

Condemns Hills Board In Action on Bus Law

To the Editor:

A year ago, when the Bloomfield Hills School Board had aspirations to build a magnificent natatorium, an expenditure of half-million dollars was considered reasonable and justified. The voters did not agree with the school board in regard to the swimming pool and it went down to defeat.

Now comes the Fair Play Bus Bill (Senate Bill 1144) and the Bloomfield Hills School Board advises us that an expenditure of considerably less than \$500,000 would have disastrous results and is neither justified nor reasonable.

CERTAINLY the fact that the swimming pool would have been a facility for the public school students and an enlargement of the school bus transportation system would only benefit nonpublic school

students was not a factor in the board's purposeful accounting. It is perfectly reasonable, they believe, to ask the trustees of non-public school students to help pay for a half-million dollar natatorium. The very foundation of our Republic is threatened, they are agreed, if nonpublic and public school students ride the same bus.

THE TEMERITY of the Bloomfield Hills School Board is astonishing. They never hesitated to use public resources to circulate their open letter to the governor and seek taxpayer support of their

lobby against S.B. 1144. The letter itself is an astonishing demonstration of audacity. Imagining the terrible havoc wrought by the Fair Play Bus Bill they jointly declare:

All of this to provide transportation for families who do not use our schools."

It was an affront to the intelligence of all Bloomfield Hills residents not to have added the phrase "but who help pay for them" to that prejudiced and offensive sentence.

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Not Joint Fund Drive, Says Little League

To the Editor:

Little League Baseball of Birmingham consists of four separate leagues franchised through the National Little League Baseball of Williamsport, Pa.

Each individual league is operated by a board of directors consisting of four fathers. A joint board consisting of 16 men directs the overall function of Little League Baseball in Birmingham in regards to policies, fund raising and other common projects.

Under our franchise we are allowed to have one fund raising program per year. We in Birmingham have been fortunate that Little League's costs have been covered by voluntary contributions exclusively from parents of boys participating in the league program.

EACH YEAR on approximately June 1 it is our practice to forward to each parent a letter of explanation of our program, its benefits and our needs. This letter has always had a heading of "Birmingham Batter-Up Booster."

It has come to our attention that very recently letters have been sent to business and professional men, civic-minded individuals and groups outlining a program for 1963 involving boys 8 through 15, referring to Little League and Babe Ruth league operations.

This letter also has a heading of "Birmingham Batter-Up Booster" and states that over a period of 12 years these operations were possible through generous contributions from such groups.

THIS LETTER states that a generous response why continue this great pastime for Birmingham boys.

The letter was signed by A. W. Bates, chairman of Birmingham Babe Ruth League, and states that contributions should be made payable to "Birmingham Batter-Up Booster" but the enclosed, self-addressed envelope is addressed to Birmingham Babe Ruth League.

Little League of Birmingham considers this an infringement on our present and future programs and, if it continues, could only lead to confusion, which eventually would affect the recreation program of Birmingham boys.

LITTLE LEAGUE Baseball of Birmingham is continuously ex-

panding to a point that we alone will have approximately 2200 boys, ages 8 through 12, participating in our baseball program in 1963; whereas Babe Ruth involves less than 200 boys.

We are heartily in favor of further expansion within our own age group and any other age groups beyond Little League age, such as Babe Ruth, Pony-Colt League, American Legion and school programs; but we also believe that each activity should stand on its own and be a separate entity.

The letter now being circulated indicates definitely by inference that it is a joint fund raising program for the benefit of Little League and Babe Ruth. THIS INFERENCE IS NOT TRUE. Little League never contacted nor has it given sanction to the use of our slogan "Birmingham Batter-Up Booster," nor has it shared or intends to share in any contributions made to the Babe Ruth League.

WE BELIEVE the parents of boys in Birmingham who have worked so faithfully in the past years to make a Birmingham Little League baseball program the largest in the world, and who have contributed so generously in support of this program should not be misled by this type of publicity.

We feel that the people solicited should be made aware of the fact that they are not contributing to Little League or any other baseball program, except Babe Ruth.

The prime purpose of any activity for our youth of today should be the teaching of living and working together and the practice of good sportsmanship.

Certainly, if we are to teach our boys this, we must at all times set the example among any adults concerned with this type of program. We ask you, is this good sportsmanship?

FLOYD L. DREAUGH,
President Joint Board of Directors, Birmingham Little League Baseball

Henry Ford began foreign manufacturing operations in 1904 when he established a plant near Windsor, Ont., Canada. This plant was the forerunner of Ford facilities on six continents.

CNC's Cavalcade A Nonpartisan Event

To the Editor:

As president of the nonpartisan Oakland Citizens League, I wish to object to the Eccentric's headline identifying the March 23 motor cavalcade sponsored by the Committee for the New Constitution (CNC) as a "Republican" event.

