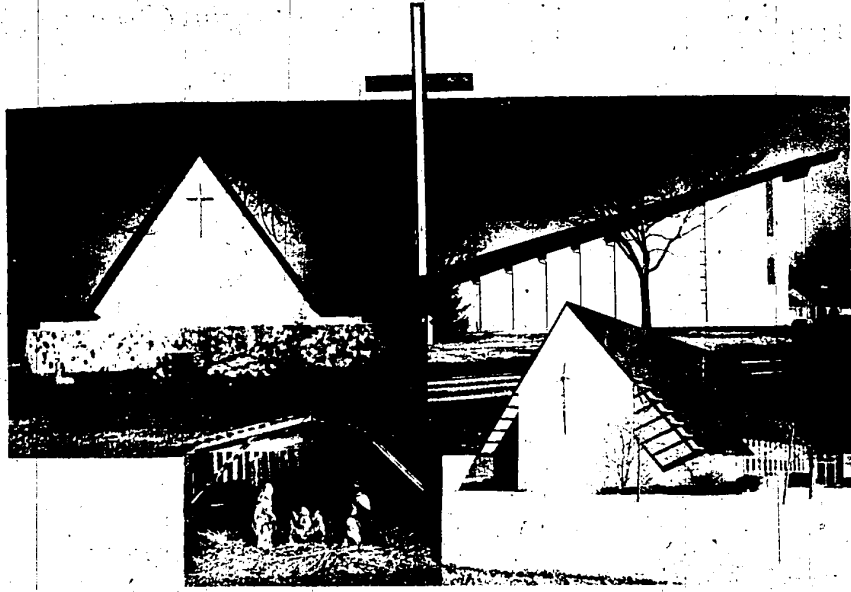


WORSHIP PANORAMA--
Livonia's modern church structures provide their own Christmas inspiration. Photographed, clockwise from top left, were: St. Matthew's Methodist, 309-00 Six Mile Rd.; Faith Lutheran, 30000 Five Mile Rd.; St. Andrew's Episcopal, 16360 Hubbard, and the creche at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd.



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Mayor's Office Is Not So Hot

Mayor Harvey W. Moelke came back from a warm family Christmas observance to a cold office in city hall Tuesday.

Someone had turned down the heat over the weekend.

"You think I have the hottest office in the city?" Moelke asked.

Moelke's Letter On Road Job

The following is the letter from Mayor Harvey Moelke to the Michigan State Highway Commission:

Gentlemen:

On June 27, 1967 the State Highway Department held a public hearing at Franklin High School in Livonia on the proposed improvement of M-14 (Plymouth Road). At that meeting I raised many objections to the Highway Department's proposal. I objected to the improvement of M-14 to being less than the minimum standards that the State Highway Department has set for major highway improvement in this state.

I pointed out that there was insufficient storm drainage, that the right-of-way, in many instances, was deficient as much as 54 feet, that the proposed 59 feet of concrete provided for five eleven foot lanes instead of the Highway Department's own twelve foot minimum standard. I pointed out that there were no flared-out at major signaled traffic intersections. I also pointed out that the Highway Department's original estimate was \$1,400,000, that the total of the bids received and approved was only \$800,000 and I requested that the Highway Department and the City of Livonia participate to the extent of \$600,000 to bring the improvement of M-14 in Livonia up to the Highway Department's own minimum standards.

On July 31, 1967 I wrote to the Michigan State Highway Department requesting that steps be taken to correct the deficiency. On August 7, 1967 I received a letter from John E. Meyers, Deputy Director of Engineering, a copy of which is enclosed, indicating that the Highway Department had secured the approval of the Administrative branch of Livonia's government for the proposed work on M-14. The City of Livonia's Engineering Department has never approved of the engineering and standards established by the Highway Department for the improvement of M-14. The citizens of this community and all others using this road have been placed in jeopardy by the performance of the contract. The State Highway Department's local office has attempted to resolve these difficulties. We have the highest regard for their integrity.

I cannot, however, accept the decision nor actions of the State Highway Department officials in Lansing. They met secretly with the Livonia City Council and deliberately bypassed the Executive branch of government in this city.

I request that members of the Highway Commission meet with the Executive branch of government of the City of Livonia in an attempt to resolve the very pressing problems of the improvement of M-14. I believe that it is necessary for the Highway Commission to actually see what has been done to this state highway within the city limits of Livonia. We will be happy to meet with you at your convenience.

It is my understanding that the State Highway Department is planning to turn the jurisdiction of M-14 over to the City of Livonia upon the completion of 1-96. Certainly the Highway Department has an obligation to improve this road to the Highway Department's own minimum standards prior to the turn-back. If these deficiencies are not corrected it will cost the City of Livonia hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring M-14 up to the Highway Department's standards.

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Medic's Role Seen In Family Planning

Attitudes about sexuality are changing rapidly, and tomorrow's physician will have to be much more involved than today's in family planning, says a University of Michigan psychiatrist.

Stuart M. Finch, M.D., professor of psychiatry and chief of U-M's Children's Psychiatric Hospital, sees adults struggling with both old and new attitudes about sex.

"Sex has been looked upon as a necessary evil by a large proportion of our population almost since the beginning of our country's history," he observes. "To think that we can change such attitudes in the space of a few years is ridiculous."

"There is great pressure on many young girls in our society today to be promiscuous," Dr. Finch says. "Those who are mature and whose psychological growth has been adequate will probably resist this group pressure and behave in a socially acceptable fashion."

"For those who are immature, such pressures only aid and abet the already present tendency of the adolescent to act out."

Nevertheles, the adults who are involved in sex education are products of the earlier generation. "They are still struggling with many of their own emotional roadblocks to a comfortable discussion of sex."

On general family planning advice to teenagers, Dr. Finch says, "Many of these youngsters of middle-class families can and do receive such advice either from friends, teachers, parents, or in church, while their counterparts in the lower socio-economic group are denied it. Those in the first group go on to college where they receive more information."

ALL PHYSICIANS, including psychiatrists, will have to become much more aware of social and cultural influences, Dr. Finch said that 40 years ago little if any sex education was provided to youngsters.

Youth Hurt As Stalled Cars Collide

Two stalled cars resulted in a bizarre accident at 18768 Bark Rd., Livonia.

Eighteen-year-old Michael Richards, 14652 Romble Lane, Livonia, who was pouring gasoline into the tank of a stalled vehicle owned by Irene A. Choma, was hit on the dark road by a second car, which was gliding after a push from a pick-up truck.

The coasting vehicle was driven by Eugene Phillip Paris, 7254 Mayfair, Taylor, Mrs. Choma, of 17949 Merriman, Livonia, was accompanied in her stalled car by four children, Cheryl Choma, 9; Dean, 3; Donald, 5, and Cathy, 6. Young Richards is in fair condition with a leg injury at St. Mary Hospital.

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