

## CHAMBER PRESIDENT REPORTS:

# Business Expands in 1965

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This year has been witness to growth in the business community both in bricks and mortar and in its interest in community affairs. New plants and retail outlets have been springing up, and each new operation representing heavy financial investment and more jobs have been duly noted in this newspaper. We have seen the build-up of momentum within the newly expanded retail community. And Livonia prides itself today as the home of new products in plastics, sports equipment, home improvement materials — to mention some.

As a result of additional units in our business complex and executive staff changes in older establishments, there have appeared new personalities on the horizon. There are men and women who have warmed to the community and have not hesitated to expand some energy in the interest of Livonia. While in the process of firmly planting their roots, they have also gotten their feet wet in the whirlpool of civic venture. These last twelve months have been a "teething" period for people like Arthur Cone at Sears, Seymour Goldberg at Crowley's, George Onufer at International Tube Fabricators, Robert All at Garden Foods, John Andrews at Chevrolet, Spring and Summer, Harvey Greene at Greene Motors, and a dozen others — all new hands at the wheel that lends movement to the business community's effort at civic involvement.

All this is reflected in the Chamber's process of maturation in 1965. This year has seen the Chamber increase in membership by about seventy new business units. Its income close to double that of previous years. But a more important gauge of "coming of age" is the burgeoning interest of business members in civic affairs. This is reflected in the formation of fourteen action groups. They have, by giving serious attention to the businessman's role in Livonia, pointed their efforts toward concrete community needs. These were expressed by Chamber members and Livonia citizens in a series of exploratory meetings held last year not the least of which was the Goals Conference held in March.

So the business community, through the Chamber, has developed a stance toward problems which will still confront us in 1966. It will lend the weight of our businessmen toward the solution of problems like off-street parking on Plymouth Road, Plymouth Road widening, railroad overpass, vocational education, civic auditorium and a host of other important projects.

The business community is ready to take greater initiative than ever before. There appears to be a sharper awareness of its role and more confidence that it can roll up a record of accomplishment. Rather than content itself with a solely supporting role, it will, through the Chamber, exercise a leadership role in proposing solutions to old problems and take new courses of action.



LIVONIA ARTIST ALICE HOVEY poses next to her original painting of an angel, which appears during the holiday season in front window of her home. Mrs. Hovey lives at 8996 Parent, off Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh Roads. She reported that several passersby had stopped to compliment her on the painting. Mrs. Hovey has exhibited her work at several shows.

## EX-BOXER, MUSICIAN

# Army Auditor, 70, Ends 23-Year Duty

One of the nation's oldest government employees retired recently with honors at the age of 70.

Frank E. Kowaleck, 6950 Mercedes, Redford Township, terminated his 23-year government career at Fort Wayne, Detroit, where he had served the last nine years of his government service as an internal review auditor.

Kowaleck was presented a certificate of achievement from Fifth Army's Col. Philip S. Pomeroy, Jr., Deputy Commander of Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

Fort Wayne, currently in the process of phasing out of the military structure, is a sub-post of Fort Sheridan. Also present for other informal awards to Kowaleck were Lt. Col. Donald C. Talbot, Commander of Fort Wayne, and Kowaleck's fellow employees.

Competition has always been a way of life with Kowaleck. Few people are aware that he was one of Detroit's early amateur lightweight champions — in the days when boxing was illegal and bouts were staged at secret locations to evade the law.

Fighting under the assumed name of Frank Walsh for obvious reasons, he weighed in at 135 pounds. He retained his lightweight title during 1917-18.

Most of the bouts were fought at the Detroit Athletic Club, which received some sanction from legal representatives. He said, "you could never be sure."

His pugilistic career began to look up in 1918 when he turned professional.

Joe F. Falsetti, of Wayne, has been elected an Assistant Cashier of National Bank of Detroit. Falsetti, who joined the Bank in 1937 as a management trainee, has been an Administrative Assistant in the International Division. He lives at 34045 Barton Avenue with his wife, Patricia, and their three children.

Mrs. DeGroot was injured Monday when she turned east on Nine Mile Rd. from Tredwell Ave. and struck a car headed which was driven by James L. Hood, 24, of 23217 Canfield, Farmington. According to the police report Hood had pulled out to pass another car and because of obstructions at the corner Mrs. DeGroot did not see him.

