



Teenagers are often in the news for all the wrong reasons. Ask anyone in the age group and this is what you'll hear.

All of a sudden we find ourselves in agreement. Not that we disagreed before, but quite frankly we never thought very much about it.

This, however, has been our week for teenagers. First there were more than 20 young ladies competing for the title of Miss Farmington Founders Festival of 1966.

One other night we crossed the boundaries into Livonia to see the all city high school production of "South Pacific." Teeny are sharp. They are also fun.

We couldn't help but be impressed by all the entries in the Festival contest and the high school production. The contestants in the Festival contest were asked two questions during the preliminary judging. One of those concerned Viet Nam and the many demonstrations about the country's involvement and the other asked what they thought of Farmington as a community.

Prior to the contest some people expressed the opinion that the questions were too hard. In fact, after the preliminaries, the mother of one of the finalists said that if asked before the judging she would have said the questions were too hard, but after hearing the answers she had changed her mind.

The contestants didn't have any real kicks about the questions, either.

Ten finalists competed two days later for the title of Miss Farmington Founders Festival. The spirit of these girls toward each other and about the contest was refreshing and mature.

Meanwhile the Livonia teens put on a polished and whopping production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. In many respects it rivaled and topped the Hollywood version released some years ago starring Ginger Rogers. We couldn't help but be impressed by the teenagers this week. In today's hectic pace it's good that we have something that makes us stop and think.

This week's thought is that teenagers are great.

## Around Farmington

One of the Farmington community's own housing developments, Thompson Brown's Canterbury Commons is the subject of a cover photo and story in the July issue of "Home Building" the National Association of Home Builders Journal. The article discusses the open space concept utilized in this development and many of the new subdivisions in Farmington Township.

Farmington Trustee Tom Nolan reports that he hasn't received a single phone call on his move to form a committee to fight the city's annexation attempt in Farmington Township. Nolan was named to head such a committee almost a month ago at a Township Board meeting and called for citizen participation from the entire Township in the project.

## Errant Drivers Face Tests of Beginners

LANSING—Errant Michigan drivers . . . who have their licenses suspended or revoked for any reason . . . will be treated like beginning drivers from now on. They will have to take tests normally given to beginning drivers including written, vision, road sign and road tests before their licenses may be restored.

Secretary of State James M. Hare said the new program started August 1 in compliance with a new law passed by the Legislature during the past session.

"I'll mean extra work for everyone involved in driver licensing . . . police, sheriffs, the department of state licensing officials. But I think it's an excellent innovation which should prove greatly beneficial to the state's overall safety program," Hare said.

He estimated the program would involve about 50,000 drivers in Michigan a year. Suspensions and revocations for excessive points or under the financial responsibility law will have to undergo tests under the new law, he said.

First drivers to come under the new law will probably be examined around August 15, based on 10-day suspensions. The law took effect July 1, but re-examinations, always scheduled in advance, were already set for July. Hare said there was a good deal of administrative work involved in implementing the program.

60 Plus to Hold Picnic

The 60 Plus Club, of the First Methodist Church, will hold its annual picnic on Monday, Aug. 8 in the Wilcox Lake House. Dinner will be served at noon. Members are asked to bring a plate to pass and their own utensils and beverages.

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**Larry R. Chamberlin**, comptroller of Manufacturers National Bank, has been named to the faculty of the NABAC School for Audit, Control and Operation. He will instruct Income and Expense Accounting classes at the school being held at the University of Wisconsin. A resident of Livonia, Chamberlin joined Manufacturers Bank two years ago. He and his wife, Pauline, reside of Bobrich Court.

## Boven Joins PR Staff At Evans

David L. Boven, recently joined Evans Products Company as assistant director of Advertising and Public Relations for the Transportation Equipment Group. The announcement was made by Sam Hudson, Director of Advertising and Public Relations.



