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In Our Opinion

Lesson Brought Squarely Home to Us Twice

Spring and summer is an exceptionally dangerous time of year for driving. Not only must motorists be extremely careful and alert on our major roads but also on the quietest of residential streets.

This point has been brought squarely and grimly home to us twice in the past few weeks due to the fact that the last two highway fatalities to be recorded in Farmington Township have been young children run over by vehicles.

The first fatality was recorded when a two year old was run over by a car backing up Wheeler Street. The second which occurred last week resulted when an eight year old lad fell from his bike under the wheels of a passing truck on Glenview Road. In both of these fatal accidents the drivers of the vehicles might well contend that the young boys should not have been on the roadways. Relatives and friends of the youths killed will probably always feel that the unfortunate deaths of the young boys near to them might not have occurred if the drivers of the vehicles had exercised a little more caution and alertness.

We have no desire to fix blame or try to recreate all the details of these unfortunate mishaps in an effort to prove our case. They are unfortunate accidents that any one of us or our children might have been involved in and should serve as a stern lesson and warning to us all.

As parents of young children, we all have an obligation to insist that our children refrain from playing out on the streets or crossing any roads carelessly at any time. It is our obligation as parents to keep a watchful eye on the

activities of our children or make satisfactory arrangements to see that they are being properly supervised in their activities.

But, children will be children and do darenedevil and dangerous things without thinking many times. Unfortunately, these careless and carefree actions often occur near roadways.

Each and every one of us who holds a driver's license has an obligation to be extremely alert to the carefree ways of young people and to operate our cars and trucks with keen awareness of danger possibilities whenever we see children anywhere in sight.

Last week a majority of the voters of Farmington Township approved an increased tax levy burden for township property owners in order to provide funds with which to expand and make improvements in the township police department. The question we ask ourselves is whether or not the fatal accidents which occurred recently in which the two young boys were run over by cars could have been avoided even if we had a police department five or ten times as large as the force we have presently.

Our answer to this question which we pondered over was that very frankly the accidents couldn't and wouldn't have been avoided even if we had a larger police force. To prevent accidents such as these we need parents who are constantly reminding their children of the dangers on or around roads and keeping a vigilant eye on their activities. We also need drivers exercising extreme caution in all areas where children might be playing.

An expanded police force isn't enough.

Stories Should Be Given Proper Values

We were a little upset last week with the poor sense of values which the editors of the Detroit Free Press exercised in reporting on two matters in Farmington Township.

The Free Press story about the outcome of the important special election on Monday at which voters approved an additional two-mill tax levy to provide for improved police and fire protection in Farmington Township rated only about a two to three inch story on Tuesday, buried down at the bottom of one of the latter pages in the paper. Earlier details about the election coming up rated no more, if any, space in the Free Press.

Yet, the fact that Farmington Township Constable William L. Scott, Jr. was hauled into court and found to be out of order in exercising police duties he shouldn't have been, rated a banner headline and a full eight columns of space 4 1/2 inches deep on the top of Page 3-A on Wednesday.

We had always had respect for the Free Press as not being a sensational newspaper but lost a lot of this respect last week.

Both stories had news value and deserved space but, properly handled, stories about the election before it took place and the outcome afterwards should

have gotten more space than the "sensational" constable incident, in our opinion.

There is always a temptation among writers and editors to dramatize the sensational but good journalism training says this is not a practice to be followed. The journalist's axiom is that every story should be given its true value and allotted the space due it when written.

The special election had far more importance and significance to the community than the constable matter and thus got the greater space in The Enterprise.

Our two Detroit dailies seem to make a practice of dramatizing the sensational type stories from the suburban areas and in giving little or no space to the really important developments and stories in the suburbs. Stories that tend to downgrade the suburbs seem to get far too much play in our two Detroit dailies in comparison to the stories that say good things about our communities.

We would sure like to see the two Detroit dailies change their practices in this regard and give stories about suburban happenings proper space rather than sensationalizing all the time. We feel they'd be far better respected papers by suburban readers if they did.

Historical Soc. Makes Minor Officer Changes

Reminiscences by former Police Chief Joseph De Vriendt and the election of a new slate of officers rounded out the year's meeting of the Farmington Historical Society last Wednesday.

