

PERSPECTIVE ON YOUTH

Too Much Freedom Spoils Students, Says Principal

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR

"Too many students in Birmingham have too much freedom and are not accountable to anyone."

"That is the opinion of Ross Wagner, principal of Birmingham high school.

One factor, unique in Birmingham, creates a type of problem not found in the average community...

"Sure," he said, "we have more problems, but we also have more students."

"MALICIOUS destruction isn't an extra-curricular activity in Birmingham schools."

"Our worst problem is truancy and lack of interest," Wagner stated.

"The students who are involved in extra-curricular activities are self-directed and are not the ones who get into difficulties."

"No one can substitute for a parent, really," Wagner said.

"The substitute parent lacks authority and is not at liberty to handle situations that need the immediate attention of the parents."

ALL OF THIS puts the youngsters out from their own, he believes, they are free to make their own decisions and can come and go when they please and where they please.

Many of these young people, Wagner said, have their own cars which add to their freedom and to the complexity of the problem.

The situation often causes difficulties with those young people whose families set up restrictions.

Wagner referred to the recent case of the high school lad who is torn between acceptance of his group of friends and following the restrictions set up by his parent.

"This teenager is a member of a high school group whose members have much greater liberties than those his parents allow him," Wagner said.

"HE WANTS to continue to be accepted in this group but is afraid he won't be if he complies with his parents' demands."

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New Troy B of E Member Appointed

Arthur Lovejoy was appointed to the Board of Education of Troy township Tuesday night when it was announced that member Clarence Little had submitted his resignation.

Little served on the board since last July, but he told the group that he would be unable to continue as a member.

SUPERINTENDENT of schools Stuart Baker said that the appointment is subject to Lovejoy's acceptance.

Two years ago Lovejoy served on the board since last July, but he told the group that he would be unable to continue as a member.

IN FURTHER business, a joint meeting with the Citizens planning board brought considerable discussion on the new bond issue which has been proposed for an estimated \$900,000.

Included in the issue are enlargements of the present junior high school and additions to the elementary and high schools.

The bond will have to be decided within the next three weeks in order to be placed on the July ballot.

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Horses, Cowboys, Highlight Tucson Stay

"Horseback riding at Hacienda del Sol was our main activity while in Tucson," writes the James V. Oxtoby family of Melbourne street.

"We especially enjoyed a moonlight ride and spent quiet hours complete with cowboy and guitars."

Nighttime for the quartet included seeing the annual Tucson rodeo, better known to natives as "La Fiesta de los Vaqueros," many trips to Nogales, Mexico, and a trip on nearby Mt. Lemmon to the Catalina Mountains.

THE BLINDING BLIZZARD they encountered in those mountains was a chill contrast to their return an hour later to their motel for a swim in their heated swimming pool and to back in 80-degree temperature.

A visit to an alma mater, to see the annual Southern Arizona horse show was a trip highlight according to the Oxtobys.

They were guests of the headmaster of the school and his wife, for dinner one evening, and observed the students "going through their paces" for Walt Disney who is filming a movie about life at the school.

Everett Paving Bids Opened

SOUTHFIELD — Bids were opened Tuesday night on the Everett street paving project, assessment rolls were confirmed and the township board moved to secure bids on the Southhampton sewer project.

Low bidder on the Everett paving was Oak Construction company of Royal Oak with a \$23,223.15 figure. High was H. J. Brighton company of Farmington with \$30,208.05.

Mrs. Frankie Adams moved that steps be taken to begin negotiations with the Michigan Finance commission to issue bids on bonds for the Southhampton project.

Survey Lighting

SOUTHFIELD — Detroit Edison will be instructed to make a survey to determine the need for lighting at Pierce and 13 Mile and at Rutland and 13 Mile roads.

The Beverly-Artisan Association made the lighting request at the township's board meeting Monday night, contending that the above areas, without lighting, are hazardous to traffic at night.

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Southfield Park Hours Announced

SOUTHFIELD—Trustee H. Luther Wagner moved Tuesday night that the Southfield Park off Drury between Evergreen and Southfield roads, be opened from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. between May 1 and Oct. 1.

