

Observer Readers Write on Various Community Issues

For President?
Editor:
I just wanted to try and express my thoughts on politicians.
Now that Mr. Ferency has retained his chairmanship of the state Democratic party, that same party can get to the business at hand and look at the real causes of the November defeat.
The voting public deserves a little credit for the results at the polls and I hate to see Mr. Ferency take all the credit.
Incumbents have to do a pretty poor job to be defeated. Voters do have some intelligence. Money, or the lack of it, isn't the only answer for hopeful candidates.
Mr. Ferency knows all the problems in Michigan, in fact so do I, however, like Mr. Ferency I have no satisfactory solutions.
Mr. Romney is in much the same fix on Vietnam. He can make many charges against the President, but I have yet to see or hear one valid workable alternative.
Apparently Mr. Romney doesn't give his November supporters credit for having many brains either.

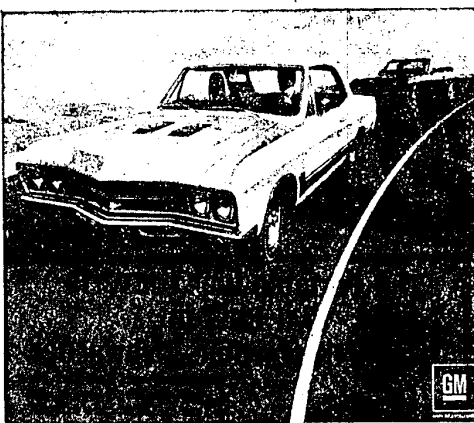
He would have me believe that the Governor of Michigan always goes to Alaska and numerous other states to speak on national policy just to meet people.
I personally don't consider a half million plus margin a "landslide" victory in a state this size.
The November '68 election should prove to be interesting with the possibility of George Wallace and Adam Clayton Powell running for President.
I predict that by then Governor Romney will have made up his mind and President Johnson will be re-elected by the largest plurality ever.
John C. Hicks, Jr.
Redford Township

Year Round School Answer?
Editor:
Last month, at the meeting at Bentley High School in Livonia on Tax, Reform, a member of the panel came up with a proposal for spending reform. He recommended that we stop wasting our schools' and teachers' put them on a year-around basis.
He pointed out that this proposal would not be without problems, inconveniences, and adjustments. However, the only alternative would be continued high or increased taxes. He did indicate that he and his family would be subject to the same problem as mine or anyone else as he has children in both elementary and secondary education.
James O'Neil, who is a member of the State Board of Education, is also from Livonia and therefore, I believe the Livonia School Board should give his proposal serious consideration.
This is one of the few alternatives ever offered to the taxpayers and if they should say "no" to this spending reform proposal then they are saying "yes" to supporting increased taxes and have made their choice.
MRS. GEORGE SYMONS
Ed. Note: A year ago The Observer suggested this idea and said all students could be in school on an alphabetical enrollment method. This all "A's" would vacation in one period, and all "Z's" in another.

Another issue popped up this week, the money question in the City Clerk's office.
Here's one that smells of a bygone personal vendetta. So, the City has a ruling from the court, let them accept it and live with it, the rest of us have to do it. Why should the City be an exception just because the decision went against some of them, (or their feelings)?
The City attorney wants to continue to persecute someone to satisfy a whim of his, sure it is not his money he is spending so why should he care?
Keeping a grudge fight going only benefits the attorneys involved, enriches them financially and adds legal laurels to their already inflated ego. I say live with the verdict handed down by the court and get on with more important things.
Let's forget it, benefit from the experience, and go on with the job at hand.
C. M. McINTYRE
Livonia

Open Letter to Judge James R. McCann
Today, by your own admission, I was guilty before I even entered your courtroom. Instead of our alleged belief that everyone is innocent until proven guilty — I was guilty because you feel only a police officer is capable of telling the truth. When I asked you why you did not consider the possibility that the officer's judgment might just be in error you informed me that you had to take his version instead of mine because he was an impartial witness — merely doing his duty. Since he is not human and capable of error? Only God is this perfect and I'd hate to think our police force would assume this attitude! I strongly suspect your decision also went in favor of a seemingly rookie patrolman in order to bolster his confidence in future encounters. He did not speak with either confidence or surety when answering your questions but this also did not seem to influence you in your decision. He was right simply because he was the police officer!

