

Highland Park Man Killed in Hines Park Crash

C&O Plans \$1.5 Million Improvements in Area

"The Plymouth-Livonia complex is the busiest area of the entire railroad and the C&O is planning improvements costing \$1.5 million which we know will ease the crossing problem," said Edward Goodman, of the railroad's legal staff in Detroit, in an address to employees and area public officials Monday night at the annual Employees' Better Service Conference.

More than 400 attended the

BENTLEY TAKES ONE AWARD

Franklin Students Win 3 Prizes in Mall Contest

Three Franklin High school students and one from Bentley High school swept the three top awards in the Livonia Mall Shopping Center art competition on the theme, "Livonia, Yesterday and Today."

Marion B. Young, of the S. S. Kresge Co., president of the Livonia Mall Shopping Center, will make check presentations this week to the winners of the three top awards.

The prizes will be awarded to:

Don Phillips, 11th grader, Bentley High school, \$25, for his graphic work depicting Livonia of yesterday and a future tomorrow; expanding the community's rural heritage and its evolution into a city of tomorrow.

Mary Williams, 11th grader, Bentley High school, \$15, for her nostalgic life-size work of a young girl standing, reflectively, amid a field of snow-white daisies.

Barbara Stachurski, 8th grade, Orangelawn and Joseph Masse, 11th grader, both seniors at Franklin High, who shared third prize, \$10, for their college of headlines and photographs of yesterday.

Plymouth Republican To Honor Roberts

Farrell Roberts, Republican candidate for the 14th Senatorial Seat, will be honored by the Republican Party of Plymouth at coffee hours this Friday.

The first, which will begin at 1 p.m., will be held at the home of Mrs. Jean Barnett, 9411 Marlin, Arbor Village. At 2:30 Roberts will be at the home of Mrs. Wells Smith at 15015 Maplewood in Lake Pointe Village.

Both homes are located in Plymouth Township. Roberts will answer questions about his candidacy and discuss issues relative to the 14th District at both gatherings.

Cub Scouts To Hear Livonia Fire Inspector

February was a busy month for Cub Scout Pack 287. All worked on the annual Blue and Gold Birthday Banquet. The award for the best table decoration went to Den 8.

Entertainment was provided by: Ronnie D'Agostino and Glenn Berndt; accordion; Mike Rohn, cornet; Denise Tigan, gymnastics; and the Jiminas Trio.

March events include a paper drive beginning March 22. Inspector Neville of the Livonia Fire Department will speak at the March 24 meeting. He will discuss and demonstrate fire safety.



FESTIVAL TIME in the stove department of Sears Livonia Mall and members of the sales force dressed for the occasion. It is a once in a year deal, during March and April, during which the staff turns its energy and time to helping customers pick gas and electric stoves best suited for their purpose. The quartet includes: Bea McCullough, Jean Lindke, Supervisor Chick Sheer and Joyce Parkinson.



THIS GRAPHIC SCENE won the first place prize of \$25 for Don Phillips, Franklin High Junior, in the art contest sponsored by the Livonia Mall, on the theme of "Livonia, Yesterday and Today."

Roberts-McNamara Speak in Farmington

Farrell Roberts, (Rep.), and Edward McNamara (Dem.), candidates for the State Senate seat in the 14th District, exchanged views before about 130 people at the Antioch Lutheran Church, in Farmington Township, on Monday, March 22.

The program, which included candidates for the Farmington City Council—was jointly sponsored by Farmington's League of Women Voters, and its Human Relations Council.

Roberts said he was fearful of a growing movement by Democrats, in the legislature, to spend the state back into the red. He cited passage by the House of a property tax exemption for the elderly, without knowing whether it would cost

\$4 or \$5 million dollars as an example of irresponsibility.

"Democrats are trying to be the Governor's blue-ribbon committee, with a hastily conceived bill," Roberts said. He said the best place to head off such actions was in the Senate; where he and the Democratic leaders.

He cited difference with McNamara over a flat rate as opposed to a graduated income tax, as one of the major issues over which they disagreed. Roberts argued for a flat rate income tax, saying the low tax base per pupil in residential suburban areas already created a heavy tax burden. He said suburbanites would also bear higher taxes, if an income tax were graduated.

McNamara defended the property tax for the elderly, passed by the House, pointing out that no such measure had ever been passed by Republican legislatures. He indicated the feeling that while the bill may not be ideal, at least his party had acted.

Both candidates agreed that tax reform, including an income tax, was necessary, to provide greater tax equity and the revenue necessary to meet the state's needs.

McNamara argued that any income tax should be based on "ability to pay." He said that lower income groups were now paying a higher proportion of their income than the wealthy.

Both McNamara and Roberts endorsed the goals of the Human Relations Council, and said they would support adequate appropriations for the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

Roberts cited his support of civil rights legislation as a former state Senator.

McNamara said he was the only Livonia City official to be active in the Human Relations Council in that city.

substitutes for Robert A. Strunk, general claims attorney for the C&O, who was unable to attend due to an important trial.

"It is to the advantage of both the community and the railroad to work hand-in-hand as partners," Goodman said, "and generally has been the case over the years. Of course, as with any closely associated groups, differences will arise."

"It is to one of these differences that I am referring. I refer to the grade crossing problem. This is a problem that is onerous not only to you, but to us, as well. Let me assure you that it is not a problem that we at C&O treat lightly."

"Industry is dependent upon rail operations. On occasions, railroad operations to serve industry and to keep production going have resulted in bloodless grade crossings. Our people are constantly trying to correct this problem."

