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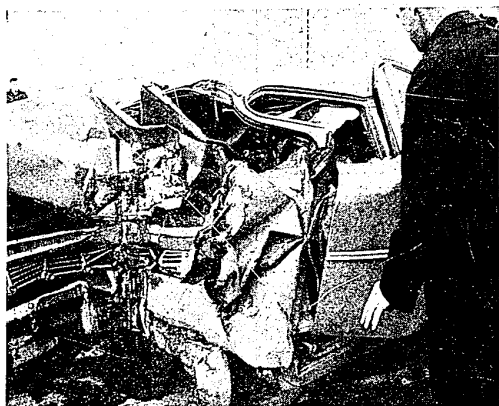
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33050 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Paul M. Chandler, Founder



ACCORDING to Farmington police, Cecil Burns Woodruff drove a 1959 Chevrolet into a cement abutment at a speed of between 90 and 100 miles per hour. He did not survive. Farmington

Public Safety Director Maurice Foltz is seen examining the wreck, shortly after the collision. It took place on I-96 over Farmington Road, at 3:51 p.m., Friday, April 16.

FATAC Elects Officers For Spring and Summer

FATAC members recently elected new officers to serve during the spring and summer months. The new officers are: President, Bill White, 32560 Andrick; Vice president, Mike Gregory, 32010 Pohany; Secretary, Linda Warner, 32000 Eleven Mile; Treasurer, Kathy McCort, 28810 Lorikay; Service Chairman, Steve Lawing, 29117 Bartlett; Parent's Chairman, King Cotton, 33318 Orchard; Program Chairman, Sue Kirchner, 24766 Springbrook; Publicity Chairman, Andy Lawing, 29117 Bartlett; Hospitality Chairman, Mike Mattala, 33105 Orchard; Refreshments Chairman, Judi Gebbon, 23338 Liberty.

New President Beechview PTA

Beechview Parent-Teachers Association has elected William J. Flattery, 26334 Westmeath, as president, succeeding Harold E. Shipley, 25708 Westmeadland.

Other new officers elected for the 1965-66 term are: father vice president, Hubert L. Toppin, 26386 Kiltarra; mother vice president, Louise Bloomberg, 28570 Pipers Lane; teacher vice president, Betty Pierce, 15412 Northgate, Oak Park; corresponding secretary, Jean Wheatley, 29463 Westmeath; recording secretary, Elene Bowerman, 25531 Springbrook; and treasurer, Arnold Silver, 30321 Wicklow Court.

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Milton Mayer, John Bircher Present Views at Farmington Forum

By T. L. ADCOCK

A most interesting night it was: the third Farmington Community Forum featured two distinguished journalist and professor, Milton Mayer, speaking on "Russian-American Foreign Policy" on Friday evening, April 4. A capacity crowd filled the Universal-Unitarian Church of Farmington for the affair.



MILTON MAYER

Mayer, who describes himself as an "unemployed newspaperman," has in fact authored several books, and is a regular contributor of various progressive magazines and to "leftpapers." He delivered an opening address of 40 minutes, which was followed by a coffee break and a panel discussion. The panelists were Rev. Frank Cozad, of Orchard Methodist Church; Mr. Schuyler D. Rogers, Sr., member in good standing of the John Birch Society; Christian Circuit Riders, Christian Crusade, Sons of the Revolution, etc., and Rev. Bob Eddy, of the Universal-Unitarian Church of Farmington.

"Freedom to write, to speak, and to read," said Mayer, in his address are the only freedoms. The only totalitarianism is that of the Communists and fascists.

"The war of all the world is always the war between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots.' The poor seem to be winning this war today for the first time. And true, they are being led by Communists."

"Two and a half cents given to a church will buy a hot meal for a starving child in India. One hundred million dollars, the cost of a billion such meals, will buy a Polaris submarine, whose end product is the incineration of that starving child."

"We Americans cannot imagine what life is like when parents worry about their children getting enough to eat; and when children worry about their children getting enough to eat, even more than their own parents' worry about their freedom."

"When these poor get poor enough, they grow to hate the rich; and when the opportunity

presents itself, they rise against the rich."

Mayer described America and Americans, "temporary stewards of God's world."

"Liberty, freedom and justice are luxuries of the rich," said Mayer. "So to our officers of liberty, the poor reply 'Bread!' and to our officers of freedom, the poor reply 'Bread!' and to our officers of God's world, the poor reply 'Bread!'"

"If the poor ever become rich, they will become interested in free elections, because they are men, like us. And like us, they must first have enough to eat; then they can afford the luxuries of liberty, freedom, and justice."

