

# St. Mary Ranked High In State

One of the major assets the City of Livonia has acquired since its incorporation in 1950 — and without cost to the taxpayer — is St. Mary Hospital.

Built and operated by the Felician Sisters, it is considered one of the leading medical institutions in the state and has proven a medical oasis in a desert of humanity.

Now in its 10th year of operation, St. Mary Hospital has outgrown its 180 beds and a 200-bed addition is being planned for the next year.

Prior to the construction of the hospital Livonians had to go to Wayne County General down on Michigan Ave. or to University Hospital in Ann Arbor for treatment. So St. Mary filled a long-felt need when it was built.

OVER THE SHORT span of its existence the hospital has grown in importance and has attracted some of the leading medical experts in the country to settle in Livonia.

In the city's early days there were only two doctors — Dr. O. L. Brooker on Plymouth Rd. and Dr. Durin Hotchkiss on Seven Mile Rd. Now, with St. Mary so handy, clinics have mushroomed all over the city.

Under the guidance of Sister Mary Columbine, the general administrator, the hospital has grown in prestige, too, and now is considered among the top three institutions of its kind in the state.

Impetus for the hospital was furnished by the newly organized Livonia Chamber of Commerce back in 1950. The hospital was given top priority when the chamber set up its program of work. But it was a long path from the setting of a priority to the opening of the medical center.

It required hard work on the part of many along with the entire Felician Sisters Order. But, it soon became a project in which the entire northwest section of Wayne County became interested and finally approval was given when the government released a sizeable portion of Hill-Burton money for the undertaking.

From the start St. Mary Hospital has set records. It went to full bed capacity quicker than any other hospital in the state and its reputation has been enhanced with each passing day.

It not only has served the sick and wounded and performed all manner of acts of mercy, but it also made the City of Livonia a medical center that is the envy of all suburban areas.



HARVEY R. JAHN

## 2 Early City Officials Share Distinction



NETTIE CAREY

Only one elected official has died in office since the City of Livonia was incorporated on May 23, 1950.

Harvey R. Jahn, who had been elected to a four-year term on the first city council, died of a complication of ailments in the spring of 1952 and never lived to see many of the things he espoused come to pass.

Proprietor of a popular grocery store on the north side of Five Mile Rd. just west of Farmington Rd., Harvey was a great booster of incorporation from the start and many were the times when customers were made to wait until he argued the value of becoming a city.

Harold Bower, who had been a member of the city planning commission, was named to succeed him. He finished out the term, then was defeated in a bid for the mayorality in the 1954 election.

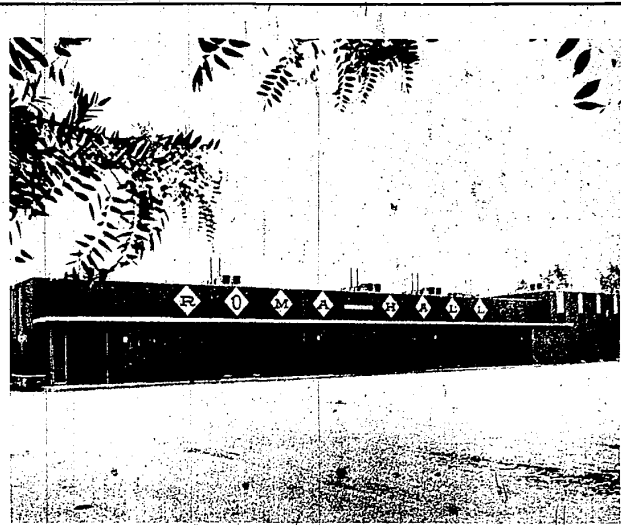
Mrs. Nettie Carey, who with her late husband, Clyde, once conducted a business on Plymouth Rd. near Six Mile, has an unusual distinction — she is the only woman ever to be elected to the Livonia City Council.

She was elected to a two-year term on the first council in 1950 and later was named to a four-year term that expired in 1956.

Active in political affairs during incorporation days, she played a heavy role among the women in the successful drive for the transition of the township into a home rule city.

Because of this activity in the Republican Club she was considered the one candidate who could attract women to the polls. She did and was rewarded with the seat.

Since then several women have made unsuccessful bids for the seat on the city legislative body.



## A wise move.

What began in Detroit as a small family business has grown in Livonia to a huge family business. Roma Hall serves 10,000 people each week and that's a far cry from the small restaurant that was opened 26 years ago in Detroit.

Enzo Paparelli, son of Roma Hall president, Mrs. Lucia Paparelli, calls the family's move to Livonia in 1963 a wise one and with 70 parties each week and more than 16,000 parties in the past seven years, it would be hard to argue with him!



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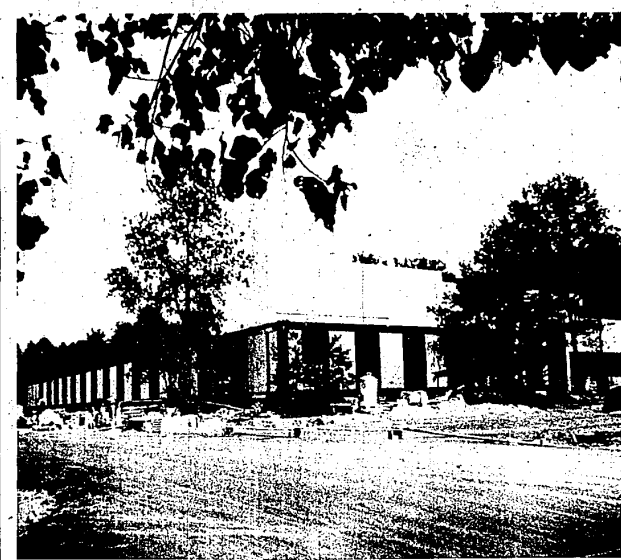
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