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## Interview Via 'Conversation'

Lee Murray of Birmingham, WJR's Women's Editor, visits with Farley Granger, star of the Fisher Theatre's current production "Advise and Consent." Mrs. Murray, 355 Columbia, brings similar visits to her listeners on WJR via "Conversation" which is broadcast daily at 11:20 a.m.

## Automobile Exec Says Trend Is New in Cars

American automobiles are launched on a new trend in functional design, a top Detroit engineer declared here today, and Plymouth is a front-runner in embodying stepped-up performance plus substantial economy advances in design of the 1962 cars.

Frank Walter, director of product planning and chief engineer for Plymouth and Valiant, spoke recently at a luncheon in connection with a special press road test demonstration of the new 1962 automobiles.

While American automobiles generally had been growing longer, bigger and heavier for the last 50 years, he showed that a dramatic shift in public taste took place in the late '50s.

"We had to shed some bulk and girth in order to meet the new taste for slim, trim automobiles. And, at the same time, we wanted to give the public the added advantages of improved gasoline economy and performance," he said.

"We bettered our five per cent improvement target for economy and have been saying, conservatively, that the 1962 Plymouth is at least seven per cent improved over the 1961 in fuel economy based on our proving grounds and road test calculations," he said.

"But we wanted to demonstrate Plymouth economy out in the open, where everyone could see it."

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The 1962 Plymouth topped its 1961 predecessor in fuel economy by a solid 10 per cent in the special test.

"All of our performance tests also show a substantial edge for the 1962 Plymouth over the '61,"

## Committee to Start Series of Bills On Mental Health

The State Senate Interim Committee on Community Mental Facilities met last week in Pontiac to hear from Probate Judge Arthur Moore and experts in psychiatry and child guidance.

The committee is ready to start work on a series of bills which, coupled with state and local support, may herald a break-through in mental health for the state of Michigan. If this state could have progressed as New York has over the last five years, we not only would not have a backlog but could have empty beds available in our state mental institutions for emergency treatment, according to Farrell E. Roberts, state senator (R-Oakland).

**EMERGENCY LOCAL** clinical care before commitment can reduce the commitment rate by up to 75 per cent. After-care during the first year after release from a state hospital can reduce the re-admission rate from fifty per cent to fifteen per cent.

A steady five year build up will be needed because of the shortage of trained personnel, but action now can lead to better mental care with lower costs to the tax payer.

A CLINIC patient can be treated \$5.50 for a state hospital patient. In addition, the lower cost really represents treatment, whereas ninety per cent of the state hospital cost represents custodial care by an overwhelmed staff.

## Two Area Marines To Finish Training

Two Birmingham area marines are scheduled to complete four weeks individual combat training Friday at the Second Infantry Training Regiment, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

They are Pfc. E. S. Stevens, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Stevens, 2510 Yorkshire, Birmingham, and Pvt. Frederick R. Widlund, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Widlund, 18201 Buckingham, Beverly Hills.

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