

# The Reader 'Speaks Up' About A Variety Of Subjects

## Frontier Courtroom

Editor: Some years back I was called to jury duty when Judge Nye was presiding. It was a hot day in July. The first thing that hit me was the lack of air conditioning. It was so hot in court, that I never did go on jury duty.

A small case was going on at the time regarding two neighbors fighting over a fence that separated their property. It was so hot that Judge Nye would declare a recess often during the morning. Then he had lunch hour from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. I was paying a baby sitter in those days and ended up sitting around waiting for the case I was to do duty on to be brought

up. Finally I called the court and explained about the small children at home so they relieved me of jury duty. What I'm really getting at is how I chuckled to myself and friends during that period, thinking to myself this is a Court of Law!

It was so funny to me, the judges bench looked like something Abe Lincoln turned down. Plus the noise from the surrounding offices. The bull pen was a little area against the wall about two feet from the spectators. The jury box was so very small and narrow, I'm sure the people in the back row had their knees pushing on the backs of the chairs in front of them. For seats everyone but the judge sat on card table

chairs that were always being shuffled on the wooden plank floors. It was so funny looking at this building Livonia called its Court of Law and even funnier hearing all the back-ground noises. It was like a comedy being played before your very eyes. You just knew this couldn't be for real.

I'm so happy I never had to use the court for my family or myself. You have heard the expression "A comedy of errors." Well that's what it was when I'd tell anyone about the court, which was often. At that time they would say "What do you expect, Livonia is a thick town. Give her ten years then you will see a big change in Livonia's growth and her

demands on the court grows, so will the building."

All I can say after fourteen years is HELP! What is wrong with our mayor and his nice little ball players who are opposing team? Can't they even get together long enough to agree about something as important as a respectable proper building for our court of law. Mr. Mayor, we are no longer a hick town and don't you forget it.

We are quite rich, you name any kind of industry and I'll say yes, we have that in Livonia. I wonder what our business people think and feel when they have occasion to use our court.

We have a new water board

building, police building, fire houses, plus City Hall. Yet our one building that represents Law and Order to our people and others from the outside, we have nothing to offer but a delapidated, antiquated old building. WHY?

Those of you in Livonia that read this article and have never been in our courthouse, go and see for yourselves what I mean. How Judge Lorian can put up with the noise and confusion is beyond me. I'd tell Livonia and her city fathers to go the P.T.A. or youth groups. I say loud and clear give us a decent court we can be proud of. One that has its offices away from the main body, benches that don't move, a bull pen away from spectators, a jury box large enough and comfortable for the citizens on jury duty to concentrate on the case they are hearing, paneled walls, carpeting on the floors. Everything that donates strength and respect in this the second largest City in Michigan.

but by the same reasoning your reader should find solace and confidence in the Livonia Police Department. In the Livonia investigation and subsequent vindication of her son by the two detectives.

"Falsely Accused" also found the actions of the detectives analogous to those employed by the "Gestapo." I would submit, Mr. and Mrs. Livonia, that as long as American policemen, and Livonia policemen in particular, pursue their work and their careers with public support, then the American public need never fear the hob nalled boot and totalitarian law. Check the crime rate in this country and make inquiries which regard to helping your policemen; not hindering them. The fear that should be in your heart is the fear of the rapist, the burglar and the child molester.

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at. Indeed, she should be and would like a front page retraction of this statement.

As Clerk of the Township, I would appreciate a retraction of this statement and a reprint of this letter in the Public Letter Box.

DAWN RICE, CLERK Township of Redford

Thanks

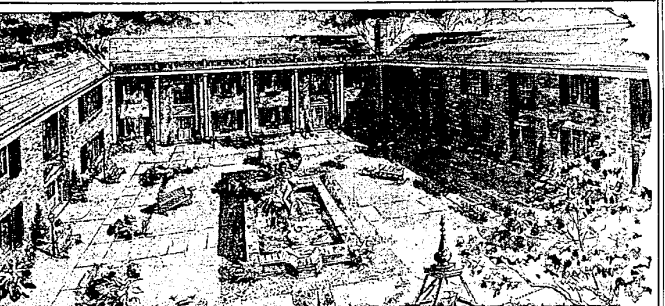
Editor: My sincere thanks to Myra Cox's column for the statement made in her column in the Livonian Observer, September 9, 1964. I am sure it has done much to clear up an embarrassing and undivulgent situation involving my reputation.

Sincerely, Richard L. Novack, M.D.

postage, phone calls and personal visits.

Mrs. Mary Nebel is a credit to this school district, and we feel this type of interest and concern on the part of one of your teachers to share her summer with these students should be acknowledged and given public recognition.

Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Myles Armour Redford Township.



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Sincerely yours, G. Martin P.S. Mr. Mayor and city fathers, I will be very happy to offer my service if I can be of any further help to you on this very important matter.

**Praises Police**

Editor: On September 2, 1964, your newspaper published a letter from one of your readers that was critical of the actions of two Livonia Detectives in their investigation of a breaking and entering in your city. Your reader made the plea to you that you print the letter in its entirety, or context, with the latter being the term she used. I would make the same request. I wish to point out some fallacies in "Falsely Accused" indictment of the Livonia Police Department. Firstly the writer made some grossly uninformed observations about the constitutionality of the actions of the police, in entering her home. I would point out to your readers that these men were acting legally in that their critic had bid them enter his (her) home and in so doing waived his (her) right to protection under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution. It's not my intention to go into Constitutional law, but merely to point out that the policemen were acting legally.

