

Says It's A Must in Crime Fight

State Police Head Urges Citizen Co-operation

"Citizens of every community in the United States must cooperate with police officials at every possible opportunity," said State Police Commissioner Fred Davis in an address to members of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Business Men's Forum.

"It was the first official appearance of Davis in his new capacity — he was appointed State Police Commissioner a month ago by Gov. George Romney, replacing the retiring Joseph Childs — and he attracted one of the largest noonday crowds to a Forum meeting.

"Davis, a resident of Plymouth Township for more than 20 years, was Captain and district commander of the Detroit area at the time of his promotion. He has been interested in activities in the Township and City ever since moving here as a trooper."

"People must forget their fears of retaliation, their grannies and a great many criminals," emphasized Davis, "otherwise the police officials are powerless. There must be witnesses ready and willing to relate what they saw to put these people behind bars where they belong."

"We are face to face with a situation today. There is a thin line between democracy and anarchy and the police officials need every bit of co-operation to keep that thin line."

Davis pointed out that there isn't any reason why all shouldn't obey the law and be good citizens but things are working out that way.

"Vandalism for kicks is the worst of all crimes," he stressed, "There is far too much of that type of crime today and we are doing everything we can to stamp it out. But we must have co-operation of all to rid the land of this viciousness."

"We have instances where many residents are afraid to leave their homes for vacations because of the fear of vandalism and many more are afraid to leave their homes at night for the same reason."

"It is this failure to back police officers in their duty that is one of the greatest drawbacks for our profession. I might point out that there have been mistakes by police officials but one mistake doesn't condemn an entire department. I can't emphasize too much the need for co-operation and backing of your policeman."

Davis traced the rise and development of the State Police from the days of the World War I when it was first organized as the Home Guard of State

to fill in for the Home Guard which had been called into active duty in 1917.

"At that time, the work was more for seeking out draft dodgers than the dragsters of today," he reported.

In the period after World War I, the force was built up to 100 men, traveling mostly on horses and acquiring the nickname of the Texas Rangers

of Michigan. There was even a State Police Post in Plymouth at that time in 1920.

The State Legislature approved a State Police force of 300 in 1937 and it has grown from that to a force of 1,283 men, 300 civilian employees and a three-airplane aerial force today.

The State Police in 1929 established the first State Police

radio system in the world and it was an immediate success.

"It was 1931 that Davis was called into the office of Commissioner Childs and asked to form the first squad of a State Police force in the United States. It was while in charge of the racket squad that Davis won acclaim for his work as a leader of the force."

Later he was promoted to Captain and Commander of the Detroit area and then advanced to the top post of the department — Commissioner.

The Department now comprises 54 Posts, eight District Headquarters and the Headquarters in East Lansing.

The State Police act as a co-operating agency for all police departments in the State, particularly in the use of the Department's radio network for the quick exchange of information. Headquarters maintains a large fingerprint identification bureau, the state gun registration file, a crime laboratory, photographic laboratory, lie detector and other facilities which the average police department cannot afford and the services of which are available to all police departments without charge.

Other lie detectors are located at the District Headquarters in Detroit, Bay City, Paw Paw, Rockford, Traverse City and Marquette.

The three State Police airplanes are used not only in connection with the investigations of air accidents but in many other police matters and missions of mercy.

"We insist that our men know the communities in which they live and operate," said Davis, "We want them to participate in the activities but warn all they must stay away from politics."

The biggest problem the State Police has at the moment is that of recruiting, according to Davis.

"If you're in our department takes a dedicated man," he pointed out, "It requires a man with desire and a urge to be a good police officer. He must be dedicated to his job for the hours can be long and hard, at times—perhaps these are some reasons why we have so much trouble recruiting. There are few today who have the intense desire and dedication needed to become an outstanding State Trooper but we're busy all the time recruiting and we manage to keep most forces at full strength most of the time."

"While the car was in motion, he saw a youth in the back seat demanded that he turn over his money. He said he had none, and the boys began to hit him about the head with their fists, and to threaten him with a tire iron."

Hitch Hiker Hit, Robbed

On Monday, June 28, 17-year-old Detroit Mark Larivee was hitchhiking on Greenfield and Fenkel. He was picked up by a car carrying four youths.

Finally, he says, they took his wallet, containing \$12, and threw him out of the car. As they sped away, he managed to get their license number.

