

He Feeds 6,000 Persons Every Day

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

dents who buy school lunches five days a week.

HOWARD wishes a bigger percentage of the district's 15,000 students bought school lunches. Although he is still becoming acquainted with his new job, he has plans to upgrade the basic appeal of school lunch menus with hopes of attracting more customers.

In making school lunches more appetizing, Howard will have to keep an eye on food market prices.

The other day he was busy trying to buy 250 cases of potatoes before the price per case went up \$1.

WITH PRICES of 35 cents for elementary children and 40 cents for high school students, the school lunch program is self-supporting with no profit accruing to the school system.

School boards hesitate to raise lunch prices because parents usually object, and Howard's responsibility is to hold the

line. And he can't play free and easy with economy substitutes because school lunches must meet standards set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

BUT THE DEPARTMENT also gives schools such food staples as four turkeys twice a year, allotments of ground beef, peanut butter and powdered milk.

To qualify for government assistance, school districts must have a free lunch program.

Howard says that "free lunch" is a misnomer because provision is made for poorer pupils to buy lunches at a nickel

or dime off if they can.

IT IS PROBABLE that within the confines of a school most children will know who is getting a free lunch. This bothers Howard who comments, "We've tried selling tickets and other things, but it's difficult. In most schools, the lunchroom cashier works it so that the child is protected."

This places Howard and only increases the praise he has for Farmington school cafeteria personnel.

"It's your staff who make the lunch program here in Farmington they're doing a tremendous job and I'd call them

about the best cafeteria people in the state."

THIS IS HIGH commendation because Howard is used to dealing with professionals. Before coming to Farmington he was food service manager at Eastern Michigan University. He holds a B.S. degree from EMU and studied food service at Ferris State.

Prior to taking the Farmington post, the cafeteria manager had some doubts about satellite kitchens. With this service, foods are prepared in a central kitchen and delivered by heated truck to outside locations.

Farmington schools with

satellite service include Alameda, Cloverdale, Fairview, Flanders, Gili, Kenbrook, Larkshire, Forest, Longsaver, Middle Belt and Shawassaw.

Lunches served in these schools are cooked at Larkshire. The program cuts down on the size of school kitchens, the expense of operation and the labor needed.

HOWARD calls the satellite operation "The most intriguing type of food service with which I've been connected. I think it will eventually be the way food service is handled throughout the world."

Although the food service director thinks in food quantities like 6,000 hot dogs a week, he claims his shopping tasks aren't as hard as his wife's.

"I just have to know more specifics," he notes, "like the exact amount that is in a can."

MRS. HOWARD is also the one who has to do the cleaning up when her food specialist husband goes creative on weekends with steaks and pancakes.

The specialist says he likes to eat and he likes to cook, but when it comes to cooking he's messy about it.



BUSY MAN — Michael Howard, Farmington School District cafeteria manager, must please the appetites of the 5,000 - 6,000 students who eat school lunches every day. (Observer photo)

Student Killed On I-696

One Michigan State University student was killed and another injured early Saturday morning when the car in which they were riding went out of control on I-696 east of Orchard Lake Road.

Grosse Ile, was dead on arrival at Botsford General Hospital, shortly after the accident at 1:10 a.m.

Netherton, the driver of the car, was thrown into the path of another auto, police said. Miss Kathleen Reilly, 19, of

Warren, was reported Monday to be in satisfactory condition in Henry Ford General Hospital, Detroit.

No other details of the accident were available at press time Monday.

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Jamboree Details To Be Discussed

Interested Boy Scouts and Explorers and their parents and leaders are invited to a special 1969 National Jamboree meeting at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 11 in Peterson Lodge at Camp Agawan on Clarkson Rd., one half mile west of M-24, Lake Orion.

Sponsored by the Clinton Valley Council, the meeting is planned to inform boys and their parents in next year's Scout National Jamboree, July 16-22, at Farragut State Park, Ida. The Council is in the process of forming its troop to take part in the jamboree.

To be eligible for the national event, Boy Scouts must have been 12 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1968, and Explorers must have been registered as a Scout or Explorer on July 1, 1968. Scouts also must have achieved Star rank on or before April 1, 1969, and Explorers, who have not

been Scouts, must meet camping, leadership and Scout spirit requirements.

Total cost for participants will be \$342, which includes the jamboree fee, transportation, meals, equipment and pre-jamboree training campout expenses.

Public Safety officers from the City of Farmington answered two police calls on Tuesday. The first fire was reported at 8:56 a.m. when township police reported a fire in the medical office located at 23023 Orchard Lake Rd. Officials said that the blaze was confined to an X-ray machine and in the electrical wiring.

A home currently being built in the new Chatham Hills subdivision started to burn about 10 a.m. when a plumber's torch accidentally ignited tar paper on the outside of the house. The fire damaged one corner of the house from the basement to the roof. Officials estimated the damage at about \$500.

No injuries were reported at either fire.

MACLD Meets Nov. 13

Four brainstorming sessions for parents are planned for the meeting of the Farmington Chapter of the Michigan Association of Children with Learning Disabilities to be held at 8 p.m. Nov. 13 in East Junior High School.

Topics to be considered are: management in the home, resources for parents, about Junior High and Beyond, The Importance of Being Father.

Thoughts, ideas, problems and solutions will be explored to give parents an opportunity to share experiences with one another and to encourage better understanding of the many facets of learning disabilities.

Members of the chapter are making plans for a winter gym program to be directed by Dan Quigley, Farmington physical education teacher. For details, call Mrs. Stanley Lewis, 476-0759.

