

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

April 10, 1975

To The Editor:

My how the Planners cry wolf when a good question is asked regarding their position! I saw no comment from Mr. Roy Campbell when the 3/15/75 Olean Times Herald carried an article entitled in large capital letters, ZONING VITAL IN PROTECTION, with another title above that in somewhat smaller type reading A LOOK AT FLOOD INSURANCE. Although I am not criticizing the basic article by Lucille Taylor, (more could have been said in explanation of "other alternatives" however) the titles certainly represent rather poor journalism to put it more politely. Do more people read headlines than fine print? What conclusions do such people draw?

A week later Mr. Campbell gets into the Times-Herald again, and this time the 3/22/75 edition of that paper carried a sentence which I repeat verbatim: "Mr. Campbell said communities only have to enact a SIMPLE building permit ordinance to qualify for flood insurance, and LATER A ZONING ORDINANCE OF SOME TYPE" (capitalizations mine).

Is Mr. Campbell aware of the fact that public opinion AGAINST ZONING in areas of Allegany County where it has recently been proposed, has been extremely high? So are you really for us or against us?

From my observations, many of the "solutions" offered by Planners and other Social Engineers are freedom restricting, needlessly complex, fiscally wasteful, and constitutionally questionable. They often create more problems than they "solve". Do we really need them.

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For those people who scoff at the "anti-zoners" when we mention the word, "communism," I recommend for their reading the article on pp. 17 of the Olean Times Herald, (thurs 4/17/75) entitled "Land Scarcity in U.S.S.R. Dooms Private Homeowners."

The point that strikes a believer in the private enterprise system right between the eyes, is the fact that the policy being perpetuated by the "pro-zoners" is precisely the system that is in effect in Russia today.

It might also be worthy to note that the Russian people are just as

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unhappy with government planners as some of us and also, that government planners have failed completely to recognize problems in advance; their only source of knowledge being "hind-sight."

Studies have constantly shown that government actions are usually based on studies that are at least ten years behind and the ones who actually plan for the future are individuals who are free to think and act and to accept risk, hoping, of course, to make a profit. Perhaps "capitalism" isn't such a dirty word after all.

CYRIL H. JORDAN

ATTENTION!

Applications are now being accepted for Summer Playground. You may pick up the forms in Mr. Russell's Office, during school hours. Applications may either be returned to Mr. Russell or Mrs. Peterson.



Outsiders In Schoolyards

Eddie, a high school dropout, liked to hang around his old alma mater, getting into various kinds of mischief. One day he was picked up by police on a charge of "loitering on school grounds."

To Eddie, this was foul play. After all, wasn't the schoolyard a public place—free for all?

But the court found him guilty as charged. As one judge put it: "Public school premises are not free to any and everyone, like a public street or public park. Public school premises are dedicated to the use of persons eligible to attend the schools, their officers, teachers, and employees."

A number of communities, fearful of troublemakers, have passed special anti-loitering laws placing schoolyards off limits to those having no legitimate business there. And most courts have upheld the validity of these laws.



On the other hand, courts have also taken a tolerant view of what is "legitimate business." One case involved a 17-year-old boy, arrested after dark on the playground of a junior high school. At a court hearing, he explained that he had been waiting to take his younger sister home from a class party.

The judge decided this came under the heading of legitimate business, and tossed the case out of court.

Furthermore, an anti-loitering law must not exceed constitutional limits. In another case, an ordinance forbade loitering within 250 feet of any school—with no exceptions.

But this law, when challenged in court, was held to be unconstitutional. The court thought it was unfair to punish someone simply for relaxing in the vicinity of a school. Lawmakers had no authority, said the court, "to denounce mere inaction as a crime," adding:

"The majority of mankind spend a goodly part of their waking hours in killing the time away. The ordinance is an unreasonable restraint upon personal liberty."

A public service lecture of the New York State Bar Association. Written by Will Ruppel.

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United Speedway News

SNOW POSTPONES PRACTICE

Due to the uncooperating weather, Holland International Speedway has been forced to postpone its 1975 Schedule for one week. Practice day will now be on Sunday, April 27 from 1:00 - 6:00 p. m., instead of the previously announced April 20. Qualifying day on April 27 will consist of practice for the three popular Divisions of Late Model Sportsman, Limited Sportsman and Challengers. These qualifying events will determine the choice starting positions on Saturday, May for the 16th Annual Opening.

Renovations continue at the popular Speedway located on Holland-Glenwood Road in the Town of Holland. Under construction are the renovations of two complete bleacher sections. Replacing the old bench-type bleacher board will be new chair seats in box-type formation. In addition to the chair seats, the rows have been expanded to permit easier access to the seats themselves. The chair type seats will all be reserved seats for each race program. Other renovations include the reconstruction of the track perimeter hub rail. An additional 12" steel guard rail has been added to give new security to the race course proper.

A number of pre-race activities continue to mount with the new Challenger Division now having in excess of 40 entries. The popular

street-type division provides an opportunity to new competitors to prove themselves in the sport of speed. In addition many competitors in the former Charger Division have moved up into the Late Model Sportsman and Limited Sportsman Division. All will have an opportunity to test the cars which have been constructed over the winter months.

Admission for the qualifying day on Sunday, April 27 will be 50¢ for adults, kids free.

Activities start at 1:00 p. m. and will extend throughout the entire afternoon. Additional information may be obtained from the Speedway office. In addition, Season tickets for the new box seats are also available from the Speedway Office.

Allegany County Fire Control Report For March

From: Allegany County Fire Control 82 East Greenwood Street Andover, New York, for the month of March, 1975:

FIRES	
Industrial	0
Mercantile	0
Dwellings	7
Chimney Fires	8
Farm Bldgs.	3
Motor Vehicle	2
Oil Field	1
Grass & Brush	6
Pennsylvania Calls	4
Miscellaneous Fires	2
Total Calls	34
ACCIDENTS — 6	
MUTUAL AID	
In County	9

Out of County	3
Total Calls	11
Radio Checks — 55	
Siren Tests — 93	
Vehicle Practice — 6	
Vehicle Maintenance — 16	

AMBULANCE CALLS	
Alfred	16
Almond	7
Andover	14
Angelica	11
Belfast	6
Bolivar	12
Fillmore	12
Genesee	1
Friendship	8
Richburg	8
Rushford	9
Shinglehouse	11

Total Calls	115
LOST PERSONS — 1	
RESCUE — 1	
FALSE ALARMS — 3	
Miscellaneous Calls — 1125	
Total Calls for the Month — 1466	

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