

Editorial Page

No Wider Cars, Please

For some time we have been thinking about the increasing width of autos, and wondering if it were wise. Now we see Tennessee has done something about it.

Tennessee law requires all vehicles more than 80 inches wide to have special lighting devices on the side similar to trucks. Cars thus affected include Ford, Chevrolet, Pontiac, Lincoln, Mercury, Continental, Edsel, Chrysler Imperial and Oldsmobile.

You will recall also that last year Pontiac came out with a wheelbase six inches wider than standard. This width is something that is apt to grow year after year as cars get bigger in competition, just as this growth has now forced the Big Three to bring out more compact cars.

Now is the time for the federal government to call a halt to car widths, before so many have gotten so big it can't be stopped. No maker would be hurt now if he knew that models, say three years hence, could be no wider than 80 inches.

The only time wider cars would be better would be in rounding sharp curves at great speed. That's no advantage.

If cars get wider it's going to bring a demand for widening a great deal of highway which is now adequate. That's very costly.

Some people are calling Tennessee's law behind the times. To our way of thinking it is ahead of the rest of the nation.

Industrial Climate

From a member of an Industrial Development Corporation in a Michigan smaller town we have received a summary more complete than usual of what some industry executives have told him about the industrial climate present now in Michigan. He says Michigan has to offer at least as much as other upper midwest states.

You've heard some of these reasons before, but this is really a complete list.

Industry is afraid of the coalition of big organized labor and the Democratic party. They do not feel, generally, that they are paying more state taxes now than they should, but they recognize that Michigan with the power alignment of big labor and a Democratic party, which increases in size faster than the Republican party, can spell a lot of trouble.

They do not like their treatment in worker compensation cases where they don't get a fair shake; they don't like the high unemployment tax and the chiselling that goes with it, and rulings of the state supreme court, always against industry.

They have grave doubts of what the tax picture would have been like today had the Democratic governor also had a Democratic legislature to pass all the corporation taxes he wanted.

As substantial citizens of Michigan they ask for fair treatment; not a free ride. They want some understanding of their problems, not a deaf ear and shouts from the governor of "phony issue" whenever the question of favorable industrial climate is mentioned.

Looking Back Thru The Enterprise Files

15 Years Ago NOV. 23, 1944

School Consolidation
Election from the school districts in the City and Township of Farmington will go to the polls Nov. 23 to decide the question of consolidating the two school districts.

10 Years Ago NOV. 23, 1949

New School Buses
Farmington School Board agreed to ask for bids on two more new school buses. Already two buses have been purchased by the board this year.

5 Years Ago NOV. 23, 1954

Major Resigns
Farmington City Mayor Kenneth Loomis submitted his resignation Monday evening at the city board meeting. No reason was given by Loomis in the letter he submitted to fellow councilmen.

Population Booms

During the past four years, combined population of Farmington City and Township has jumped an estimated 29.5 percent, according to a recent report from the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission. The city's population is about 3,000 and the township's 14,600.

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Letters submitted to The Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policy of this newspaper. Maximum length 1-1,000 words.

Favors Progressive Income Tax Plan

Dear Sirs:
I have written the attached letter to the state representative and senator for this area (The Hon. H. Harvey Lodge, State Senator, 12th District, The Hon. James Clarkson, State Representative, 4th District). I thought a number of your readers might be interested in it since it would, perhaps, prompt them to communicate their views to those who represent them in Lansing.

Very sincerely yours,
Thomas Ford Hoult

The following is the text of Hoult's letter.

"The chairman of the Republican Party in Michigan has asked that we write our representatives in Lansing to express ourselves about the current tax crisis. This letter is my response to the appeal."

Although I am not a Democrat (I am independent in my political beliefs), I am convinced that a so-called "progressive" income tax is the only equitable way to raise revenue to pay the state's creditors and should be paid by all who are able to pay it. The state's creditors should be paid by all who are able to pay it. The state's creditors should be paid by all who are able to pay it.

I should add, finally, that in my work I come in contact with a multitude of people, and increasingly I have heard expressions of discontent with what is termed "obstructionist" tactics of the Senate majority.

Particularly, it would take a Solomon to decide who is right in this situation, but it seems reasonable to hazard the prediction that Republicans in general, and the Senate majority in particular, will feel the wrath of the electorate at the first opportunity. This will be tragic since it will mean the end of the system in Michigan will suffer a further blow.

