

Epidemic Spurs Legislative TB Prevention Action

Seek Tighter Nursery, Public School Health Policy

Sixteen children contracting tuberculosis at the Hansel & Gretel nursery school in Garden City was unfortunate and heartbreaking news for parents but some good has resulted.

Hundreds of area children have been taken by parents to the Wayne County Health Department for TB tests. The public is more conscious of tuberculosis and the fright engendered by the Garden City epidemic might prevent many infants from contracting the disease.

This arousing of public sentiment towards the danger of TB makes it easier for health officials throughout the state and across the nation to expedite their control program to curb TB.

Stories of the epidemic in Garden City have gone over national wire services and have been published in papers as far west as California. All across America a public awareness of the dangers of TB is being felt.

Good has also reached the Maybury Sanatorium in Northville where the afflicted children from the nursery are being treated. A number of television sets has been donated by concerned citizens and service groups to make it easier to entertain the children committed for treatment.

Garden City councilmen voted Monday for an audit of funds the City allocates to the Wayne County Board of Health to determine how much and for what the money is being spent.

Prompting the move was Mayor Edwin Freeh, Jr.'s feeling that Garden City should have been informed of the outbreak by County health officials.

After passing the resolution for the audit, the Council then authorized the City Attorney to draw up a resolution creating City Health officials instead of leaving matters to the County.

It was felt a health official would better centralize responsibility and result in more care for local citizens.

Another outgrowth of the epidemic was passage by the House of Representatives of a bill

creating an investigating committee to check for loopholes in policies governing the health status of nursery and public schools.

Rep. James Tierney (D-Garden City) introduced the resolution with hopes of preventing such an epidemic from occurring in the future in nursery or public schools.

Jack McDonald, chairman of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, also made recommendations to prevent recurrence of another epidemic after meeting with members of the Wayne County Department of Health.

Gov. George Romney has urged legislation to plug gaps in State controls against tuberculosis.

Romney recommended mandatory state TB tests for persons in close contact with the public and mandatory state requirements for TB tests to be given to pre-schoolers attending private schools open to the public.

Hints of a possible epidemic reached County health officials when two children were discovered to have contracted TB from the same source, the Hansel & Gretel nursery in Garden City.

County health officials examined 44 children from the nursery and private physicians checked another 12.

Twelve children were found to have TB after taking skin-patch tests bringing the total to 14 from the same source.

An employee gave a skin-test on Jan. 6 found she had TB, resigned on Jan. 13 and later was hospitalized for treatment.

Irate parents contacted papers about the epidemic and complained about not receiving enough information from health officials involved.

McDonald blasted the Health Department for "bungling" the incident but afterwards exonerated the department's handling of the epidemic.

Another employee and four more children were found to have TB.

Mayor Freeh criticized County health officials for not informing the City of the epidemic and questioned why McDonald changed his views overnight.

While other clashes are being heard, health officials apparently have the outbreak under control.

Dr. John Hanlon, director of the County Health Department, has urged that the nursery remain open.

Evans Slates Expansion

Evans Products Co., which has announced expansion plans of more than \$3 million in less than two years, Monday made known its plans to erect a new Administration Building to meet the expanding needs of the Transportation Equipment Group.

James J. Conway, executive vice president in charge of the Transportation Equipment Group in Plymouth, said plans will be broken early in February for the new office building on the company's property on Plymouth Road.

The building, scheduled for completion about July 1, will occupy 2,000 square feet. The one-story steel and masonry structure of modern design will face Plymouth Road.

It will contain the Transportation Equipment Group's headquarters offices as well as offices of the administrative and engineering personnel of Evans' Railway Car Division.

Conway said the new building is needed because of continuing growth in the transportation equipment part of the company's operations. Evans has long been the nation's leading designer and manufacturer designed to prevent damage to railroad freight cars and loading.

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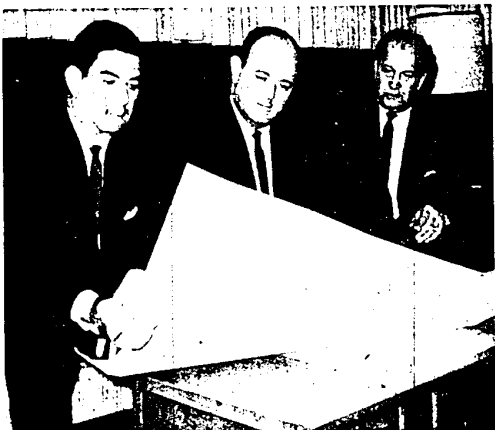
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STUDYING PLANS for the new 22,000 square foot Administration building at the Plymouth plant of Evans Products Co. are (from left) Transportation Equipment Group James Conway, R. F. Tighe, assistant to the vice president and general manager of the Transportation Equipment division; Executive Vice President of the plant of Evans Products Co. (center) and General Manager G. H. Deska.

4 Drivers Fined For Drag Racing

Heavy-footed drivers have found excessive speed is frowned upon in Redford Township where last week eight motorists paid fines ranging from \$75 to \$115. All appeared before Justice James L. Ryan.

Drag racing cost four of the drivers \$100 each in fines plus costs of \$15.

Gary L. Wingate, 18, of 28465 Barton St., Garden City pleaded guilty to the charge of drag racing Nov. 25 in the Telegraph-Schoolcraft area.

