

Suburbs Support Their Schools

EDITOR:
This letter is to the average middle American, both black and white, and any other group of people who work hard to make a living and have a nice home and neighborhood.

You better put up your dukes and get ready to fight unless you don't care if everything you've been slaving for all these years is taken away from you a little at a time.

Some people in the city of Detroit seem to be under the impression that those of us in the suburbs got here without having to make any sacrifices or that we don't know anything about the facilities needed to ensure good schools.

THE REASON our schools are better is because we support them. I don't turn my back to them, and then if they fall to the blame onto Detroit and say that my child should go to its schools and let some other child come out here because these schools are no longer good enough for my child.

The people in Detroit voted

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down a renewal of their millage when their schools were already falling. Are we supposed to pay for that? WHY? It's time the rich and the poor quite getting the burden of their greed, apathy and mistakes on the middle class American.

I don't owe them anything. I came from 15th and Myrtle in Detroit, and I took 22 years to get here with a lot of sweat and sacrifices from both my parents and my husband. I don't intend to let any child take my child's place under the guise of integration. It's all a big farce in order to control the working class and bring the first step.

Pretty soon we will be like bees in a hive, doing nothing but working to support the higher class and the poor. What a life! Pay your taxes and work. Forget about a nice home, because by the time you pay for someone else's that doesn't work you won't be able to afford it.

I refuse to be a scapegoat for anyone. Stand up for your rights and all the things you have worked for. No one should be able to take them away from you without your consent. Thank it all.

CAROL STUBSLICKI
Livonia

In Wayne County

4 Proposals On Ballot

All Wayne County residents will be voting on four ballot proposals in the general primary Aug. 8 in addition to local issues in some areas.

Two of the proposals are on millage—one to renew a one mill levy in Wayne County and another to add one-quarter mill to Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's current levy of one-quarter mill which finances certain metropolitan parks.

In order as they will appear on the ballot, the proposals are as follows:

PROPOSAL A: This proposition is to amend the Michigan Constitution to allow trial by a jury of less than 12 jurors in all misdemeanor cases which have been taken to court and are punishable by one year imprisonment or less.

This proposed amendment was accepted by a two-thirds vote of both the Michigan Senate and the House of Representatives and must be approved by Michigan voters before the Constitution can be altered.

It would have the effect of lessening court costs in less serious misdemeanor cases.

PROPOSAL B: Voters are asked in this proposal to renew a one mill levy in Wayne County for five years beginning in 1975 and running through 1979. The mill was first approved in 1968 for five years ending in 1974 to support county services including public health, recreation and safety services and medical care for the aged and indigent.

The issue is on the ballot at this time because there isn't another general election until August of 1974 and it will expire that November.

Opponents have argued that since the millage will not go into effect for two years, it is too early to decide if it is needed. Factors such as federal revenue sharing, school tax reform, and shift-

ing of functions such as support of the court system to the state could change projected costs.

Those supporting the millage renewal argue that since it is a renewal, it will not increase the current tax level. With the county facing a large deficit at present failure of the millage will necessitate cutting back on a budget which is already cramped, proponents say.

PROPOSAL C: This proposal would start the process of converting the county government to county home rule. The proposal on the ballot is phrased:

"Shall the County of Wayne elect a charter commission for the purpose of framing and submitting to the electorate of this County a county home rule charter under the constitution and laws of Michigan?"

The charter commission would establish the authority, duties and responsibilities of the county executive. Nominations to the charter commission will be selected in the Aug. 8 primary with the actual commission members elected in November.

Under the county executive's direction, operations in the county could be streamlined and consolidated years ago. Currently the county is run by a 26-member Board of Commissioners which elects a chairman who has limited authority.

Proponents say that the county executive could provide firm leadership within the county and avoid divisions on issues that the commission sometimes creates.

Opponents say that the county should continue to be run by semi-autonomous boards, commissions, agencies and offices.

PROPOSAL D: The second millage question on the ballot would ask for a one-quarter

mill increase raising the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's levy to one-half mill.

The additional quarter mill would be used to finance at least three new metropolitan parks in the five-county area including Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne. It would also provide funding to renovate Belle Isle.

Though residents will be voting on a quarter-mill increase for HCMA, it will result in a half-mill increase in their taxes. The reason is that the HCMA will get permission to levy its current quarter-mill levy outside of the county's levy if the proposal passes.

Currently the quarter-mill comes from within the 15 mill county limitation. A half-mill is equal to 50 cents on each \$1,000 state equalized valuation.

A park in Oakland County would be created under the plan, though a specific site hasn't been selected yet. A park would be located in Belleville.

'Rescue Rouge' Will Be Sept. 16

The third annual "Rescue the Rouge" cleanup day will be on Sept. 16 when volunteers will drag out the trash and trees clogging the Middle Rouge River.

Jaycees from Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Wayne and Plymouth will coordinate the project utilizing equipment donated from Wayne County.

Last year more than 3,000 persons helped clear out 25 miles of the Middle Rouge and this year the Jaycees are looking for 5,000 volunteers.

Teams work with jeeps and citizens band radios to organize the activity. Doctors are on hand for first aid and tetanus shots and sheriff's patrolmen are handy if needed.

The Jaycee Auxiliaries will serve lunch to all workers and give volunteers bumper stickers saying "Rescue the Rouge."

Madonna Gets HEW Grants

Sister M. Danatha, president of Madonna College in Livonia announced that the college has been awarded \$82,150 in grants from the Dept. of Health Education and Welfare.

