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## School Parents and Buses

One of the first things that school administrators learn is that whenever budgets have to be cut, don't touch the bus system. The reason is fairly obvious. The school bus is probably the most tangible evidence a taxpayer has that he is getting something for his money.

The parents are assured that their children won't have to walk long distances in cold and rainy weather and cross heavily traveled highways.

But the Wayne Board of Education, whose district includes most of Westland, has summoned all of its collective courage and decided several weeks ago to cut back the level of bus service to its students. The reason behind that move was simple—money. The bus service reduction was just one part of the slashing of the budget and programs which eventually totaled \$558,100 out of an \$11 million budget.

But the fact that there is a reasonable cause for the bus reduction has nothing to do with the emotions of parents whose children have to walk up to two miles to get to school.

The past reasons that "I walked a long

er distance than that to school when I was a youngster" and "It didn't do me any harm" are not valid anymore. In the old days, horse traffic was more dangerous than auto traffic and the cars available then weren't enough in number to present any large degree of public danger to school children.

The board has a point in that the budget had to be cut—especially in view of the voters' rejection of two tax increases within the past five months.

But the parents of the children who will have to walk to school when they previously bussed also have a point. Money can't buy back a leg, arm, or life.

It seems that somewhere between the two positions, an equitable and reasonable solution will be reached—and The Observer after reviewing previous bus control programs in other communities, believes that the parents will win.

To rephrase a popular saying, "Hell hath no fury like parents whose children will not be driven to school on a school bus."

—LEONARD POGGER

## Election Fairness Urged

In less than two weeks, Garden City voters will go to the polls to elect a mayor, four councilmen and a municipal judge. With only two exceptions, all of the incumbents are running for reelection and are challenged by stiff competition. But the real shadow hanging over the election is the current Wayne County Grand Jury investigation which is digging into improper, and possibly illegal activities by government officials.

At present, grand juror George Bowles has dug into the 1961 sale of the Civic Center property on Middlebelt. Witnesses have been called to give testimony. Local rumors of imminent indictments to be issued, just before or just after the Nov. 8 election, have been circulating for weeks.

One municipal candidate says he has a letter written five years ago concerning the property sale and purchase but said he will give it to The Observer "only if he is pushed" during the current political campaign.

Another political figure, an unsuccessful candidate in the August primary, has shown a package of information concerning improper activities in the City Hall several years ago.

A third person has been a frequent

visitor to The Observer office with a pocketful of "lips" concerning wrong-doing in our local government.

But upon closer investigation, no indictments issued, no trials held, no convictions handed down by a jury operating under our due process of law.

But this may have little effect on the voters' minds when they go to the polls. Nov. 8, many more believe what it is, than people are inclined to think "where there's smoke, there must be fire." This may not be entirely fair to the candidate, several of whom were directly or indirectly involved in the 1961 Civic Center land purchase.

To ask the voters to completely rule out the current Grand Jury probe as a factor in their making up their minds in the fall election would be too naive. The investigation and its accompanying publicity, if true, has swayed a few votes in an election which promises to be a close one anyway without outside influences.

But The Observer hopes that the readers and voters will use their sense of fair play and elect the candidates on the basis of their past and present performances and not on rumors whispered in the rear of local taverns or street corners.

—LEONARD POGGER

## Progressive Steps

Livonia's school board took two progressive steps recently:

1. Signing an open-shop contract with school secretaries which means that no secretary is forced to join a union to work for the school district.
2. Providing in their agreement with the Livonia Education Association that all eligible school employees may obtain Michigan Education Association insurance policies if they so desire. (This was not possible

last year when an unaffiliated employee could not obtain insurance.)

These types of actions provide equal treatment for everyone—and is the essence of democracy.

Congratulations to board members with an added request that they provide an open shop for other non-teaching personnel (bus drivers, cooks, custodians) when that contract comes up for renewal in two years.

—BILL GAIL

## Judge By Character

Webster's definition of a bigot is "one obstinately or intolerantly devoted to his own church, party belief or opinion." This can be more finely defined by contemporary language no matter who wrangles against the label.

Would the Kindreds and the Thompsons have objected to this program if the exchange had been with a school in Bloomfield Hills. I think not. It never really was a question of Federal money or Federal intervention in our schools, state rights or any of the numerous camouflage arguments in these people's raise. The objection was a because it involved a predominantly ne-

gro school. Mr. Kindred's objections to the Human Relations Commission and to this school program was not for any of the lofty reasons stated by Mr. Thompson. He and his kind are not knights in shining armor defending anyone's rights but aimed at denying basic human rights to millions of Americans.

