

15 Area Schools Join in Youth Work Programs

Fifteen school districts in Wayne County are participating for the second year in the Wayne County Intermediate School District Neighborhood Youth Corps Work-Training Project. The N.Y.C. Project is funded under Title IB of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1963.

Closest 400 youths in the 15 school districts are involved in sixteen local work-experience programs. Students are employed in their respective school districts in such positions as:

- Cook's aide
- Library aide
- Telephone Operator aide
- Maintenance aide

Each student has the opportunity to earn \$1.25 per hour for a total of 10 hours per week. Each student is supervised by a regular school employee.

Frank Davis, Project Coordinator for the Wayne County Office of Education, reports that students have gained more than money from their initial work experience. "In compiling our monthly reports for Washington, we constantly discover plus factors when students are given their first experience in the world of work," said Davis.

Three cases gleaned from the many reports on students experiencing a meaningful work-experience have been submitted to support Director Davis' view of the "plus factor".

Three examples from the reports are as follows:

STUDENT A

A, almost 17 is small, quiet, shy. Assigned to the principal's office as a Clerical Aide, she took a sense of worth in helping with records and running the switchboard.

With her first pay, she bought badly-needed school clothes and put \$5 in the bank for her business education course which she intends to start after graduation.

A's older brother is in the army. Her father is dead. Her mother is pleased about her working since it has given her daughter added status with her classmates.

STUDENT B

B. enjoys his job as a locker room attendant. Feels he has a position of trust. He's very quiet and mannerly. Most of his money goes for his clothes and support in the added dignity of coming with being able to dress as well as his classmates.

STUDENT C

C. has two disabled parents. She is a Library Aide. Such a position gives her a chance to meet other students. Quite an introvert prior to her job, she is slowly gaining confidence. Her money is used for senior activities and clothes. The change in her appearance inwardly and outwardly has been most rewarding.

Although the stated purpose of the project is to provide indigent youth with an opportunity to supplement their family's income, acquire work habits, and to discourage a youth from dropping out of school, the change in the personality of these 400 students in the project has been a noteworthy "fringe" benefit.

The present N.Y.C. contract also provides for a summer component which allows the enrollees to be employed 33 hours per week for eight weeks. Eight hours per week will be devoted to group guidance and visitations to places of vocational interest to the enrollees.

The following school districts are participating in the project: Cherry Hill, Dearborn, Dearborn No. 8, Ecorse, Gibraltar, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Huron, Inkster, River Rouge, River View, Southgate, Sumpter, Taylor (2) and Trenton.



CHESTER W. PAWLOSKI

Livonian Is Peace Corps Volunteer

Chester William Pawloski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester S. Pawloski, 11101 Mayfield, Livonia, has become a Peace Corps Volunteer after completing 13 weeks of training at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Chet is one of 38 volunteers trained this fall in Arizona to supplement Peace Corps work with Venezuelan community development and cooperatives program. The group, scheduled to leave for their assignments January 3, will be assigned to small towns in Venezuela's interior.

During their training at the University of Arizona, the new Volunteers studied Spanish, Venezuelan history and culture, U.S. history and world affairs. Technical training included general community development theory and cooperative organization.

With this group's arrival 368 Volunteers will be at work in Venezuela. Other Peace Corps projects there include secondary and university education, rural and urban community development, physical education and industrial training.

One of the first fires in the nation's history occurred Oct. 9, 1871, when a forest in Peshtigo, Wis., burned, resulting in 1,152 deaths.

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State Police Report Record Road Toll in 1966

Michigan's traffic toll in 1966 will hit a high record of about 2,200 deaths, surpassing the previous mark of 2,175 set in 1937 and edging by three percent the 2,129 killed in 1965.

This and other projections were included in the annual roundup of State Police activities reported by Colonel Frederick E. Davids, department chief, who will reach a new high of about 160,000, topping by about three percent the previous mark of 155,258 last year.

The accident total, estimated at 301,000, will be about three per cent less than the record of 310,539 counted in 1965. The projected death rate of 5.1 per 100 million vehicle miles is down two per cent from the year before.

Combined casualties — deaths and injuries — again will set a high for the state. It was the fifth consecutive year of increase for fatalities and the eighth in a row for injuries while the accident rate declined, it maintains when all reports are in, will be the first after four years of increases.

Other traffic exposure factors showed gains too. The totals of licensed drivers and registered motor vehicles, both over four million, indicated growths of four and five per cent while the estimated mileage rose by six per cent to over 43 billion.

Department projections for the year showed State Police vehicles traveled over 22 million miles, with more than 13 million of that on traffic patrol. There were 238,000 arrests for traffic offenses and 21,500 on criminal and other complaints. Juvenile traffic arrests numbered 7,800 and there were 6,300 apprehensions of delinquent minors.

Troopers assisted 71,500 motorists, investigated 120,000 cars and issued 280,000 oral warnings to drivers. Officers made 177,000 property and 29,500 liquor inspections.

In other traffic matters, the State Police inaugurated a traffic skywatch program, leasing department planes with patrol cars; re-established 24-hour expressway patrol working out of 27 posts; and entered into a cooperative program with radio stations for emergency messages to travelers in Michigan.

Other department developments included the opening of three new posts at Lapeer, Hart and Sault Ste. Marie, bringing the total to 59 and the addition of the state office of emergency planning, transferred by executive order from the department of administration.

With authorized State Police officer strength increased to 1,576, recruiting and training of trooper candidates continued in high gear throughout the year. Five recruit schools were held, with 241 graduating as probationary troopers.

The age maximum for trooper candidates was raised early in the year from 29 to 30 and in the fall, for the first time in their history, the State Police called for applications for state policemen, with two to be trained initially for police-community and juvenile relations assignments.

Eleven bravery awards and 30 citations for meritorious service were authorized in 1966 for State Police officers. In addition, honorable mention recognition was recorded in 22 cases.

Bravery award winners were Detective Sergeants Stephen K. Galat and Len J. Healey, East Lansing; William J. Menzies, Paw Paw; George C. Kerr, Paul Radashaw and Walter Sokol (retired), all of Detroit; Corporals Charles F. Spurlin, Flint, and William H. Bayn, Rockford, and Troopers Edward F. Hancock, Petoskey, Paul D. Palmer, Brighton, and John T. Fiedler, Romeo.

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