

## Editorially Speaking

### Police, Fire Protection Most Important

Clean streets, well maintained roads, frequent trash and garbage pickups and good water and sewer services are all things which a community should provide for its citizens.

But these are all secondary to the two most important services—adequate police and fire protection. Nothing is more important than the protection of individuals against serious bodily harm or even death. In the case of the other community services mentioned it is usually only inconveniences that result when the best is not or cannot be provided for.

The importance of good fire and police protection is never fully appreciated since few people ever need the really important protection or emergency services that police and firemen provide more than once or twice in a lifetime and many never.

But, good police and fire protection is something like insurance. Few will ever realize as much benefit from it as what they pay for it but the risk of not having it is too great to be without it.

We feel that there are some improvements that could be made in the police and fire protection presently being provided in our city and township and that these improvements should be made as soon as possible. But, we also feel that we are getting very good service from the manpower and equipment presently provided for.

The case at point presently is wages for members of the city's department of public safety, an integrated police and fire-fighting force.

Two weeks ago the City Council approved a budget calling for no pay increases for members of the public safety department or any other city employees. The action came despite strong protests from members of the safety department.

The point made during discussion was that since raises could not be given to all city employees it was felt it would be unwise and unfair to grant pay increases for any one department. Councilmen and the city manager agreed that public safety department personnel was underpaid but emphasized the fact that city employees in other departments were also underpaid proportionately the same.

The situation of wanting to grant pay raises to all but not being able to do so is not an uncommon one in business, whether it be a governmental unit or an operating or a private business. One school of thought is that you should give raises to none if you can not give them to all. The other is that you analyze the importance of each individual or department and make raises on an individual

or department basis as rapidly as possible.

We subscribe to the latter school of thought and, since we feel that police and fire protection are the two most important services a community renders for its citizens, feel that it is in this department that raises should first be granted.

The addition of a clerk to the safety department staff at this time, as called for, would be desirable but is not necessary. Nor is the hiring of a recreation co-ordinator as called for in the budget. Foregoing the hiring of these two additional employees would provide between \$7,000 and \$8,000 with which to grant pay increases to present public safety department workers.

On the township police force more patrolmen are needed as well as improvements in the salary schedule. The township police department also needs its own radio. We sincerely hope that township officials will be able to provide for these improvements in the very near future.

More fire stations are needed in the township and an integrated public safety department similar to the city's might also be desirable.

### Real Patriotism

How patriotic are citizens of Farmington?

If one ever had any feelings that citizens of this community lack American patriotism they would have soon been dispelled for them Monday morning (Memorial Day) in downtown Farmington.

Despite a rather hard rain which could have very easily prompted a stay at home attitude, a large number of adults and youngsters alike lined the sidewalks of Grand River to witness the annual American Legion sponsored Memorial Day parade. And, few went home until those marching in the parade trooped to the cemetery for graveside ceremonies and returned back down Grand River again.

Not only are those who braved the elements to watch the parade to be commended. Praise must also go to those who actually participated including members of the American Legion and its Auxiliary, the Farmington public school system marching bands and members of boy scout and girl scout units as well as various other local organizations.

All paraded with the same enthusiasm that has been shown in years past when the weatherman was much more cooperative and provided us with a bright sunny day.

### Set Accident Vivier Oldsmobile Cost at 14 Mil. Meet Your Merchants

The estimated cost of highway accidents and fatalities in Oakland County in 1959 came to \$14,105,000 according to averages worked out by the National Safety Council.

According to James M. Hare, Chairman of the Michigan State Safety Commission, the estimated cost of Michigan's 1,469 fatalities and 198,771 recorded accidents came to an appalling \$227,695,000, or nearly a quarter of a billion dollars, in 1959.

The annual report of the Michigan State Police shows that 11,408 accidents occurred in Oakland County in which 31 persons were killed and 5,555 were injured. Hare said.

In calculating the costs of motor vehicle accidents the Safety Council takes into consideration medical expense, wage loss, cost of insurance, and property damage, Hare said.

More difficult to calculate is the cost incurred when a wage earner is killed or permanently injured by a hit-run or uninsured motorist, Hare pointed out. The original hospital or funeral costs can be readily ascertained, but the many long-range effects of an accident caused by an irresponsible or uninsured motorist, such as post-traumatic stress and dependent children costs, is much more difficult to estimate, he added.

### Public Letter Box

Letters submitted to this column for publication must be signed. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 100 words.

### Thanks Audience

Dear Sir: On behalf of the Farmington Players I would like to thank the community for their wonderful support of our play, "The Hasty Heart," held at our Players Barn May 6, 7 - 13 and 14. Four priceless ingredients are necessary for a really good show: a well written play, good cast, a loyal hard working backstage crew and a good audience.

We were fortunate in having all four ingredients. The play probably should have been extended for another weekend as we had capacity crowds at each of the performances and many people were disappointed because tickets were not available.

THERE was a kind of magic in this play (a comedy about a patriot that captivated actors and audiences alike and carried all along together on waves of laughter and tears for four memorable nights. It was only now I have ever been associated with where the actors felt they would like to continue performing it several more times. It was a very busy people who spent three nights weekly in rehearsal for nine weeks.

