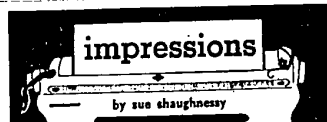


Motorcycle Skids
 Sylvia S. Partin, 23, of Detroit, was injured in Farmington Township April 17 when her motorcycle skidded on loose gravel at Freedom Rd. and Grand River. According to Farmington Township police report the vehicle went out of control when the front brake was applied at the intersection. The cycle slid across the intersection. Miss Partin refused treatment when she was taken to Botsford General Hospital following the accident.



impressions
 by sue shaughnessy

In just about a month—at 4 p. m., May 24 to be exact—one of the most important dates in the American electoral system and representative government will be observed.

The date is the deadline for filing for the keystone of the political process. That is, the precinct delegate. In America today politics is essential to the governmental process. In spite what some people including some past presidents—think it is not really possible to be a statesman without being a politician. It is we hasten to add, all too easy and possible to be a politician without being a statesman in these days.

The date is the deadline for filing for the keystone system, however. Each area of the community is divided in precincts. This affords an orderly process for the registration of voters and establishes convenient polling spots.

In each precinct two delegates are elected, one Democrat and one Republican. They are your delegate and representative to the party organization. The precinct delegates attend a county or district convention, which chooses the delegates from that area to attend the state convention. During years of the national convention the state convention in turn selects the delegates to the national party gathering.

Conventions, of course, choose who the candidates will be. In Michigan the candidates for governor, congressman, U. S. Senator, State Representative and State Senator are chosen by the voters in the primary election in August. However, the convention fills out the rest of the slate—attorney general and secretary of state, etc.

The choice of candidates for president and vice president is well known in the country. Thus the importance of the precinct delegate. He is your representative.

Of course this is politics, which is to many, a dirty word. The connotation is unfortunate. With government such as exists in this country it is only through politics that one can either be elected to any position or exert any influence on the choice of who will have the opportunity to be elected. That's why citizen participation in politics—and through politics in government—is so vital.

Added to the task of representing you and your viewpoint the precinct delegate also does the drudgery of politics. He is responsible to identify voters having an affinity to the candidates of his political party. He sees that they are properly registered to vote and that they do vote on election day.

It's often a thankless task. It is, however, as necessary to politics as protein is to the health of the human body.

That's why the May 24 date is of tremendous importance.

State Jobs Available

State Representative Raymond L. Baker, 64th District Republican, announced today that the Michigan Civil Service Commission is now accepting applications for several positions in state government.

Baker said that the Commission has established an April 25 deadline for the submission of applications for the jobs of photographic lab technician, capitol guide and rehabilitation trades instructor. A May 2 deadline is in force for the positions of civil rights representative, trades helper and telephone operator.

Applications are being accepted at any time for practical and attendant nurses, institution workers and correction officers.

Rep. Baker suggested that any persons interested in receiving complete information about the salaries and requirements for these and other state employment opportunities should contact the local state employment office or the Michigan Civil Service Commission, Lewis Cass Building, Lansing.



KENNETH J. SMITH, 21, a 1963 graduate of Farmington High School, will leave for Vietnam this month. Pvt. Smith received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. and after a nine day leave reported to Fort Sill, Okla. for an eight week Artillery Survey Course. Upon his March 23 graduation he received the title of Survey Specialist. He reported in San Francisco April 11 to await further orders.

Used Book Sale to Mark Library Week in Livonia

"Know what you're talking about—Read!" is the slogan for National Library Week, April 17-22, and the Friends of the Livonia Public Library are celebrating the event with their annual Used Book Sale, which is being held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 21-23, at the Carl Sandburg Library, 3010 West Seven Mile Road. The hours of the sale will be Thursday, 12 noon to 9 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. All hard-cover books are 25 cents each or 5 for \$1 and paper-backs are 10 cents or 6 for 50 cents. There are titles to suit all tastes, and every year, some special bargains are to be found among the hundreds of volumes.

A meeting of the Friends of the Livonia Public Library will be held at the Carl Sandburg Library on Wednesday, April 20, at 9 p.m., when Friends and their guests will have a preview of the sale. Anyone interested in joining the organization is extended a cordial invitation for the evening. Proceeds from these sales are used to purchase needed items and books for the Livonia Public Libraries, and over \$1000 has been donated in this way in the past few years.

Indian Guides 'Information' Meetings Set

"Indian Guides," a program which the YMCA describes as a program for fathers and their six-to-nine-year-old sons, fosters the companionship of man and boy in an easy-to-work and interesting program, will be the subject of two orientation meetings in Livonia.

The informational sessions are scheduled Tuesday, April 26, at Grandview School (behind Clarenceville High School) and on Wednesday, April 27, at Webster School, 37855 Lyndon. Both meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude by 8:30 p.m.

Further information is available by telephoning Chuck Wise, Livonia YMCA, 261-0370.

Vietnam Is Topic

Lt. Col. R. E. Spejdel of the United States Marine Corps will discuss "Civil Action, Vietnam," at the April 18 meeting of the Republican Women's Organization of Farmington Hills. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall at 21900 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington. Col. Spejdel resides at 2354 Colchester, Farmington.