DeVriendt, who since the spring of 1950 has been involved in law enforcement work in Farmington, topped his remarks by recounting in detail what was probably the most exciting of his reminiscences: the two bank robberies in Farmington which took place only three months apart in 1928.

Mr. DeVriendt, who recently returned from Florida where he and his wife have been since his retirement in February, told of his personal satisfaction in building the police force from a crew of two, when he started, in 1946 as its first year.

Present officers of the Historical Society were retained, except for a re-shuffling of the recording and corresponding secretary positions. Paul Schrieber remains as president; Philip Day as vice president; Kay Briggs becomes recording secretary; Nedra Cusick becomes corresponding secretary; Vayle Lorian stays as curator; and Harly Walters becomes treasurer. Walters is the only new addition to the Board.

President Schrieber summarized the significant events of the year and pointed with pride to the Society's successful campaign in restoration of the fence around the Quaker Cemetery.

New goals of the organization include getting a historical marker for Farmington and permanent quarters in which to hold meetings and to acquire a compendium of the most insidious anti-semitic nonsense I've seen in a long time.

The Society's contribution to Michigan Week included displays in the Downtown Shopping Center arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Harley Gibson.



RICHARD E. SALAY

Co-Authors Hit U of M Campus Slick-Paper

Richard E. Salay, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. Salay of 2885 Elm Creek in Farmington, is the co-author of an illustrated "slick" paper magazine entitled "The Ten Commandments of Michigan."

The work was inspired from an age-old saying, "Nine out of ten coddles are beautiful and the tenth is a disaster." Salay and his co-author, Mike Green of Oak Park, dedicated their work to stamping out this old chestnut.

MR. CLIVER USE of familiar campus subjects, which are turned in a manner to support their cause, the two University of Michigan students have created a lively seller on the Ann Arbor campus. The written material is enhanced very well by the appearance throughout of some of the lovely coddles he found on the U of M campus. Salay, a December graduate of U of M who received his degree in design and architecture, is currently doing a hitch with the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

His and Green's literary work received applause from Mark Bellard's column, "The Town Crier," which appears daily in the Detroit Free Press, shortly after being published.

Top Sales Record Set By Paul Braunstein

Mr. Paul Braunstein, C.E.U. of Farmington, Michigan representative of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, set a record for sales in the Detroit area today for a business conference with officials of the company at the Sheraton-French Lick Hotel.

MR. BRAUNSTEIN, who lives at 33300 Oakland Ave., had an exceptional sales and service record last year and is among the top-ranking men in the U.S. branch of Metropolitan's staff of 30,000 field representatives in the United States and Canada.

TRY A CLASSIFIED AD



"MR. SCOTT SCRAPSCULPTURE" is the name a sixth grade class at Eagle School in Farmington has given to an art project displayed at the fifth annual Student Art Exhibit sponsored by the Oakland Art Education Association at Northland. This medieval horse and rider complete with lance, trappings, sword and shield is constructed all from metal junk, wired or soldered together with liquid solder. The

class originated the idea last winter while studying a unit of modern sculpture under the direction of their classroom teacher, Mrs. Shirley O'Halloran, and Mrs. Jean Scott, Art Consultant. They collected tin cans, furnace tubing, a battered condenser, chain, screen, foil, steel wool, plus a pair for a helmet complete with an old door knob holding some chicken wire "plumes," to assemble their modern project.

PUBLIC LETTER BOX

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 policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 1,000 words.

Concerned About Hate Literature Circulating

Dear Sir: I wonder if your readers are aware of the kind of scurrilous hate literature that is being circulated in Farmington? I wasn't until last Friday's mail brought a copy of "Common Sense" a compendium of the most insidious anti-semitic nonsense I've seen in a long time.

The memory of Buchanwald and Dachau, recently forced to our attention by the Eichman trials, would prompt any sane American into destroying such trash instead of sending it to clergymen with sourcery quotes from the Bible which allegedly support segregation.

Who, in his right mind, could believe the claims of Negro Americans to shake off the chains of slavery—real though illegal—could be—and I quote from Common Sense—"part of a Communist plot to take over and control America," or that, again I quote—



"Working with the Communists in advocating integration are the Jews, to destroy the white race and Christianity, and ultimately to rule the world."

