

How Far Away Are The Vigilante Days?

WHEN THE CONDITIONS ARE right, which means stage props of inky darkness with the clock nearing midnight as you and a likely assailant wait in nerve-wracking silence, there is no mistaking the metallic click signaling that a switch-blade has been readied for blood.

Of course, it's the old story: hear one and you've heard 'em all. I suppose that's the way a corpse feels about a grave, too.

A vigilante meeting isn't too different. The switch-blade attack is more vivid in memory because it was closer (color it Eight Mile Road) and more recent (within our little girl's lifetime) than the last vigilante meeting I attended which was in Flint when "sit" and "down" were defined to mean revolution.

In those days, guys like Boyd Simmons, Roy Lawrence and the author ducked chairs and fists while covering union meetings, watched a circuit judge acquit a girl who had drowned her unwanted child in the toilet because he (the judge) disapproved of bringing troops to Flint, and saw the

Reuther brothers establish a dynasty still unchallenged. The experiences of the period made Curt Hall's Monday night oratory in defense of township officers' devotion to taxpayers sound like a beginner's exercise in exorcism.

WHAT GOT ME on this line of thought was a series of sights and sounds pointing toward the summer of 1968 as one which will decide whether we pursue "business as usual" or set up armed

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BIFOCALS

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guards at every Farmington intersection. A few "for instances": One friend after another confides he's keeping a loaded gun in the house. Farmington's City Council buys shotguns and grenades, prompting a township police wise guy to crack, "Why should they worry; haven't we always protected them?"

Monday night the township buys 15 additional riot guns, so who's wisecracking now? An eastern mail-order firm is indicted for illegal shipment of firearms to Michigan.

Shelves of Farmington gun stores are almost bare of handguns, and the girl behind one counter says manufacturers are months behind on their orders.

A man walks into one such store, asks for shells for the gun he left at home, is told the supply is exhausted, and buys a new gun to fit the shells that are available.

At Oakland County gun board headquarters, it is revealed that processing of handgun permits has reached record proportions.

At home, Bob Deadman and Irv Yakes, heads

of our two police departments, concede they never had such a run on firearm information.

THIRTY YEARS AGO, on the strike battlefield at Flint, the blood was just as red and just as American as that which is in squirreling distance today, but the issue was in no sense racial. It was man against corporation for money, not color.

A year ago, about Christmas time, the woman I live with asked a couple of reasonable type friends for dinner. He's a dentist from Northwest-ern, and on previous get-togethers we'd never proved anything more valuable than the established fact that no Wildcat can outdrink a Wolverine.

Only because of my mate's superior cooking talents was he willing to match thirsts again. The thing is, we never got past the chopped liver. I happened to mention, for what reason I know not, that on the same couch not long before had sat a person of Negro blood. The dentist and his wife left in a huff and puff of bigotry; and the kids and I had to eat beef burgonian for days.

I thought of them the other day when I saw that in Dearborn 100 housewives are taking a course in the use of pistols, for they are the kind who would shoot at a black shadow and then apologize because a white man cast it.

Laughter, music and shadows, they're all international and beyond the color line. Farmington, as an armed camp, won't get many laughs, the dirge will be muffled, and only the shadows will lengthen if we continue the way we're headed.

Farmington GI Pleads For Viet Orphanage

If one soldier can do anything to alleviate the pitiful plight of 200 war orphans near Long Binh, Vietnam, that soldier must be Spec. 4 Andy Orofino, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Orofino, 35905 14 Mile Rd., Farmington.

A member of the 140th H.E.M. Company, which supports an orphanage in Long Binh, the Farmington enlistee asked his mother not to send him anything for Christmas, instead to send something — anything — to the Viet children whose lives have been ravaged by war.

"It doesn't matter if the things don't come for Christmas," he wrote, "because they don't believe in Santa anyway."

THE DOMINICAN NUNS run the orphanage near Long Binh where children between the ages of one and 10 years live.

"All they have is what the GIs give them and that's not much," says Orofino.

All are in rags when they are taken in at the orphanage and all have been living by foraging from garbage cans. "Words just can't express how poor, sick and lonely they are," said Orofino in a recent letter to his mother.

"I visited the babies the other day and I'd give my soul if it would give these kids some comfort," he went on. He continued, "They're all cared for by a handful of nuns who are giving their lives for them."

Kids are nothing new to Orofino because he has seven younger brothers and sisters.

OROFINO is a graduate of North Farmington High, turned 18 on a Friday and enlisted the next Monday. He left for Vietnam last May.

Biggest event when he comes home this May, besides seeing his family, will be his marriage to a NFH classmate, Lu Sanders.


But none of this, nor his discharge in six months after his leave, will put those tiny Viet War victims out of his thoughts.

If you would like to join this representative young American soldier in his efforts, packages may be sent to: Children's Orphanage, 140th H.E.M. Co., San Francisco, Calif. APO 96491.

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THE SOUND OF MUSIC

DEC 415 6 AT FJH



BEHIND THE TIMES — The "little ole signmaker" at Farmington High is somewhat slow in removing the advertisement for the FHS production of "The Sound of Music." The play, as you can see, was staged Dec. 4, 5 and 6, while the picture was taken in January.

In Fort Post
Pvt. William C. Critcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Critcher, 33720 Harlow, Farmington, has been assigned to Company E, 15th Battalion, 4th Brigade, at the United States Army Training Center, Armor, Fort Knox, Ky.

Smith At Conference

Dr. Roderick J. Smith, Farmington's Superintendent of Schools, attended a five day workshop at L.B.M.'s Data Processing Educational Division in San Jose, Calif., Jan. 15 through 19.

The conference was structured for the 39 school administrators from across the nation who attended.

Subject material presented an overview of data processing systems and procedures which are applicable to school districts. All types of equipment for business operations, personnel records, library services, computer-assisted instruction, guidance procedures and general administrative programs were demonstrated.

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Township To Get 3 Traffic Lights

Traffic lights will be installed at three key Farmington Township intersections during February to help reduce the

automotive accident hazard, it was announced this week by Supervisor Curtis H. Hall.

Total cost of the installations will be paid by the State Highway Department, and they will include these specific corners:

At 13 Mile and Farmington Rds., west of North Farmington High School, a flasher signal will be installed.

At both 11 Mile Rd. and Orchard Lake Rd., near Township Hall, and at 11 Mile Rd. and Middlebelt Rd., where Our Lady of Mercy High School is located, regular stop-and-go lights have been approved.

The latter will be complete red, green and amber signals and Hall said they will be in operation before March 1.

Original request for the traffic improvement aids was made by the Township, and it was backed with a traffic count conducted by the Oakland County Road Commission.

In all three instances it was demonstrated to the state that the vehicular flow is sufficient to meet the state's minimum standards justifying the installations.

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