

Coast Guardsman Wayne Ault, in his last letter home, described the arrival of his ship "The Vance" at Honolulu. The servicemen received the customary flowery greetings from the young Hawaiian girls.

While their parents, the Kraemers of Seminole Avenue, are in the north on a hunting trip Jackie Kraemer and her younger brother are guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dunagan of Farmington Road.

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Gentlemen:

We are writing this in accord with the policy of The Enterprise of publishing in the public letter box those letters which might be of interest to the citizens of this city. Last night we attended the regular meeting of the Farmington City Council, that is the night of November 24. What we saw and heard both amazed and dismayed us. We came away from that meeting with the deepest sense of frustration we have ever known. We have often thought that the people of this community have been too complacent as regards their elected officers. After sitting in on the Council meeting last night, our convictions regarding the neglect of interest of Farmington's citizens were strengthened to the point that we decided

ed we had to get a few things off our chest.

What we saw as a result of what we saw and heard at the Council meeting that the people of this city had conveyed a wish to the Council, which the Council had completely refused to honor. Now to the best of our knowledge, there is a phrase somewhere within the oath of office that all elected officers take which deals with the obligations of the people who elect them. We are sure that the Council has either forgotten the existence of such an oath, or they did not take the oath, or, remaining conclusion could be that the best of their ability is not good enough.

Specifically, we refer to the proposal before the Council which would enact legislation to restrict heavy truck traffic in residential areas. The reasons for this proposal should be self-evident. Protection of the children is foremost in mind, with secondary reasons being maintenance of property values, and elimination of a public nuisance in the forms of excessive noise and traffic in residential areas. It would appear that this is a reasonable and logical request, which incidentally if it were investigated, would be found to be an ordinance in approximately 9 out of every 10 cities in the United States. The idea of such an ordinance is not new, and has been found to be the logical means to protect citizens' children and property. That it is a workable idea is also self-evident. We are certain that in no case can it be proved that such legislation has ever either directly or indirectly been responsible for the collapse of any trucking business. We are now and have been employed by one of our working years. We at present operate out of the City of Pontiac, where we are bound by size and weight restrictions not unlike that proposed for this City of Farmington. Other than a minor inconvenience, no harm has been done us, or our fellow truckers in this area by such legislation. The Mayor, however, apparently is determined to put the above issue on a personal basis with all complaints by repeatedly asking them why they desire to threaten the extinction of the trucking industry. We now ask, where the Mayor, as Council spokesman, ever developed such a theory when the legislation requested has already been proved workable, beneficial to the citizens and of no harm to the trucking industry, in so many hundreds of cities.

We feel that as spokesman for the Council, the Mayor has clouded the real issue completely by the introduction of many unrelated ideas. As an example of this, on several occasions last night, those citizens who had attended the meeting and expressed hope that the Council would support the proposed protective legislation, were not they had purchased their homes with the knowledge that there were trucking operations in the vicinity, the people who bought homes in this area were probably not aware of it, since most people would be house-hunting on Sundays and holidays. This in itself is not important. To our way of thinking the important thing arising out of it was Mr. Loomis' inference that since some people had bought their homes in Farmington recently, and since the trucking companies had been in Farmington for some years, that these new citizens had no right to be complaining. If this be true, then certainly we should not pay taxes equal to those of long established residents.

Concluding, let us say this. It does not make any difference whether a truck hauls automobiles, merchandise, gravel or defense goods. The danger to our children is the same. A child can be threatened, guided, corrected, warned and watched. However, we are certain that you can see that the decent and moral way for parents to protect the lives of their young ones, is to remove the cause, or in other words, lessen the possibilities of their injury. We think that the proposal before our Council is a good one designed to do just that. We also think that it is time for the people of this community to stand up and demand that those people that were elected to be public servants do what they are elected to do and that is to serve the public. We ask the people of this community to demand some form of protective legislation. Let us have some action by our Council, not merely investigations. We have a right to expect it, and let's not let those that we have put in charge forget their duty to us.

Respectfully,
E. J. Klebba, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ault from Thirteen Mile Road were Thanksgiving afternoon guests of their sisters, the Misses Lora and Freda Ault on Shady Side Avenue.

WEST POINT PARK NEWS

By MISS L. A. AULT
TELEPHONE FARMINGTON 1461-M

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brugman and their three children from Norwayne were visiting with Mrs. Brugman's mother, Mrs. Grace Simpson, on Mayfield Avenue last Saturday morning.

The Arthur Block family of Laurel Avenue has been convalescing from sleazes of tonsillitis. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Standish and their youngest son from Ypsilanti were visiting with Mrs. Herman Schult on Shady Side Avenue last Saturday morning.

Mrs. Louis Graham of Mayfield Avenue is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Clinton Ault and her husband on Thirteen Mile Road last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Reddy of Shady Side Avenue called on Dr. J. Magner of Shady Side Avenue at Harper Hospital, Detroit, last Saturday evening.

Miss Anne Johnson of Clarin Avenue was ill with tonsillitis all of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Galloway of Garden City were Sunday evening dinner guests of their aunt, Mrs. Christina Rehahn of Mayfield Avenue.

The Ernest Tallmans of Mayfield Avenue celebrated Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23. On hand for a family dinner were their two daughters, Mrs. Fred Sheiman of Colgate Avenue and Mrs. Robert Laughman of Mishawaka, Indiana, with their husbands and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ault from Thirteen Mile Road were calling on relatives in this neighborhood last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ring from Detroit were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Ring's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Varhol on Shady Side Avenue.

Russell Ault of Shady Side Avenue was calling on his brother, Clinton Ault, on Thirteen Mile Road last Saturday evening. Mrs. Ed Stange of Mayfield Avenue and her daughter, Mrs. Griffith from Dearborn were calling on the Judds near Grosse Pointe last Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Clotte of Seven Mile Road has returned after a three-week stay at Mt. Carmel Hospital, Avenue.

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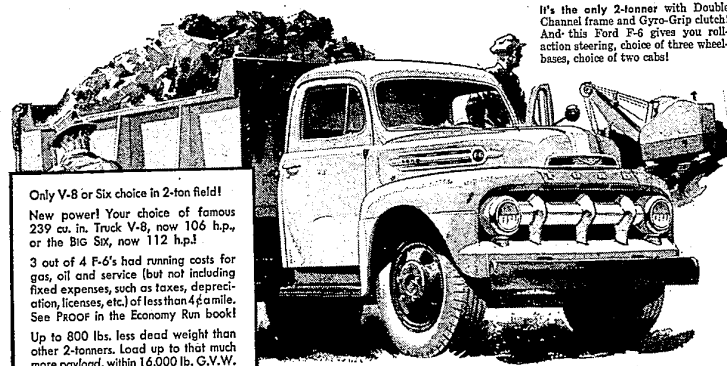
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