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## Livonia Live Wire



By Bebe Lindhout 591-6478

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

... the phrase takes on a more somber note this year as it applies not only to the happy college student, or the sons and daughters who work in another city, but to an increasing number of military personnel who have managed to fling a Christmas leave.

JACK WATT, son of Jim and Betty Watt on Blue Skies Drive, was one of the lucky few ... by completing his Marine Corps training in San Diego just the week before Christmas. Jack qualified for a leave until Jan. 10 ... he will return to California for about a month before being sent to Memphis for aviation training.

ON THE OTHER HAND, over at St. Matthew's Church, friends of the All Newman's tell us they are visiting their son in Texas where he is stationed. A helicopter pilot, he is training future pilots after a tour of duty in Viet Nam.

THEN THERE'S THE CASE of Cadet Bill Bolin in his second year at the Air Force Academy. The son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bolin on Ingram. Bill had no more than unpacked for Mom when he got an urgent call from the basketball coach asking how soon he could be out to Portland, Ore. to play in the tournament. As a bonus Bill and his teammates will return to Denver by way of the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day.

FRED AND BERNICE Weir, newcomers to Livonia, celebrated the day before Christmas ... Bernice explained that with so many members of their family and friends attending church services at different times during the evening she had a sort of open house buffet ... serving supper several times. If you recall our foggy Christmas eve, it made finding the house even more difficult for several who had not been there before.

CHRISTMAS DAY ... the

Leslie on Berwick took on an international flavor as Kay and Jim invited two foreign students to spend the day with them. ... was the Leslies first experience hosting foreign students, and according to Kay, a bit strained at first, but they (the students) got playing with the kids (Leslie kids) and soon seemed right at home. Both students are from Somali in Africa ... both studying at Eastern. Nuh Ahmed Osman is 32 ... left his wife and nine (9) children to come over here for two years. His wife, Hanna, is unmarried ... 23 ... they will return to Africa to teach teachers when they complete their program.

THE DAVE LEATHLEYS celebrated the day after Christmas ... inviting about 20 couples for cocktails ... including Shirley's boss Livonia Police Chief James Jordan and Mrs. Jordan ... everything went beautifully ... then some guest discovered the meatballs, slightly over-browned, in the oven.

WHEN THE MSU STUDENT special pulls into Pasadena this week one of its detaining passengers will be Nancy Nelson. Nancy's parents, Herb and Mary, took her up to East Lansing the day after Christmas to begin the trip for the roses ... she'll be home Jan. 4.

## Ford Smashes Desoto

Henry Ford got caught riding a Desoto but escaped without being ticketed.

Ford, 42, of 2208 Deering, was parked on Maplewood 500 feet east of Middlebelt in Garden City. As Ford pulled out, his 1957 Desoto struck a vehicle driven by George E. Day, 18, of 28074 Barton, Garden City.

Ford said he did not see Day and Day told police that he could not stop in time to prevent the collision. No ticket was issued.

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## Dempster Opens New Real Estate Office

A new corporation, dealing in real estate and all of the phases of a real business, has opened its doors in Farmington with the expectation that it will be expanded to several branch offices during the new year.

The opening of the Dempster Real Estate Company's office at 23729 Grand River in Farmington gives the area a local broker, one who has resided in the area for 35 years and who hopes to guide the new enterprise and maintain the welfare of his clients.

Leonard Gorman, who resides



CAPTAIN EDWIN GLEZA of the Redford Township Police Dept. will be the guest speaker at the January PFC meeting at John McGowan School, Jan. 11. His topic will be "The Problems of Law Enforcement." Capt. Gleza has been on the force for 13 years.

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## Five Injured in Township

A total of five persons was injured on Farmington Township roads during the past week with four injuries due to accidents taking place Monday, Dec. 20.

The injured, all of whom were taken to Botsford General Hospital, are:  
• Barbara Cox, 22, 15871 Burgess, Detroit.  
• Dorris M. Pollard, 37, 23231 W. Wayburn, Farmington.

## Quiz Gives Door Score

Is your front door simply a way to get into the house? Or is it a carefully-planned, hospitable entrance?

If you can answer yes to the following questions, your entrance rates an "A." If not, it's time you took a critical look at your front door.  
—Is the view of the door unobstructed by trees or shrubbery?  
—Is the street number visible from a car driving by?  
—Is there a safe, unobstructed walk from the curb or driveway to the door?  
—Are the steps safe, comfortably-spaced and easily seen?

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