

House Building Smashes Records In Livonia

Reach \$11,673,800 Valuation In 8 Months

Livonia, one of Michigan's fastest growing municipalities, issued 1,055 residential building permits for a total valuation of \$11,673,800, setting the first eight months of 1953.

This compares with 725 permits for a valuation of \$7,719,826 during the first eight months of 1952, according to Donald Wilson, the city's chief building inspector.

With four months yet to be reported, the number of new homes built or started in Livonia during 1953 already exceeds the total for the entire record-breaking year of 1947 when 905 permits were issued for a valuation of \$9,637,129.

Symbols of Livonia's rapid growth since its incorporation as a city on February 19, 1949, was the addition of a new \$500,000 city hall recently.

At the ceremony, Mayor Jesse Ziegler told the assembled citizens it is difficult to believe the short period of Livonia's existence as a home rule city. Its income as a governmental unit has increased from \$60,000 to approximately \$900,000. Its population has increased from 18,000 to approximately 38,000, and its assessed valuation has increased from approximately 14 million to more than 50 million.

Under the high standards set by Livonia's zoning ordinance, no home may be built on less than 8,000 square feet of inside usable floor space. Prior to the passage of the ordinance last February, the minimum figure was 5,750 square feet.

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-Obituaries-

William D. Carmila
William David Carmila, 83, died at the home of his son, Harold Carmila, of 30645 Haggerty Road recently.

He has lived with his son for the past two years and he was formerly from St. Paris, Ohio.

Funeral services were held last Thursday from the Richardson and Wickham Funeral Home, with burial in Honey Creek Cemetery.

Besides his son, Mr. Carmila leaves three brothers, a sister and one grandson.

Mrs. Matilda Wilson
Mrs. Matilda Wilson of 25430 Power Road in Farmington Township, died Thursday evening, October 1, at Art Centre Hospital in Detroit following an extended illness.

Mrs. Wilson was born April 10, 1888, in Belfast, Ireland, the daughter of James and Jane Briggs Graham. She came to this country thirty-nine years ago and was married in marriage to Thomas W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had lived in Farmington for the past eleven years, coming here from Detroit.

Funeral services were held on Monday at 2:00 p.m. from the Thayer Funeral Home with Rev. Russell W. Sursaw of the Farmington Methodist Church officiating. Burial took place in Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery.

Surviving besides her husband are one son, Thomas, of Farmington, and one daughter, Mrs. Donald Herbert of Redford Township. She also leaves a sister, Miss Ella J. Graham, of Detroit, and a brother, James Graham of New Zealand, and five grand children.

Alberta Saylor

Alberta Saylor, twelve year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Saylor of 21798 Hancock Avenue, Farmington Township, died Wednesday afternoon, September 30, in the University Hospital at Ann Arbor.

Alberta was born September 16, 1941, in Pineville, Kentucky, coming here three years ago with her parents. She was a student in Farmington Junior High School. Funeral services were held from the residence Saturday at 2:00 p.m. with Elder Levi Saylor and Elder Charles Miracle officiating. Burial took place in the North Farmington Cemetery.

Surviving besides her parents are four sisters, Mrs. Ella Teeples, Barbara Ann, Marilyn and Norma Mae, and two brothers, Harley and Jerry. She also leaves her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Matthews, on Pineville, Kentucky. Arrangements were in charge of the Thayer Funeral Home.

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EXPECT RECORD PARK SEASON IN MICHIGAN

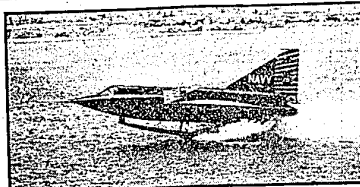
Though still too early to know if attendance this year will be above the 1952 total, a post-Labor Day spot check shows a number of the major parks have already passed the 1952 total attendance to this date.

Holland, for example, popped over the million mark during the last week, the second park to make the million-plus level this year. Through Labor Day, 1,045,000 persons had visited the Holland park, while to this date last year 868,000 visitors were registered.

Grand Haven, last year's most popular park and first over the million mark this year, is about 7,000 visitors ahead of its 1952 pace with a present registered attendance of 1,357,000 visitors.

Dodge Four, however, is more than 120,000 visitors below its 1952 total through the Labor Day week end, with 765,000 registered.

But Bay City, with 737,000 visitors, is 78,000 above its 1952 pace and Island Lake recreation



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area is 110,000 above the 1952 total with 975,000 counted thus far.

Earlier this year, weather kept parks attendance down and it looked like the 1953 total would drop below the 13,262,000 record attendance of 1952. But now park workers appear confident that the total this year will again set a record for attendance.

GRADE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS PLAN MEET OCTOBER 16

The Department of Elementary School Principals will meet in Birmingham High School on Friday, October 16, as part of the two day meetings of the Michigan Educational Association's newly organized Region 7.

Scott Street, acting chairman of the D. E. P., will open the business meeting at 9:30 a.m. Following elections, four areas will be considered for small group study. They are: "Professional Standards", "Personal Qualifications", "The Job", and "Salaries".

A luncheon meeting will be held at the First Methodist Church with the University of Michigan as guest speaker. The day's program has been under the planning of Floyd Chedden of Walled Lake.

Region 7 is functioning for the first time this year and includes all of Oakland County.

Roger Graham of Mayfield Avenue has been reported of the sick list since last Thursday.

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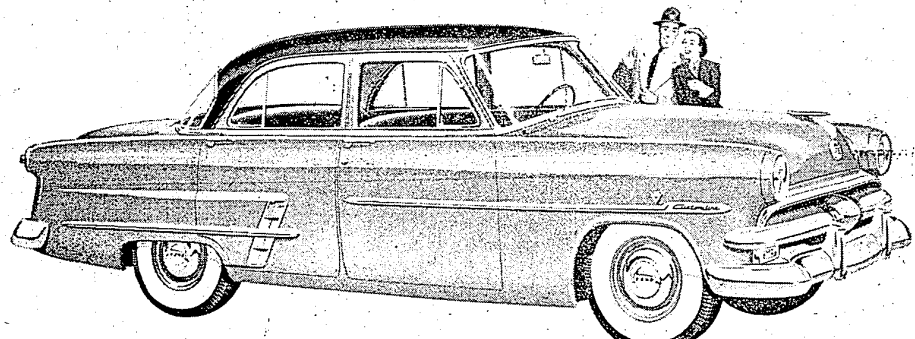
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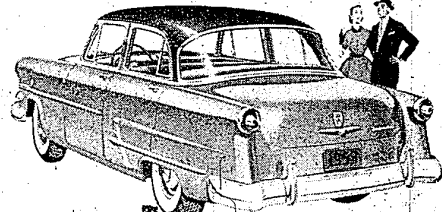
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