"The Communists were the first to offer the people enough to eat. So the Russians came themselves not to us, but to their fathers, who had nothing;

and they now have almost enough."

"The Russians do not want war because they are satisfied, or almost satisfied."

"The Chinese insecurity, which accounts for the Chinese warlike attitude, will disappear as each new factory is built."

Mayer summarized his address with a few more statistics and a plea.

"The next world war will end the world. Defense Secretary McNamara says that we will lose a minimum of 50 to 90 million people in a nuclear war. If this happens, our world will be a shambles. The only alternative to this horrible devastation would be an alliance of world government, with principal regard to human defense."

"My friends, can't we of so many riches see fit to give to each brother according to his

need? In the name of the brotherhood of man, let our answer be, yes, yes."

When Rev. Bob Eddy questioned Mr. Mayer as to whether the Communists could ever live up to their ideals, as stated by definition, Mayer replied:

"Communist practice is a perversion of Communist ideology. I am not in the least bit confident or optimistic of communist ideology in practice."

The remaining panel member, Schuyler Rogers, engaged in a brief Bible quoting contest with Mayer. Mayer had the last word, and while he was present, Rogers did a slow burn. When Mayer left, however, Rogers charged him with taking Bibleal quotes out of context. Rogers could not be specific on what context things were being taken out of, but he quite sure that that was what had happened.

Rogers, with his American flag lapel pin, and red-white-and-blue handkerchief and matching socks stuck to his guns and answered several questions from the audience. The following are some of his points:

"Under the pretext of helping the Negro, the communists are now profiting by purposely inciting chaos in this country."

"When a man comes into my home through a window with a gun, and I encounter him in my dining room, there is no room for debate or deliberation. He has no business in my home, and I have the right to deal with him as I see fit. The same is true with communists."

"The other day when the front of the U.S. embassy was knocked out we should have thought that we would begin bombing cities without warning, and that if the Viet Cong

did not get out of South Viet Nam, we would continue our surprise bombing until they did."

ANY hooting one may have heard emanating from the Forum Friday night did not come from the audience. There was an owl perched on a curtain rod there all night.

Alleged Robbers 'Admit' 83 Crimes

The investigation by Farmington Township Detective Russell Conway, which last week led to the arrest of six persons operating as a gang of thieves in and around Farmington Township

Wreck Injures Four Seriously

Mrs. Nurwood W. Weiss, of 35885 Springvale, Farmington Township, and three of her children were seriously injured, in an accident, in the Township at 9:45 a.m., on Saturday, April 17. They remain in William Beaumont Hospital, in Royal Oak.

Mrs. Weiss suffered a fractured leg; her seven-year-old son Gary, a fractured hip;

has led so far to the solving of 83 crimes. The Township Police have recovered much of the stolen property.

These include a number of burglarized schools and indus-

tries in the Farming area. The robbers also broke into the Bloomfield Hills home of millionaire T. E. Wilson, and committed numerous crimes in Livonia.

John was described by Hospital authorities, as being in "satisfactory condition." The condition of the others was described as "fair."

It was wet and slippery on Saturday. Mrs. Weiss was head-

ing east on 14 Mile Road. A 1/4 mile east of Drake, she lost control of her car, and it hit a tree, went through a fence, and hit a second tree.

The front of the Weiss automobile—a 1965 Chevrolet four-door—was completely damaged. Farmington Doctor A. J. Scott treated the victims at the scene, before they were taken to Beaumont.

The Weiss' pet poodle was killed in the crash.

On Jan. 20 of this year, the gang broke into the Beechview School, 26850 Westmeath, in the Township. They entered by breaking a window, took some cash, and a small amount of food, and did some damage to the building.

They hit the same school again, on Feb. 6. This time they entered through the skylight. The gang hit the school a third time on March 25. They got \$8.45, and did no damage.

On Jan. 21, their target was Highmeadow School, 30175 Highmeadow, in the Township. On April 2, it was the Kenbrook School, 32130 Bennett Hill, also in the Township.

The gang entered Kenbrook by way of a window. They took two turkeys, 22 pounds each, a metal rack containing 42 half pints of milk, 20 pounds of roast beef, 15 dozen loaves, and 17 dozen spoons. Total value: \$94.23.

Schools were not the only interest of this intrepid group. They visited the Steel Tex Co., 30210 W. Eight Mile Road, on Jan. 22, entering with the help of a screwdriver. They got a little money, and generally disrupted things.