Last week a 15-year old boy, two 16-year olds, and one 17-year old were arrested and charged with the crime. The 16-year old was from Farmington. The others were all from Livonia.

Observer Newspapers, Inc. OK'd for MPA Membership

The Observer Newspapers, Inc., which includes editions in Livonia, Plymouth, Redford Township, Garden City, Farmington and Nankin Township, reached a new pinnacle with the announcement that it has been accepted into the Michigan Press Association.

The announcement was made to President Mrs. Myra Chandler in a letter from Executive Secretary Elmer White.

Thus, the Observer becomes a member of the state's most honored newspaper association, one that includes all of the outstanding weeklies and dailies in Michigan.

Application for membership was made last fall and the screening and membership committees have been carefully checking all qualifications since they came up with an unqualified recommendation for the Observer Newspapers.

"This is one of the highspots of my journalistic career," a highly elated Mrs. Chandler, "We knew that we were ready for membership into the Association and we are very happy that the Board accepted us."

"This is an even more happy occasion since there were some of our competitors who fought tooth and nail to keep our chain out. I'm gratified that the Association's executive board heard all comments and then gave us a unanimous vote."

The Observer Newspapers now become members of a statewide association that works together on major projects of Michigan interest and co-operates in news, advertising and other media.

The Observer Newspapers Inc. is proud to have been accepted and will do everything possible to make the Association proud of its achievements in the years to come.

Kuhn, Two Others, Jump Gun in Race for Congressional Seat

Only seven months following his defeat by Democrat Billie S. Farnum, Oakland County Republican Dick Kuhn is again making campaign noises for the 19th District Congressional seat.

The second edition of a mimeographed sheet called "Congress and You," published by the "Citizens for Kuhn Committee," rolled off the presses this week.

Most of the newsletter contains attacks against the Johnson administration's foreign aid policy. There are also scathing barbs aimed at Farnum's voting records.

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20 Plymouth Youths Get Insight Into Big City Problems

A group of 20 youths from the Westminister Fellowship Club of the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth learned quite a bit about the inner city problems of Baltimore and returned with sore muscles but the feeling of having achieved something following a recent week-long trip to the Knox Presbyterian Community Center in the heart of the Maryland metropolis.

It was a challenge from the start and fun from the moment the group left Plymouth in cars until the return to the city a week later.

There was a bit of excitement almost from the start when a car driven by Mrs. Wilbert Ackerman, one of the sponsors and chaperones of the trip, broke down while going through a large tunnel on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

The caravan had just started through the tunnel when stopped by an earlier accident. There was quite a wait while the cars sat with motors still running and finally that in the Ackerman car cooked out. There was a delay of about 20 minutes before the trouble was corrected—but imagine carove the

motor give out in the largest tunnel on the turnpike.

The Plymouthites arrived in Baltimore late Saturday evening, received their housing assignments and then reported bright and early Sunday to participate in services at the Center. Many sang in the choir.

Monday, the chores started with the group taking over the task of clearing a nearby ancient cemetery.

Tomlinstones had tumbled over been pushed over, mowing grass, picking weeds and various other work.

But it wasn't all work and no play, the youngsters had an opportunity to visit nearby Johns Hopkins University and the all-Negro Morgan State College and make a tour of the Baltimore docks.

There was painting and decorating for most of the week. The Knox Center had between there was time for swimming, picnic at a nearby church and several chances to look inside information on the inner city problems of a large metropolitan center.

The Knox Center is located in an all-Negro section which has the highest crime rate in Baltimore.

At the end of the week, the group took a vote for the hardest worker and the winner was Steve Hulce.

Those making the trip under the supervision of Rev. Ned Castner included: Peter Ackerman, Charles Cattell, Corrie DeWalt, Jill Dunlap, Mary Martha Easton, Cilla and Debbie Jenkins, Ed McKelvey and Carol Muehlbauer.

Others were: Jim Nelson, Sue Niemi, Jané Palmer, Kaye Parish, Gilla Pymning, Dave Sibbold, John Silvio, John Stander, Tom W. "Dick" Wolfrum and Steve Hulce.

At Sales Conference
Kenneth D. Mueller, 9261 Harrison, and Donald W. Hebron, 31148 Dorais, both of Livonia, were the featured speakers at a conference at the Americana Hotel in New York City, June 24 and 25.

