

Adults, Not Curfew, Answer To Livonia Teen Problems

The curfew is not the answer to the youth problem, Captain Robert J. Turner, chief of Livonia detectives, and father of seven, believes.

"SOME CHILDREN could stay out until 1 a.m. without supervision; others couldn't. Parents could be the best curfew

by declaring: 'Be home by 11, and mean it', he says.

He believes the best tools in the battle against youthful misconduct leading to bigger trouble are the schools, the parent and recreational department programs, and various leagues for young athletes to spend extra energy.

"THE GENERAL deterioration of home shows up on the streets," Turner declared. "Also at the drive-ins. Youth is rebellious, but what you see in trouble are the punks, with less than five per cent actively engaged in bad behavior.

"They don't like their parents, consider them stupid. They go through a phase. Parents come to the police too late to help their children, usually. They should have taken a firm hand when the child was three."

Voters Get First 1968 Deadline

City Clerk Addison W. Bacon today urged voters that the deadline for registering to cast ballots in the Feb. 19 primary will be 8 p.m. Jan. 19.

The clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the final day to receive registrations from eligible residents.

Bacon said he will keep the office open extra hours during the period until the deadline to accommodate those who cannot get to city hall during the day.

Great Books Corps Stay Alert, Stay Alive Sets Leader Training Pedestrians Warned

All adults who enjoy books and ideas and believe that young people are capable of thinking for themselves are invited to become certified discussion leaders in the Junior Great Books Discussion Program.

Leaders Training Course will be brought to this area soon.

Conducted by professional staff members of the Great Books Foundation, this course will be tuition-free and open to any adult regardless of formal education.

The purpose of the course is to teach various techniques in the art of leading a successful discussion. In exchange for the course, trainees are expected to co-lead a Junior Great Books Discussion Group.

Livonia leaders have found this work with Junior Great Books a most stimulating and rewarding volunteer activity. It tries to develop the ability of youngsters to think reflectively and critically about basic ideas through reading and group discussion. This is the tenth year for this non-profit educational venture.

The books series have been revised and extended to begin in third grade and carry through secondary school. The program offers fables, adventure, mystery, poetry, drama, and science in a relaxed learning atmosphere which leads to creative thinking.

As Livonia grows, the Great Books Foundation would like to see this fine opportunity in supplemental liberal education extended to more of its young people.

With winter here, the Traffic Safety Association of Detroit offers life-saving words of advice for drivers and pedestrians.

More hours of darkness and more days of bad weather take pedestrians out of the "safety zone" of the association's caution, and across all pedestrians to wear light-colored clothing and to make a special effort to stay alert in traffic.

The association quotes a recent University of Indiana research study, which experimented with the visibility of pedestrians in darkness. It was found that when a series of dummies were clothed in black, 14 per cent of them were not seen at speeds as low as 30 miles per hour.

The study further showed that, when clothed in gray, the dummies were visible at 30 miles per hour, but, at 40 miles per hour, 53 per cent failed to register. In white, 97 per cent were seen at speeds as high as 70 miles per hour. (Only 47 per cent were spotted at 80 miles per hour.)

The Traffic Safety Association also urged drivers to remember the blind trust of the pedestrian that motorists call and will see them in time.

Gloss Tint

Nickel's used to produce black purple or amethyst tints in the coloring of fine glass.

Monster Spade

The largest strip mining shovel ever built stands as high as a 21 story building and weighs 14,000 tons. Used in coal mining operations in Illinois, the shovel has a 180-cubic-yard bucket capacity and a dumping radius of 300 feet. More than 30 tons of nickel-containing steel and iron casting were used to fabricate the high dummies were visible at 30 miles per hour, but, at 40 miles per hour, 53 per cent

Tower

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still limited incomes and assets.

Cook said he expects Donald Garrigan, a field representative for the Chicago regional office, to discuss the garden-type apartments project with the commission at a meeting on Jan. 30. There has been an increased interest in this type of residence, Cook said. The project will be financed by the government unless private interests can be persuaded to make the investment.

All of the projects would be on 8.5 acres bought by the commissioner with funds advanced by the City and the Department of Parks and Recreation, but which will be returned when the projects are begun. The city advanced \$27,516, and Sup. John Dufour \$88,099, to pay \$113,615 to the Charles C. Laatz estate.

There has been no stop order, just "preference."

Some minor changes were made in the plans for Tower No. 1, Jones said, to combat soaring costs, and any further delays can be even more costly to the government in the face of inflation.

Just when construction will start on the tower, if bids are approved and contracts let, will depend on the weather, Cook said. A likely date is March, for excavation work. The contract will call for a start within "reasonable time."

Cook said interest has increased among prospective tenants, and that enough applications are in file to fill two towers at the low rental figure based on modest income.

"Friends think I'm hard on my kids, because they do things my way. They can bring Johnny to dinner, Sally to lunch. That's the way we want it. I'm looked on as a policeman, and the children as a policeman's children. Mine are normal, but I'm not looking forward to the next five years.

"Parents give in too easily. They change their minds two hours after standing firm. I can't see some of the liberal approaches some parents take. Children don't learn all at once. They absorb and learn over a period of time. For instance, you can't give a kid a cat suddenly. What the child does today reflects their training. Parents blame their associates. To some extent that's true. But they mostly reflect the home life.

"Being a parent is a 24-hour-a-day job, not two hours. But the percentage of children in trouble is much smaller than people think. Most children deserve a pat on the back like kids got in other years. Most of them are darn good kids."

HE ALSO URGED voters who have received suspension notices for failure to cast a ballot in the past two years to renew their registration by signing the card and returning it to his office.

Bacon said voters who have moved to a different address inside the city should notify his office of the change in address. Otherwise they will be required to vote in their old precinct.

Federation Books Rubin For Meeting

Irving J. Rubin, director of the Transportation and Land Use Study (TALUS) will discuss Livonia's present and future for the Federation of Civic Associations Tuesday night.

More than 60 delegates and officers of the associations have been invited to the meeting. Rubin will speak in the basement meeting room of the Livonia Police building, at 8:30 p.m.

The presentation will be the first segment of the report on detailed research into the development of the Metropolitan Detroit area, including suburban communities.

It will include the future needs and possibilities in the fields of transportation, land development and economic trends.

RETIREES who are better off financially also are making inquiry about the garden-type units which would have more space and rent for a figure higher than the tower rate.

Cook and his secretary have been checking the assets and income of the early applicants for the first tower to see who qualifies. But when it is up and occupied, there still will be a long waiting list for the twin tower, as well as an attractive list for the garden-type units.

The residences will be close to shopping center, library and churches, Cook said.

THE ACREAGE is at Purlingbrook and St. Martins. Only 2.12 acres will be used for the first tower, but the rest will retain some of its natural beauty for the benefit of the hundreds who may live on the site. Walks and streets will be laid out, along, around and between the projected housing.

How soon Livonia can push the two remaining projects is a question, since Washington is diverting funds to low cost housing in riot torn cities. But

"We want to call the attention of all voters who are eligible but not registered to take advantage of these hours to qualify for voting in the primary," Bacon said.

ON SATURDAY, Jan. 13, he said the clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Voters also may register during regular business hours on Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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