

LIVONIA Council Comments



By PETER A. VENTURA

Just five days before his untimely death, State Senator-elect Paul M. Chandler met with the members of the Livonia City Council.

His purpose? To sound out this city's legislative body on the needs of the community and to brainstorm with Councilmen on possible legislative goals for the coming session of the State Senate.

Paul had arranged similar meetings with City Councils, Boards of Education and Township Boards throughout the area, all with the same thought in mind—to probe the needs and goals of the communities in his 14th District. He wanted guidelines, he told us, to help formulate an effective legislative program for the suburbs when he went to Lansing.

This relentless search for ideas and real dedication to service was typical of the conscientious efforts which Paul Chandler put into everything he did.

In two years as our State Representative, Paul offered legislation for a variety of programs important to the suburbs. His vision wasn't limited to this area, however, and his proposals for the right-to-vote for 18-year-olds, his efforts for equitable forms of taxation and his strong stand for human rights distinguished him. It was not politeness and custom alone that brought so many tributes in last week's Observer from Democratic Party spokesmen as well as from Republicans for Paul. He had won the respect of individuals in both political parties for his independent stands.

In his nine years as a Livonia publisher, he never feared to take the same kind of stand on issues which, though many of us disagreed with him at times, brought a strong stimulus to people's thinking, fanning many of them into taking active roles in the politics of our city.

Telephone users, for one, will not soon forget his efforts to achieve an equitable rate adjustment within Livonia so that subscribers in one part of Livonia would not be penalized for calling their neighbors in another section of the city.

When Paul met with the Council just two weeks ago, he was brainstorming with ideas for the coming session of the Legislature. High on his mind was the problem of property taxation, and, with most of the Council, he agreed that major steps needed to be taken to relieve this burden on our homeowners.

Paul hoped that a more equitable income tax could be written into a legislative bill this coming term to shift the burden of school costs to a fairer base.

He spoke with us also about legislation that would permit public property to be taxed for special assessments for road improvement projects, about a higher return to the city in race track revenues and about a myriad of other proposals.

There was no doubting his enthusiasm to do his best for those in Livonia and the rest of the district who elected him.

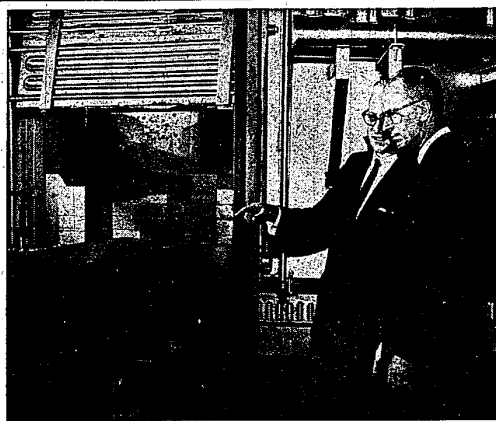
Paul's passing leaves a deep void in the community. We on the City Council mourn with all those in Livonia the death of a good friend.

We hope that our new State Senator, whenever it may be, will be as equal to the challenge as was Paul.

We can ask no more.

Scrooge?

A thief, who didn't have the proper Christmas spirit, is being sought by Livonia Police. He took a 100-foot electric extension cord, decorated with gaily colored Christmas lights, from the shrubs and evergreen trees at the home of Paul Stewart, 16426 Williams, Livonia.



THOMAS J. CARROLL (left), Chevrolet Plant Manager and Chairman of the Livonia GM Plant City Committee explains the newly-installed rotary furnace heat treating process to R. Gordon Spear, Manager Fisher Body Plant. In a joint year-end statement the two managers announced GM expenditures for payroll at the Livonia plants totaled \$45.5 million during 1964. An additional \$1.3

million was paid by the GM plants to numerous local and area businesses which supplied goods and services during the year. The Chevrolet plant fabricates springs, bumpers and suspension parts for the division's cars and trucks. The Fisher Body plant produces interior trim parts for Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac cars.

GM's Livonia Plants Hike Payroll by \$2.7 Million

General Motors' expenditures for payrolls at the Livonia Chevrolet and Fisher Body plants reached \$45.5 million during 1964, an increase of \$2.7 million over last year.

In addition, General Motors paid \$1.3 million to numerous area businesses which supplied equipment and services to the two plants during 1964.

