

# Education Parks: A Dead Horse?

## READERS' FORUM

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**EDITOR:**  
We see again Mr. Polger has written another biased article on Wednesday, Aug. 23 (Re: Education Park). Mr. Polger refers to us as right-wingers, if right-wing means being for the constitutional rights of America then we are proud to say we are right-wing.

Mr. Polger stated that we started attacking Education Parks two months ago, actually we found out about them last November, and was informing the public of their existence as far back as March.

We became more concerned when the Higher Education Act (S-459) which has provisions for Education Parks was signed by the President. We would like to make it clear that none of our speakers have ever said anything about Education Park say, while our policy is to speak and write the facts—not rumors.

However Education Parks are a reality and not a dead horse. Education Parks are proposed for the following cities, East Orange, N.J., Syracuse, N.Y., New York City, Pittsburgh, Pa., Sausalito, Calif.,

Diago, Calif., Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Other cities discussing Education Parks are Philadelphia Pa., Chicago, Cleveland, L.A., Calif., Mr. Vernon, N.Y., Valdese Hickory, N.C. There is an Education Park in East San Jose, Calif. that became operational in 1971.

Mr. Polger's policy seems to be writing articles on hear say, while our policy is to speak and write the facts—not rumors.

The House did not repeal the Education Park concept from the Higher Education Act. The Amendment introduced by Syracuse, N.Y., James O'Hara simply would delete all federal funding for the Education

Park. This amendment must pass the liberal Senate before anyone can officially say that funding of Education Parks has been deleted. With the massive planning of Education Parks throughout the United States it is our opinion that this amendment will not pass.

Due to Mr. Polger's misleading article, the concerned right-wing groups feel that it is our American duty to source of information to a public debate. Mr. Polger sir, our energies are still on target and the horse is still alive and kicking.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:**  
The ladies are entitled to their opinions, but there are certain facts:

The Observer Newspapers story by Leonard Poger (his name is misspelled throughout the above letter) never referred to NAG or FOC speakers. It was written because our staff members had at least eight inquiries from the public who were told that the Plymouth complex was a federally-funded education park that would be integrated by busing black pupils from Detroit. We don't know the source of the rumor, and therefore we never attributed it to NAG, FOC or anyone else.

The staff of Congressman William Ford, who is a

member of the House Education and Labor Committee and is therefore an authoritative source, informed us that the educational parks section was deleted from the Higher Education Bill and mentioned no funds. Without funds, the program is without foundation or, in every day language, "a dead horse."

## 'Half-Light' Time Proposed

**EDITOR:**  
Wasn't it nice when a person in Michigan could go outside after dinner and have some daylight until almost 9 o'clock to do small chores about the house or just enjoy the evening in the yard? He could do that in June and part of July. But when August arrived, the days were quite short, and by Labor Day, darkness was here by 7:30.

Since the State of Michigan refuses to go on daylight saving time for the entire summer, why not go on HALF-LIGHT time? All that has to be done, is to move our clocks up one hour on or about Aug. 20 and that would give that extra hour of daylight that we liked so much in June and July up to the rest of the country.

We have some of the nicest weather of the year during September and early October, and it would be nice to enjoy some of it before the late fall sets in and the dark days of winter.

I do hope that this suggestion will bring some discussion of the above suggestion and it would be nice to see if people still like to see daylight in early fall as they do in the summer. I do hope that this could be a reality because the daylight lovers of early summer should love that same daylight in early fall. I think it would work out beautifully.

