

Noel's Christmas: Leading A Parade

Noel Little of Livonia wants to lead a parade down Main Street in Plymouth Tuesday, Dec. 23.

She has never led one before, but she's marched in a couple, namely the protest parade against inauguration of President Richard Nixon and the November "End the War" moratorium parade - both in Washington, D.C.

Miss Little doesn't expect as many to join her parade as those marches attracted, mainly because she doesn't have a nationwide organization sponsoring hers. In fact, she's the only sponsor.

SHE HAS ISSUED a come-one, come-all invitation to fellow students of Schoolcraft Community College and the area at large.

The idea is, she said, "to sing carols and anti-war songs and hold a five-minute silent candlelight service in Plymouth's Kellogg Park in honor of the Vietnam War dead."

She wants people to meet at 8 p.m. at the Newman House on campus, proceed to Starkweather and Main in Plymouth

to march to the park at 8:30.

Miss Little is a member of the Schoolcraft Student Senate, as freshman class representative, but so far has garnered official best wishes only from the Livonia New Democratic Coalition, of which she's also a member.

SLENDER, TINY Noel isn't a typical freshman. She'll be 23 years old the day after her parade. She's a veteran actress with the Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild and is studying drama at Schoolcraft.

And unlike some parade leaders these days who can read you the gospel of establishment practices and malpractices backwards and forwards, Noel apparently doesn't know the preface even.

For instance, she sat in the Plymouth police station for 4 1/2 hours waiting to talk to the chief about a parade permit. Police said she thought he'd be the only one who could help her.

She didn't mention her business to the half-dozen people who could have issued the permit until the day was half gone.



READY TO STEP OUT - Schoolcraft drama student Noel Little is about to leave the administration building, heading for a parade she wants to lead through downtown Plymouth.

(Observer photo)

Luck Running Out Family's War Torment

What's a mother to do when she has spent 2 1/2 years waiting for two sons to return from Vietnam and then learns that a third son is scheduled to go there, too?

"It seems that 2 1/2 years is long enough for one family to go through this torment and I believe it's pressing my luck too far to send three sons over there and expect them all to return," an Oakland County mother recently wrote to 19th District Congressman Jack McDonald (R-Farmington).

Well, said McDonald, the third son can at least get a deferment in duty. Here, for the benefit of other parents who may be in the same situation, is the text of a letter to McDonald and his response.

"Mr. McDonald, I am writing you concerning my sons and my sanity. I have four sons, three of which have enlisted in the Army. Their father and uncles served in World War II, grandfather in World War I and uncle in Korea.

"Our oldest son Michael returned last April after spending 18 months in Vietnam with the 1st Infantry, where he was radio man on a spotter plane. He received the air medal for

over 20 missions.

"Our second son, Ronald, age 20, is with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam and he has been on Hamburger Hill. Our last letter dated June 6 said not to worry, that he would not be able to write for a while again. I have just heard the news that they have gone back on Hamburger Hill.

"Our third son, Dennis, enlisted the last of March. He turned 18 on March 20. He has completed basic training, was supposed to have gone to mechanic school. Through a mix-up in his orders, he was sent directly to Fort Polk, La., without leave, to an infantry school. At the present time he is waiting for his new orders. I have been told he will not be sent to Vietnam until his brother returns in December.

"Please do not misunderstand. I am so proud and thank God every day that I have clean, short-haired men who believe in God and who love their Country and respect our flag. But with so many trying to destroy the very thing our sons are going through and to protect, using our schools to hide in and our bible to hid behind and still demanding more privileges than any true

American, I can't believe my third son should have to go through the same hell that our older two have for people who are no good for themselves or any one else and certainly not our country.

"There must be some place other than a hostile country where he could be used. It seems that 1 1/2 years is long enough for one family to go through this torment and I believe it's pressing my luck too far to send three sons over there and expect them all to return.

"My sons tell me that by their going now maybe their 13-year-old brother will not have a war to face when he reaches 18. I am not even sure that there is anything you could do, but I do want to thank you for reading my letter."

A Worried Mother,
Mrs. William R. Johnson
Clarkston, Mich.