It's unfortunate that the son of "Falsely Accused" had to be a suspect in the investigation,

**A Correction**

Editor: In your Sept. 9 edition you falsely stated that I complained that I was not allowed to vote in the Sept. 1 election.

I did vote in the Sept. 1 election (as I have voted in every election since 1944). Further more, my right to vote was not challenged. I made no such statement as you reported at any time.

ANNA E. KELLER

(Editor's Note: The Observer regrets the error in publication, which was based upon a telephoned report to this newspaper on election day. We are happy to learn that this area has such a dedicated citizen as Mrs. Keller, who has a 20-year perfect voting record.)

**A Retraction**

Editor: The front page of your September 9 issue carried a story that read in part as follows: "Mrs. Ann Keller of Garfield Avenue complained that she had been turned away from the polling place despite the fact that she was a registered voter."

Mrs. Anna E. Keller of 18515 Garfield, a resident of Precinct 12, called my office today in protest against this article. She was not turned away from the polls but did, in fact, vote at approximately 10 a.m.

A check of Mrs. Keller's voting record shows that she has not missed voting since registering to vote in 1944. Mrs. Keller is very proud of this fact

**Disagrees**

Editor: Richard K. Kuhn today wants to quiet an unfounded rumor that he might be a member of the Birch Society.

In answer to a letter to the Editor last week, Mr. Kuhn made the following statement: "I am not a member of the John Birch Society, I never was, and I never intend to be. I am opposed to extremist groups on either the left or the right."

"Evidently the letter printed last week is part of an attempt to conduct a name-calling smear campaign against me. I will continue to conduct my campaign on a high-level concentrating on making my position known on the major issues."

Kuhn for Congress Committee

**Comments Teacher**

Editor: The following is an open letter to the South Redford Board of Education.

Our daughter, Janice Armour, had the privilege of making a trip to Spain to study Spanish at the University of Madrid this summer. The trip was sponsored by the Foreign Language League which serves young people across the country. Each group must have a chaperone in order for the students to take advantage of this offer. The chaperone from Michigan was Mrs. Mary Nebel, Spanish teacher at Thurston High School.

Mrs. Nebel's many months of preparation made the trip successful. Her concern for the well being of her charges led her to spend a considerable amount of time and money on

Sincerely, DIANE GUSTIN

**Not Conclusive**

Editor: I read with interest your Facts and Opinions in your recent issue of The Observer.

Incidentally, 18 cases would hardly qualify as sufficient source documents from a statistical standpoint from which to make any conclusions whatsoever.

Fortunately, your statement: "There is no such thing as a typical delinquent," was quite close to the mark from a statistical position.

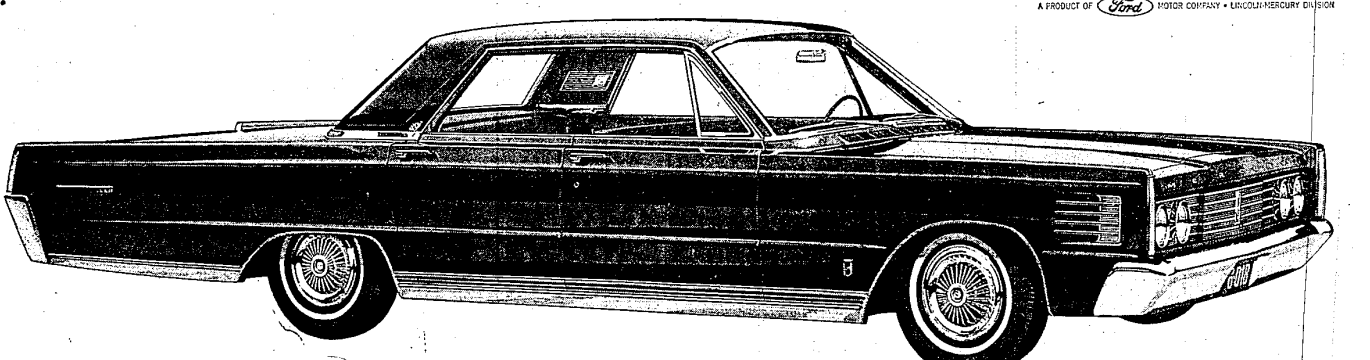
Attached for your information is a copy of our latest Annual Report for Farmington.

WESLEY I. MITCHELL

**It's a Help**

Editor: On behalf of all the Mothers, I would like to thank you for publishing the names of the new teachers at the different schools and also the bus schedule. It is of great help.

Thank You, Mrs. Villad



# Announcement:

The Ford Motor Company introduces an entirely new kind of Mercury for 1965... now in the Lincoln Continental tradition

We predict that many people seeing a 1965 Mercury for the first time will wonder: "What car is that?" Mercury is that new. The look is new. Completely. Low, sleek, beautifully proportioned. The ride is new. It's smoother, solidier, quieter. Inside, a wide selection of options for personal customizing—luxury features once reserved for the most expensive cars. The idea behind all this newness is to bring you the most luxurious car in its field...a Mercury that reflects the Lincoln Continental tradition. See how well the idea works—at your Mercury dealer's. No medium-price entry has ever come so close in luxury to the high-price class.

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