

Politicians Make Roth Scapegoat

EDITOR:
How easy it is to fool the people! While Barnum of circus fame in his time stated that "the public loved to be fooled," he is sure to be outdone by the politicians of today.

Judge Roth of Detroit is being made a scapegoat for pointing out the unequal educational opportunities prevalent in the Michigan School system.

While the august State Board of Education argued politics among themselves, and the ineffectual Michigan Legislature sat on educational reform measures with its usual lack of foresight, the educational system of every area in Michigan was allowed to flounder and deteriorate.

Now all of a sudden, to gain political leverage with the voters, many legislators are hopping on the anti-busing bandwagon, while being applauded and encouraged by the glibble electorate.

When, oh when will we learn to solve our problems instead of treating them as political ramifications? When Phineas T. Barnum said that "people love to be fooled," he sure knew what he was talking about, didn't he?

DOROTHY M. STEVENS
Livonia

Common Folks Are Majority

EDITOR:
I am a Republican precinct delegate, but I was appalled by the article ridiculing the Wallace delegates and his backers. Such pettiness, as was in the article, "Wallace Backers Something Else," is not reporting.

Do the two people who were involved in the writing of the article realize they were laughing at the majority of the people in Redford Township? After all, Wallace did carry every precinct in Redford. Such arrogance on the part of these reporters is too much for the common people, who have not graduated from Bryn Mawr or are Junior Leaguers, to comprehend. But how many people in this country fall into these two categories? Again, I believe we common people are in a majority.

It's too bad that people can't be judged for what they are instead of judging them by their dress and physical appearance. Thank heavens I was taught not to judge people by these false standards. I have a feeling I'm much happier than your two reporters with their superior attitude that allows them to laugh at a group of people. I would guess that if the majority of people wanted to sink to their low level of thinking, we could laugh at them for their smallness.

MRS. MYRNA ADE
Redford Township

READERS' FORUM

Please type (or write clearly) and limit letters to 300 words.

- Letters must be signed, with the writer's address. Names will be withheld only at the writer's request and for good cause.
- The editor reserves the right to reject unsuitable letters.

Writers Need Photo Contest Some Etiquette

EDITOR:

I have taught my children to respect others and not criticize their appearance or clothing. Apparently your writing staff has not yet learned this bit of etiquette.

I was very disappointed in your article on Wallace.

BETTY MCKENNEY
Redford

Firemen Acted Fast

EDITOR:

I can't remember who complained about the Livonia Fire Dept. and how long they took to get a fire.

On June 7 I had a fire in my yard, and they were here within five minutes. It seemed like no time at all before they got it all taken care of. The men were very polite and efficient.

I have nothing but praise for the Livonia Fire Department.

MRS. L. WILKIE
Livonia



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Misuse Of Taxes How Roskelly Beat Stadium

By MAURIE WALKER
"I'm really elated. This shows a person can beat the system."

These were comments from William Roskelly, Redford businessman who with partner Marc Alan and Belleville Mayor Royce Smith has won a Wayne County Circuit Court injunction to prevent the sale of bonds to finance a domed stadium on Detroit's riverfront.

Defendants are the County of Wayne, its Stadium Authority and the Detroit Baseball Club, a division of John E. Fetzer Inc.

Roskelly, president of Basney and Smith, Inc., consulting engineers, land planners and surveyors located at 2320 W. Six Mile Rd., said he was not opposed to a new stadium in Detroit, "but to the way it is proposed to be financed."

HE POINTED out that as chairman of Redford's Building Authority, he had worked toward an indoor rink for Redford, a project now under construction. In 1970 he was a Republican candidate for county commissioner in the 19th district.

"The \$125 million bond issue for the stadium would cost the taxpayers some \$70 million over a 40-year period," Roskelly said.

"And don't forget, it would be the taxpayer who would be financing the stadium, while presently designed for the benefit of a private corporation, the Detroit Baseball Club or the Detroit Tigers."

HE EXPLAINED Smith joined in the suit as the City of Belleville.

"He felt as we did, that the bond issue was not proper, that it was unconstitutional," Roskelly said the planned incurrence of debt primarily on behalf of a private corporation (the Detroit Baseball Club) "is in violation of the U.S. Constitution, the Michigan Constitution of 1963, and the law of the state."

"Such proposed action by the group seeking to build this stadium is a waste of Wayne County taxpayers' money," he added.

"Wayne County needs all of its funds for public purposes,



WILLIAM ROSKELLY—"Someone had to let the public know that this stadium would cost them money." (Observer photo)

including construction of new jail facilities, educational and health facilities plus manpower and more facilities to prevent crime within the county."