McDonald's reply:
"Your recent letter has been received and I can certainly understand and sympathize with your concern over the welfare of your sons.

"Enclosed is a copy of a Department of Defense memorandum covering simultaneous service in Vietnam by two

members of a family, which I feel will be of interest to you. I would suggest that you have your son follow the directions for advising his superiors of his brother's presence in Vietnam, since the Army has no other way of learning of such a situation.

"It is of course possible that Dennis may be assigned to duty in Vietnam following the return of your son Ronald, but he can at least obtain a deferment from duty there until December. In the meantime, we can hope that some solution will be found to end the hostilities and bring about the return of all American troops."

McDonald said last week: "Through a recent conversation with Mrs. Johnson, I discovered that Michael is now discharged and owns a service station in Clarkston. Ronald is still with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam, planning on being returned to the United States on Dec. 15, and Dennis is a PFC stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He believes he will remain there for his full enlistment."

All of the boys expect to be in Clarkston for Christmas."

Gaming Raid Nets 37 Area Persons

Thirty-seven persons from Overland were arrested Dec. 7 in a State Police raid on an alleged gambling party near Walled Lake in Oakland County.

More than 200 persons were arrested by the Michigan State Police and charged with being disorderly persons and frequenting a place of illegal business or occupation.

Two persons were named operators of dice tables in the warrant. Several dancers were also arrested.

Persons arrested from Overland include:

FROM LIVONIA: Frank E. Hayball, Samuel E. Vinci, Philip P. Vinci, Jesse E. McCall, Luther L. Walters, Paul H. Amell, James G. Cox, William L. Kyle, Wayne R. Eskola, Donald J. Shippe,

Thomas A. Orr, Johnnie D. Sparks, Lewis W. Humble and Patrick J. Niedziala.

FROM FARMINGTON: George E. Desjardins, Raymond E. Smith, Clarence H. Leuger, Robert W. Walker, Donald C. Rogerson, Charles E. Crudgington, John G. Whitmore, Lester Rackow, Fred E. Maier, Lee J. Hill, Robert E. Troyer, James A. Moody, Aloysius Ditzilo, John J. Thornton and Mark R. Bache-

lor.

FROM PLYMOUTH: Herman W. White, Eugene E. Waggoner, Douglas P. Watson and Kenneth W. Underwood.

FROM WESTLAND: Charles E. Gustafson and Thomas H. Swartout.

FROM GARDEN CITY: William M. McGarvey.

Medical Students Study Role In Social Problems

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A new course relating the role of the physician to social problems is being begun this year at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Among the teachers will be Wilbur Cohen, Walter Reuther, and physicians whose patients are predominantly the poor. The course, which will be offered as part of the sophomore year curriculum, was designed and will be run by students in this year's junior medical class.

"WE FELT," explained Larry Corey of Oak Park, one of the students on the planning committee, "that the Medical School has an obligation to teach the social, ethical, and moral roles of the physician in society. This was not adequately presented before in the curriculum. So we arranged to present a student-run course dealing with these problems."

Sixteen hours of classes between November and January will be devoted to the new

course, time which would otherwise be occupied by the clinical medicine program. Five class hours will be offered to freshman medical students.

The course has been divided into three major units: the environment in medicine, the physician's role and responsibility, and selected topics and possible solutions to problems in medical care today.

"In addition to presenting new problems," said Corey, "we wanted to display different teaching techniques. So we've divided the program into lectures by prominent people and more local things, such as seminars and role playing."

CRC Names Area Manager

The Michigan Civil Rights Commission has announced the appointment of Edward J. Chastang Jr. as regional manager of the Detroit area, which includes the district offices of Detroit-East, Detroit-West, Pontiac, and the main MCRC office in Detroit.

Also appointed to assist him were Janet C. Cooper and Mrs. John A. (Denise) Lewis, as assistant regional managers. The Detroit metropolitan area accounts for 65% of all complaints filed in the state.

Responsibilities of the regional manager will include coordination of cases at the regional level, counseling case supervisors and other employees on policy and procedure and initiating affirmative action programs in the region.

Chastang has been with the CRC for two years. He is a former field representative and case supervisor. Previously Mr. Chastang was a social worker for the state department of Social Services.

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