

Police Chiefs Rap Driver License Setup

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Members of the Southeastern Michigan Police Chiefs Association are against the action of the Secretary of State office in setting up central stations for the issuance of driver licenses under the new code which makes it mandatory that a picture be taken of each applicant to be attached to the permit.

Livonia Police Chief James Jordan reports the Association took action in a recent meeting requesting that the issuance of all driver licenses be turned over to the Secretary of State at offices to be set up by that department and all responsibilities be removed from police and sheriff departments.

"The plans set up by the state will limit the issuance of licenses to one central office, in our case it would be Livonia to take care of an area that would include Livonia, Redford Township, Plymouth, Nankin Township,

Garden City and Northville," he said.

"In the police chiefs association feel this will work a tremendous hardship on automobile owners in all parts of the state. The new station driver can go into the closest police station or office of the sheriff's department and apply for a license or for a re-issuance.

"This means that he can go to the most convenient place, maybe within a few blocks of his home or en route home from work and fill out the necessary papers and take the examination.

"But under the new rule, he would have to go all the way to the Livonia Police Department where he would have his picture taken and he would have to go there at times when the license bureau was open. This may force him to take a day off work since the bureau rarely is open in the evenings and

then he would have to wait in line for the snapping of the picture."

Jordan reiterated that he isn't against the new system on the basis of costs to Livonia, since the costs for the clerical staff and men required for the work is borne by the allowance from the fees, but he feels it will work a hardship for many, especially those who reside in

communities several miles from the Livonia center.

"Moreover, the Chiefs Association has a strong feeling against giving up so much space in a station for the license bureau. The new equipment will almost double the space needed and even though we have a new station in Livonia, we'll be hurting for space within a short time," he stated.

Jordan pointed out that Livonia issued more than 30,000 licenses during the past year and the new duties will boost that figure to astronomical totals, requiring additional help and involving considerable more expense.

Livonia hasn't yet received official word that it will be the issuing station for the area but officials from the Secretary of State's office have made several inspection trips to the station in recent weeks and the announcement is expected most any time.

It is known that Redford Township and Plymouth have been told that their facilities won't do — and that brings only one conclusion — Livonia will get the nod and will have the task of issuing licenses for the entire area.

once the Legislature decides the matter of whether the pictures should be in color or black and white. The announcement is expected

To Livonia Lions

Hudson Tells Lions Story of Schoolcraft

Sam Hudson, advertising and public relations director for Evans Products Co., feels he has more than a mile of interest in the at-large Trustee post at Schoolcraft College that will be up for choice of the voters at the June 14 election.

He told members of the Livonia Lions Club why he feels he should be retained in the at-large post. He was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Charles Kirkpatrick and is seeking election for the first time.

Hudson's first association with Schoolcraft College was back in 1960 when he was a member of the original Citizens Committee set up by the Board of Education in several communities in Northwest Wayne County to explore possibilities of forming a community college in the area. He was a member of the Educational Needs and Program Committee.

He had a part in the publishing of a 137-page report that analyzed needs and indicated the importance of proceeding without delay.

Hudson, who has long been a leader in community and civic activities in the Plymouth community, has supported the community college ever since, he told the Lions.

He traced the development of the college from the time Dr. Eric Bradner was appointed coordinator in March, 1961, to the opening of building for classes for the first time last fall.

The Lions were told how the college library has been built up to 18,000 volumes and has shelves for 40,000 which it expects to have within a reasonable length of time.

He told of the recent sale of bonds for the construction of a Technical Center and a Campus Center building and emphasized that the college received accreditation from the Michigan Commission on College Accreditation only seven months after opening.

Hudson explained that the college operates on a budget of approximately \$1.3 million of which a third comes from local taxes (one mill voted by

the electorate), a third from state aid and a third from tuition.

The state equalized valuation of taxable property in the five communities in the college district is \$600 million which nets \$600,000 annually. Of this amount, a half is set aside for debt retirement and the other half for operating expenses.

The college is governed by an eight-man Board of Trustees, each elected for six-year terms. The Board is made up of one representative from each district plus three at-large delegates.

Hudson told the Lions of the future growth of the college as he sees it as an at-large member of the Board.

He stressed continuation of the two-year concept to make education available for those who can't afford to go to a four-year college or who can't gain entrance.

He forecast completion of the master building plan in five years or less. The campus now has five buildings and in the future plans are the Technical Center and Campus Center buildings in 1966; additional classrooms and a gym and swimming pool by 1967, and then a Fine Arts and Business Administration building in the not too distant future.

"We feel the present enrollment of 2,000 will grow to as many as 6,000 by 1970," he said, "at which time the college may have to look for additional land in the area."

Hudson feels the college will receive accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges within another year. "That will definitely be a tribute to the fine work of the administration in setting up the curriculum and in securing a faculty that has won praise from the NCA already even though the Association is just now making the necessary checks and studies to determine whether Schoolcraft is ready for accreditation," he pointed out.

In closing, Hudson urged all to get out and vote on June 14 for the important Schoolcraft College and the various Board of Education posts.

State Police Opens Citizen's Radio Band

The State Police Friday started an experimental citizen's band radio operation to help handle motorist emergency calls in 16 counties in east central lower Michigan.

Equipment for the program has been installed in the seven posts in the third State Police district. The posts are Bay City, East Tawas, East Ayr, Sandusky, Flint, West Branch and Bridgeport.

The counties served by the posts are Arenac, Alcona, Bay, Genesee, Gladwin, Huron, Iosco, Lapeer, Midland, Ogemaw, Oshtemo, Roscommon, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee and Tuscola.

Citizen band voice radio is an amateur operation licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. It is used by some individuals as a hobby, by others in civil defense, for business and similar activities. It has both mobile and stationary transmitters.

State Police citizen's band equipment will operate on channel 17 and communications with a post should be only for emergencies.

These would include accidents, traveler illness, drunk driving incidents, and other situations where life and property may be endangered and police assistance is needed. CB operators who observe such emergencies will notify the posts which can be contacted through the call letters of K2NM-1902.

The east central section of lower Michigan was chosen as the area best suited for establishing citizen's band service to motorists. The third district posts serve areas which are not only economically different — metropolitan, rural, industrial and resort — but also have different highway types which include: expressways, other trunklines and county roads.

Suburban Teachers Plan Resource Course

Teachers from nine suburban areas have already signed up for the Community Resource Workshop which will be offered this summer at Franklin High School.

According to workshop director Corlan D. Boef, teachers from Livonia, Redford Union, Garden City, Northville, Taylor, South Redford, Farmington, Dearborn Heights, and Oak Park will work on special projects concerning the business, cultural, industrial, governmental bases of their communities.

The course, which is co-sponsored by Michigan State University, is available to any teacher residing or working in the metropolitan area. Further information can be had by phoning or writing Bovee at GL 2-1200, Ext. 311 or 312 at the Lincoln School, 15745 Ashhurst, in Livonia.

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