

The Observer's Readers Speak Up on Truck Crash, Mississippi

'Obsolete Truck'
Editor: This is in regards to the recent accident involving the loss of both legs of one of the fire-

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man of Livonia. It is common knowledge that the City of Livonia has at this time a new \$27,000 firetruck which cannot be used due to the fact that this truck cannot be housed in the fire station because the doors are too narrow, also, that the funds have been allocated for in order to acquire this door at a cost of approximately \$400 to \$500 and have been refused repeatedly. WHY? It seems to me that if the City can afford to buy, at the taxpayers expense, a new truck, at the above cost, it could afford this small additional cost to widen these doors. It is ironic that this fireman, also a taxpayer, helped pay for this truck that would be protection for him, in that no fireman would have to ride the sides or back of the truck, then have to lose his legs because this truck is not ready for use because of housing. Why should we, the citizens of Livonia, sit back and watch this truck deteriorate, while the city council and mayor are appropriating funds for less important causes, a lot of these being approved? The truck involved in this accident made its first run on Dec. 7, 1941, nearly 23 years ago; this alone would make it nearly obsolete. Citizens of Livonia, let's sit back for just a moment, take a long look and think about this terrible thing that has happened to one that has endangered his life to protect you. It could have been your husband, your son, your brother or your father. Maybe if the Citizens of Livonia would send a penny for each member of their family to city hall, we could have these doors enlarged and prevent a thing of this sort from ever happening again, and get our trucks properly housed. This is not the only truck that can't be housed in this particular station. My husband is not a member of the Livonia Fire Department, but I am very bitter about this, to say the least. An Upset Taxpayer Citizen.

Who's Irresponsible?
Editor: I'm writing in regard to the accident last Saturday night involving our Livonia firemen. First of all, we'd like to know why these firemen were riding on an obsolete firetruck when there's a new truck being housed in another station because they couldn't get it inside this building. Why? The city spent approximately \$27,000 to purchase this truck. Why not the extra \$500 so this investment could be put to use? The driver of the car that caused this tragic accident is being called irresponsible. We wonder where the responsibility really lies. We, the wives and children of these firemen, want our husbands and fathers to be as safe as possible, and we expect Mayor Moske and the City Council to see that this is done. The garage door of station number one needs to be enlarged, so the present truck could be properly housed. We, as taxpayers, want our investment protected. Is this too much to ask? We don't think so. **ONE FIREMAN'S WIFE**

Livonian Ends CD Course
Jerrald J. Jandron, 31555 Rayburn, Livonia, program officer and deputy shelter manager for the U.S. Army-Tank Automotive Center in Warren, has just completed a five-day civil defense course at the National Office of Civil Defense, Staff College in Battle Creek. From Aug. 10 through Aug. 17 Jandron attended the five-day course for shelter management instructors, along with 54 other local and state civil defense officials from various parts of the country. As part of the National Civil Defense Program, millions of fallout shelter spaces found in existing buildings throughout the country and which meet certain standards will be marked by the Federal government and stocked with food, water, sanitation, medical and radiological detection supplies and equipment. Personnel must be trained to manage the people who may occupy these shelters. The Shelter Management Instructor course conducted at OGD Staff College provides training in fallout shelter management to those persons who will return to their communities and train others to serve as shelter managers in case of emergency.

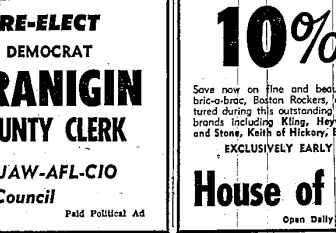
Plymouthite To Teach In Livonia
Mrs. Edith T. Wolfe of 50889 Murray Hill Drive, Plymouth, will report for a teaching assignment at Whitman Junior High School in Livonia on Sept. 3. Mrs. Wolfe is one of more than 200 new teachers which have been employed by this fast growing Detroit suburban school district. The most recent census figures showed that there are 31,672 school-age children in Livonia. Mrs. Wolfe, who will teach English and social studies in the junior high school, holds a B.A. degree from Thiel College in Greenville, Pennsylvania.

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Mississippi, I can no longer in good conscience remain silent. Theoretically, our nation is founded on the basic principle of freedom and equality for all in order to help make this theory a reality, and so that these three brave young men who gave their lives so that this may be a reality, for us and our children, shall not have been in vain, I must appeal now to the citizens of this area to stretch their souls and act now. We who are lucky to enjoy freedom must not forget that with privilege comes responsibility. The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party needs the help of every citizen now to our challenge to the racist and Barnett delegation at the National Democratic Convention the end of this month is to be a victory for the forces of equality and justice. President Johnson and the delegates to the Convention must realize that there is now a nationwide wave of support mounting in favor of the seating of the Freedom Democratic Party. The most effective way for us to show these people the importance and timeliness of cleansing the Democratic Party of its racist element NOW is to have a barrage of mail and telegrams for the White House and the convention floor starting on August 21. We would like to have at least one million telegrams and letters reach the Convention delegates around August 21. Such a show of strength would be an immense impetus to the challenge. We are asking, therefore, that you send a message, either a telegram, letter, or postcard, to President Johnson, saying "SEAT THE MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY DELEGATION."

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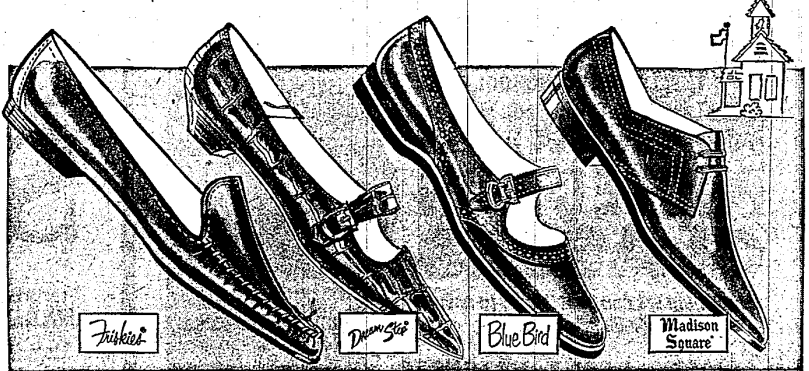
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