Proposes Chamber of Commerce Here

Ed Note-The following letter from township resident Daniel Hickey, was read aloud at a recent township board meeting. In the letter, Hickey proposes a chamber of commerce in the township. It is reported here at Hickey's request so that his exact proposal is recorded.

The purpose of the association: The township has allocated certain sections or areas of land for the present and future development of industry in the community. This group would be officially empowered to solicit companies to our areas rather than waiting for them to come to us. This solicitation could be handled both through newspaper advertising such as the Wall Street Journal and the Farmington public utility firm.

For an area to be classified as industrial or light industrial with a limited amount of sewage and water there can be no other industries and industries that could partake of it's many other advantages. I suggest this group find these companies to fit this area.

I propose a nucleus group of public spirited individuals to be formed to be later called directors. This group could be financed through public contributions in whole or partly by the township.

I suggest that for this group to have any teeth in it, it be given the official sanction of the board of trustees. I also suggest that in order to do any good this group would have to work very closely with the board in lining industry to our township by various concessions of the township to industry.

If the board feels this suggestion has any merit, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with them in order to turn up a working proposition. Thank you for your indulgence in this matter. I am,

Sincerely yours,
Daniel H. Hickey
35138 Gary Drive
Farmington, Michigan

Of the 18 U. S. Navy ships which were disappointed when they were lost during the month of September accounting for 612 men.

Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely.
-Auguste Rodin

Do You Remember...



THE WINTERS were long and cold in this area back in the days when Farmington was a small rural settlement. Wood was used in most homes for heating. After the trees were cut into sections these sections were split into slabs and stacked into piles. The wood was hauled from these piles into the woodshed well enough in advance to assure a dry supply when needed. A hotsheet was used for hauling the wood and hitching a ride was always a delight for the youngsters. This is what young Harry Adams is doing here as his father, Clyde, pulls the sled loaded with wood. (Picture through the courtesy of Mrs. Henrietta Adams.)

Kendallwood News Bits

MRS. EDWARD COVE GR. 4-0169

Anthony Charles, son of the Charles Allens of Kendallwood Drive, was baptized Sunday, November 1, by Reverend James H. The First Methodist Church in Farmington. It was Tony's fourth birthday. Friends and relatives were on hand to help him celebrate the day.

Baptized by Father Frank of St. Fabian's on Sunday, October 25, was Thomas Morgan Bloomfield, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bloomfield.

Shirley and Philip Gordon, the Charles Hogan's boy, Thomas John, whose sponsors are Nancy Dunn and David P. Hogan was also baptized.

The November meeting of the Women of Kendallwood Farms (formerly the Kendallwood Farms Newcomers Club) was held at the Farmington Savings and Loan Association Building, Tuesday evening, November 10.

A FAMILY dinner Tuesday evening, November 10, was held for R. C. Davis who celebrated his birthday. Joining the rest of the family at the Davis home on Green Willow Rd. was the Davis son, Rod, wife, Dawn, and grandson Rodney of Wayne.

Jean Jones, Lynn Lacey, Lee Jones, Pauline French, Mary Rozman, Alice Scott, Mimi Shepperly and Connie Starr, members of one of the Wednesday evening bridge clubs, recently enjoyed dining out and playing their bridge game at the Rotunda Inn.

Last week Mary Towns was hostess to the Kendallwood Thursday afternoon luncheon bridge group at her home on Thorny Brae Rd.

Bonnie and Phil Rabjohn, also of Thorny Brae, were hosts to their couples bridge group Friday night, November 13.

Mrs. Richard Woyshnar entertained Savings and Loan Association.

certained her place club at her home on Pine Willow Rd. Thursday night, October 22. At the club's next meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Herring's last week, the husbands of members were also present enjoying a game of pool with Mr. Herring.

THE HERRINGTONS are the proud grandparents of Janis Elizabeth Major, fifth child of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Art. Major of Livonia. Janis was born October 26, 1959.

Mrs. B. Crouse of Green Willow was hostess to her bridge group Wednesday evening November 11.

Alma Sandbothe, secretary of the Kendallwood Mixed Bowling League, reports the league has openings for regular members and subs. If interested in joining the league which meets Friday night 8:15 p.m. at North West Lane, contact Alma at GR 4-9301.

Tickets are still available for the First Annual St. Fabian Parish dance sponsored by the U.S. Club, to be held at the American Legion Hall in Farmington next Saturday night November 28. Tickets may be obtained from any of the ushers.

