

NCA Consultant Has High Praise

Schoolcraft Gets an Early Christmas Present

Schoolcraft College officials received an early Christmas present and climbed a notch closer to the much desired accreditation of the North Central Association. Although realizing that it must graduate its first class before the NCA will act on accreditation, Schoolcraft officials are taking every step possible to secure it in a minimum of time. Dr. Harvey Davis, member of the executive board of the North Central Commission of Colleges and Universities and

a consultant on total institution for the NCA, approved Schoolcraft College as eligible to file for federal funds after a thorough inspection of the facilities and the curriculum. Dr. Davis, provost-emeritus of

the University of Iowa in Iowa City, was sent to Schoolcraft by the NCA to make the study and for a recommendation. After spending most of the day with President Dr. Eric Bradner and Business Manager

Kenneth Lindner, he called NCA headquarters in Chicago, recommending approval and urged an immediate notification of the Commissioner of Education in Washington. Schoolcraft had to receive

the approval and file applications with the Commissioner of Education before the end of the year in order to participate in federal funds. Dr. Davis indicated he had "found the objectives of the col-

lege sound and its purposes meeting the requirements of the NCA" in making his recommendations.

"Your staff is remarkably good," he told President Bradner after his phone call to Chicago. "I'm amazed that Schoolcraft could round up such a fine faculty in the comparatively short time it had."

"The Library is adequate and I understand will be expanded by several thousand volumes before another school year starts. The balance between day and night schools is excellent, the organization sound and the financing fine."

Dr. Davis told President Bradner that he thought the college had passed the first test in its move towards accreditation.

"If Schoolcraft continues to improve, and I'm sure it will, I feel that accreditation will be granted as soon as the college becomes eligible," he said.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Michigan Accreditation Association visited the campus Monday for a complete study of the college with the view of making recommendations towards state accreditation.



ANOTHER FIRST was written on the Schoolcraft College annals Thursday when the college choir, under the direction of Wayne Dunlap, presented the "First Nowell", a Christmas Nativity play, in the college library. Members of the choir are shown singing under the leadership of Dunlap. Members of the English faculty portrayed the parts of the Biblical characters.

36-CENT RAISE:

12-Week Strike Ends at Whitman Barnes Plant

Members of UAW Local 157 have voted overwhelmingly to accept terms of a new three-year contract with Whitman and Barnes Manufacturing Co., a Plymouth concern.

Approximately 300 workers employed by the firm, a subsidiary of United States Steel, had been on strike for 12 weeks, since October 1, when their old contract expired. They returned to work Monday morning.

UAW regional director Bard Young told The Observer that a 36-cent an hour package—spread over the next three years—served as the basis for agreement to end the strike.

"There will be a wage improvement of four cents an hour each of the next three years," he said, "as well as a six-cent-an-hour guaranteed cost of living raise. Pensions will be increased \$2.25 a month per year," he added, "and a fourth week of vacation for 25-year employees is provided for."

Said Young, "We believe the improvement we won will be good not only for our own members and families but for all

who live and work in or around Plymouth, for the organized and the unorganized and for our employer as well."

Young expressed strong praise for what he termed the "solidarity of the members—men and women—who manned the picket lines throughout the long strike and for the courage and determination which brought the strike to a successful conclusion."

Speak Your Piece!

(Each week, Observer reporters quiz local residents on questions of current interest. If you have a suggested question, let us hear it at 5200 Five Mile, Livonia.)

The new Jeffries Freeway and its impact on the area was the topic for this week's man-the-street interview. The question was, "Are you happy to



Mrs. Perrigo

see the proposal for the new Jeffries Freeway and what do you think its effect will be on the community?"

Following is what residents of Plymouth, Farmington, Livonia and Redford Township thought of the proposed superhighway which will link the area with downtown Detroit and the Ambassador Bridge. Jack Byrne of 697 Burroughs, Plymouth, said that the Freeway "will help everybody but the people who live nearby. I would like to be able to use more expressways as they lessen transportation time for traveling from one place to another."

Bill Patterson of 28439 Greenmeadow, Farmington, said: "It will be great. We need a freeway to get to downtown Detroit. It takes too long to get there on the side streets. Of course, I realized the freeway will be crowded."

Livonia resident Mrs. Robert Perrigo of 29449 Hathaway, Livonia, said that the Jeffries



Mr. Patterson

will "help provide more convenient service and transportation to the people of the area." Mrs. Cecilia Kut of 14395 Brady, Redford Township, is happy about the Freeway because as she said she is "getting tired of muddy roads." Mrs. Kut added that she had lived in the Township for 13 years and during the spring the roads were horrible.

