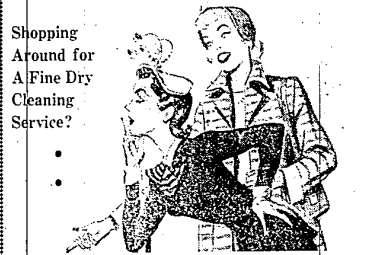


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### PRE-ACHIEVEMENT 4-H DAY BEING PLANNED AT NOV1

A Pre-Achievement Day program will be held in the Novi Community Building on March 25, starting at 8:00 p.m.  
On display will be exhibits of cleaning, knitting, home improvement, electricity, health and safety, soil conservation, tractor maintenance, handiwork, and child care projects. Organizations including Amvets and Auxiliary, Boy Scout and Girl Scout units, Blue Star Mothers and many others will have displays. Members of 4-H units from Farmington, South Lyon, New Hudson and Northville have also been invited to take part in the exhibit.  
Entertainment will include talent contests, musicals by several 4-H members. Square dances will follow with refreshments to be served at the close of the evening.  
Some of the 4-H items here will be on display at the Oakland County Achievement Day exhibit in Pontiac on April 2.

### Obituaries

**Flora Whitbeck**  
A former resident of the City of Farmington, Mrs. Flora Whitbeck, died in Detroit March 6 after an illness of several weeks.  
The Whitbecks, who formerly made their home on Maple Street here, have been living in Detroit for the past seven years.  
Surviving besides her husband, Bert, are three daughters: Mrs. Edward Lang of Farmington and Mrs. W. S. Soper and Mrs. M. H. Bourne of Detroit; and a son, Beth Whitbeck of Detroit. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.  
Burial took place on Wednesday, March 9, at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit.

**Vera Harris**  
Mrs. Vera Harris, 22225 Middlebelt Road, died March 8 at her residence, following an illness of two years.

She was born in London, England, July 21, 1881, the daughter of Edmund and Ellen (Howe) McDavitt. She had resided in Farmington for the past seven years. Her husband, Harry Harris, preceded her death July 15, 1952.  
Mrs. Harris leaves two sons, Bernard of Redford Township and Gordon of Farmington; two daughters, Mariel of Fort Worth, Texas, and Barbara of Farmington; and one sister, Helen McDavitt of Fort Worth, Texas.

Funeral services were held from the Spencer J. Heene Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. Thursday with Rev. James B. Guinan of Trinity Episcopal Church, Farmington, officiating.  
Interment was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

**Herbert M. Ostrander**  
Herbert M. Ostrander, 20747 Delaware Road, Southfield Township, died at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Dearborn, on March 10 following an illness of one week.

He was born at Burtville, Pennsylvania, August 21, 1895, the son of Henry and Hester (Grimes) Ostrander, and was united in marriage to Helen Eileen Annset April 1, 1923.

Mr. Ostrander was a veteran of World War I.  
He leaves his wife, Eileen; two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Agar of Redford Township and Barbara, at home; four sons, Herbert and Ralph of Farmington, Richard of Livonia, and Edward of Southfield Township; three grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Ruby Egert, Southfield; and two brothers, Paul Ostrander of Redford and Frank Ostrander of Port Alleghe, Pennsylvania.

Rev. H. Raymond Bayne of the Southfield Community Church conducted the funeral service, which was held from the Spencer J. Heene Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. Monday.

Burial service was under the auspices of the Oakland County Council of Veterans at Oakland Hills Memorial Cemetery, Walled Lake.

**Ruth E. Bolus**  
Mrs. Ruth E. Bolus of 29250 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Township, died Monday, March 14, following an extended illness.

Mrs. Bolus was born October 28, 1909, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the daughter of William H. and Edna DeLoach Huchthausen. She attended school in Wisconsin and in Wyandotte, Michigan. On October 21, 1939, she was united in marriage to Howard W. Bolus, Mr. and Mrs. Bolus had lived in Farmington Township for the past four years, coming here from Lincoln Park, Michigan.