You, the audience, contributed to the success of the play by a warmly moving experience for all of us. Many of you thought it was our finest hour. Thanks again for your support. Sincerely, Hope Nashol

### Honor Coffman At Convocation

Joseph M. Coffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Coffman, 2345 Quenoboro, Farmington, was recognized as a freshman honor student during the twenty-third annual Honors Convocation at the Michigan University, Kalamazoo, on May 26. Honors in course, departmental awards and fellowship recipients were announced.

Mr. Coffman is a graduate of Farmington High School and is currently in the general curriculum at Western.

Home is the dearest spot on earth, and it should be the center, though not the boundary, of affections. — Mary Baker Eddy.

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1960 marks Earl Vivier's 25th year as an Oldsmobile dealer in Farmington. Vivier is not only the dean of the Farmington area automobile dealers but is also one of the oldest established automotive men in greater Detroit area.

Born and raised in Redford Earl came to Farmington in 1924 as a partner in the Stew-Ar-Vivier gas station. He opened his own station in 1933 at the present site of the dealership and began handling Oldsmobiles two years later along with the gas station operation.

Over the years Earl has added to, and remodeled his establishment to the extent that it is presently one of the most complete dealerships in the area. Just last January he leased a large building adjacent to the used car lot and uses it as a bump and paint shop as well as for the preparation center for new and used cars to be delivered to customers.

HIS PRESENT service center was set up in 1946 and the showroom was brought up to date in 1948. He maintained his gasoline business until two years ago when that operation was discontinued to make more room for the used car enterprise in which he takes great pride. Vivier was recently cited by Oldsmobile factory officials for the fine quality of used cars he maintained.

Earl's wife, the former Edna Krasner, has lived in Farmington all her life and is a graduate of Farmington High School. The couple have two married daughters, Marilyn who lives in Traverse City, and Audrey, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mrs. Vivier keeps active in church and community affairs.

Earl maintains a busy schedule as do all people in the automobile business, but when he does have some free time he likes to get out on the golf links and the golf ball around. His golf game isn't much to brag about, he says, but he gets a big kick out of it.

OTHER outside activities include membership in the Exchange Club, Elks, Masonic Lodge and the Downtown Businessmen's Association. The Vivier organization has handled the Oldsmobile line right from the start and, in addition, the dealership also sells and services GMC trucks as well as doing general maintenance work on all GM cars and bumping and painting on them.

Earl is optimistic about business in Farmington but would like to see a program get underway to improve the general appearance of the downtown area. He feels such a program would not only be beneficial to the business men in the area, but would also give the entire district a lift.

### Honor Merle Perkins at EMU

Merle J. Perkins, an Eastern Michigan University junior from Farmington, has also been awarded the Mary A. Goddard Scholarship Award relating to the field of natural science.

To attain this award, Miss Perkins completed eighteen hours of work in the Department of Natural Science, achieving a cumulative scholarship index of 4.0 in natural science and related courses.

The scholarship was derived from a trust fund of donations contributed by Miss Goddard's friends. Miss Goddard was a professor of botany at Eastern Michigan University, Kalamazoo, from 1909-1939 and was founded the Ypsilanti Garden Club.

Miss Perkins, a natural science major and active in the Natural Science Club along with extracurricular activities, plans to teach on the secondary school level or to work toward a Master's degree following graduation.

It's when you're safe at home that you wish you were having an adventure. When you've had an adventure you wish you were safe at home.



A BRIGHT FLASHBULB and a momentary blink makes it look as though Earl Vivier was taking a little snooze in his office. Actually, the automobile dealer was very much awake, especially when discussing his favorite subject—Oldsmobiles.

### Browsing Through Farmington Hills

MRS. DAVID KRINGS GR. 6-0441

June, the month of weddings and graduations, is keeping several of the families of our subdivision on the go at this early date.

This is particularly true of the Cy Johnsons on Shadyridge, whose son, Bob, will be getting married on June 25th, and whose daughter Marilyn will graduate from Our Lady of Sorrows. Mrs. Johnson recently attended a miscellaneous show given to honor her future daughter in law, Jacqueline Hine, at the home of Jeanette's maid of honor, Sandra McIntyre, in Detroit. On Saturday afternoon May 21st, she attended the linen shower and afternoon tea, given in Miss Hinson's honor by Mrs. George Benedict of Berkley.

On Monday evening, May 23, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kacin of Delhanty and son Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Novak of Hopecrest and son Michael, and Mrs. Cy Johnson and daughter Marilyn all were present at the Parent's Night party given by the Faculty and Seniors of Our Lady of Sorrows. A happy evening was enjoyed by all with dancing, followed by refreshments.

THESE SAME three young seniors all attended their Senior Prom, held the preceding Friday evening at the Birmingham Country Club.

Preceding the Annual Spring luncheon held at Thunderbird in Plymouth, Mrs. Joseph Kacin entertained a group of women from the Newsweek Club for Cocktails. Following the luncheon the afternoon was spent playing Court Wisk.

