

At Gas Station Clinic

Rex Shipley, son of Tom Shipley, who operates a service station at 18283 Schoolcraft, has been attending a dealer training clinic in Detroit. Shipley lives at 17101 Dolores in Livonia.

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Season's Greetings

JUST CHATTIN'

W. W. Edgar discusses the issue of police-fire consolidation . . . or how you can't chase bandits in rubber boots.

By W. W. EDGAR

Which plays the more important role in the welfare of a community — the fire department or the police department? Should one group be in a higher salary bracket than the other?

Would it be feasible to consolidate the departments and have the members play dual roles of firemen and guardians of the law?

These questions have been bandied about in the suburban communities for sometime and only recently have they become a debatable question in Livonia.

Never one to allow a question be asked without attempting to elicit a suitable answer I called on a friend in the bowling business who had spent several years as a member of the police department in Oak Park, one of our neighboring communities.

"Case," I asked, "in your honest opinion, should a police officer outrank a fireman, and do you think a man should be asked to serve both as a fireman and policeman?"

"Why do you think I am in the bowling business?" he countered.

"We had the dual role system when I was on the police force," he explained, "and I had, I think, honestly, that such a system can be dangerous—and I'll tell you why."

"One afternoon we were performing our duties as police officers at the scene of an auto wreck. There was the matter of getting the facts—all the facts at stake. Webb used to say, 'We were talking with the victims and attempting to get witnesses, for there is no telling what the aftermath of any accident may be. Fortunately, we didn't have to call for an ambulance.'"

Here his face seemed to pale at the mere memory of the afternoon.

"You can imagine our surprise," he continued, "when we got back to our scout car only to learn that we were being called to a fire."

"By the time I changed my clothes—yes, we carried the rubber boots, fireman's hat and the big rubber coat in the trunk of the car—and got to the scene of the fire it was too late. The place had virtually burned down."

"That proved to me that one man can't play two roles so important as a policeman and a fireman."

"Oh, perhaps in a small, compact community it might work, but not in any of our sprawling suburban communities."

Taking time out to let his opinion take hold, he continued, "Most everyday I went to work I lived in fear—fear that I would have to choose between a fire and a bank robbery. Frankly, I don't know what I would have done."

Here he smiled a bit and asked:

"What would you do in a case like that?"

"No," he said, "you can't do both jobs. Both policemen and firemen are specially trained in their work. They are supposed to be experts. Each one has to be the expert of a community in his own way."

"Because of this no distinction should be made. One group shouldn't be in a higher salary bracket than the other. And each group should be respected for what they are."

"When you try to mix them and have them attempt both roles you'll wind up with low morale and nothing can be worse in any department, I know, I've gone through it."

That seemed to answer the questions, but my friend, the former policeman who ex-

changed his badge for the roar of the tumbling flames, had a warning for those who would ever think of combining the two departments.

"When you have only one department," he pointed out in all seriousness, "and you ask the men to be both firemen and policemen, you are not only asking for trouble, you are advertising for it."

"It would be the easiest thing in the world for a group of bank robbers to start a series of fires in a remote part of the city, attract most of the men and the fire equipment, and then have clear sailing at the bank."

"Why, I remember one afternoon when we had a series of fires in Oak Park and there was only one police officer left on duty to guard the entire city."

Then, with a trickle of a smile on his face he asked:

"How much chance would a fellow have of catching a burglar if he had to chase him while wearing big rubber boots, a heavy rubber coat and a fireman's hat?"

Need any more be said?

Three Madonna Graduates Teach as Volunteers

Three Madonna graduates, Valerie Gnielick, Janet Henry and Ruth Prazalski, Lay Extension volunteers, have become acquainted to their new work. Their letters to faculty and students keep the campus informed of their work and the challenges it provides.

Valerie, now in her second year with the Lay Extension, is teaching in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Her term schedule includes three algebra classes and one geometry class. She lives in a home with three other volunteers. Their major project at the moment is painting over their 'dizzy' wallpaper, seeding a new lawn, and repairing the eight broken hammers on their recently purchased piano.

Janet and Ruth are beginner Lay Extension volunteers. Janet lives in Amarillo, Texas where she teaches a 2nd grade combination at St. Hyacinth School, conducted exclusively by lay personnel. Commenting on her new experience, Janet says, "I'm getting along fine. The work is challenging and all the parishioners are very friendly and willing to help."

Ruth teaches at St. Joseph school in Rowena, Texas. "The school has 71 students and maintains a faculty of one sister, Marie, my co-worker, and me," writes Ruth. "The school is small, but my students tell me, 'Lady, Texas is the world.'"

All three young ladies agree on one point: "People all over the country need people to care."

Eleven in Area Pass Bar Exam

Eleven residents of Livonia, Garden City, Farmington and Plymouth were among 302 applicants who passed the August, 1965, Michigan Bar examination. The list, released Sunday by the state bar association, showed these local attorneys on the list:

Arthur J. Turnow of Farmington; George F. Borget, Ronald C. Wilson, Donald C. Morgan and Giles A. Wamamaker Jr. of Garden City; Louis P. Cecchini, Richard L. Romano, Seymour Beliner, and Richard T. Coe of Livonia; and Abdeen M. Jabara and Glenn S. Arendsen of Plymouth.

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THANKS ARE GIVEN TO John Carlo, co-owner of the Thunderbird Inn, for sponsoring the annual benefit and dinner dance for Madonna College. That's Sister M. Dushka expressing the appreciation of the college and faculty. Carlo and Arthur Kobierzynski, co-owner, turned all of the proceeds into the fund and gave the college a check for \$1,831.50.

