

Class Reunions

LINCOLN HIGH, FERNDALE

The class of June, 1951, at Lincoln High School in Ferndale will hold a 25-year reunion at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, in the Northfield Hilton Inn. They will be joined by the class of 1956.

More information is available from Dee Breslin of Southfield, 557-7000.

HOLY REDEMPTION

A reunion luncheon has been set for Oct. 25 in Toponas Country House, West Seven Mile at Telegraph for women of the class of 1941 at Holy Redeemer High School of Detroit.

Reservations for the 35th anniversary luncheon are being accepted by Betty Bryne, Vahus of Lathrup, 559-2525.

CLARENCEVILLE HIGH

Members of the class of 1988 of Clarenceville High School plan a dinner dance for their 19-year reunion celebration on July 26.

Details are available from Betty Smith, 476-1814.

Juvenile delinquent today gets more punishment

The juvenile who in years ago past topped over his neighbor's outboard got off easier than does today's juvenile - perhaps has grandson - who may borrow a neighbor's car for a joyride.

The changes in attitudes and reactions over the years are part of a gradual shift, from informal neighborhood response to misconduct by young people to a structured and "reactive" way of dealing with deviance, according to Robert C. Trojanowski, a professor at the University of Michigan.

A number of reasons were offered by the MSU professor for the changes in how people view young offenders. First, small towns have become big anonymous cities in which neighbors seldom know each other or share neighborhood concerns. Also, an efficient system of recording crimes makes for larger numbers of

crimes recorded. Repeaters also swell the numbers of crimes listed.

In 1974, persons under the age of 18 accounted for 27 per cent of all serious crimes committed. From 1960 through 1974, there was a 18 per cent increase in persons under 18 in the total population, but a 35 per cent increase in crimes committed by those under 18.

The current lack of informal community support of families with problems, Trojanowski said, helps more frustrations on the parents already in difficulty, and leaves them with nowhere to turn before the problems reach serious proportions. Society tends to respond in a "reactive" way, whether through the schools, police or social agencies, he said, and frustration multiplies.

He added that the schools should concentrate primarily on teaching and not on solving social problems. The police should extend their participation in community programs involving youth development. The families, too, need to somehow resume their own sense of community, even if it cuts into their need of privacy.

"Ties of friendship and employment," he said, "have become more distant as cities grow and freeways multiply, but the human

mental needs of parents and children still exist.

"Many parents feel they have lost control of their own lives, and their frustration becomes apparent to the children who, in turn, become pessimistic about their own futures, and seek out their own methods of gaining control."

Even temporary control is enough for the young, the MSU professor said. A young armed robber holding up a gas station becomes impatient in complete control. So does a young fellow who thinks he can outrun the police in the stolen car he's driving. What happens later is of no concern at the moment.

Trojanowski sees possible solutions to juvenile crime in a renewal of community relations in smaller cities and in neighborhoods of larger cities. Families and public agencies, he said, must resume the old concern of neighbors for each other as primary preventive measures.

"Secondary" prevention, he said, can come through probation, therapy, guidance, extra efforts to provide employment, and other kinds of social control. Repeaters of serious crimes, however, still need to be jailed, he said.

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Textile painting is the newest class to be added to the community arts exhibition categories, according to Marie Harding, supervisor of community arts.

Exhibits in the community arts department of the fair are in four divisions—ceramics, painting and preserving, baking and flower arranging. The hundreds of individual classes include such diverse items as Raggedy Andy dolls, decoupage purses, black raspberry jam and the governor's cookie jar.

Rules for entering these categories and application forms are printed in the community arts premium list, available now to persons interested in exhibiting, according to Mrs. Harding. Anyone who is a Michigan resident may enter.

The premium list may be obtained by writing the community arts department, Michigan State Fair, Detroit 6088 or by calling 385-1888.

Entry deadlines for Community Arts exhibits, as well as those in all other Michigan State Fair divisions, such as the agriculture and youth divisions, is Aug. 1. The only exception is the home show, which has an entry deadline of July 31.

The community arts department, in addition to its four regular divisions, will continue the its Model-student workshop and the fine arts exhibition.

The department's For Men Only classes have been increased to 12 this year, eight in needlework, one in baking and three in canning and preserving.

The fair will run from Aug. 27 through Sept. 4, Labor Day, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, Eight Mile and Woodward in Detroit.

Children 12 and under will be admitted free every day when accompanied by an adult under this year's new admission policy. Admission for others is \$2.50 on weekdays and \$3 on weekends and Labor Day.

Volunteers

THE OAKLAND COUNTY VOLUNTEER BUREAU in Birmingham needs a volunteer interested in doing publicity for the bureau. Duties would include writing weekly articles telling about agency volunteer needs, submitting them for use in local news media.

All information is on file in the office. Some experience in writing and typing would be helpful, and a commitment of several hours each week is asked.

FAMILY FOCUS OF OAKLAND COUNTY, located in Birmingham, deals with problems of child abuse, neglect and related family situations.

Volunteers are trained professionally as family aides to lend support and guidance to families in distress, to participate in a speakers bureau, to help in the visual arts department and to coordinate the 24-hour crisis phone.

Concerns for others and four volunteer hours weekly are the only requirements. Volunteers will work with many community professionals who share their concerns and goals for prevention and rehabilitation.

THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER at Schoolcraft College in Livonia needs women, 18 and older, with minimal typing skills to type cards for the agency and its library. This would be a short-term commitment, with work to be completed within three months.

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