DAVID BOVEN

Boven has been Assistant Advertising and Public Relations Director of the Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit since March 1965. Prior to that, he worked as a reporter for the Chicago Tribune and for the Holland (Mich.) Sentinel.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Boven also has attended Hope College and Northwestern University. In addition, he holds an advanced advertising certificate from Northwestern Institute. Boven and his wife, Heide, have moved to 3400 Donna in Westland.

Heide, who has been a member of the Westland Chapter of the National Education Association's Department of Audiovisual Instruction, said the kits contain IBM-size cards stripped along one edge.

## Taste, Smell May Help Slow Learners to Advance

EAST LANSING — Slow learners may soon be tasting and smelling their vocabulary lessons, predicts a Chicago audiovisual expert.

Speaking at a Michigan State University workshop for elementary and secondary school educational media specialists, Dr. Philip Lewis said taste-smell vocabulary kits are being developed that could revolutionize classroom instruction.

Dr. Lewis, vice president of the National Education Association's Department of Audiovisual Instruction, said the kits contain IBM-size cards stripped along one edge.

**Sets Early Registration**

Deadline for early registration for the fall quarter at Wayne State University is Friday, Aug. 12. Further information may be obtained by calling TE 3-1400, Ext. 7046.

**Teens Caught With Beer**

Two Detroit teenagers were fined \$25 each and court costs in Garden City Municipal Court recently for having illegal possession of beer. They were arrested June 23 by officer Fred Dansby, who said that the boys had 8 cans of beer in their auto.

The two who had pleaded guilty were Kirk Norris, 17, and James Bell.

# Congress Takes Action To Update Its Practices

By CONGRESSMAN WES VIVIAN

In recent years, there has been much criticism of the operation and organization of the United States Congress. Many informed critics contend that Congress follows a system of outdated rules and practices which seriously diminish its efficiency and degrade its role. I find their contention quite justified.

Two years ago, I expressed my hope that these rules and procedures might be intensively studied, and some drastically revised. And when the resolution to establish a Joint Committee on the Reorganization of the Congress, was first offered, in January of 1965, I enthusiastically supported this action.

Last week, after 18 months of hearings and deliberations, this Committee issued its long-awaited report.

The recommendations offered were, to me, quite frankly disappointing. Many Members, including I assure, some Members of the Joint Committee itself, had hoped the Committee would issue some rather substantial recommendations.

Instead, the Committee has issued a report which, while making over 100 separate suggestions, fails seriously to come to grips with the key problems besetting the Congress: the total, inflexible, blind dependence on seniority for determining Committee Chairmanships; the continued tolerance of filibusters in the Senate; the lack of any regulation requiring each Member and all top staff personnel to disclose yearly their personal financial income and assets; the refusal to install modern information tabulating equipment in the House and Senate which could permit immediate public recording of floor and Committee votes on all bills and amendments; the disinterest in correcting rules so that copies of all amendments would be required to be displayed for reading before the amendments are voted on.

In particular, many of us hoped that some positive step would be suggested to mitigate reliance on seniority as the sole basis for the selection of Committee Chairmen. For many years, the practice of the Congress has been that whichever Member of each Committee has the most consecutive years of Committee service, automatically assumes the Chair, and these Chairmen are exceedingly powerful.

Yet, few, if any, of the members would like to have every member of Congress selected solely on the basis of age, so that the oldest interested resident of each Congressional District would occupy their seat in Washington. The present Members would quickly find logical and persuasive arguments against that practice.

How, then, can the entire Congress be responsive and responsible to the needs and wishes of the Nation's citizens, when overwhelmingly powerful positions in the Congress, by default, are chosen neither responsibly nor responsibly? Fortunately, by sheer good luck, seniority has put a number of very able men in some of these posts. The Chairman of my Committee, the Science and Astronautics Committee, is a fine example; but in others, seniority has put in men whom my colleagues would never have chosen or even nominated. A second subject of great concern to me is that

amendments offered for consideration on the floor of the House of Representatives only infrequently command any serious attention or stimulate informed and effective de-

bate. During my testimony last year before the Joint Committee, I offered several recommendations for correcting this condition. I regret that my efforts went unheeded.

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