Ronald E. O'Connor, 18, of 33490 Hathaway, Livonia, pleaded innocent to drag racing Dec. 31 on Telegraph Rd. In addition to the fine, he was ordered not to drive for six months.

Two more teenage drivers, arrested for drag racing at high speeds in excess of 95 miles per hour Dec. 26, also on Telegraph Road, who pleaded guilty, are:

Joyce M. Toth, 18, of 15480 Littlefield, Detroit, and Kurt J. Schumacher, 17, of 28531 West-erleigh, Farmington.

Reckless driving convictions cost three of the drivers fines of at least \$60 each plus \$15 in costs.

Samuel L. Mitchell, 23, of 16933 Hamilton, Highland Park, pleaded innocent but was fined \$85 plus \$15 in costs.

Jacqueline M. Delano, 22, of 12077 Kentfield denied a charge of drunk driving but pleaded guilty to reckless driving. She was fined \$60 and costs.

James L. Kirby, 53, of 8630 Patton, Detroit, also denied driving while drunk but pleaded guilty to reckless driving. He paid \$60 for his fine and \$15 for costs.

Another drag racing charge was reduced to that of speeding 70 miles per hour in a 40-mph zone for:

Robert J. Monahan, 2975 Warwick, Detroit, who pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$60 and \$15 in costs.

Steve Corker, director of University, will come from Kansas City to present the charter during a rehearsal of the musicians.

Six area students are among the 55 in the group. They include: Cornelia Delaney of Plymouth, Pam Hattom and Judy Shirley of Livonia, Margaret Becker and Larry Wood of Northville and Judy Grandlund of Walled Lake.

Lester McCoy has trained musicians and taken them on world concert tours for several years. As musical director of Musical Youth International, he has auditioned boys and girls from schools throughout southern Michigan, northern Ohio and adjacent areas in the United States and Canada.

This year's group will tour Europe from June 22 to July 27. Last year's musicians made a tour of Mexico.

dent and friendly relations with the editor and publisher. He plans a career in newspaper work after graduation next June. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carter, 25002 Elinore, Redford Township.

Jim is married and he and his wife, Barbara, are the parents of two sons, Mark, 4, and David, one.

He was graduated from Royal Oak High School, received a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from Michigan State University and is working on a Master's degree.

Carter, who is majoring in Journalism at WSU, is working with The Observer part-time in connection with his college studies.

The Journalism Department of Wayne State places seniors in community newspapers with consideration given to the quality of the newspaper, its proximity to the sta-

tion, general manager, advertising manager and plant superintendent at various communities.

He also was with the Wyan-dotte News-Herald in advertising and was a job printing salesman for Wellman Press in Lansing.

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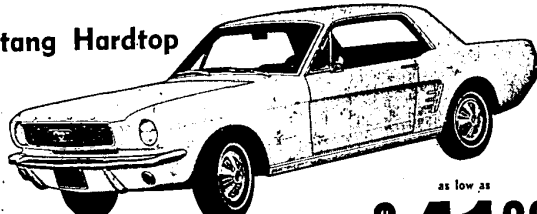
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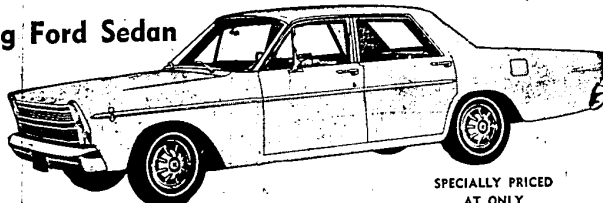
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A VALENTINE BOX rests on the play table at the Hansel and Gretel nursery in Garden City for cards to be exchanged by the children attending on Feb. 14. On the bulletin board is a handcraft displayed which was done by the children and a chalk board with a child's primary attempts to spell cat.



TOYS NEATLY STACKED in a cupboard while children are dancing in a nearby room exemplify the aura of normalcy at the Hansel and Gretel nursery school in Garden City. Outside, the nursery has become a center of controversy but one wouldn't know it by visiting and hearing the children laugh and play as usual.

Meet Your Carrier Boy

Bob Zeeb, 14, of 14364 Brady, Redford Township, is one of three brothers who are carrier boys for the Redford Observer.

Bob, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zeeb, has been delivering Observers on Sarasota and Brady for the past three years.

He is in the ninth grade at Marshall Junior High where he is an A student.

His favorite subjects are: math, biology, history and drafting.

Bob has ambitions of going on to college after graduation from Thurston High.

He is much interested in sports, especially in swimming where his brother excels as a member of the Thurston varsity.

Bob's hobbies are trumpet playing, swimming and model cars. He is a member of the school swim team and band.

Interested in church work and is a member of the honor society.

and also works as a copy boy for one of the metropolitan dailies.

Miller comes to The Observer from the Plymouth Mail, where he was advertising manager.

Prior to that he was with the Livingston County Press as editor.

The Group already is the largest now in the state and the latest move is just one of many Publisher and Owner Philip Power plans to produce a bigger and better Observer Newspaper for your community.

James Miller, 36, a native of Royal Oak, with years of experience in the metropolitan, daily and weekly field, joins the staff as a salesman in the display advertising department.

Lou Carter, of Redford Township, has been added to the editorial staff as a co-operative trainee from Wayne State University. He is a senior at WSU

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