Report from LANSING

RAYMOND L. BAKER
 Representative 64th District

Could it be true that two and a half million Michigan citizens are unrepresented in the State House of Representatives?

Since this legislature was seated last year, Republican House members who serve these two and a half million citizens have complained about the shabby treatment received at the hands of a power hungry majority party—under-represented on major committees, no representation on others, speakers unrecognized on the floor, points of order ignored, unrepresented, not consulted on policy decisions and generally left in the dark on the direction of legislative affairs.

Last week the results of this abandonment of fair deliberation procedures was made quite evident when the calendar showed only one Republican sponsored bill for every 10 sponsored by Democrats.

Two and a half million people unrepresented? Not exactly, because they still have 37 votes to be cast for them. But under-represented, yes, and by a much larger margin than simple numbers of seats held—actually by a margin contrived by the majority party to stifle the minority voice.

Although they have established this almost overwhelming power, majority Democrats have failed to provide smooth and efficient operation of the legislature. With only a few days remaining before the deadline for passage of House bills, some 100 items on the calendar have yet to be considered and the appropriation of some two billion taxpayer dollars has not been debated.

Many of those items which have and will be considered take hours of debate because they have come, poor in form and poor in content, from legislative and ineffective committees. It has been suggested that this be labeled "the year of the substitute" because in many cases all new language has had to be substituted for the original. In other cases bills have had to be so heavily amended that they are unrecognizable in their final form.

In another week we will be in a better position to assess the aftermath of such procedures. There is no doubt, however, that the present state of affairs should not only cause alarm among the two and a half million citizens represented by the minority party, but also among all others whose representatives have approved the current direction.

2 Boys Injured On Eight Mile

Two Detroit children—Joel Simon, 11, and his nine year old brother Duane—were injured in an automobile accident Saturday, April 16, on Eight Mile Rd. in Farmington Township.

According to Farmington Township police reports the boys ran into the road in front of a car driven by Allen Stretten, 22, of 20050 Osamu, Livonia. Stretten was traveling west on Eight Mile and the accident occurred just west of Truck Rd.

Both children were taken to Botsford General Hospital following the accident. Duane was still being held in Botsford at press time Monday.

Ettinger to Speak

Robert C. W. Ettinger, author of "The Prospect of Immortality" will speak at the High Meadow PTA meeting April 18. Ettinger has developed a process of freezing the newly dead with the expectation of future revival. The meeting, which is open to the public at no admission charge, will begin at 8 p.m.



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SCOUT NEWS

Get a Jump on Spring at Activities Workshop

By AMY CHARRON

LEADERS—TRAINERS—SCOUTS—Want to get a head-start on Spring? Visit the National Activities Workshop and Exhibit sponsored by the Detroit Audubon Society and the Highland Park Recreation Department on Saturday, April 23. The exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Iackett Field House.

Brownie Pow Wow time is fast approaching. The date is May 14 at Grand Lake. Registration begins at 10 a.m.

Junior troop 1019 have been swimming at Clarenceville High School this week. Some of the girls to earn their swimming badge, Mrs. Marion Daggett and Mrs. Eloise Moreen are the leaders of the troop.

Kim Adams, Janice Allen, Karen Blodgett, Sari Britton, Deryl Daggett, Susan Homler, Tinka Jasper, Kim Johnson, Cindy Ann Morven, Linda Murray, Kristy Gollehon, Toni Nichols, and guests Susie Jasper and Elizabeth Loebke enjoyed their trip to Greenfield Village April 2 and 3.

Mothers who chaperoned the group were: Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Jasper and Mrs. Johnson.

The girls have collected and repaired toys and made stuffed animals that were presented to the children at Northville State Hospital as part of the Project in Action pledge for service to others.

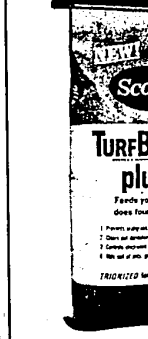
The Farmington Neighborhood collected \$101 for the Juliette Low Fund.

This year's cookie sale netted the Council \$5,038.28. Bonus for the troops was \$559.80. The troop selling the most cookies was Troop 19 with 499 girls who sold 11,196 boxes. Junior Troop 750 sold 1,212 boxes, while Junior Troop 878 sold 840. Junior Troop 711 sold 828 boxes.

Brownie Troop 127 presented a scroll for promised services to the Kendallville Convalescent Home on March 28. Easter Baskets were provided to the home for the 30 ladies.

Scott Promoted

Carl Scott has been named director of professional services in a new position — of Arnold's Drug Stores, a subsidiary of Borman Food Stores, Inc. Scott previously managed the Arnold store at 33322 West 12-Mile Road in Farmington for the past nine years.



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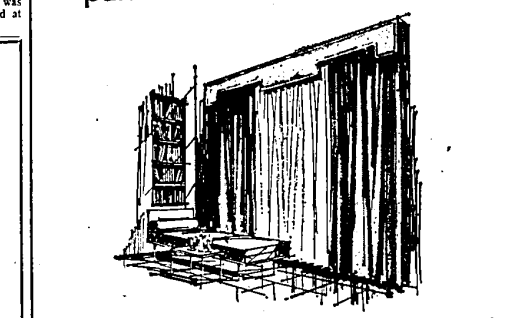
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