

YES, THIS WAS LIVONIA — At the turn of the century Livonia Township was strictly a rural community with huge farms and accompanying lanes. It had two

large milk stations and was the cheese capital of the country. Here is a sketch out of the past—Isaac Barker's farm.

What Vast Difference 20 Years Can Make!

What a difference a few years make!
If one of the old-timers who left Livonia Township in the early weeks of 1950 were to return today he wouldn't believe what he saw.
If you can imagine a golf course at Five Mile and Middle Belt Rd. and a flying field at the present site of Wonderland Shopping Center and another at the junction of Ann Arbor Tr. and Ann Arbor Rd., you can realize the surprise of the old-timer.
Many of the other "corners" in Livonia have taken on a new front, too.

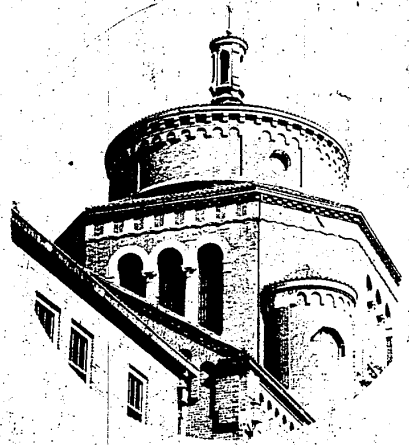
with the advent of the city was the site at Plymouth and Farmington Rds. There, the first shopping center was built, and while it never reached the prominence expected of it, the Sheldon Center still stands as a landmark.

Most every "corner" has changed, but none more than the sites of the two airfields and the baseball diamonds at Six Mile and Farmington Rd. No wonder an old-timer would be shocked on a return visit.

In the old days the most prominent building at the center of the city — Five Mile and Farmington Rd. — was a dilapidated frame building that housed a gas station. It was on the southwest corner where the Suboco station now stands. At the time it was considered a traffic hazard as it was built almost on the lot lines.
Six Mile and Farmington Rds. boasted nothing but a few make-shift baseball diamonds on the southwest corner and Justice Leo Nye's home and chicken coops (where court was first held) on the northwest corner.
There was little beyond Farmington Rd. aside from the Felician Sisters Convent. But that, too, has undergone a great change. Now, along with the convent and chapel, is a large hospital, Madonna College and Ladywood High School.
The first "corner" to get a radical face lifting

City Prexy Given A Practical Gift

Raymond E. Grimm, agriculture's representative on the City of Livonia's first council, made an unusual contribution to the city shortly after he had taken his oath as a member of the legislative body.
As the group sat down for its first work session, Ray, who with his brother, Henry, worked the farm at the corner of Wayne Rd. and Ann Arbor Tr., turned to Council President Harry S. Wolfe and said, "Here's something you might find handy."
With that he presented a gavel to the city — a gavel he had carved himself.
He also presented Dr. O.L. Brooker, first president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, with its first gavel.



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