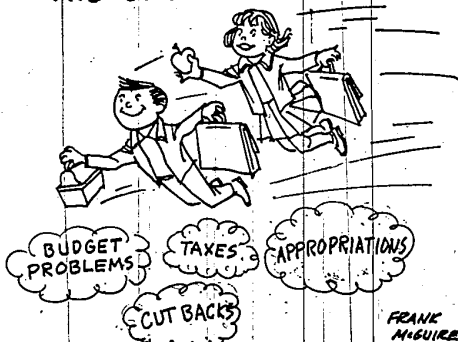
They would pass on to their children and our children the same unreasonable hatred that foster within themselves. Unreasonable hatred is a strong and exhausting emotion as is anger whose only solution lies in violence as Mr. Kindred well knows.

Our racial situation today

can only be solved by what we teach our children so that tomorrow these problems will not exist. I want my children to grow up learning to judge his fellow human being only by what kind of person he is. I want them to hate a man only if he is evil and not because of his race, religion or ethnic background. Therefore, I commend our school board and hope that they will promote more of these programs so that our children can learn from experience that people are just people, some good, some bad, some strong, some weak, no matter what the color of his skin.

VIVIAN M. LAZAR  
Livonia

## The 'Untouchables'



## Letters to Editor: Brighter Future From "Dim" Past

Editor:

The issue of street lights seems to bring out the ire of a community minority who are more interested in saving a few dollars annually than seeing the overall good accomplished for all to enjoy.

It is these same people who routinely leave their wife and families home while working overtime or enjoying a so-called regular night out. Would these families not feel safer to have street lights, as well as the family pet, at ward off window peepers?

The "minority" are too busy to volunteer service in civic or public affairs, instead their best efforts are directed toward criticism of progressive community ideas or those who do serve to make our city and communities a better place in which to live.

Major law enforcement agencies have information which proves that there is up to an 85 per cent crime reduction in areas where street lighting prevails.

"Yes," I do support street lights and the good they do not because they might raise my taxes or would be located on my property, but because:

1—I believe they are in the best interests and safety of my community and its residents;

2—they will act as a deterring force against the ever increasing incidence of local vandalism and;

3—they will also discourage further attacks upon our children and adults.

The board of education has declared its support recently for the street light concept, and likewise our city council, through some civic association requests, is also supporting such a growing need.

Should we not as parents and citizens of a growing Livonia wake up and unite behind our local social and civic groups to support that which is best left out of the local building code—street lights for all.

HARRISON M. MERCER  
Compton Village  
Resident

Thank You, Mr. Farnum  
OPEN LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN BILL LEE FARNUM:

As spokesman for the Slatin County Homes Estates Section # 2, we would like to

thank you on behalf of our entire group for your untiring personal efforts to secure equal mail service for the citizens of Livonia.

Without your assistance, it would have been almost impossible to reach an early and amiable solution to what seemed to be an insurmountable problem. It is most gratifying to know that we are represented by such a loyal and dedicated public servant in our nation's capital. You and your fellow congressmen are to be commended for your collective efforts which have resulted in the restoration of door-to-door delivery service and the elimination of a public service inequality in our mail system.

As a citizens group interested in good government, we hope that our efforts may have been, in a small way, instrumental in bringing about a reasonable solution to the national mail problem.

With a great feeling of pride and accomplishment, we would like to say "Thank you Mr. Farnum for a job well done and many of them time on it your endeavor to promote sound legislation and good government."

NORMAN J. KAYE  
HENRY KRUEZ  
Committee for Food and Delivery Service  
Slatin Sub-Division # 2

Opposes G.C. Judge  
Candidate's Idea

Editor:

Credit must be given to Huey Long when he stated "If you're in politics, tell them what they want to hear, as long as it sounds good, even though it's impossible."

In one local newspaper Charles Lowe, candidate for Garden City Municipal Judge states "The Code of Ethics Ages that I am purporting would not be enforceable by law, but would be morally binding as rules set up by teenagers themselves, working through the school system and local PTA's."

In the other local newspaper, Lowe advocates "establishment of a school for parents, when all other means fail."

Having just completed a good deal of research regarding the word "Ethics," I've almost come to the conclusion that it might be

necessary to add a new so-called "Political Dictionary."

Within the past month, I've attended a "Meet Your Candidate Meeting" where I was informed that the letter "E" in ethics stands for economy and the "T" stands for something else and so on down the line.

