

Things Happen Fast In High Schools

ANN ARBOR — Things are happening fast these days in the high schools and only a little more slowly in the elementary schools, according to John S. Diekhoff, University of Michigan professor of higher education.

He points out that since Sputnik there has been a wave of criticism of the public schools. "It has ranged from irresponsible blanket condemnations by admirals, journalists, and academic writers to the much more responsible studies of Conant and others," he says.

"As a result, committees of distinguished physiologists, mathematicians, biologists, and chemists have been working with able secondary-school teachers to devise new college-preparatory programs."

"A colleague in mathematics tells me that if a parent can help his children with their school arithmetic, it is being taught wrong," Diekhoff says. "In some schools, to be sure the 'new mathematics' is being taught by teachers who do not understand it, and the old mathematics is still taught in most schools."

"But the change is coming. There are exciting new textbooks in physics, biology, and chemistry, and many colleges and universities—with the help of foundation grants—have sponsored summer institutes to help bring secondary-school teachers up to date in the rapidly changing worlds of the physical and biological sciences. Similar activities are under way in English, foreign languages and social studies."

The U-M educator says some high schools offer college courses and enriched programs, perhaps at some cost to other students. Schools are extending curriculums in mathematics, sciences, and modern languages.



ON A HOT SUMMER day what's nicer than to get out on the water? Shown here with Scoutmaster Lonnie H. Brasher (center) 29512 Lamar Lane, Livonia, are his Scout son Lonnie, Jr. (left) and Scout Allen Vasaris, 15939 Middlebelt Road, Livonia (right), at the Charles Howell Scout Reservation. They are all members of the Scout Troop 742, sponsored by Hope Chapel Evangelical Brethren Church.

Looking Around LIVONIA

Observer staff member Dave Elsila was in Chicago Monday to receive two national awards in educational journalism. Elsila was editor of the monthly Michigan Teacher during the past school year, and the publication was cited for second place honors in both editorial excellence and artistic excellence in the annual American Teacher Publications Journalism Award contest. Educational periodicals from throughout the country were entered in the competition.

A pre-election rally will be held by Livonia Democrats next Monday, August 24, at Farmington-Congress headquarters, 23200 Rock east of Middlebelt. The public is invited, chairman Ron Madrilos said, and candidates for local office will be present to answer questions. Livonia Democrats have endorsed Billie S. Farmington in the primary race for the new 19th District congressional seat, and James McCarthy for the 14th District state senate seat.

The Livonia City Council meets tonight at 8 p.m. at City Hall for its second regular session this month. Council is meeting on an abbreviated basis during August, while some members vacation.

One Railroad Excursion Features Steam Locomotive

Portmousing special train excursions on Canadian National Grand Trunk Railways in the Detroit-Windsor area will appeal to diverse interests. Players will have an opportunity to enjoy a performance of Shakespeare's "Richard II" when the second special train of the season leaves Detroit's Brush Street Station at 2:00 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28.

Package cost of the Shakespearean Festival tour is \$14.50 or \$15.25, and includes round trip coach rail transportation, dinner at the Victorian Inn, bus transportation between the CN station and Festival Theatre at Stratford, and a ticket for "Richard II." The special train will arrive back in Detroit 5:00 a.m. Saturday (Aug. 29) and additional stops will be made at Mount Clemens and Port Huron in both directions.

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19 and 20, are dates of the Michigan Railroad Club's twin steam locomotive excursions. This year the same 400-mile itinerary will be covered two days in succession. Diesel power will start the special trains from Windsor at 8:00 a.m. and changeover to steam power (a Northrup-type 4-8-4) will take place at London. From there the trains will continue on a circuit that will include Guelph, Palmerston and Listowel. Return to Windsor will be at 9:15 p.m.

Special photo runpasts are scheduled on both the diesel and steam portions of the railroad excursions. Fare from Windsor is \$10 (U.S. funds) for adults and \$5 (U.S. funds) for children ages 5 through 11.

While they last, tickets for the Shakespearean Festival tour and the Michigan Railroad Club's railroad excursions can be purchased at the Grand Trunk Western's city ticket office, 131 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, Mich., phone Woodward 2-2260. Tickets for the latter trips may

Dan Burrell To Aid Torch Drive

Daniel A. Burrell, attorney, 24634 Five Mile Road, has been named 1964 Torch Drive community business chairman for the Westville-Livonia-Redford Township region.

His appointment was announced by Robert S. Olson, Torch Drive vice-chairman, Community Business, for the Western Wayne Unit. Olson is chairman of the board of the

Ford Motor Credit Co. Burrell will organize and direct a team of volunteers who will canvass business establishments in the region starting Sept. 25. They will solicit funds for the 1965 budgets of 204 health and community services.

Residential solicitation in the region is headed by Mrs. Annie Kroch, 11329 Rockland, Redford Township.

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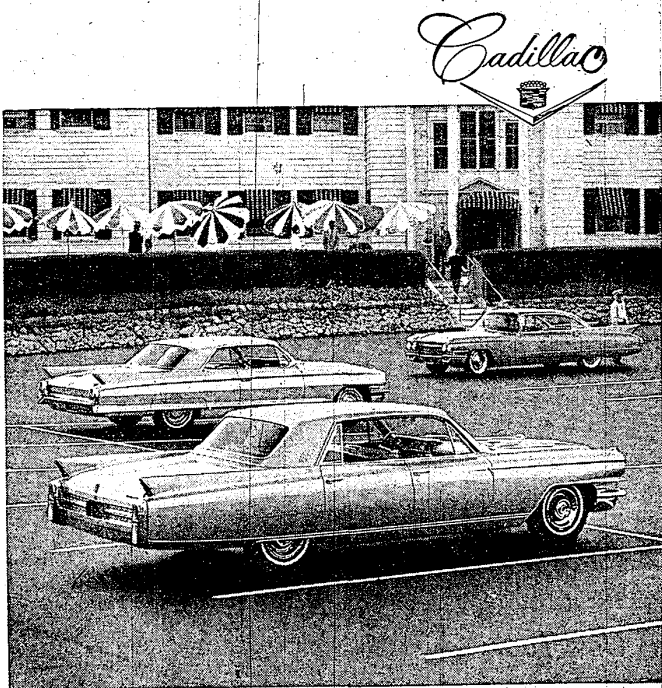
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