On the same day, they paid a call on the Slurry Seal Co., 33110 W. Eight Mile Road. They ransacked this establishment, too.

They were also the unwanted guests of the L. and L. Screw Products Co. There they got an expensive watch and ring, and some high-priced electric gadgets.

But perhaps the high point of their suburban adventure—if not the most rewarding—was the call they paid on T. E. Wilson, while the scion of the late General Motors President Charles E. Wilson was not home.

They got in through the patio door, in the rear of the home, at 246 Guilford, in Bloomfield, on January 16.

They ransacked all the rooms, and threw things all over the floors.

They will not be invited back.

Pre Schoolers Get Fluoride Treatment

Dr. James Bennell, Supervisor of the Topical Fluoride Program, for the Farmington Area, recently announced that fluoride treatments would be made available to pre-schoolers next year.

While the kindergarten, second, fifth, and eighth graders have been receiving treatments since the program began three years ago, it is recommended that three-year-olds, also, be included for maximum protection against tooth decay.

The clinic is now set up at 10 Mile School. Hygienist Irene Marion indicates the Clinic will move to Woodale School by April 21. From there it will move to each of the junior high schools.

Hall On Panel

A symposium entitled "Home Rule for Oakland County" will be held at the Oakland County Court House, on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Among the panelists will be Farmington Township Supervisor, Curt Hall. The symposium is sponsored by Oakland University.

City to Get Lower Tax; Councilmen to Reshuffle

The Oakland County Equalization Commission has reduced the equalization factor for the City of Farmington from 1.143:69412 to 1.13321899. This will mean a reduction in county and school taxes for the City of about .68 per cent. This fact was revealed at the meeting of the Farmington City Council, on Monday, April 19.

Since it is mandatory that the Mayor serve on the Zoning

Board of Appeals, it was announced that incumbent Wilbur Brotherton will be replacing outgoing Mayor Robert Lindbert on the Planning Commission.

Ralph Voder, who like Allen is a freshman councilman, will also leave the Planning Commission. He will serve instead on the retirement and the economic development committees.

The Council directed Manager John Dinan to study the method of financing a special assessment district for paving Thomas Street, from Farmington Road to Warner Street. It set May 3, at 8 p.m., as the date and time of a public hearing on this matter.

It was announced that there will be an Arbor Day Observation April 22, at 4 p.m., at Grand River and Liberty.

Jaycee Gals Help Youth

The Youth Guidance Committee of Farmington is hoping to expand its counseling services; an dthe Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary is actively supporting this effort.

The Committee Headquarters, at 32425 Grand River, needs the following items: four 8x12 rugs; one 6x9 rug; two living room couches and chairs; one living room table; one small table; two end tables; 4 table lamps; two floor lamps; pictures; dinnette set; a coffee pot (12-30 cup); a typewriter stand; a filing cabinet, with lock; two chairs; two desk blotters; and three baskets.

Those who can furnish such items should call Mrs. Chuck Boston, at 474-9175, or Mrs. Cliff Loreth, at 474-9175. Checks for the Committee should be sent to Mrs. Robert Button, 33300 Freedom Road, Apt. 4, Farmington.



THESE JUSTLY PROUD students comprise Farmington High School's 1965 National Honor Society. Front row, left to right: King Cotton, Brian Dates, Chris Mandee, Mike Mattala, Sandy Schultz, Neil Stark, Terry Taggart, Janet Bachelor, Terry Bacon, and Velma Bishop. Second row, left to right: Curt Dembeck, Cheryl Dorow, Mike Gregory, Madge Hildebrandt, Richard Jones, Janet Lawshe, Ron Lee, Dennis Moore, Paula Jordan, and Barb Perry. Third row, left to right: The Schwartz, Judy Sluagland, Carol Stevens, Gay Taggart, Mike Wilson, Joann Ben-

nnett, Ray Biggs, Kay Capo, Marge Dickerson, and John Gordon. Fourth row, left to right: Debbie Halperin, Lee Halstead, Judy Hennessy, Laura Hoeger, Horstmann, Perry Jamieson, Dick Johnston, Kathy Key, Smith, Larry Loquist, and Jill McElroy. Fifth row, left to right: Christ McKelvey, Mike Messier, Carl Misch, John Mosely, Karen Nicholson, Terry Nielson, Clara Parsons, Cinda Radebaugh, Liz Senoh, and Clint Starr. Last row, left to right: Ritchie Taylor, Terra Unger, Karen Wierly, Jerry Wagner, Thomas Waring, Art Woehler, and Judy Woody.