How could anyone win against such an attitude?
When you pronounced your judgment you simply informed me that it was a \$25 fine. Neither the attending court officer nor the court clerk would define whether this was the traffic violation charge or the penalty for requesting a court trial. Also, no one informed me that I had the choice of paying the fine or spending one day in jail. Had it not been necessary to take my daughter home, who had accompanied me, I would have elected the day in jail rather than have to pay the penalty of seeking justice.
Mary C. Polistivo
(Ed. Note: Mrs. Polistivo, if you feel strong on this, you could appeal to the Circuit court.)



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Why Not Two Tickets?
Editor:
Open letter to Mrs. Robert Fox, chairman of Livonia March of Dimes.
Having received theatre passes yesterday I am sorry to say I was sadly disappointed. Thinking that other mothers might feel the same, I talked to several asking their opinion.
First of all, why were some mothers given only one theatre pass while others were given two? Are you and your committee saying some mothers marched longer or collected more money than others? I don't see how. Why tickets to a drive-in theatre? Driving to 8 Mile and Schaefer is a long distance, don't you think?
We feel if you didn't appreciate our efforts a bit more, tickets should not have been sent. We didn't march for the times expecting anything, but if credit was to be given it should have been done with some foresight.
We are happy that you have exceeded last year's goal for total funds collected.
Mrs. Frank Brandemuhl
Mrs. James McKinley
Mrs. Timothy Collins
Mrs. Lyle Mullin
Mrs. Keith Scullion
Mrs. Ralph Burdick
Livonia Marchers

Too Many Recesses
Editor:
Parents: remember when we were in school and sent out in the cold just to go home for lunch? We really learned something in school then. Nowadays it's a day off for this or that and two recesses a day for "play." Summer it is okay, but on these cold days with snow filled playgrounds!
The school where my children attend sends them out if it is 18 degrees or above. Even at 20 degrees or 30, if the wind is blowing (which it usually is) that's cold. And they cannot stand by the building.
My first grader has come home several times in the past two weeks with cold feet.
Teacher says "change into your tennis shoes and put your shoes on the register." So the shoes become hard and cold and then they are put right back into these (by now, water and slush filled) boots to come back home.

A 'Crit' on Paper
Editor:
Haven't expressed any opinions in a long time, however, I have been keeping a close watch on conditions as they appear. I have to admit you "Observing the Scene" column is becoming more tolerant and seems to get to the heart of the problem under discussion more directly and expresses a more logical view.
As always "Just Chatter" is a real pleasure every week and this column certainly is a "Must" for the paper.
In last week's issue, I was surprised by the "Mayor's Corner" column (subject — firemen). This is undoubtedly the most common sense I have ever heard. His Honor expounded, and I guess for the first time I have to agree with him.
In my estimation the general public is always for the underdog, but, if the working conditions, hours, salary, etc. are as he says I would strongly advise the firemen to take a long close look. I believe it is possible to push the taxpayer just so far and then it is highly possible to lose his support, which in this case is a valuable and very potent weapon. Just maybe the could back off a little and still maintain the support. It is worth a lot of thought.

Dem Leader Pledges Un Editor:
Let me express the thanks of the 19th Congressional District Democratic Organization for the fine coverage your newspaper gave our activities at the recent Democratic state convention.
It was an especially important convention for the 19th District (Livonia, Redford, Northville, Farmington and Western Oakland county) since it resulted in the creation of a unified Democratic district organization which can more effectively present the party's position on issues and give support to the congressional nominee in 1968.
While the many details of organization will be finalized soon by a by-laws committee the broad agreement worked out by the joint unit committee provides for the continuation of a Wayne section of the district to be headed by the elected chairman of the county's portion of the 19th — Jerry Ramond, who also serves as a vice-chairman of the overall district.
The primary involvement of the new organization will be on the congressional level with emphasis being given to bringing before the voters the record of the present Republican holder of that office.
With the Republican party badly split in the 19th district, the Democrats have the responsibility of putting before the voters effective programs and able candidates who can work together at all levels to help solve the problems that are faced by our communities.
This we pledge to do.
Aldo Vagnoni, Chairman
19th District Democratic Orgn.

RSI, Says Thanks Editor:
As chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Redford Suburban League I want to thank those who worked, those who sold, and those who came to our Moonlight Serenade Dance.
We needed all of you to make the dance the great success it was.
A generous profit was made to aid our worthy cause of retarded children. We appreciate the overwhelming support of the community for the RSI project this year.
Bernice Mulch
Redford Township

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