

# Nine Livonia Students Win Automotive Drafting Contest

Nine Livonia high students were among the 25 prize winners in the 11th annual Automotive Body Drafting Contest, sponsored by the Automotive Society of Body Engineers.

A total of 413 drawings were entered in this year's contest, from 54 Metropolitan Detroit area high schools, according to Milton A. Kraska, Ford Motor Co., Executive Engineer, and Chairman of the ASBE Drafting Contest Committee.

The 25 winners, along with their family representatives, and their drafting course instructors, were feted at the Awards Banquet at the Engineering Society of Detroit quarters in the Rackham Bldg. on Thursday.

B. W. Bogdan, Vice-President and Director of Engineering of Chrysler Corp., was the principal speaker at the evening on topic "The Challenge of the Future Engineer."

Rudolph Kramer Jr., president of the ASBE, was on hand to present the checks and awards to the winners.

Leon Glodowski, a senior of St. Catherine High, won first place prize of \$125, plus a traveling trophy for the school.

He lives at 19203 Pelkey, Detroit, 5, Mich.

The list of Livonia winners: Tom Houghton, 37750 Grantland, of Franklin High, won fifth place and a \$25 check.

Gary Krevinski, 32145 Joy Rd., Garden City of Franklin High, won eighth place and a \$25 check.

Doug Bergner, 3200 W. Six Mile Rd. of Franklin High, won 14th place and a set of instruments.

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CHECK FOR \$1,600 is turned over to Earl Demel, prominent Plymouth attorney and backer of Madonna College activities, by John Carlo (right), partner in the operation of the Thunderbird Inn and executive manager of Northville Downs. The check represented the proceeds of a benefit dinner-dance at the Thunderbird Inn for the Madonna College building fund. Demel served as master of ceremonies for the event to which Carlo and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Koblerzyk donated the facilities of the popular eating place.

## High Death Toll Cited In Yule Traffic Warning

With Michigan near the end of one of its worst years for traffic deaths, Commissioner Joseph A. Childs is appealing for all-out driver and pedestrian cooperation in good safety practices to help special State Police patrols hold down accidents over the 78-hour Christmas and New Year holiday weekends.

The 33 persons killed in the two 30-hour periods a year ago—17 at Christmas, 16 at New Year's—gave Michigan two of the highest hourly death rates for these holidays in recent years.

The Christmas rate of one death every hour and 48 minutes was topped only by that of 1955 when 59 were killed in 78 hours, an average of a fatality every one and a half hours.

The New Year rate of one death every hour and 52 minutes topped the previous high mark of 1950-51 when 36 were killed in 78 hours, an average of one death every two hours and 12 minutes.

Records show average tolls for the last five 78-hour holiday periods are 35 for Christmas and 18 for New Year's.

State Police patrols will be in effect on the Christmas weekend from noon Thursday, December 24, to midnight, Sunday, January 3.

## Wolfram to Retire From General Motors

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## Clarenceville Board Sets March 29 Date For Special Election

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Issues relating to both millage and bonding are being discussed by the Board for inclusion in this election. Resolutions as they will appear on the ballot are now being studied.

## PHS Calls Reunion of '64 Grads

The Guidance department of Plymouth High will hold an informal get-together for 1964 graduates attending college next Monday (Dec. 21) from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The purpose is to give graduates a chance to renew friendships with teachers and to tell of their progress as college freshmen.

Assistant Principal John Hoben reports almost 58 percent of the 1964 graduates are enrolled in four-year college programs at 31 colleges and universities in 12 states.

The informal meeting will give school personnel an opportunity to learn how the graduates are progressing and to help the administration learn how it might better the high school program for future graduates who will be enrolling in colleges.

Letters have been sent to all 1964 graduates attending college but if any has been missed, he or she is invited to attend and participate in the informal program.

## Auto Show Offers Special Arrangements For School Groups

Special arrangements have been made to accommodate school children visitors to the Detroit Auto Show, Jan. 9 through 12, at the Detroit Armory, West Eight Mile near Northland.

A reduced admission of 25 cents will be charged for children and teenagers through high school age between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, Jan. 11 through 15.

The regular admission to the show is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12 years of age.

Boyce Tope, show manager, said that arrangements also have been made for free parking of school buses carrying groups of school children. He added that the adult sponsor or teacher of any organized group of school children would be admitted without charge.

## General Motors Offers Movies to Groups

General Motors is now distributing the 24th edition of its catalog of motion picture films which the Corporation makes available free of charge for showings by schools, civic groups, churches, service clubs, youth groups and other organizations.

## Art Institute Receives Grant

The Kresge Foundation recently announced a grant of \$250,000 to the Detroit Institute of Arts building fund. Stanley S. Kresge's presentation of the grant to William M. Day, president of the Founders Society Detroit Institute of Arts, was made known at the museum's Trustees meeting Dec. 8.

In acknowledging the grant, Willis F. Woods, director of the museum, said the two main floor areas of the museum's south wing would be named Sebastian S. Kresge Hall and The Sebastian S. Kresge Special Exhibition Gallery. The south wing addition is scheduled for completion in December, 1965.

Sebastian S. Kresge, 97, is founder, trustee and treasurer of The Kresge Foundation. His son, Stanley S. Kresge, is president of the Foundation.

A previous grant of \$145,000 from the Kresge Foundation in 1959 made possible conversion of the museum's garden court on the ground level to the popular year-around Kresge Court Continental Cafe. The Kresge Foundation also underwrote research and publications of "Two Thousand Years of Textiles" by the late Adele Culin Welbel, curator of Textiles at The Detroit Institute of Arts.

## Franklin High Grad Completes Training With WAAF Unit

Airman Madde L. Filpen, of Garden City, a member of the Women in the Air Force, has completed her basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hollie G. Filpen, 32847 Comanche Drive, Garden City.

Airman Filpen is being assigned to Okla. AFB, Neb., for training and duty as a transportation specialist. The airman is a 1964 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia.



Contributions so far have come from 25,500 contributors, Miss Roby said. Christmas Seal Letters were sent to 700,000 homes in Wayne County.

## YMCA to Sell Yule Trees

The Annual YMCA Christmas Tree Sale begins this week with a goal of 10,000 trees to be sold for the benefit of underprivileged youngsters.

The sale will continue through December 24. The trees may be purchased at Fisher YMCA, 2051 West Grand Blvd., Detroit; Northwestern YMCA, 21755 West Seven Mile Road, Detroit; Northern YMCA, 13220 Woodward Ave., Highland Park; Birmingham YMCA, 400 E. Lincoln Ave., Birmingham; South Macomb YMCA, 15800 Ten Mile Road, East Detroit; South Oakland YMCA, 1016 West Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak; and Downriver YMCA, 3211 Fort Street, Wyandotte. Each tree bears a heart-shaper tag reading: "Buy a Tree With a Heart—Give a Youth a Good Start."

## Bentley Welcomes Alumni

Former students of Bentley High School may come between 1 and 2:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 23, for the Alumni Open House.

Representatives of the senior class will provide guided tours featuring the new sections for the alumni.

Students in charge are Pat Lorton (Chairman) and John Powers, who also are student advisors to the Alumni Association.

Many colleges begin their vacations at this time and this will enable many more alumni to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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