

The Teachers Speak:

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Livonia Education Ass'n
Each year, the central staff has prepared a budget for your schools. It has almost always had to "hold the line" in many areas, and many "quality" proposals to the budget have been cut before the budget was approved by the Board of Education.

The Budget Committee (which this year has LEA representation) has been meeting for the last month trying to gaze into the crystal ball and anticipate the needs of a growing Livonia for the next school year.

We are continually searching for new ways to improve the quality of education in Livonia. Department directors have spent many hours preparing budget requests which would reflect, if approved, a significant improvement in instruction.

The LEA and the central staff concur that a significant improvement is desired in the amount of funds requested for:

- A. Realistic Reductions of Class Size;
- B. Realistic Salary Schedules and Improved Benefits;
- C. Materials for Instruction;
- D. Buildings and Maintenance.

Unfortunately, if the past practices of budget cutting are repeated, in all probability, many of these recommendations will not be able to be implemented with the amount of funds currently available.

Related to the improvements recommended are the major staffing problems that Livonia faces and, while recognizing that we have many problems, I see the largest one as it relates to staffing.

Dr. Whistler, Director of Personnel, in his recent "Professional Personnel Study," points out a few items that concern us all as educators. In recent years, a greater percentage of our staff has chosen not to return to Livonia the next year. This is a

reversal of a trend which was evident a few years ago. Figures are as follows:

In 1962-63, 16.2 per cent left; in 1963-64, 13.8 per cent left; and in 1964-65, 11.9 per cent left. A small percentage left in these years, indicating that we are able to keep the kind of people we were willing to hire. In 1965-66, the figure jumps to 15.3 per cent of the staff leaving, and 1966-67 figures are given at 19.1 per cent, which indicates to me that "We Got Trouble Right Here in River City."

I submit to you that this is further evidence that the economic pressures placed on our staff are greater than ever. The pressures of inflationary times and rising salaries elsewhere make it more difficult than ever for the single most important factor in budget making in Livonia must be the teachers' salary schedule.

Adjustments must be made soon which will help to reverse this erosion of our staff. Any other position than this will amount to the LEA being a willing party to a reduction in Quality Education in Livonia. The ramifications of present trends, confusing as only be speculated on but, certainly, the losses can be identified.

Now is the time to reverse the trend of deterioration in our city's school system. You, as parents and citizens, can contribute significantly to this cause by lending your full support to the Board of Education so that our educational program may be maintained and improved for the boys and girls of Livonia.

Teen Dance Saturday
A special Valentine's Day Dance, "Cupid's Caper," will be held for all Junior High School students in Farmington Saturday, Feb. 11. The Rebels will provide the music at East Junior High from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is 15 cents. The dance is sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees.



SHARING 55 YEARS of sign painting experience is Charles H. Wood (above). He is the owner of Contempo Art Company and is demonstrating tricks of his trade before a group of students of Adlai E. Stevenson high school. No classes taught by Ken Rose. These art students are planning careers in commercial art. Inviting professionals into class is part of the career development program.

Names 4 Managers to Sales Posts

Four sales executive appointments in the Paperboard Division of Packaging Corporation of America have been announced by John A. Oakes, vice president, sales, Packaging has a plant in Plymouth.

P. A. Loftus has been named District Sales Manager for the area that includes Chicago, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. He continues his sales service function at the company's Rittman, Ohio paperboard mill. His office will be located in Rittman.

J. F. Schraf is District Sales Manager for the area covering the Eastern States and metropolitan New York, and he will operate from the company's New York office.

Chrysler Boosts Charles Lewis

Charles C. Lewis has been appointed parts and accessories merchandising manager for the Chrysler-Plymouth Division of Chrysler Motors Corporation.

In his new position at Chrysler-Plymouth, Lewis supervises the parts and accessories merchandising activities for the entire Division.

Prior to joining Chrysler, Lewis spent ten years in sales work with another automobile manufacturer.

LWV Studies Education

The subject for the monthly meetings of the Livonia League of Women Voters will be Education. Future trends in education and contiguous boundaries will be discussed by the Education Committee at the February meetings.

Today (Wednesday afternoon) Mrs. Sladek of 17410 Loveland opens her home. Thursday, Feb. 9 at 8:15, Mrs. Adrian Shuring 15570 Ingram will be the hostess.

Mrs. Robert Hughes, 8317 Henry Ruff in Westland will be the hostess for the Tuesday meeting Feb. 14 at 12:45. Wednesday at 8:15 on Feb. 15, Mrs. Leon Martin, 9061 Woodring will open her home for the meeting.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan volunteer organization. All women citizens, 21 years of age and over, are invited to join the Livonia League. You need not be a resident of Livonia. Further information may be obtained by calling the Membership Chairman, Mrs. Omar Mette, GR. 4-6877.

To cope with the heavy run of orders from electric utility companies for nuclear power plants, the four leading light water reactor manufacturers have recently announced measures, including standardization of reactor light water reactor manufacturers keep up with demand.

'You Don't Have Any Snow' Friend Claims

Farmington Township's Heating Inspector Ray Melvin had a letter from the "north country" of Ironwood, Mich. recently asking what the idea of closing everything down in the Farmington area just because of the snow. "Our snow fall so far this year is only 93.9 inches," the letter chided.

The friend, William Rands, also included a command for Chuck Welch and Doug Muirhead of the Oakland County Road Commission to "get to work."

He also noted that it took four days to clear the snow off of the cabins (including Melvin's) in the area. Rands said that there was four feet of snow on the cabins.

Plymouth Jr.

CLASS A STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Knicks	10	2
Warriors	8	4
Wolves	7	5
Knicks	6	6
Wolves	5	7
Knicks	4	8
Warriors	3	9
Wolves	2	10

CLASS B STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Knicks	8	4
Warriors	6	6
Wolves	5	7
Knicks	4	8
Warriors	3	9
Wolves	2	10

CLASS C STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Knicks	6	4
Warriors	5	5
Wolves	4	6
Knicks	3	7
Warriors	2	8
Wolves	1	9

Basketball

8 a.m.—Stags vs. Lakers (West)
10:30 a.m.—Warriors vs. Hawks (East)
12:30 a.m.—Pistons vs. Hawks (West)
2 p.m.—Bulls vs. Hawks (East)
4 p.m.—Bulls vs. Hawks (West)

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
Bullets 22, Bulls 20; Hawks 28, Bulls 20; Pistons 12, Knicks 20; Pistons 12, Knicks 20; Pistons 12, Knicks 20.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
6:45 p.m.—Knicks vs. Pistons (E. Mich.)
8:15 p.m.—Knicks vs. Pistons (E. Mich.)

FRIDAY'S GAMES
8 p.m.—Warriors vs. Pistons (E. Mich.)
10:30 a.m.—Warriors vs. Pistons (E. Mich.)

SATURDAY'S GAMES
9 a.m.—Warriors vs. Pistons (E. Mich.)
10:30 a.m.—Warriors vs. Pistons (E. Mich.)

SUNDAY'S GAMES
10:30 a.m.—Warriors vs. Pistons (E. Mich.)
12:30 a.m.—Warriors vs. Pistons (E. Mich.)

While the cost of living has gone up 31 per cent during the past 15 years, the average cost of household electricity has gone down 18 percent, according to a Detroit Edison publication.

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Reg. 1.99 1.29
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