To get back to my original point Lowe advocates a school for parents when all other means fail. True, there are many delinquent parents and these so-called delinquent parents usually end up with delinquent children. It would be interesting indeed to hear the reply Lowe were to receive if he tried to tell the delinquent parents of a teen age delinquent to attend a so-called school for delinquent parents, particularly so since "this also in most instances" is not enforceable by law.

The so-called "Frat," "Grease" and "Mods" in today's teen age groups represent not only the teenagers themselves, but also the financial status and moral approach and position to the teenagers' parents.

The establishment of a Teen Age Code of Ethics is in keeping with my opening statement, "If you're in politics, tell them what they want to hear, as long as it sounds good, even though it's impossible."

The Ten Commandments were given to man by God for all to comply with as a guide to eliminate moral decay. To pass on a new type of "Ethics" enforceable not by law, but "under the rules set up by teenagers themselves, working through the school system and local PTA's," is, in my opinion, the usurpation of the authority of God, the clergy and the parents themselves.

Since this new code of ethics is not enforceable by God, it is not enforceable by law, but by the teenagers themselves. I can only add, "The good to hell is paved with good intentions."

JOSEPH GARDYNIK  
Garden City

Two Streaks In Month

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## OBSERVING the Scene . . .

By MYRA CHANDLER

There is absolutely no connection between two thoughts plaguing me this week.

One is how we get conscientious voters to realize the importance of first acquainting themselves with the qualifications of a judge candidate and then voting for him. How indeed?

And how do we get culturally appreciative cosmopolitan residents out to see a delightful satire brought to Bentley High School in Livonia through an amazing coup pulled by the Livonia Entertainment Guild.

The production is live drama and is brought to the board by the Court Players. It is an excellent production of "Harry, the Rat with Women." They only perform in the Kresge Court at the Institute of Arts—but somebody knew somebody and so they are coming to Livonia. It is really a funny, sprightly change of pace from Saturday night at the movies; a testimonial dinner at Roma Hall, or popcorn and pa by the fireside.

The downtown group is how "mod" we are and if we production will be the "in" thing for Saturday night, "adults only," please.

Now, back to the judges—there is one that is haunting me personally that I am sure you will not overlook if you have met him. His name is Meyer Warshawsky—and he is not insisting on this report, but he certainly does insist on telling his story and his philosophy.

What really bothers me is the dedicated citizen and lawyer just doesn't have enough time. For he intends to tell his story to everyone from the man in the street to the man on top of the flag pole—and he will shun the pole to do it. Nothing daunts him.

Another lovable characteristic of the candidate—he is telling his background, his qualifications, his philosophy—he is not knocking his opponents because "The Supreme Court Bench is one of dignity and people everywhere must respect not only those who are elected to serve, but also those who are candidates for the office."

Other Warshawsky beliefs . . . "and, it is imperative that the law be clear as well as just. Only by respect for the law can we provide a social climate in which our young people can advance."

He has served in United States Marine Corps in World War II; Prosecuting Attorney, Van Buren County—three terms; former Circuit Court Commissioner; past president of County Bar Association; member of State of Michigan Bar Association; member of Board of Directors of Area Related Children's Association; past president of County Traffic Safety Council; Teacher's Certificate Secondary Education; graduate of University of Michigan Law School; graduate of Western Michigan University; active trial lawyer.

He is easy to like, to trust and what is so important in this age of crumbling ethics of people in high places, you can be proud of him. I am, win or lose.

In other Judgeship races we can recommend, based on experience and observation, the candidacies of Cornell G. Kennedy and James L. Ryan, for Wayne County Circuit Court. There are six candidates on the ballot and three to be elected. Mrs. Kennedy is young enough to be vigorous and old enough to have served as Director of the Detroit Bar Association (only women as have held this position) plus law clerk to Justice Harold Stephens of the United States Court of Appeals in Washington. Both have been rated "outstanding" by the Bar Association.

James Ryan, aside from being "local" (Redford Township Justice of the Peace) has a long list of illustrious activities where he has performed ably including President of the Wayne County Justices.

Another candidate deserving of public attention is James H. Brickley, present Detroit City Councilman. He is a candidate for Court of Appeals where there is one vacancy and two are running. James Brickley is experienced in analyzing, evaluating and grasping the philosophy of law, having taught it. The Court he is a candidate for is not a trial court but devotes itself to hearing and resolving questions of law taken on appeal from the trial courts. It does not take evidence—but sifts the details of

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by Nina Parker

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