Tennymon Names Auto Show Heads

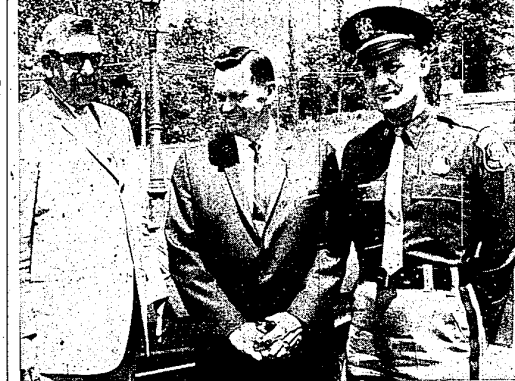
The committee which will be in charge of the 7th annual Detroit Auto Show, is being announced by Harry Tennymon, Livonia Chevrolet dealer who is chairman of the show.

Dates for the auto extravaganza are Nov. 27 through Dec. 5. It will be staged this year in Detroit's Cobo Hall, moving there after seven years in the Detroit Artillery Armory. The show is sponsored by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

Show manager once again will be Royce Tope, executive vice president of the dealers' association. He will be managing his ninth show.

Bedias Tennymon and Tope, two other members of the new committee were instrumental in putting on the 49th Auto Show. They are Lawrence Falvey, Detroit, Falvey Sales & Service, 22800 Woodward, Ferndale; and Tony Ritz, of Town & Country Plymouth, Inc., 2658 Twelve Mile Road, Berkley.

New members of the committee are Frank Adam, of Frank Adam, Inc., Livonia; Harry, 130 Kerckval, Grosse Pointe Farms; Neal Mason, of Mason Chrysler-Plymouth, Inc., 1430 S. Woodward, Royal Oak; Douglas Dalgleish, of Charlie's Oldsmobile, Inc., 9945 Livermore, Detroit 4; and Howard Rigg, of Floyd Ford, Inc., 14300 Livernut, Detroit 38.



AREA PROBLEMS are discussed by Kenneth Calkins, commander of the Detroit area, following the meeting with the Plymouth Businessmen's Forum last week. (left), Plymouth's Director of Public Safety, in a session with State Police Commissioner Fred Davids (center) and Capt. Walt

Officer Nabs Pair In Mocar

According to Farmington Police, two Hamtramck men, Teddy Agar, 29, of 5468 Joseph Campau, and his brother, Michael, 20, have confessed to five robberies, after being caught in the Roto Co. Mocar Products Co., 34808 Eight Mile Road, on Monday, July 5.

Ptm. Glenn Harding caught the pair in the plant, when he saw the door open while patrolling. He was aided in the arrest by Ptm. Dan Eyrnes, and Farmington Township officers, Sgt. John Polder, and Aux. Dennis Nash. This was the second time the two had hit the

Mocar Plant, according to Pct. Sgt. William Garder, of the Farmington Police, who made the interrogation. The crimes they are said to have cleaned up include a stolen car in Redford, Mich., and a stolen car in Farmington. The other two were all from Livonia.

Hits Car, Four Hurt

Four men were hospitalized as a result of a collision on Orchard Lake Road just north of 196, on Monday, July 5, at about 3 a.m. in the morning. The car was driven by 18-year-old John F. Sorna, of 20224 Purlingbrook, Livonia. Others in the car were his dad, John V. Sorna, John R. Kuczewski, of 20903 Ontago, Farmington, Harry Koch, 21422 Roosevelt, Farmington, and Russell W. Gould, 129 W. Malcolin, Detroit. Sorna ran into a parked car, owned by Andrew Gladd, of 22436 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington. Sorna was ticketed for driving without an operator's permit.

3 Win Chrysler Scholarships

Two Livonians and one Farmington student have won 1965 Chrysler Corporation Fund college scholarships.

They are John W. Bennett, graduate of Bentley High School; Barbara J. Barr, Franklin High School; and James M. Gleason, North Farmington High School.



CENTENNIAL STAMP, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Salvation Army, is shown to Brigadier Ernest Hammer, head of the Plymouth corps, by Acting Plymouth Postmaster James Grater. The stamps were placed on sale for the first time Saturday, July 3. The Army is in its 37th year of operation in the Plymouth community.

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