



FESTIVAL PLANNERS -- The executive committee for the 1970 Farmington Founders Festival has been meeting and planning for the festival to be held July 23, 24, 25. From left: D. Keith Deacon, second vice chairman; Robert L. Smith, first vice chairman; Vernon E. Lunn, general chairman; Barbara Benya, administrator; and Richard Tupper, 1969 chairman serving as advisor.

Readers Write

Police Should Destroy Film -- Ridge Student

EDITOR: As a concerned citizen and student at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, the recent student demonstration and police reaction has proven to certain certain explosive elements concerning police tactics.

Lake Rd. at which time three crosses were implanted exemplifying student concerns. As one of those students who partook of said events, I, and all other those who were expelled to discover that the police, although it was their duty to be there, so undermined the students as to take motion pictures of the march. Immediately the question comes to

mind. "For what purposes were, and are, these films to be employed?" The first answer is obvious. The police wanted a record of the march in the event that it ceased to be non-violent. Since this did not occur, I ask the police department and you, as spokesmen for the community, "What has become of these films?" The second answer is more abstract. The only reason that the police could want the films is to use these films to pass judgment if one of the participating youths is brought before the court or police for some felony. If these films are not to be used, what is the motive behind the retention of these films?

It must be noted at this time that in several states it has been declared to be unconstitutional to retain records of people who have not committed a crime. This brings true, the police have no alternative but to destroy those films. Often I hear complaints from members of the "silent majority" that the youth of this country embrace a violent revolutionary ideology. Those of you who hold such beliefs, how can you expect students to react when your police involve themselves in activities resembling Fascist Germany of the pre-World War II era?

I call upon you people of this community to take a deep look at your police department. Now it is only the filming of student "radicals" that involves the police. Next they may begin filming you as you enter the election voting machine.

Letter Explains Baseball Plans

EDITOR: Last week a concerned baseball fan wrote to you with some pertinent questions about Little League in Farmington. Such concern is refreshing to the many people who work so hard to provide a good baseball program to our youth year after year.

The charging of a uniform deposit in addition to the regular registration fee indeed makes the initial outlay painful to some. The effect on large families is not as severe as would be expected, however, since the registration fee can be as low as \$20, regardless of the number of boys in the family. And the uniform deposit is refundable eventually.

PARENTS to whom the dollar means the most find that there is always some way for their boys to participate in the baseball program.

The boys who really want to play ball usually find a means of earning the money to pay their way. This has been true this year as in the past.

Perhaps this letter will help all those who are concerned to better understand organized youth baseball in Farmington.

It would be nice if there were no registration fee, yet baseball, like everything else, does cost money. The cost per player during the 1969 season was \$16.43 (about the same amount a baby sitter would charge). This year the cost per boy is expected to increase.

There is, of course, no pay for the 175 adults who donate 15,000 hours of effort toward making the program work.

Any concerned fans who have further questions about the program are invited to call me at 476-8332. Those who would like to demonstrate their concern by taking an active part in the program, please call Bill Cometto, commissioner, at 476-8339.

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

EDWARD DAY

Gear Slippage

The Gap & Its Culprits

Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

When one talks about the generation gap or communication gap, he is really talking about a malfunction in the language machine.

Words are gears which turn the wheels of thought and activate the communication shaft. When words are worn, gears slip. When words are abused, the language machine breaks down.

MUCH OF the inability of people to understand each other, I believe, is due to using worn gears. The slippage at the word level results in a language breakdown making it difficult to communicate the message.

When concrete words are used the machine operates smoothly with little need for maintenance. Abstract words, however, often require advice because their meaning depends upon interpretation by receiver as well as sender. The communication gap exists today because most of the words we use are abstract.

Abstract words become great targets for abuse. These words are worn because the user does not understand their function or chooses to give them a job they are not equipped to handle.

FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY.

Let us consider briefly what our vice president means when he refers to "effete snobs." That is an abstract description requiring a little oiling if the message is to get across. Effete means: "exhausted of fertility; no longer capable of producing young, as an animal, fruit or the earth; worn out with age, exhausted of energy; spent." A snob is someone who "blatantly imitates, favorably admires, or vulgarly seeks association with those whom he regards as his superiors."

A WORD USED freely these days is demagog. You may be interested to know the word demagog has one of the same Greek derivatives as democracy.

The word demagog comes from the word "demos," meaning the people, and "agō," meaning to lead. Thus a demagog is a speaker who seeks to make capital of social discontent and gain political influence.

Back in the days when monarchs were in the majority, persons advocating democracy were seen as demagogues. But today, the word no longer refers to a supporter of democracy.

Democracy is another abstract word, and its exact meaning really depends upon which country you live in, because in order to function, this word must be filled with a legal definition spelled out in a constitution.

As mentioned, democracy derives from the Greek "demos" meaning the people. The other derivative is "kratos" meaning to rule. Thus, democracy is a government "in which the supreme power is retained by the people and exercised either directly (absolute) or indirectly (representative) through a system of representation."

The U.S. is a representative democracy. Thus, the phrase "power to the people" is not synonymous with American democracy if it is used as a banner for absolute democracy.

THE COMMUNICATION gap exists also because words change in meaning with each generation. Many words have far different connotations today than their original meaning.