Suzanne Johnson and Elizabeth Palla of Hopecrest were two of the students honored at a banquet on May 17th, at Guilfin's. Their proud parents were also present to see their daughters awarded a scholarship trophy for having made the 10th grade honor roll three consecutive times. The awards were given by Our Lady of Sorrows School.

THE LUEB'S household on Powers Road, has been in a real flurry lately and will continue to be so for a couple of weeks. The whole family was excited when their son and brother, Donald came from San Francisco, California to spend a week's vacation with them. They were sorry he could not remain a little longer to enjoy the family gatherings coming.

### Malcolm the Milkman



Malcolm isn't often asked to take care of the goldfish, but he does go "all out" to please his customers. He can always be depended on to follow "milk bottle notes" to the letter!

### A New Pettifor

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pettifor are the proud parents of a boy born May 22. The new addition has been named Rudy John and weighed in at 8 lb. - 12 oz. His grandparents are the Sidney Pettifors and Mrs. McKensy, all of Farmington.

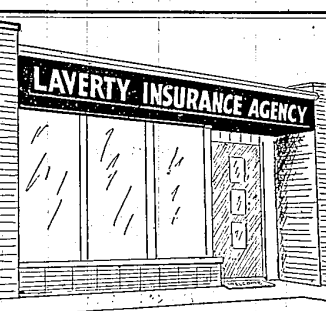


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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Election will be held in the Clarenceville Junior High School, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan, on

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1960

Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of voting on the following:

1. Two members of the Board of Education for terms of three (3) years, for which offices the following persons have been nominated:

REGINA BEERBOHM  
JAMES E. BOWERS  
HALLEY A. HAYES  
ARTHUR F. LELAND, JR.  
THOMAS C. WILSON

2. Two members of the Board of Education for terms of four (4) years, for which offices the following persons have been nominated:

RAYMOND CHAIKEN  
EDWIN L. JOHNSON  
NAOMI STEVENS  
MARTIN T. WECHSLER

3. Proposition:

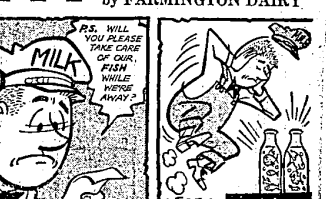
"Shall Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties fix the salaries of each member of the Board of Education at \$360.00 per annum?"

FRED BAILEY, Secretary  
Board of Education

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### Looking Back in the Files

#### 15 Years Ago

JUNE 2, 1955

#### Water Situation Improves

City officials reported this week that water conditions are continuing to improve, thanks to the rainfall and the cooperation of residents in observing the restrictions imposed May 20.

#### At Bishop Dedication

Bishop Marshall A. Reed, head of the Methodist Church in Michigan, will preach the sermon and dedicate the new educational building at the Clarenceville Methodist Church this Sunday.

#### FHS Thunders Place 4th

The Farmington High track team placed fourth in the year team meet at Ferndale last Thursday. Dick Grimshaw of Farmington took eight points as he finished first in the 220 and third in the 100 yard dash.

#### Poppy Sale Off

Proceeds from the annual poppy sale held Thursday, Friday and Saturday fell far short of last year's record. Farmington, according to reports issued yesterday.

#### Officials of the American Legion

Officials of the American Legion estimate that approximately 200,000 poppies in the three-day sale which is now being held in the eight and \$200 off last year's total.

#### 10 Years Ago

JUNE 1, 1950

#### Trojans Lose

The Clarenceville Trojans dropped their third game of the season last Friday losing a 2-1 defeat to the Northville Mustangs. Don Clegg, the losing pitcher, allowed only five hits and chalked up nine strikeouts, but the Northville pitcher was even more impressive, allowing only two hits and fanning ten Trojans.

#### Boy's State

Four boys from Farmington and Clarenceville are going to attend Wolverine Boy's State at Michigan State College June 15. These selected for the team include Don Grose, Foster Aschenbrenner, Gerald Plum and James Keck.

#### Prepare For Graduation

High school seniors at Farmington and Clarenceville classes of 1950 will start their graduation exercises Sunday to be completed Thursday, June 15 when the seniors from both schools will receive diplomas. Farmington has a record graduation class of 103.

#### Falcons Set Records

Farmington High placed third in the 1955-56 season in the three-day sale which is now being held in the eight and \$200 off last year's total.

#### 5 Years Ago

MAY 31, 1945

#### Wins Scholarship

Joyce Saschewski, valedictorian of the 1945 class of Farmington High School, is one of 64 recipients of a Michigan State College Annual Scholarship.

The award represents a waiver of the college fee for three terms and will be renewed each year. Provided the student maintains sufficiently high grades.

#### Successful Poppy Day

The Farmington VFW Post has extended its appreciation to area residents who contributed toward the success of the annual "Buddy Poppy Day."

#### FHS Commencement

Commencement ceremonies for the 1955 class of Farmington High School will be held June 7 in the High School auditorium beginning at 8 p.m.

#### Dr. Caswell, professor of

political science at the State College, will deliver the commencement address.