Two Hurt In Accident

A Farmington Township girl was treated and released Nov. 2 from Botsford General Hospital following a two-car traffic accident at Middle Belt and 10 Mile at 1:30 p.m.

S. Lynn Ryan, 20, 28693 Medbury, was the driver of an auto involved in an accident with Floyd Wilson, 47, of Pontiac, Farmington Township police said.

Wilson was treated and released from Pontiac General Hospital. No other details were available Monday.

Adlai, Dewey, Ike

Michigan Campaign Laughs

By W. W. EDGAR
Observer Roving Editor

Choosing the man to be given a four-year lease on the big white house at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.,—one of the most coveted residences in the world—is serious business. But the campaign, bitter as they have been at times, are not without their humorous moments.

And just as Michigan has always been an important "swing" state in the vote tabulation, it also has provided

its share of the mirth-provoking incidents that have lived long after campaign issues have been lost in the limbo of forgotten things.

Not all of these incidents, naturally, have been enjoyed by the candidates—and none has helped to decide the outcome—but they have helped to keep their names alive.

THE ONE CANDIDATE above all others who appreciated the humor of an intense campaign was Adlai E. Stevenson, the former governor of Illinois, who twice met defeat at the hands of

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Not long after his first defeat in 1952, he appeared before a giant Democratic rally in Madison Square Garden and opened by saying—

"A funny thing happened to me on the way to the White House."

He didn't mention any precise moment, but he could have been thinking of a moment during the campaign when he was sitting on the platform in the BMA Auditorium, in Flint, and happened to cross his legs.

At that exact moment, one of the press photographers snapped the shutter of his camera and obtained one of the best remembered photographs of any campaign.

It was a photograph of Stevenson's shoe with a large hole in the sole.

To anyone else, it would have meant little. But Stevenson, supposedly, was a man of means, and the fact that he was campaigning with holes in his shoes provided a good laugh.

THEN THERE WAS the time in 1948 when Thomas E. Dewey, the pride of Owosso, Mich., was campaigning against "Give 'Em Hell" Harry Truman.

Deciding to meet as many of the "home" folks as he could, Dewey arranged a whistle stop journey by train through southern Michigan. In one of the smaller towns upstate he was in the midst of delivering his message when the train started to move.

"Whatin'ell's going on," he shouted in the midst of his flow of rhetoric. "The train didn't move very far," but all concerned got a good laugh.

Dewey was a bit luckier than Stevenson during the 1952 battle with Stevenson.

Appearing on the rear platform of a train in Saginaw, Ike was nearing the end of his address when the train pulled out. This time it didn't stop and Ike was still talking as it pulled out of sight.

The late Judge Frank Picard, an ardent Democrat whose house was Saginaw, went to his grave still denying that the Democrats had anything to do with the early departure of the train.

AND YEARS AGO—when Gen. U.S. Grant, who was running for the top office of the land, cut up many a ditty in Detroit where he one time held residence, many a strange tale was told of the methods he used to get laughs.

Recently, there was the visit of LBJ to open his 1964 campaign. He garbled the pronunciation of the name Zolton Ferry, then the Democratic candidate for governor. He never lived it down as far as Fereny and his friends were concerned.

ASIDE FROM laughs, Michigan also has played an important role in presidential campaigns of the past.

Many candidates—Truman, Stevenson, Kennedy and John-

son—opened their campaigns with Labor Day appearances at Cadillac Square. It seemed to hold a charm as each of them went from downtown Detroit to the White House.

And the present campaign is no without its laughs in Michigan.

Coming into the area last week, Candidate Nixon was referring to his hopes of residing in the White House and happened to mention that it was located at 1400 Pennsylvania Avenue.

"See," one of his critics chuckled, "he doesn't even know the right address."

Yes, there's a lot of laughs sprinkled in the serious moments of a presidential election campaign.

Monday Is Veteran's Day

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Monday, Nov. 11, is Veteran's Day. Arnold McGovern, commander of Farmington's American Legion Post, had the following thoughts on our observance of the day.)

Veterans Day, as an observance, originated in 1918, first as Armistice Day, marking the end of hostilities in World War I, and in 1954 the designation was changed to include the servicemen who fought in World War II and Korea.

In this year of 1968 the day takes on even more significance because of the struggle engaged in by the young Americans in Vietnam. Veterans Day—Nov. 11—is a day for all Americans.

First and foremost, of course, on that day, we honor the more than 26 million living men and women who have served this nation in time of crisis, and who are still serving. On Veterans Day, we can all pause to appreciate the life, liberty, and happiness we enjoy under Old Glory.

We can consider that perhaps we take too much for granted under the pressure of making

a living and raising a family. On this day, all Americans—veterans and non-veterans—can give thanks that we do live in a land where the sacrifices of our veterans during our nation's crisis have preserved the freedoms we enjoy.

So circle Nov. 11—Veterans Day—on your calendar. Take your place in your community's observance of this important national holiday. Honor those who served—and remember why they served.

The memories of these gallant heroes who participated in these great wars and conflicts must be perpetuated, as our debt to them can never be repaid, because it is beyond a price.

And, at this time, we salute the veterans of all wars—the men and women who wore the uniform in the past, and those who are wearing it now that you and I might continue to enjoy Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Remember especially our brave men in Vietnam by offering a prayer for their survival and return to their loved ones at home.



CUB SCOUTS FROM Pack 48's Den 8 are putting their sweat and muscle into a beautification project by planting hundreds of tulip bulbs at Farmington's Bond Elementary School. From

left: David Roer, Brett Foreman, Jim Tisdale and Bobby Atkins; holding sign is Bob Pierce. Their den mother is Mrs. Dorothy Roer. (Observer photo)