War, for instance, comes from the Old High German word "werra" meaning scandal, quarrel or session. Radical derives from the Latin "radicalis" meaning having roots, but its political connotation today is quite the opposite.

Many people in 1970 abuse

the word "dissect" which drives from the French "dis-sensire" which means "to feel, think." Today, it means to differ in opinion or to disagree and closely retains its original meaning. Religiously, dissent means to differ from an established charge in regard to doctrines, rites of government.

Loyalty derives from the Latin "legalis" meaning law. Today, loyalty means "faithful to the lawful government or to the sovereign." During the American Revolution, a loyalist was one opposed to separation from Great Britain. This is an abstract word whose connotation can be changed by history.

AS A FINAL example that words need oiling, sometimes to function, let's look at the word "sedition" which derives from the Latin "seditio" meaning "a going aside."

Today, the general meaning of sedition is "excitement of discontent against the government or of resistance to lawful authority."

Sedition is an entirely different gear from treason. Sedition implies behavior leading to commotion or resistance to authority, but without overt acts. Treason is conduct marked by overt act or acts aiming at overthrow of the government.

In the U.S., treason has a specific legal definition contained in Article III, sec. 3 of the Constitution. Sedition lacks a constitutional definition but is defined in that it is short of the legal requirements of treason and yet goes beyond bounds of dissent.

At one time our country had sedition laws but these were declared unconstitutional. If our language machine is to function, we must be very careful to recognize the distinction between dissent, sedition and treason and not overburden these gears.

I am not arguing really for use of pure language. Been too often, I hear demagogues who murder the language by overburdening words which are incapable of carrying the connotations the speaker wishes they would.

Suspect Caught After Robbery

Only minutes after the robbery of the Farmington Parish Credit Union at 3176 Grand River Wednesday, Farmington Township police arrested a suspect.

Robert Deadman, city director of public safety, said one man passed a note asking for money to an employee in the credit union of Our Lady of Sorrows parish.

The credit union started its alarm at 3:36 p.m., Deadman said, and only four minutes later a suspect was in custody.

Farmington Township Detective Sgt. Earl Teeples heard the radio call that the suspect, described as short and stocky and approximately 30 years old, was headed north into Farmington Township. Teeples stopped the suspect's car near 12 Mile and Middle Belt and made the arrest.

The suspect, said Ronald C. Rianharet, 33, of Detroit, will be charged with armed robbery. Cash totaling \$131.50 apparently taken from the credit union, was found in the car Rianharet was driving. No gun was found.

Board OKs New Text, Sewer Right-Of-Way

FARMINGTON The Farmington board of education has approved use of a new English text for elementary classes in the Farmington School District.

Change was made after hearing of the recommendation of a committee of elementary teachers and administrators directed by Miss Minnie Zelke, director of elementary curriculum.

Support to change the text was given by the board's curriculum committee, Gary Lichtman, Richard Frankel and Mrs. Pat Smith.

THE PREVIOUS text, "English Is Our Language," copyrighted in 1961 and used by Farmington Schools the next year.

The replacement is "New Directions in English," copyrighted in 1967 by Harper & Row, Inc. The elementary committee began its work in October 1969.

The new text will be used by students in grades 3-6. Teachers in grades 1-2 will use the

Clock Repair, Antique Clock Specialists, Sales and Service, Ashdon Clock Service, 33436 OAKLAND at Grand River, GR 6-3333

UNIQUE TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE, TAILORED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF YOUR BUSINESS, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m., DAILY - SUNDAYS and HOLIDAYS, For Information 477-8656

Special, 10 GALLON AQUARIUM SET UP \$13.95 COMPLETE, Now in Stock, 32619 GRAND RIVER FARMINGTON, MON. - THURS. 11-7, FRI. 11-6, SAT. 12-4

The Seven Seas, 474-9020, 32619 GRAND RIVER FARMINGTON, MON. - THURS. 11-7, FRI. 11-6, SAT. 12-4

All Metro Customers Enjoy Free Checking & SATURDAY BANKING, No Minimum Balance Requirement - No service Charge of Any Kind, METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK of Farmington, MAIN OFFICE 33205 Grand River Avenue, near Farmington Road, QUAKERTOWN 27500 Farmington Road, 12 Mile, REDFORD 25719 Grand River, near Beech Daly

The Farmington Observer, EMORY DANIELS, Editor, Editorial Office 3523 Farmington Road Farmington, Mich. Phone 474-6225, Home Delivery Service, Newsstand per copy, 35¢, monthly, \$4.00, Phone 474-8737, Published every Wednesday and Weekend

JUST CALL PAISANO PIZZA, Phone 851-4745, 50¢ OFF ON MEDIUM OR LARGE PIZZA WITH THIS AD, WE DELIVER! PIZZA • FISH, CHICKEN • SHRIMP, SPAGHETTI, HOURS: Monday - Thursday, 4 p.m. to Midnight, Friday, 2 p.m. - 2 a.m.; Saturday, Noon - 2 a.m.; Sunday, Noon-Midnight, 29564 Orchard Lake Road Just North of 13 Mile Road

OIL PAINTINGS-ART OBJECTS, A wide selection of framed, original oils, statuary, metal sculpture and fine quality reproductions. Come in and browse, Bon Ton GALERIE, 33409 Grand River Avenue Farmington, MI 477-3191, Open Thurs. and Fri. nights 'til 9 p.m.