I hesitate to give these scurrilous views circulation, but the people of Farmington do serve to know what a pathetic and—hopefully infinitesimal—minority is doing. Perhaps we do need to be reminded that it is exactly this kind of racism which Hitler used to silence all progressive social forces in Germany.

Finally, I would like to assure the anonymous individual who sent me this disgusting publication, that if I find out who he is I will do my best to get him to a good psychiatrist.

Sincerely, Robert M. Eddy

Charles Kull Named Long Col. Vice Pres.

Charles F. Kull Jr. of 32310 Farmville Rd., Farmington, has been elected a regional vice president of Hugh W. Long and Company of Elizabeth, N.J., sponsor of a billion-dollar mutual fund group.

The Long Company distributes shares of Fundamental Investors, Diversified Investment Fund and Diversified Growth Stock Fund, one of the largest fund groups in the country.

Mr. Kull has represented the Long Company as a regional representative in Ohio and Michigan for more than two years. He will continue to represent the company in those two states in his new capacity.

Opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1959 made Michigan the principal maritime state on the nation's fourth seacoast. Now 80 per cent of the world's merchant fleet can reach Michigan's seaports.

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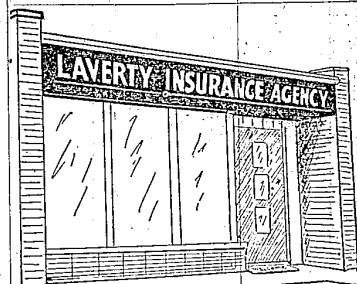
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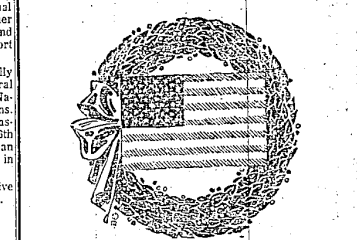
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Looking Back in the Files

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| 5 Years Ago MAY 28, 1949 Cawley Wins Farmington High School track star Rex Cawley took first place in three events in the State Track Meet held in East Lansing on Sunday. Farmington's Third Place honors over all the other schools competing. Dubbed "The Comet" by his teammates, Cawley became the first three-event winner since 1936 by taking first in both hurdle races and the broad jump. He also anchored the winning 880-yard relay team. School Mats The Farmington School Board set the pay scale for school matrons who have been getting a flat \$14.5 an hour. Matrons will now get a \$1.40 an hour to start on a five cent raise after a 30-day trial period and thereafter will receive a yearly increment of five cents per hour up to the maximum set at \$1.65 per hour. Interceptor Sewer Bonds amounting to \$5,748,000 for the Farmington Interceptor Sewer were sold last week. | 10 Years Ago MAY 27, 1934 Bank Anniversary The Farmington State Bank celebrated its 20th anniversary on May 19. Telephone Building The Michigan Bell Telephone Company broke ground for a new \$1,400,000 plant, which will include the building cost and a full dialing equipment. The new dialing equipment. The plant will be built on the southeast corner of Grand River and Power Road. Twp. Hall Site A three-man study committee has been appointed to look over possible sites for the proposed Township Hall. Falcon's Toppie WL The Farmington High School basketball team topped the Vikings of Walled Lake last Friday afternoon, 5-1, behind the neat three-point pitching of Jerry Rice. Optometrist Leader Maxwell Smith of Farmington has been elected Lt. Governor of the Southeastern District of Optometrists. | 15 Years Ago MAY 28, 1949 Memorial Day The annual Memorial Day parade will be staged again this year in Farmington with local organizations and veterans groups scheduled to take part. The parade will form at 10 a.m. at the Farmington High School and march up Grand River to Oakwood Cemetery on the west side of town. FHS Nine Spits Farmington High School's baseball team broke even this past week as they managed to beat Walled Lake, 7-5, and then bowed to Milford, 10-3. School Board Three petitions were filed in the forthcoming school election in which two vacancies on the school board will be filled. Filing in the school board race were Curt Hall, Frank Labadie and Samuel Turner. Falcon Thunders The Farmington High School track team finished in fifth place at the Regional Track Meet held last Saturday. |
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