The deceased rested at the Thayer Funeral Home where recitation of the rosary took place at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evening. Funeral services were held Thursday at 10:00 a.m. from Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Burial took place in Grand Lawn Cemetery.  
Surviving besides her husband are: one daughter, Shirley Ann; one brother, Mrs. Edna Huchthausen of Detroit; and one sister, Mrs. Ethel Bissonnette of Detroit.

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### Open Letter State's Views On Bus Route Policy

(The following is a letter written to O. E. Dunkel, superintendent of schools for the Farmington Township School District, regarding the bus route policy proposed by the School Board last month and passed at a regular Board meeting March 14.)

Dear Mr. Dunkel: This will acknowledge your letter of February 18 and your memorandum to your board of education on school bus transportation.

I am particularly interested in the proposed policies for your school district. I am in complete accord with the policies that you have set up. I would like to add to them another suggestion.

I do not believe that your school buses should stop more frequently than four times in one mile. In this way no child will have to walk more than one-eighth of a mile to meet a school bus along the regular route.

If the people in your school district wish to have children transported less than a mile from school, it is desirable to determine the cost of such transportation and have the people vote additional mileage to cover the cost of such transportation. When free transportation for these children living less than a mile, it becomes impossible to discontinue such programs.

The people of a community should understand that a school bus is not a taxicab that will go from door to door. Whenever that practice is established the length of time the children will be on the school bus is increased by some 50 to 100 per cent. The cost also increases and the general outcome is less satisfactory than when bus routes are definitely established.

I shall be glad to meet with you or have you come in to discuss any further problems in the establishment of a transportation program in Farmington Township.

Sincerely yours,  
George Shutt, Consultant  
Transportation and Organization.

**'AUTORAMA' TO BE HELD AT ARMOY ON APRIL 2, 3**  
The National Guard Artillery Armory in Detroit has been selected as the site for the third annual "Autorama" sponsored by the Michigan Hot Rod Association. This annual display of the finest hot rods, customs, sports cars and motorcycles will be held on April 1, 2 and 3.

An entirely new show this year is being planned. There will be 60 to 80 cars that have not been shown before.  
Entrants are now being put through a screening process. Entrants may send information on their cars to 8602 Prairie Avenue, Detroit 4, Michigan.

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### NEWCOMERS CLUB LEARNS ABOUT AREA, LANDSCAPING

A recent meeting of the Newcomers Club of Farmington was devoted primarily to question and answer sessions on the Farmington community and outside home beautification through landscaping.

Two guest authorities were on hand to answer questions of new residents regarding the two subjects. They were James Tazg, publisher of The Farmington Enterprise, and a representative of Hightree Nursery in Southfield Township, respectively.

The next meeting of the Newcomers Club will be held on Wednesday, April 13, at the home of a club member with a card party planned.

### Serving With Amphibious Force in Formosan Area

Earl R. Billing, quartermaster second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Billing of 21124 Middlebelt, Farmington, is serving aboard the landing ship, medium-rocket, USS LSMR 469.

The 469 is a unit of Amphibious Force, Western Pacific, which played a big part in the Tachen operation with the U. S. 7th Fleet.

She operated with cruisers, destroyers and minesweepers in protecting the evacuation force.

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### Brahms Requiem Sung Here Sunday

A presentation of the Requiem by Johannes Brahms was given by the Livonia Civic Chorus at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Eight Mile and Middlebelt, on Sunday, March 20, at 4:00 p.m.  
The concert was given in memory of George Bentley, a prominent member and treasurer of the Civic Chorus, who passed away February 11 of this year. Believing in the need of cultural development in Livonia, Mr. Bentley worked faithfully for years to promote the chorus. Brahms Requiem was one of his favorite oratorios.

The chorus of 50 voices was under the direction of Don Carl Robinson of Ann Arbor. Mrs. Leora Smith-Anderson, soprano, and John Moser, baritone, were the featured soloists.

A free will offering was taken to take care of expenses and to enable the chorus to give a donation to the George N. Bentley Memorial Fund.

### Local Breeder Receives Exclusive Name Prefix

Lawrence Thurman, Farmington, has been given the privilege of the exclusive use of the name "Larathur" as a herd name in registering his purebred Holstein-Friesian cattle. This prefix name is granted and will be recorded by The Holstein-Friesian Association of America.  
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