"What has suddenly magnified this problem? More people, more automobiles, more prosperity—the very same things that mean so much to the community. A big influx of people will severely tax the capabilities of the community's services."

"We are building new highways, additional parking facilities, increased fire prevention, police and hospital protection."

"The railroad finds itself in the same position. All we can do is make the same as you try to keep up with the demand and to upgrade our facilities as fast as we can."

"The railroads want to be good neighbors but it seems as though we are being asked to serve as whipping boys. At this moment, there is proposed legislation at Lansing which could put all of the Michigan railroads out of business."

"If this seems like an idle threat, look at these figures. One bill, the grade crossing elimination bill would require the railroads to pay totally for the cost of eliminating every grade crossing in communities of over 10,000 people. Preliminary estimates show this would cost at least \$3 billion—that is three times the budget for the State of Michigan."

"Some communities seek to place restriction on the speed of our trains operating through the community—a restriction which would oblige the C&O to limit the speed of its trains to a pace slower than that of automobiles and trucks traveling through the same community."

"Recently, the C&O sought to discontinue some passenger trains which comparatively few people were using between Detroit and Grand Rapids. The Public Service Commission and representatives opposed our plan, stating emphatically that the trains were necessary."

"Yet, if the legislation now before the Senate and the House in Lansing is enacted, there won't be any trains, freight or passenger in Michigan."

Goodman pointed out that the Plymouth yard of the C&O in 1964 employed more than 100 with a payroll of slightly more than a million. He estimated that a majority of these live in the immediate area and that several of the supervisory and administrative personnel reside in Plymouth or Livonia.

"We have helped locate new industries along our right of way," he said, "included are such concerns as Western Electric, General Motors Parts Warehouse, Wolverine Storage, General Foods, Ford Motor and the huge Kroger Distribution warehouse."

"The location of these industries has been a tremendous asset to the C&O. By the same token, these plants have meant a great deal to the communities in which they are located. People, jobs and taxes all funnel new money into the economy."

"During 1964, C&O purchased materials and supplies amounting to \$2,130,000 (\$2,130,000) from local industries such as Evans Products, Balmer Manufacturing Co., Transport Containers, Paragon Bridge and Steel and other concerns in the immediate area."

"And in the same year, C&O paid \$1,893,475 in property taxes to the state of Michigan. This money was turned over to the state's primary school system including the schools in this area. We also pay real estate taxes to local communities on non-operating property and in addition a corporate franchise tax."

"We do have differences. We do not feel they are insoluble. We do think punitive legislation is not the answer. C&O's door is always open. After all our objectives, the common good of both community and the railroad, are the same."



FEMININE EMPLOYEES of Crowley's at the Livonia Mall received carnations in honor of "Women Who Work Week." Store Manager Seymour Goldberg (left) and Assistant Manager Arnold Manko (right) are shown pinning flowers on three of their workers. The week is being celebrated from March 22 through March 27.

New Funeral Home Dedicated

Dedication ceremonies, at 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 19, marked completion of the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home at 15451 Farmington Road, just north of Five Mile Road, Livonia. More than 100 persons attended.

Rudy R. Kleiwer, President of the Livonia City Council, representing Mayor Harvey W. Mookie, voiced Livonia's welcome to David Whitely, resident manager of the Harris home, his staff, and other members of the Harris management.

Following the welcome, a traditional ceremony, dedicating the new Harris chapel to the service of Livonia families, was conducted.

Two Livonia ministers conducted the dedication: Reverend Arthur K. Beumler Jr., Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church; as president of the Livonia Ministerial Association led the dedication. Reverend Paul I. Greer of Newburg Methodist Church, oldest congregation in Livonia, founded 1837, closed the ceremony with prayer and a benediction. Reverend Thomas J. McMahon, St. Michaels Roman Catholic Church, also scheduled to participate, could not attend.

Rebuilding of the structure where Harris Funeral Home is now located began in August, 1964, and was completed last week. The funeral service areas now total more than 6,000 square feet, more than double the previous size. Four chapels are now available. Adjacent to each pair of chapels is a separate family room.

As noted by motorists and pedestrians traveling Farmington Road, the new exterior of the Harris Funeral Home presents a colonial entrance-way, with its stately apex rising above the eave line. Inside the visitor first sees a new hickory-paneled foyer, friendly place, and new, much larger, conveniently located office. Two of the four chapels are to the right of the foyer; the other two are straight ahead in the new structure added to the original building.

Second Victim of Year

Car Misses Curve, Hits Tree Head On

Hayden Cunningham, 55, of 12523 Hamilton, Highland Park, became Livonia's second traffic victim of 1965 when his car ran off the road in Edward Hines Parkway. Near Joy Road, missed a curve and struck a tree head-on.

He was pronounced dead on arrival at Wayne County General Hospital after a series of unfortunate incidents that resulted in Livonia Police and the Sheriff's Department devoting more than an hour in prying the body from the wreckage.

Officers from both departments arrived at the scene within a short time of the accident. Livonia had its fire department rescue truck, a wrecker and an ambulance on hand when the Sheriff's department arrived and decided to take charge.

As a result the Livonia equipment was ordered back to the stations only to be recalled almost at once when the Sheriff's officers discovered the body was still pinned in the car, police reports show.

It took almost an hour to free the body and Cunningham was rushed to Wayne County General Hospital.

Witnesses told Livonia Police the car was moving at a high rate of speed when it hit the curve, missed the turn and then banged into the tree on the east side of the roadway.

The accident happened Sunday morning at 8:20 a.m.

With only two deaths thus far, Livonia is far behind the record total of 1964 when it had a total of seven fatal accidents on the same date.

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