These statistics were released today in a joint year-end statement made by Thomas J. Carroll, Chevrolet plant manager and R. Gordon Spear, Fisher Body plant manager.

The announcement also added that while expenditures increased during 1964, production, payroll and the amount spent with local suppliers were adversely affected by a national strike by the UAW against General Motors which began September 25 at most GM plants. Operations at the Livonia GM plants were suspended by the strike from September 25 to October 28.

Employment at the two plants averaged 6,129 for the year. However, December employment rose to a new record of 6,898.

GM employees in Livonia contributed over \$128,000 to the 1964 United Fund Drive. In addition, they invested \$1,274,115

in U.S. Savings Bonds through payroll deduction during the year.

Livonia GM employees were awarded more than \$109,000 for ideas submitted under the GM Suggestion Plan in 1964. The maximum GM Suggestion Award of \$6,000 was presented to Edgar Melton, a Chevrolet employee. Two other Chevrolet employees, James R. Calda and Glen O. Williams each earned \$3,000 awards.

During 1964, Chevrolet began construction of a 500,000

sq. ft. addition to its plant to be used for additional bumper plating facilities. Completion is anticipated by September, 1965.

The Chevrolet plant produces chassis coil and leaf springs and bumpers for Chevrolet passenger cars as well as springs and suspension components for the division's truck models. The Fisher Body plant provides cushions, door trim parts, sunvisors and other interior trim for Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac passenger cars.

Three New Courses Listed For Night School

Livonia's evening school home and family life education courses promise to prove very interesting and useful this winter term. "Oriental Cookery" and "Marriage and Family Problems" are two new courses being offered.

"Oriental Cookery" will offer different techniques of preparing Japanese, Chinese, and Polynesian dishes. This course is a specialty of the instructor who studied oriental cooking in New York City under Sharon Kyama. The class is offered on Tuesday evenings at Franklin High School.

"Marriage and Family Problems" is a sociological course comprised of lectures, readings, and class discussion. Husbands or wives may accompany their spouse to class without additional registration fees. Class will be offered at Bentley High School on Thursday evenings.

"Personality Plus" which has been so popular in the past will

be back again but this time with a male instructor, Dr. Ronald E. Ecurra. Dr. Ecurra plans to offer a new slant on the course content and has revised it considerably. Some of the purposes of the program are to assist women toward the improvement of self-confidence, physical fitness, manners, walking with grace, and how to pose for photography and fashion, etc. Ecurra previously taught this class at Santa Barbara City College in California and holds a minor in social sciences and art. The class will be offered Wednesday evenings at Franklin High School.

Registration for Adult Education classes will be held 7:30 to 9 p.m. Jan. 5 through Jan. 8 at Bentley High School and most classes are scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 11.

Marine Graduate

Marine Private John D. Connelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Connelly of 9920 Harrison Ave., Livonia, graduated Dec. 15 from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.



JOHN DAUGHERTY

Your Councilman
Livonia

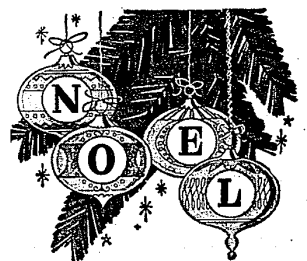
Safecrackers Hit School, Take Camera

Thieves broke into Bryant Junior High, 18000 Merriman Road, and pried open a small safe in the clinic section of the office, according to a report to Livonia Police by Head Custodian Joseph Kemp.

Kemp told investigating officers the robbers pried open a door at the north side of the building to gain entrance. They shattered a window in a door to move into the office area, according to the reports, and then pried open the safe, 3 feet by 5 feet.

School officials said the bandits took a camera, stop watches, a starting gun and an undetermined amount of cash and checks.

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Nab Motorist For Driving Without License

Henry Ely, 15150 Sunbury, Livonia, was arrested by Livonia Police on a charge of driving a car without a driver's license. Ely was stopped on Sunbury near Five Mile Road for excessive noise and no license plate light, according to the reports.

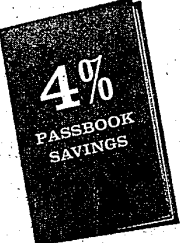
He reportedly couldn't produce a driver's license when questioned and further investigation revealed that he had never acquired one, according to records in the Secretary of State office in Lansing.

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