

# Michigan Cuts Penny From Aid for School Lunches

More school children eating lunches in Michigan have caused a reduction of one cent per lunch in federal assistance, cutting an amount of four cents per meal back to three; the state's grant has to be stretched further.

Some of the districts have come up with preliminary estimates of what effects this will have on their food budgets, but there is still some uncertainty as to what the future will hold. Most of the districts in the area covered by The Observer Newspapers indicated they wouldn't be troubled as much this year but may be next.

ader for the Livonia School District (which includes Livonia and north Nankin Township) moaned about the financial woes of the district being burdened by the cutback.

He said surplus commodity

supplies have also been slashed. "We have had a big drop in the protein supplies; especially meat and cheese," he said. "Butter, too, is harder to acquire."

He estimated the cost to Livonia for the rest of the school

year could amount to a figure between \$20,000 and \$40,000. "We have tried to keep quality meals," he noted, "but this might be the straw to break the camel's back. Our cafeterias are self-supporting except for space and utilities costs."

School lunch room managers in Oakland County have most of the food cost worries of the average mother, plus one more: their budget for the rest of the school year will be \$56,000 less than planned.

Vera Johnson, food service coordinator for Oakland Schools said loss of the penny must be multiplied by the five to six million lunches that will be served in 28 Oakland County districts before school is out.

Livonia's share of the \$138,590,000 Federal school lunch appropriation is \$3,064,010 this year. A pay-out formula to encourage participation in school lunch programs has been remarkably successful.

In the state some 83 million lunches will be served this year, a total of more than eight million over last year.

"More lunches will simply have to come out of the same amount of money," Miss Johnson explained. Sharply rising food and labor costs add to the problem.

In Farmington where grade school students pay 30 cents for lunch and milk and the secondary pupils pay 35 cents, James M. Reed, assistant superintendent, has this to say:

"The school lunch program is self-supporting to the extent that it does not require funds from the regular operating budget. As of last summer, our Board of Education expected to keep lunch prices at the present level and the school year.

This may change now, but the cut in government reimbursement will not necessitate an immediate change in the cafeteria budget.

Mrs. Ella Plichta, cafeteria supervisor for the Farmington Schools, said the district served 27,605 student lunches during the first three weeks of December for which the district received a federal reimbursement of \$7,324.

The reduction of state reimbursement is not expected to affect the price of lunches or quality of food served in either the Nankin Mills or Garden City School Districts.

Robert Duhan, administrative assistant of Garden City Schools, reported a price increase will not be necessary this year but if the trend continues and the rate drops any more a raise in price might have to be considered.

Duhan explained that the one cent drop won't effect prices charged for lunches because a slight surplus has built up in the lunch account to carry over for the rest of the year.

Last year Garden City received \$200,000 from the federal lunch program which is doled out by the state. The district received from special milk subsidies a total of \$12,562 and paid a total of \$12,562 from prices paid for lunches by students and teachers.

Lunch prices will not be raised in Nankin Mills unless a further drop in reimbursement is made. The Nankin Mills lunchroom account also has a small surplus which will make up for the loss.

The surplus is used as a depreciation fund to replace and repair cafeteria equipment so

the Board of Education will not have to appropriate funds for replacement. Nankin Mills experiences a surplus for each school of about

\$1,000 a year on lunches. The district has operated its lunch program in the black since 1959. About 14,000 lunches were served in January to Nankin Mills students. The district receives about \$1,000 a month from the state and about \$3,000 a month revenue from the sale of lunches.

Plymouth's assistant superintendent, Melvin Blunk, has hopes the cut may be reversed before the end of the school year.

He said his district expects to serve 188,340 lunches in the first five months of this year and the cut would cost \$1,883.

"We will not have to increase lunch prices this year," he said. "However, we may have to in the future."

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MICHIGAN'S JUNIOR MISS Bonnie Britton says goodbye to her mother Mrs. George Britton, year-old senior competes next month in Atlanta, Ga., for the title of National Junior Miss. Subdivision of Farmington Township, for class

## Bonnie Fits Requirements For 'Junior Miss of U.S.A.'

Teenagers can be refreshing—especially when one has passed that stage of so distant days. Maybe that statement should be revised to read—Teenagers can be refreshing—sometimes. For all the parents coping with Teenagers in a day to day situation—they are not always refreshing. In fact, very often, they are simply frustrating.

That's true of Michigan's Junior Miss Bonnie Britton of Farmington Township. That's because she is a normal, healthy, fun loving 17-year-old. She is also refreshing to talk to.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Britton of 34234 Northwick in the Briar Hill Subdivision in Farmington Township, Bonnie was named Farmington's Junior Miss in November and carried away the state title—she's 20 other aspirants earlier this month in Pontiac.

Next month she will travel to Atlanta, Ga., to compete for the national title with contestants from all of the 50 states.

Sponsors of the local contest—the Jaycees—and the state and national pageants seek a normal teenage girl each year to represent America's teens. They don't want the grind or bookworm; they don't want the goof-off; and they don't want a one sided person.

They want a well-balanced, healthy individual who is interesting to be around and is interested in the people around them.

Farmington's representative should have a good chance for the title. She fits the bill exactly. "She's so grind—I very often put my homework off until later in the evening" instead of doing it as soon as she gets home from school. She sleeps "real late" in the morning and then "rushes like mad" to make it to North Farmington High School in time for her first class at 7:45 a.m. She walks to and from school "sometimes in the spring, but mostly I get a ride with one of my friends or

from my mother when she feels especially nice." She also dates—no one special, but "a couple of guys." She goes to the high school basketball games, the movies, school dances and the legitimate theatre.