**WALTER MARTYNOW**  
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## Area Deaths

**EDWARD M. MOFFITT BR.**— Services for Mr. Moffitt, 71, of 12051 Carverwood, Livonia, were held Sept. 7 at the Henry J. W. Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy of New Service officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

**Mr. Moffitt died Aug. 30 at Wayne County General Hospital. He had been ill for three years with lung cancer. Mr. Moffitt, a retired salesman for Scherley Dairy, moved to Livonia 16 years ago.**

**Survivors** are his wife, Viola (Livonia); two sons, Edward Jr. of Farmington and Richard E. of Redford Township; a daughter, Mrs. Jack (Loretta) Bright of West Bloomfield; a sister, Mrs. Arthur (Catherine) Hare of St. Paul, Pa.; 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**JOHN A. HOLSTROM.**— Services for Mr. Holstrom, 78, of 19388 Woodbine, Redford Township, were held in Grace Lutheran Church, Redford, with the Rev. V.F. Heltich Sr. and officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

**Mr. Holstrom, a retired carpenter, died Aug. 29 at Beverly Hill Nursing Home. He had been ill for a number of years. Born in Calumet, Mr. Holstrom moved to Redford Township when he was 19 years old. He was a member of the Redford Township DAV.**

**Survivors** are his wife, Lida; a daughter, Mrs. John (Irene) Ling of Mt. Clemens; N.H.; a sister, Mrs. Chester (Gladys) Heltich of Ferndale; a brother, Henry Holstrom of Seattle, Wash.; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**BERT COLEMAN.**— Services for Mr. Coleman, 82, of 8018 Dale, Redford Township, were held at the Henry J. W. Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert E. Bisler officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

**Mr. Coleman died at his home Sept. 1 of cancer. He was a retired engineer for Robinson Engineering Co. and a member of Mesiah Lutheran Church, Detroit.**

**Survivors** are his wife, Hattie (Schultz) Coleman; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Lillian) Wilson of Huntington Woods; a sister, Mrs. Jessie Walls of Farmington, Mich.; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**MRS. HELEN MARTA.**— Services for Mrs. Marta, 58, whose two daughters reside in Redford Township, were held at the Henry J. W. Funeral Home with the Rev. Ronald N. Johnson of Augsburg Lutheran Church, Redford, officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery.

**Mrs. Marta, a Detroit resident, died of cancer Aug. 29 at Oakwood Hospital. She had been ill for one year.**

**Survivors** are her husband, John; the daughter, Mrs. Clifford (Marjory) Eaton and Mrs. James (Lillian) Thorn, both of Redford Township; five sisters, Hilda, Lydia and Margie Jankin, all of Gwin, Mich.; Mrs. Anna Maynes of Detroit and Mrs. Elsie (Theodora) St. Clair Shore; four brothers, Carl, Aakab, Elmer and Earl Detroit; and five grandchildren.

**MRS. ANNA RIVEY.**— Services for Mrs. Rivey, 82, formerly of Bell Creek Lane, Livonia, were held in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Livonia, with the Rev. Winfred Koenig officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery.

**Mrs. Rivey, who retired 10 years ago as housekeeper for Hillside Inn, Plymouth, died Aug. 29 at Community Memorial Hospital, Chagrin, of a heart ailment. She had moved to Bell Creek Lane in recent years.**

**Mrs. Rivey, a native of Austria, first moved to Livonia in 1940. She moved to Garden City in 1963 and returned to Livonia in 1968. Her husband, Joseph, died in 1945.**

**Survivors** are her daughter, Mrs. Blinton (Ann) Crowther of Indian River, also formerly of Livonia; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**KATHLEEN ANN SMITH.**— Services for Miss Smith, 22 of 23510 Sans Souci, Farmington, were held Sept. 6 in Traver Funeral Home and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph A. Drogowski officiating. Burial was at St. Clare Church officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

**Miss Smith died in an auto accident Sept. 3 while returning to classes at Grand Valley State College. She was a 1968 graduate of Our Lady of Sorrows High School.**

**Survivors** are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Smith; and her two grandmothers, Mrs. Kathryn V. Smith of Detroit and Mrs. Catherine C. Souther of Redford Township.