Roskelly said he decided to get involved in the stadium fight "because I object to using taxpayers' money in this manner."

"THE WHOLE idea of the new stadium should be put to the vote of the public. After all, they are the ones who support baseball."

According to Roskelly, present stadium plans call for 40,000 square feet of office space for Fetzer.

At Tiger Stadium, Fetzer has 10,000 feet of office space.

"Plans also call for three luxury boxes with all the conveniences, air conditioning, plus a bar," Roskelly said.

"Fetzer would get half of the money taken in by the concessions, would control who sells what and for how much, and has the final say on plans for the stadium."

Roskelly said a planned public restaurant would not be available to the public two hours before or two hours after a ball game, unless the person had a ticket to the game.

"IN ADDITION to adding to congestion of Downtown Detroit, there just simply wouldn't be adequate parking for the large crowds."

The complaint, signed by Roskelly, Alan and Smith, asked the court to "issue an order to show cause why the defendants should not be restrained from incurring the

defendants to construct the proposed stadium is in violation of law."

Early in June, Circuit Judge Blair Moody Jr. ordered a halt to the sale of bonds on the premise that the deal with the Detroit Tigers to lease the facility served no public purpose. The State Supreme Court is now reviewing the case.

Roskelly said a study by the Stanford University found that a stadium plan of this type is unfeasible.

"In fact, Wayne County said the same thing," he added.

WHAT IS HIS purpose in carrying the ball against the stadium?

"The suit has brought to the public exactly what the situation is. My only reward is the support and praise I've received from numerous persons."

"Someone had to let the public know this stadium would cost them money. I decided to do my part."

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CP Closing Appliance Sales Outlets

Consumers Power Co. has begun to phase out its 50-year-old appliance sales activities.

W. Anson Hedgecock, vice president for divisions and customer services, said that "the changing role of this venture in recent years has led to diminishing returns on the investment. Moreover, there are plenty of appliance dealers throughout the country's service area in a market which was once served principally by our company."

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Co-eds Receive Scholarships

Scholarships for two co-eds attending Schoolcraft College were announced by the Alvin M. Bentley Foundation.

One-year awards have gone to Emilie Dawe, 20187 Richland in Livonia, and Mrs. Margaret Vay, 28360 Warren in Westland.

Some \$55,000 has been granted by the foundation for the academic year, 1972-73. This is determined annually by trustees of the foundation whose goal is "to administer funds for science, education and charitable projects."

AREA DEATHS

FRANCIS R. BEALS, Services for Francis R. Beals, 72, of 401 W. Gower, Plymouth, were held in Schaefer Funeral Home with Rev. Paul S. Thompson officiating. He died June 11 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

MARY MACDOWELL, Services for Mrs. MacDowell, 75, of 21515 Waldron, Farmington Township, will be held Thursday, in St. Alexander Catholic Church at 11 a.m. through arrangements with Haly Funeral Home, 24255 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. A service also scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home.

RAYMOND F. DE MAESTRI, Services for Raymond F. De Maestri, 42, of 20021 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington, were held in St. Colman Catholic Church and Interdenominational Funeral Home with Rev. Robert J. Kikoyne officiating. He died June 6 in Bonfield General Hospital and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Orway.

He was self employed as a land grader and was a member of St. Colman Parish, the Perimeter Social Club of Detroit, and an Army veteran of the Korean War.

BONNIE J. RYE, Services for Mrs. Rye, 28, of 465 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, were held in Deacons Assembly of God Church with Rev. James W. Rakyska officiating through arrangements with Harry J. Webber Funeral Home. She died June 13 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, and was buried in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

She was a six month resident of Plymouth and a member of Deacons Assembly of God Church.

HAZEL M. VENNEN, Services for Mrs. Vennen, 88, of 34705 Glen, Westland, were held in R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home with Rev. Fred Schneider of Open Bible Baptist Church officiating. She died June 10 in Putnam General Hospital and was buried in Catholic Memorial West Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Gordon, a son, Robert Davidson, a sister, Mrs. Audrey Nicholson, two brothers, David Albaugh, William Albaugh, and two grandchildren.

HAROLD W. LATHAM, Services for Mr. Latham, 41, of 23452 Hoxton, Westland, were held in R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home with Joe Wade of Temple Baptist Church officiating. He died June 13 in Wayne County General Hospital and was buried in Glen Cemetery, Sharon Grove, Ky.

He was a production worker in Chrysler Corp. and a member of Temple Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Latham; four sons, Michael, Randy, Ken and Steven; two brothers, David and Duward Latham; and two sisters, Mrs. Shirley Mandrekar and Mrs. Beverly Bradley.