The contrary is true. Since the formation of this federation, March 13 directors' meeting of partisan politics, have refused to include in the parade any political leaders or office holders from either party, and have kept all our signs, slogans, literature and other materials free from any suggestion of partisanship.

THE MISLEADING label your headline writer put on the CNC is particularly embarrassing to the Oakland Citizens League which has given active leadership to this federation of nonpartisan groups.

The Oakland Citizens League includes both Democrats and Republicans on its board of directors. We recently invited both the Democratic county chairman, Mr. Sander Levin, and his Republican counterpart, Mr. Charles Lyle, and their wives, as our guests at our March 13 directors' meeting, at which time we discussed in detail the League's nonpartisan goals and activities, and invited

their help in making more citizens aware of them.

SEVERAL weeks ago we requested Mr. Levin to prepare for a forthcoming issue of our publication "Oakland Progress," an article on "What the Intelligent Voter should know about the Oakland County Democratic party."

A similar request was made to a local Republican official for a companion article explaining the GOP's program in Oakland County to our members and other readers.

Your unfortunate headline creates an entirely erroneous impression about the Oakland Citizens League. We urge you to inform your readers promptly of this error before further damage is done to the cause of nonpartisanship in our community.

WILLIAM H. MCGAUGHEY
President

EDITOR'S NOTE — The Birmingham Eccentric regrets the error to which Mr. McGaughey calls attention in his letter. The headline on Page 5-A of last week's paper, "Lansmen Can Vie For Awards in Republican Event," was a mistake. It should have read, "... Nonpartisan Event."

Takes Issue With Board On Bus Bill

To the Editor:

You have my permission to print my letter to the Bloomfield Hills School Board. A copy of that letter follows:

Dear Doctor Bowers: This letter is addressed to you as president of the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education.

I condemn the action taken by the board on March 9, 1963, in sending an open letter to Governor George Romney on the subject of proposed State Senate Bill No. 1144 (the Fair Play Bus Law) and the collection of propaganda to 5,000 Bloomfield taxpayers.

The board action is not representative of the taxpayers in Bloomfield Township as far as I am concerned. I know of hundreds of others who feel the same.

IT WAS particularly annoying for me to read in the newspapers that the board treasurer, Mr. Max Miller, used board funds to print and distribute the propaganda which went to me and 4,999 other taxpayers.

From my knowledge of the graphic arts and observation of the postage required, I estimate that this mailing cost us taxpayers more than \$1,100.

The board has in effect taken part of my tax payments to finance a biased effort to fight a proposal that I sincerely believe in. This is not only unsportsmanlike but is

downright un-Democratic and un-American.

THE BLOOMFIELD School Board seems to have a particular flair for decision-making that is one-sided and not adequately premeditated.

I would appreciate seeing a breakdown of the cost estimate which you quoted in the open letter.

The needs of all children for safe transportation to and from schools should not be jeopardized by the recent board action which completely ignores the welfare of the child and most certainly seems to be fostered by religious prejudice.

This attitude is exactly what the Communists like to see develop in a potential territory before they eventually take over!

Every taxpayer is required to pay part of the cost and operating expense for school buses. Why shouldn't every taxpayer's children be allowed to ride these buses?

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Critic

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write about cars these days I'd like to talk to Gil for a few days! ("Gil Jordan Says," page 6-D, March 14 issue.) He must own a couple of cars like I do that are masterpieces of shame.

Man, I like your paper better every day!

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Association Honors Southfield Official

SOUTHFIELD — City Assessor Gerald C. Esalick has received the designation of certified assessment evaluator. The designation was conferred by the executive board of the International Association of Assessing Officers in February.

The association is made up of public officials who engage in property assessment and who are organized to improve standards and develop better techniques in assessment administration.

City Beat

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It read:

"See you April 2" (the day after the election). "I've been away so much lately," Mrs. Romney exclaimed.

AS FOR how she feels about her husband serving in public office, some insight can be gained from her remark "just so they (man and wife, generally) are together."

Before Mrs. Romney spoke, Birmingham Mayor Pro Tem William H. Burzum told of an incident which he thought revealed what kind of people the Romneys are.

He told of the time four years ago when he preceded the Romneys in departing from an airplane. Arriving at the exit gate first, he held it open for them.

Before he could get through, however, "about 68" other people rushed through the gate.

When he did get through, himself, there were the Romneys waiting to say thanks.

"That's the kind of people we have representing us," Burzum declared.



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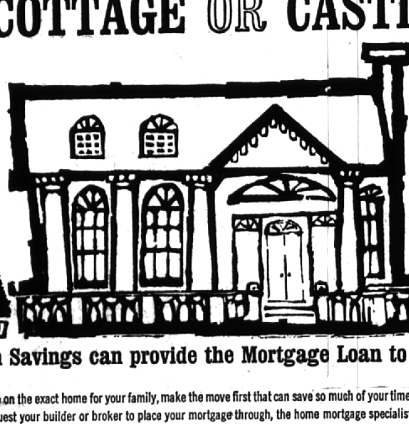
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