Up until a short time ago she also had a job after school. She worked as a counter girl at the Westbank Cleaners near her home. That activity, she was forced to drop, however, when her schedule became too hectic after winning the state title.

She runs—not walk down the stairs of her home. She loves shoes—but usually goes barefoot. She dislikes hats as they are "too formal." She loves the color yellow because "it is one of my most flattering colors and reminds me of sunshine and makes me feel happy when I wear it."

She also takes school—English (a college level course) being her favorite course with an American Government Seminar running a close second.

She is active in the Farmington Players and has a part in the current production of "George Washington Slept Here."

She is looking forward to attending the University of Michigan next year and majoring in dramatic arts. She hopes to act after college.

She also says that she will "look over" the sororities on the campus before deciding whether or not to pledge. Her mother adds—"and they will be looking over you" (to this comment.)

She spent last summer in Brazil under a student exchange program and also wants to study Portuguese at U. of M. She is obviously excited when she talks about her forthcoming trip to Atlanta and the national pageant and all the shopping she has to do in preparation.

See she's normal. Needless to say her parents and her brother, Jon, 16, and sister, Sari, 9, are also excited. They're normal too.

## WOMAN KILLED

### Man Stands Mute To Fleeing Scene

Alleged hit-run driver Joseph P. Handzlik, 21, stood mute Monday when arraigned in Redford Township on charges of leaving the scene of a fatal accident and was released on \$5,000 personal bond.

## Schoolcraft Concert Set For Feb. 23

Schoolcraft College's Music Department will present the second of a series of Library Concerts on Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. in the Forum Building. Wayne Dunlap, head of the department, indicated the concert originally was scheduled for Feb. 17 but had to be changed due to a previous engagement by the principal performer.

The second concert will consist of a lecture-demonstration by Dr. Edward Chudacoff on the New Music. In the presentation, he will describe and demonstrate by means of recordings and slides, some of the important movements taking place in serious music today.

Dr. Chudacoff is a member of the Music School faculty at the University of Michigan where he received his music degree.

A limited number of off-campus guests can be accommodated. There is no charge for admission.

## Wards to Start Class in Home Furnishings

S. D. Ward, District General Manager, Montgomery Ward and Company, announced the beginning of a specialized class in Home Furnishings. According to be known as the "Ask Annabelle" course. It will start Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Wonderland store located at Middlebelt and Plymouth Roads in Livonia.

Annabelle King Home Furnishings Feature Writer and Lecturer will conduct classes in such subjects as furniture election; carpeting and window arrangement; decorative use of wallpaper and paint; wall arrangements and accessories; imagination vs. money and furniture refinishing and antiqueing.

The eight week course will be conducted in the Montgomery Ward store at Wonderland and cost is \$15. Customers may attend the course cost to their account. Enrollees will be accepted in the Furniture Department.

After a three-mile chase they lost sight of the car but in the meanwhile had been able to obtain the license number. Plymouth police heard the license number on their radio and picked up Handzlik at his home, 616 Kellogg, Plymouth, 35 minutes after the accident which took place at 7:45 p.m.

He told police he had been shopping but made no other statements.

Conviction on the charge of leaving the scene of an injury accident is a felony, punishable by a jail term of from one to five years.

## OPTIMISTS START SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### City Mourns Les Anders, Teacher, Coach, Leader

Livonia residents, active in community affairs, are grieving the loss of a true and dedicated citizen this week.

Funeral services were held Monday from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for Lester Carl Anders.

Les' Anders passed away Feb. 11 suffering a heart attack. Hundreds came to pay their respects to Les and his family as he lay in state at Harbort's Funeral Home. If attendance

and flowers can express love of the family of Les Anders must be comforted.

Born Feb. 23, 1917, in La Porte, Ind., Les chose teaching as his career in the field of sports. He was active in his chosen field for 18 years. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a MA degree in 1941. He fulfilled his military duties and came to Bentley High School as coach in 1948.

He was athletic director of the Livonia City School system from 1953 until 1965. In 1965 he kicked off the athletic program at the newly built Stevenson High School.

He was active in other civic activities connected with sports or boys, Past Supervisor of Recreation for the City of Livonia Parks and Recreation Program; Member of NEA; MEA, Past President of LEA; Director of Livonia City School system's swimming and summer programs; charter member and past president and secretary of the Michigan Athletic Director's Association; Past Commander Myron H. Real Post, American Legion; Charter President of the Livonia Optimist Club, member of Michigan High School Coaches Association; Member Phi Delta Theta, social Fraternity; member American Association for Health, Physical, Education, and Recreation.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy Mae, three children, William Clark, Susan Grace and Lesley Ann; two grandchildren; brothers, Walter and William; sisters Margaret Pappas, Laura Fitzsimmons, Minnie Demmons, Helen Stimley.

Fellow members of Livonia Optimists Club have put \$300 toward a Les Anders Scholarship Memorial. Other cash donations may be taken directly to the Les Anders Scholarship Memorial at the Bank of Livonia.



STILL STRONG GOP booster at 82 is Mrs. Margaret Norton (left), of Rochester, who was much in evidence at the Plymouth Republic Club Lincoln Day dinner. Mrs. Norton has been active in Republican politics for more than 45 years. She's shown with Mrs. Sterling Eaton (center) and Cynthia Eaton.

## Big Month for Notaries

LANSING—A total of 2,418 notary public commissions were issued during January, the highest single month in history. It was reported by the Secretary of State's department.



Les Anders

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