

## HARRY LAPHAM ATTENDS WISCONSIN BANKING SCHOOL

Harry L. Lapham, of the Farmington State Bank, is among the 776 students from 34 states, the District of Columbia, and Cuba, who are now attending the annual two-week residence session at the School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

The school, sponsored by the Central States Conference, consisting of the bankers associations of 16 states, requires residence attendance for two weeks each year for three years for graduation. A total of 210 seniors from 21 states received their diplomas at the school's 1953 graduation exercises Friday night, September 4. The School of Banking is one of many schools, short courses, and conferences sponsored annually at the University of Wisconsin as educational services for all citizens.

Attendance at the 1953 School of Banking enabled its students at Wisconsin's State University not only to meet a large number of bankers from all over the country, but they also had the opportunity of leaving the school's distinguished lecturers, this year 103 experts from all parts of the nation, who are recognized authorities in banking, economics, law and industrial, and agricultural and financial problems.



**FISHY, BUT TRUE**—Frank Bracker, of Davenport, Ia., caught a minnow that caught a catfish. While Bracker was pulling a one-pound minnow from the Mississippi River, a 25-pound catfish tried to swallow it. The big fish didn't stand a chance once its meal was half swallowed. The minnow's expanded gills served as a harpoon.

## Gift To University Of Michigan Reveals Incidents In State History

A recent gift to the Michigan Historical Collections at the University of Michigan is a volume entitled "The Schmid Letters." The donor is Emerson E. Hutzler of St. Louis, Missouri.

The book contains letters written by Rev. Friedrich Schmid from Ann Arbor to the Wisconsin Institute in Basel, Switzerland. Rev. Mr. Schmid was a graduate of the Institute who was sent to Michigan as a missionary at the request of Germans living in Washtenaw County. He began his pastorate in Ann Arbor in August, 1833.

He was the first Lutheran minister in Michigan. Besides his congregation on Jackson Road near Ann Arbor, Rev. Mr. Schmid served groups in Detroit, Monroe, and other settlements. At one time he had eight congregations, according to F. Clever Bald, assistant director of the Michigan Historical Collections.

His letters tell of his difficult journeys on horseback over almost impassable roads. At Monroe he had to swim his horse across the Raisin River. Meetings were sometimes held in a settler's cabin or in a barn. During the cholera epidemic of 1834, when many persons fled from Detroit to escape the disease, Rev. Mr. Schmid continued to hold services in the city.

The letters contain evidence of the pastor's great desire to place missionaries among the Indians. He visited various villages, especially in the Saginaw Valley, and when Rev. F. A. Chamer came from Germany with his congregation, looking for a place to settle and teach the Indians, Rev. Mr. Schmid directed him to the Saginaw region. There, on the banks of the Cass River, he founded Frankenmuth, the first of the German towns in the area.

Although the letters deal principally with religious matters, acreage limitations on the 1854 wheat crop increase the advantage of following good wheat production practices, including the liberal use of fertilizer. Paul J. Root, extension soils specialist at MSU, says 500 pounds of commercial fertilizer at planting time is not too much.

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## LIVONIA BOARD SET TO RULE ON BUILDING CODE

A five-man building code board of appeals has been created by the City of Livonia to take appellate action on cases involving disagreements over Livonia's building code.

The board will, in effect, affirm, deny or reverse building code decisions made by the city Bureau of Inspection.

The board consists of individuals who, by occupation, are highly experienced in building problems and procedures.

Chairman of the board is Gustave Muth, 2910 Melrose, a registrar and plumber.

Serving with him are four other board members: John B. Perkins, 11141 Cranston, an engineer; Ovi Unnen, 16524 Middlebelt, an electrical contractor; James W. Orr, 18940 Westmore, a builder, and Chester L. Tuck, 33642 Hampshire, a master plumber.

Appointments to the board were made by Mayor Jesse Ziegler. The board will meet the second Thursday of each month. All hearings will be public.

The board will take action on all appeals, filed in writing, by individuals wishing to challenge any Bureau of Inspection decision which involves the building code. Forms for the petitions to the appeals board are furnished without charge by the city. They are obtained at the Bureau of Inspections office in City Hall.

A \$10.00 filing fee is charged for an initial appeal. This fee is refunded, however, if the board reverses or denies a Bureau of Inspection decision.

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## Town Hall Sets Season's Schedule

Eighteen Wednesday morning programs will be offered during the Silver Anniversary season of Detroit Town Hall which opens October 14 at 11:00 a.m. in Fisher Theatre. A ray troupe of entertainers from the High Trolley Alps will be the attraction.

Events under contract for the new season and the dates of their appearances are: October 21, Yvonne Antonette de Bellhaye, former tutor in the British Royal household; October 28, "Singapore Joe" Fisher with his new film of Africa; November 4, Dwight Cooke, noted radio commentator; November 18, Doris Flesson, Washington columnist; December 2, Columbus Boychoir.

For the period following Christmas holidays the following programs have been scheduled: January 8, Dr. You Chai Yang, Korean ambassador to the United States; January 13, William F. Buckley, Jr., author of "God and Man at Yale"; January 20, Raymond Schindler, America's "Sherlock Holmes"; January 27, John Harvey Furbay, showing his beautiful colored movies of Ireland.

During February and March, Town Hall management has booked the World Affairs Council for February 3; Cecil Blanton, noted photographer and stage designer, February 10; Grant Johanneesen, brilliant pianist, February 17; Robert Shaw, TV script writer, February 24; Kathryn Tarnay Gaten, book reviewer, March 2. The speaker for the March 10 date will be announced later.

Season reservations are available at Detroit Town Hall, 1613 Kiles Building, Woodward 3-3617.

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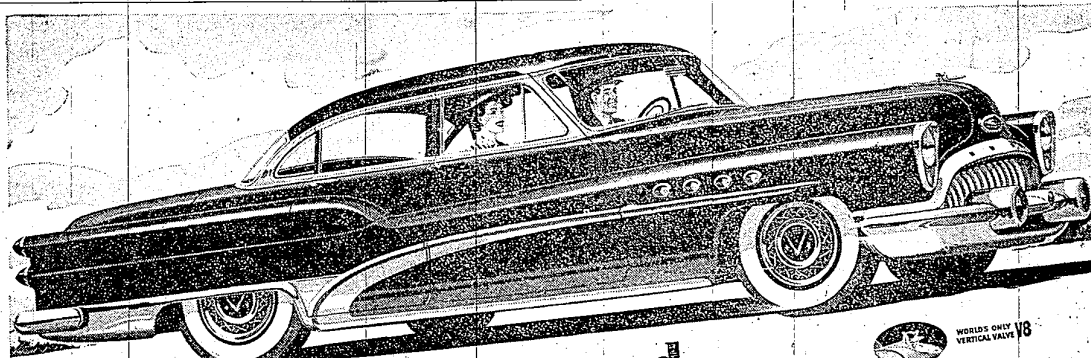
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