Either you move to the suburbs because you like kids and want things for them, or because the kids are a problem and this will get them off your hands."

Those are pretty strong words. We have neither the courage nor the experience to agree or disagree. Perhaps the best answer to this is in each individual's own feelings.

A Grand Rapids sociologist is quoted as stating that society seems to be stepping into a new ghetto.

Wyden notes in this context that "More and more kids come to know only their neatly manicured, fumeless, comfortably monotonous bedroom communities where there are almost no old people, no poor, no childless, no Negroes, either no Jewish families or many, no sidewalks, no places to explore except by chauffeured car, no houses or incomes too different from those of their parents."

A director of a local family service center in suburban Chicago terms the adolescents of the community as "provincial" and afflicted with "tunnel vision."

However, stop for a minute to think. How many times have you made the extra effort to take the children to the Detroit Art Institute? Or do you let them gain this exposure when the energetic girl scout leader takes the troop on the long trip down to the City?

How about the children's Saturday afternoon concerts of the Detroit Symphony? Better still how about a trip to Meadowbrook on one of the community excursions?

Suburban communities in the area are striving hard to provide a balanced life for their residents. This is fine and such activities should be supported. Relying solely on the events, however, might lead the child to think that the world is self contained within the boundaries of the community and consists only of people having a certain class of job, living in certain types of homes and bordered by PTA, scout, Little League, church and school activities?

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Mathematics Grant Goes to County

A \$37,290 Federal grant has been awarded Oakland Schools to develop mathematics courses for non-college bound high school students.

Under the terms of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the grant will cover the cost of analyzing existing mathematics courses, studying experimental approaches and drafting, of course, for those students who do not now take mathematics beyond the ninth grade.

The project calls for examining the kind of mathematics training needed for business, industry and the military services, and incorporating it into courses which will help students retain the mathematics they learned in the earlier grades.

The bulk of the grant, \$27,900, will pay the salaries of a half-time director of the

Two local residents achieved a B average or better during take Spring, 1966 semester at Walsh Institute in Detroit and were placed on the President's Honor List.

They are: Paul D. Houghton, a graduate of Farmington High School, who lives at 23925 Wilmarth, Farmington; and Robert W. Nivola of 15423 Bainbridge, Livonia, a graduate of Bentley High School.

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planning project, a half-time associate director and the salaries of teachers who substitute for mathematics teachers who serve on planning committees.

Consultants fees and expenses have been budgeted at \$4,000 and \$5,390 has been allocated for teaching materials and supplies.

Application for the grant was made after a series of seminars with Oakland County mathematics teachers in which seven mathematics education specialists suggested areas of mathematics that have been successfully taught to young people who do not qualify for traditional algebra, geometry and trigonometry classes.

This is the second grant Oakland Schools has been awarded for model programs under Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. A \$454,458 grant Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to establish 43 exemplary programs in the language Act.

arts was authorized by the U.S. Office of Education in June.

The intermediate school district has also been awarded a planning grant of \$19,000 to study the needs of Oakland County schools for educational media and \$40,000 to begin a professional library which would serve all county teachers. These funds were available under Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

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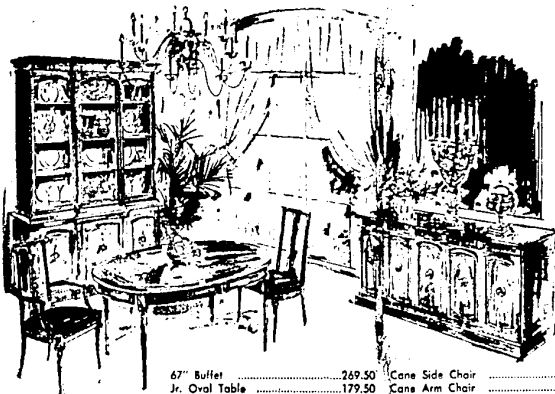
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