The substitute trustees, who approved the motion, also decided there would be no fee for scout groups from the township who wish to use the park.

No figures were set but trustees also felt that a clean-up fee should be required for groups from outside the township who wished to use the park facilities.

IN URGING more use of the park by scout groups, Trustee Margaret L. Brudbury said, "I've noticed that when these scout groups use the park, vandalism there is cut way down, but as soon as they move out, vandals move in again. The more the park is used, the less chance vandals have of destroying property there."

St. Bede's Water Request Approved

LATHRUP—A request for water service from the city by Father Cyril Keating, who represented the proposed St. Bede's parish, was approved by the council Monday night.

Father Keating asked that a one and one-half inch water line be allowed to connect into the city's water main along West 12 Mile road until the Southeastern Oakland County Water Commission can serve their needs.

Councilwoman Kathryn Foyers, who pointed out that most of the parishioners would be from Lathrup, also asked, "Wouldn't the water serve our citizens' needs before it got to them?"

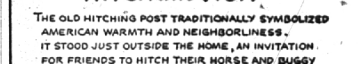
Other councilmen assured her that village citizens would be served first, and that, except for construction needs, the church would not require any water until late this year, by which time the commission should be able to serve them.

We Heard It Said By: EVERETT HAYES, newly-appointed Lathrup city attorney, in supporting the city's proposed zoning ordinance:

"Just like the Salk vaccine, you can't have a zoning ordinance that will suit everyone."

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat "HITCH and VISIT"

THE OLD HITCHING POST TRADITIONALLY SYMBOLIZED AMERICAN WARMTH AND NEIGHBORLINESS. IT STOOD JUST OUTSIDE THE HOME, AN INVITATION FOR FRIENDS TO HITCH THEIR HORSE AND BUGGY AND PASS THE TIME OF DAY.



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Obituary Notices

Frederick Smith, Detroit Realtor

A Detroit realtor for 60 years, Frederick P. Smith, 85, died April 7 following a long illness. He was with the Newberry Estate for over 50 years.

A resident of West Long Lake road, Mr. Smith was born in Milwaukee, and had lived in Bloomfield Hills for 29 years.

Mr. Smith was a vestryman in Christ Church Brook club, a member of the Detroit Boat club, served on the Detroit real estate board, a member of the DAC and was a past treasurer of the Michigan Humane Society.

Surviving are four daughters, Helen G. Smith and Mrs. Orville T. Thompson, both of Birmingham; Mrs. Perry A. Vaughan of Bloomfield Hills and Mrs. E. F. Bardest of Indiana; and two sons, Nelson B. and Herbert L.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at Christ Church Brook cemetery, Detroit. Arrangements were by Bell chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co.

MRS. MARJORIE M. PARDEE

58, of 571 North Eton, died Friday in William Beaumont hospital. She was born in Toronto and lived in Birmingham for 23 years.

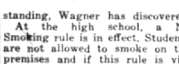
Surviving are her husband, Clark E. Pardee, sales manager for Applied Arts; a daughter, Mrs. Judith P. Tucker of Oak Park; a son, Charles E. Jr., of Birmingham; seven grand children; two sisters, Miss Marion Masters of Detroit and Mrs. James D. Kysou of Chicago; two brothers, Gilbert Masters of Grosse Pointe and Kenneth Masters of Washington, D. C.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Bell chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co., burial was in White Chapel cemetery.

HARRY M. GARDNER, 67, of 2875 East 26 Mile road, Washington, Mich., died Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Woznak, 1431 Eton. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Jane; three other daughters, Mrs. Murray McCallum of Windsor, Miss Dorothy Wood of San Rafael, Calif., and Mrs. John Vermarian of Kingsville, Ont.; five sons, Murray K. of Chatham, Ont., Bernard C. of VanDyke, Clarence M. of Washington, Mich., Eugene F. of Detroit and Bruce G. of the U. S. Army; 29 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday at the Bell chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. with the Rev. W. Glen Harris of



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