**MATTHEW JAMES REDDEMAN.**— Services for Matthew Reddeman, 16 months, of 18111 Marston, Plymouth, were held Sept. 7 at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth, with the Rev. Leonard J. Koeniger officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

**Matthew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest (Kathleen) Reddeman, died suddenly Sept. 4.**

**Besides his parents, the boy is survived by a brother, Daniel E. and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harfield of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Reddeman, also of Plymouth; and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Frances Reddeman of Saline.**

**ANNA S. RENGERT.**— Services for Mrs. Rengert, 85, of 188 Hamilton, Plymouth, were held Sept. 9 in the Schaefer Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. John W. Miller of Epiphany Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

**Mrs. Rengert died Sept. 7 in St. Joseph Hospital, Ann Arbor, after a long illness.**

**A native of Germany, Mrs. Rengert and her husband, Charles J., moved to the Plymouth area in 1907.**

**Survivors, in addition to her husband, are a daughter, Mrs. William J. (Kathleen) Fair of Eau Claire, Wis.; a sister, Mrs. Edith Lida of South Lyon; two brothers, Carl Schmidt of Clarkston and William Smith of Riverside, Calif.; and one grandson.**

**LELAIN MAE MIDOL.**— Services for Lela Mae Midol, 7 months, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford F. Midol, 14310 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, were held Sept. 8 in Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Keith Somers officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

**The child died suddenly Sept. 5 in her home.**

**CAROLYN STEINER.**— Services for Mrs. Steiner, 92, mother of Mary E. Bain, 31983 Lambert, were held at the Fred Wood Funeral Home, Livonia, with the Rev. Neil Parker officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

**Mrs. Steiner died Sept. 5 at the Livonia Nursing Home where she resided.**

**A native of Clare, she was the widow of Lee Steiner and a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church.**

**DIANE M. ZODAK.**— Services for Mrs. Zodak, 29, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Rupp, 16054 Southampton, Livonia, were held Aug. 22 at Fred Wood Funeral Home with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

**Mrs. Zodak, of Madison Heights, died Aug. 19 in childbirth at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.**

**Survivors in addition to her parents are her husband, Charles; a daughter, Tracy Ann; and a son, Jimmy.**

**FRED H. MILLER.**— Services for Mr. Miller, 87, of 12030 Hawthorn, Livonia, were held Sept. 9 in Fred Wood Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth G. Davis officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

**Mr. Miller died suddenly Sept. 8 at Anderson Hospital, Wayne. A scientist, he was a member of St. Andrew Episcopal Church.**

**Survivors** are his wife, Patricia; and two brothers, Clarence and Edward.

**KENNETH J. HOFFMEYER.**— Services for Mr. Hoffmeyer, 43, of 14410 Knook, Livonia, were held Aug. 31 at Fred Wood Funeral Home with the Rev. Neil E. Parker officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery.

**Mr. Hoffmeyer died Aug. 28 of a heart attack at Bonfleur General Hospital, Farmington.**

**A graduate for Pennsylvania State Co., he was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church.**

**Survivors** are his wife, Joyce; two daughters, Pamela and Claude; and a sister, Mrs. Gloria Gillette.

**VIRGINIA HAMMOND HUNK.**— Services for Mrs. Hunk, 84, of 32515 Nottingham, Farmington Township, were held Sept. 3 at St. George Episcopal Church, Detroit, with the Rev. Ralph Plets of St. George officiating. Burial was in Florida.

**Mrs. Hunk, widow of Roy S. Hunk, died Sept. 1 at Sinai Hospital, Detroit, after a short illness.**

**Survivors** are a son, LeRoy Hunk of Farmington; a daughter, Mrs. Harold (Patricia) Sawyer Jr. of Carlisle, Pa.; and four grandchildren.



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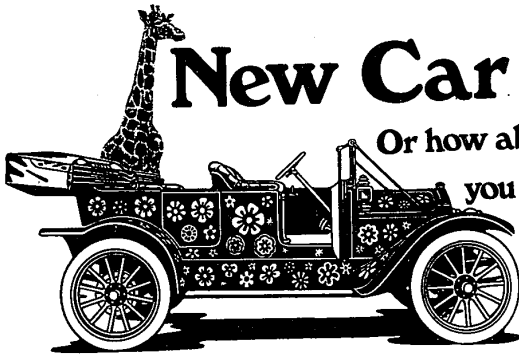
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