Nankin Park Scouts Hold Honor Court

Boy Scout Troop No. 383 at Nankin Park, Methodist Church in Farmington held its first court of honor Dec. 14.

The troop flag was presented to Scoutmaster George Fletcher by Rev. Morch and Manning Sanders. Ed Gout and Fred Monroy presented the group's charter from the Scout headquarters.

Robert Ewens, former scoutmaster, received a special plaque and gift. Following this Mr. Ewens presented troop rank badges to:

Craig Walsh, junior assistant scoutmaster; Frank Denmore; Richard McClure, and Frank Macielak, senior patrol leaders; Donald Mills, troop scribe; Johnny Kerasz, quartermaster; Robert Mason, librarian; Richard Zahler, Stephen Nash, huggers; and to nine assistant patrol leaders.

Boys receiving service pins were: Bill Atwell, Gregg Fritts, Philip Deats, Frank Denmore, James Eckel, Frank Macielak, Richard McClure, Eric Walter, Frank Macielak, Sr., Bob Ewens, Sr., Tom Young, Sr., Lindsay Chalmers, Sr., Craig Walsh, Michael Wypisniski, Robert Ewens, and Bruce Longfield.

Service pins were awarded to 21 boys and leaders.

Tenderfoot awards went to: Robert Ernest, Charles McDaniel, Ernest Fountain, Bill

Compensation Costs Rising

The effect of the amended Workman's Compensation Act has just been felt by the financial department of the Garden City Schools.

The Workman's Compensation Act was revised last June to expand benefits to individuals not previously covered.

As a result, the School District received a bill this month of \$8,000 from the McFarlane Agency for compensation insurance. The bill represented an increase of 43.4 per cent.

Ray T. Harris advised the Board to wait until the audit before paying the bill, adding that the increased premium must be met. The Board accepted Harris' recommendation and deferred payment until the audit rather than making a transfer from the contingency fund.

Three Teachers Hired By Board

Three teachers have been approved by the Board of Education and will join the Garden City School District at the end of next month.

They are replacements for two teachers who have submitted resignations and for another who will take a leave of absence.

Melvin Menard, second grade teacher at Marquette, will take a leave of absence for personal reasons at the end of the present semester. Gwendolyn Rains, kindergarten teacher at Memorial, will resign at the end of the semester and Dorothy Paul, Farmington fourth-grade teacher, will retire in June.

Carolyn Bont, has been assigned to teach in the elementary grades. Donna Brucka, will teach math at East High School and Margaret Hall will teach English and social studies at Vogel Junior High School.

Granted extra pay for athletic assignments by the Board are: Robert Dripp, head baseball coach at West High; Maurice Paupore, assistant baseball coach at West; Jeffrey Qualls, assistant swimming coach at West; Dean Shipman, assistant wrestling coach at West and Edward DiMarchi, track coach at Burger Junior High.

Beatty Confident Of Accreditation

Garden City Board members were told last week that the outlook remains very bright of West Senior High being granted accreditation in March.

Donald Beatty, West Principal, and Mrs. Dionne Turshnik gave a report to the Board on the visitation to West High by the North Central Accreditation Association on Dec. 7.

North Central officials toured

West High. They were served a luncheon by the boys home economics class and were impressed by the meal and the building, reported Mrs. Turshnik.

"I can see no problem with accreditation at this time," said Mrs. Turshnik. "The committee seemed to be very impressed."

Beatty added that the feedback he has received so far has been favorable on accreditation.

Beatty will not know if accreditation will be granted until the North Central Association holds its annual convention in Chicago on March 28, 29 and 30.

Mrs. Turshnik, chairman of the steering committee in charge of the visitation, will attend the Chicago convention as representative from West High to hear the formal announcement.

Investigating officers learned that the money had been placed in the safe overnight for deposit in the Bank of Livonia Monday morning—but when church officials opened the building Monday morning they discovered the safe open and the cash gone.

Thieves Take \$1,100 from St. Andrew's

Livonia Police are seeking robbers who forced the door in the educational building of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia, moved into the office and then looted a small safe of the \$1,100 taken in at the collections on Sunday.

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School Hires 14 Teachers

Thirteen new teachers have been hired by the Livonia Public Schools who will be starting their teaching careers here in the district which covers the City of Livonia and a portion of northern Nankin Township.

A 14th teacher, employed last week by the school board, is Mrs. Lucile Cortright of Oak Park, holder of a master degree who has had seven years of teaching experience.

Their assignments are as follows:

Miss Jeannine Ewing of Detroit, Marshall School; Miss Adele Fishion of Detroit, Wilson; Mrs. Sandra Gais of Ypsilanti, Whittier; Miss Carol Hughes of Detroit, Marshall; Mrs. Roberta Kall of Plymouth, Monroe.

David K. Michael of Saginaw, secondary; James U. Ordway of Ypsilanti, elementary; Miss Lorraine Saginaw of Southfield, secondary; and Richard L. Silver of Dearborn, secondary.

Miss Ingrid K. Blom of Ann Arbor, Hayes; Robert J. Norris of Battle Creek, Bentley; Miss MacLennan of Livonia, Bentley; and Mrs. Mildred Walker of Livonia, Johnson.

Resignations for family reasons were granted to Mrs. Gail Altard, Wilson, and Mrs. Barbara Stryk, Marshall. A leave of absence was given to Mrs. Mildred Youmans, Johnson.

All become effective the first week in January.

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