School Recess Starts Today

School children in western Wayne County will start a week-long holiday today.

Students in the Livonia, South Redford, Redford Union, Clarencville, Farmington and Plymouth School Districts will officially begin their vacations after the end of classes today.

Most parochial schools in the area will also close for the Christmas recess after today's classes are over.

School will resume in all communities on Monday, January 4, giving students and teachers a total of 11 days away from the classrooms.

Livonian in Florida

Floyd Woodward, aviation machinist's mate third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Woodward of 37001 Ann Arbor Rd., Livonia, is serving with Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 30, based at the Naval Air Station, Key West, Fla.

Five Area Collegians Going to Rose Bowl

Five Redford Township, Livonia and Plymouth youths will journey to Pasadena New Year's Day for the annual Rose Bowl Game.

They're all members of the University of Michigan Marching Band and will play concerts before and after the parade and game as well as at half-time ceremonies.

The local band members are Ralph McIntyre, 9275 Louis, Redford Township, who plays the alto horn; Jack Horner, 18704 Rougeway, Livonia, clarinet; Charles Pollock, 30505 Hoy, Farmington, trombone; Steve Ron, Plymouth, trombone; and Leroy Lane, 46501 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, tuba.



YOUNGSTERS from all sections of the area are shown with their prizes as winners in the traditional Johnny Billington Clean Plate contest conducted by Manager Ralph Lorenz of the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth. The group includes: (from left) Terri McNutt, 16590 Lola Drive, Redford Township; Krys Draugelis, 1877 Carol, Plymouth; Raymond Kuczwara, 31645 Summers, Livonia; Stephen Ray, 3860 Napier Road, Plymouth; Jacqueline Gray, 43761 Doris Court, Northville; Steve Pituch, 17225 MacArthur, Redford Township; Johnnie Wolf, 3, of Ann, held by Lorenz, who won the \$100 savings bonds; and Timothy Tuohy, 16500 Murray Hill, Detroit.

Post Office Employees Get Three-Day Christmas Weekend

Most of the nation's 590,000 postal employees will get a three-day Christmas weekend off and at the same time the Federal Government will save an estimated \$3 to \$4 million, according to Postmaster General John Gronouski.

In a directive to all postmasters, Gronouski suspended normal mail deliveries on Saturday, Dec. 26. This will give an extra day off to most of these employees who normally work.

Ordinarily, these workers would have a compensatory day off the following week. By granting them relief from Dec. 26 shifts, the necessity to pay substitute employees to replace them on the compensatory day off is eliminated.

Gronouski said regular "holiday" schedules will be observed by all post offices on Dec. 26 with two-hour window service being provided for firms that normally call for their mail.

With this exception, no other

post office window services will be provided. Post office lobbies also will be open on a "holiday" schedule.

All mail deposited in lobbies and collection boxes will be picked up on a "holiday" collection schedule and dispatched as usual.

In case there is an unusual Saturday service.

heavy backlog of mail on Dec. 24 in any post office, the Regional Director may make exceptions and permit normal Saturday service.

Council Discusses Parking

Three property owners on Plymouth Road between Blackburn and Ingram in Rosedale Gardens told the Livonia City Council Monday night that there is a parking problem in the area.

However they contended that the proposed method of tax assessment is inequitable. The Councilmen present agreed with them that the assessment proposal should be re-examined.

The three are: Dr. O. L. Brooker, Dr. George Timpona and Dr. George Marston. All three own office buildings in the block and all three stated that they complied with the city parking regulations when their buildings were constructed.

All three agreed that a parking problem exists. The problem comes from three sources. The Prudential Building on Plymouth Road just east of Ingram; the dry-cleaning—Detroit News carrier station building; just west of the Brooker Professional Building; and the restaurant, grocery store — beauty shop combination of buildings just west of Blackburn.

Since the open hearing had been called by the city to determine whether or not there is a need for a municipal parking lot in the block the meeting adjourned on the note that perhaps the property owners in the area could work out an equitable method of assessment for payment for the lot.

Destination: East

Seaman Charles W. Green, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Green, of 28525 Broadmoore, Livonia, is participating in a convoy training operation called "Fast Express" while serving aboard the attack transport USS Henrico, enroute to the Far East.



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