"The Country Store" will be the theme for the November meeting of the monthly get-together of Cub Scout Pack 163. This season Boy Scouts of Boy Scouts Troop 163 will again sell Christmas wreaths in Kendallwood (also Westbrook, Hartington and Briar Hill area). The Scouts will call door to door on Saturday November 21st and Saturday November 28th. In the event anyone interested in purchasing a wreath is not contacted they may be ordered by calling Joe Bowman at GR 4-1791.

THE HILL AND DALE Garden Club held their monthly meeting November 12 at Capital Savings and Loan Association.

- Know Your Police -

This is the thirteenth in a series of articles introducing you to members of the City of Farmington Department of Public Safety and the Farmington Township Police Department.



ROBERT VICK

Patrolman Robert E. Vick is one of the newer members on the City of Farmington Department of Public Safety Force. On the force a little more than a year, he makes his home in Dearborn.

Vick, 33, and his wife, Lottie, have three children: Joanne, 3; Sharon, Ann, 9; and Robert, 6. A 1940 graduate of Dearborn High School in Dearborn, Vick served three years with the military police in the Army. For a year and a half he was a detective for Grand Trunk Railroad. He is presently serving as sergeant-at-arms in the city police officers' association.

Vick has been active in several organizations including the American Legion, Oakwood Blue Jackets, Wayne County Sportsmen's Club, Detroit Sportsmen's Congress, Trenton Pistol and Rifle Club and Horse Island Boat Club.

A real sportsman he lists hunting, fishing, bowling, football and basketball as his hobbies.

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All three school proposals we feel should be given a YES vote November 23. We urge your support.

Dr. & Mrs. Zar Reader

Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Colley

Mr. & Mrs. Willis Swanton

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Kosmensky

Turning Out More Teachers

More than twice as many University students are starting teaching careers as did five years ago, according to Dean Willard C. Olson.

"The number of provisional teaching certificates granted to the University's education students has more than doubled from a total of 387 in 1954 to 850 last year," he says.

"Many factors are motivating students to choose teaching for a career," Dean Olson explains. Among them: 1) growing awareness of the importance of education, 2) increasing economic reward for teachers, 3) uncertainty in the labor market, and 4) increased financial assistance given undergraduate students going into the teaching profession.

In the undergraduate division of the U-M School of Education, a 70 per cent increase in male enrollment has occurred over the past two years, Olson reports. But there still is a majority of coeds in the school.

Graduate interest in education courses is being maintained at a high level. Last year, the University awarded 595 master's degrees and 55 doctoral degrees in education.

"Between 1959 and 1960, it is expected that students obtaining certificates for the teaching of mathematics will increase 51 per cent," the dean states. "The number of those interested in teaching science, other than physics, will increase 42 per cent; language 35 per cent; and English 21 per cent."

Collect Items For Auction

Members of Boy Scout Troop 169 are now collecting usable items of all descriptions for an auction sale they will hold Saturday, Dec. 12.

The sale will be at the American Legion Hall on Grand River at Lakeway and run from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Money raised will be used to purchase additional equipment for the scout troop.

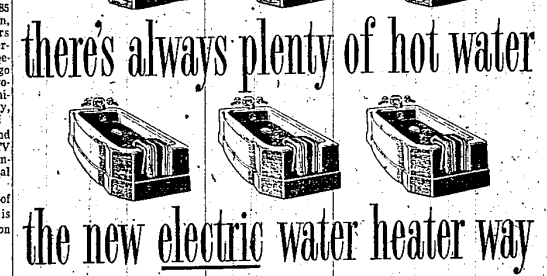
Persons having items to donate are asked to call H. Thornton, GR 4-7382; Fred Monroy, GR 4-1749; William Walker, GR 4-3069; or Earl Emphyrey, GR 4-3510.

Now Sr. Engineer At Livonia Company

Charles E. Foerster, Jr. of 22991 Warner, Farmington, has been named senior engineer at Scans Associates, Inc. in Livonia.

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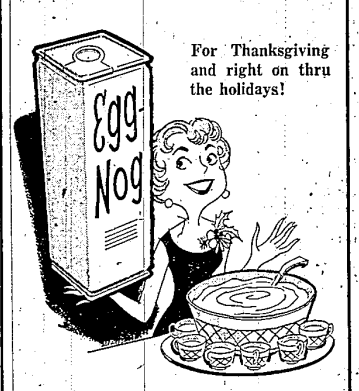
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