Sr. Danatha said that \$31,575 will be a financial distress grant to provide the college with funds to meet operating costs. Another \$34,000 will reimburse the college for the costs of educating nurses beyond the money collected in tuition.

The remaining \$27,500 will be distributed as loans and scholarships to nursing students.

Stempien Tries To 'Hoodwink'

EDITOR:
Representative Marvin Stempien is trying to hoodwink the voters in Livonia again on his busing position. His latest mass mailing repeats the statement, "I am opposed to the forced busing of school children solely to achieve racial balance."

As a lawyer, he must have carefully drafted this statement.

The qualifying expression "solely to achieve racial balance" clearly sets Stempien apart from most Livonia parents who oppose forced busing of school children whether it be to achieve racial balance, or any other reason.

Stempien is obviously trying to satisfy those who accept forced busing under some circumstances, such as to implement orders issued in the Roth suit.

Apparently Representative Stempien has become aware that voters in Livonia know

that his record in Lansing does not support his messages to the people back home. Labeling the truth about his busing position as a "false rumor," doesn't change the truth.

CHARLES W. CHANDLER

'Amazed' By Tom Brown

EDITOR:
I was amazed when I read Tom Brown's statement recently when he stated that he would go to jail before he would support busing.

As chairman of U-SOC (United Auto Workers-Save our Children), I asked him personally for a copy of the anti-busing resolution before the House of Representatives. Two weeks later I had to call Lansing, at my own expense, to again remind him that our anti-busing group needed the resolution to help us.

Finally after approximately six weeks I saw Mr. Brown and again asked for a copy of the resolution. A week later it came.

As chairman of U-SOC, I question if a man really would go to jail against busing when it took him approximately seven weeks to get me a copy of an anti-busing resolution for our group.

WILLIAM DOBBS
Chairman U-SOC

Liked Story On Academy

Please accept the compliments of the entire staff of the Wayne County Sheriff Department for the recent article that appeared in your newspaper about our police academy.

The article was very well written and concise, and I am sure enlightening to the public who the officers are trained to serve.

Doug Johnson, who interviewed our academy staff, is a very capable reporter, and should be complimented for the fine job that he did on the story.

I hope to be able to work with you and your staff as other events of local interest come about.

Yours Very Truly,
LIEUTENANT JAMES HALE
Community Relations Bureau

Charges Ford Has Changed

EDITOR:
How can Congressman William Ford truthfully state that he believes in local community control of schools and no federal interference in local government when he co-sponsored Bill S-659, Section 803, sending our tax money, \$23 billion back to us (subtracting administrative costs) piece meal as the bureaucrats see fit.

Why has Mr. Ford's position changed in opposing busing just 30 days before the election? Parents pleaded and begged with him to oppose the busing issue. What motivates this move? His past actions have spoken for themselves.

AL FUHRMAN
Westland

Registration At Madonna To Start

Registration for fall classes at Madonna College in Livonia will be on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 7 and 8. Registration on Monday will be from 9 to 11 a.m., 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and on Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m.

Three new programs will be open to students including one on criminal justice including law enforcement and corrections. Students may work toward a certificate, associate or bachelor's degree. Students can also earn a maximum of nine credit hours to apply to this program based on acquired knowledge, training and field experience.

A program in radiologic technology permits on-the-job health personnel to move up the career ladder in accordance with their needs, aptitudes and interests.

AREA DEATHS

JENNIE L. BEAL— Services for Mrs. Beal, 80, of 1693 Westwood, Westland, were held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City, with Dr. Henry Walsh of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Mrs. Beal died July 26 in the Advance Nursing Home, Inland, and was buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Garden City.

ELDA F. GIBBS— Services for Mrs. Gibbs, 62, of 11831 Newburgh Rd., Detroit, were held at Schaefer Funeral Home, Plymouth with Rev. John A. Post, pastor of Christ the King Church, Livonia, officiating. Mrs. Gibbs died July 25 in the Kingsdale Nursing Home, East-Ed, Mich., and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She had lived in the community since 1928.

Surviving are her husband, George, a son, George of Livonia; a daughter, Mrs. Albert Elsie Griffin of Farmington; two brothers, Jack Volkman of St. Clair, and William Volkman of Ann Arbor; a sister, Mrs. Lene Koehler of Detroit; and three grandchildren.

MARY JANE TECHRHART— Services for Mrs. Techrhart, 72, of 18712 Hoger, Plymouth, were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth, with Rev. Francis C. Smith officiating. Mrs. Techrhart died July 28 in St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia, and was buried in St. Felix Church Cemetery, Mattos. She was a 12 year resident of Plymouth.

Surviving are five sons, James of Plymouth; Robert of Post Hope, Mich.; Lawrence of Detroit; Col. Robert of Pawnee, Neb.; and Donald of Los Angeles, Calif.; four daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Harmon of San Jose, Calif.; Mrs. Helen Brown of Los Angeles; Josephine Schichman of Denver; and Mrs. Alice Harmon of San Antonio, Texas; three sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Taylor of Garden City; Mrs. Louise Techrhart of Milan, Mich.; and Mrs. Julia Mordor of Canton. She is a brother, Frank of East Park, Mich.; 42 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

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Other donations for scholarships and loans include \$150 from the American Legion, Garden City Unit No. 206; \$400 from the Garden City Jaycees; \$200 from the Northville Women's Club and \$150 from the Plymouth Optimist Club.

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