

Postal Rate Hike, Pay Boost Sought

Congressman William D. Ford (Democrat-15th District) has introduced bills to increase both postal mailing rates and salaries of postal employees. His district includes Westland and Garden City.

Ford, a member of the House of Representatives' Post Office and Civil Service Committee, said he introduced the bills after reading President Johnson's recent message to Congress on Post Office problems.

In a statement to his colleagues, Ford said:

"There is no question that a serious problem exists. Postmaster General O'Brien has warned that the Department faces catastrophe unless action is taken. The present situation is deplorable. Employee morale is low, trained workers are leaving the service, recruitment is lagging, and delivery complaints are becoming more and more frequent."

Ford continued: "I agree with President Johnson that several steps are needed — salaries must be increased, services must be improved, and rates must be increased. As the President pointed out, if we are to expect a high

quality of service, we must be able to attract and keep competent career employees, and we must be willing to give them the equipment they need to do an effective job."

Ford's proposals, based on the President's recommendations, would increase first-class and airmail by one cent, or 20 percent. Rates for second and third-class mail would be increased by somewhat higher percentages.

These increases, Ford said, would provide an additional \$800 million a year in postal revenues and provide the funds needed for postal modernization and salary increases.

"This, in turn, will give all Americans the better postal service that they demand, expect, and deserve. I strongly urge my colleagues to give their full support to both pieces of legislation," Congressman Ford concluded.

Ford also called for careful study of O'Brien's recent proposal to convert the Post Office Department into a government-operated corporation.

He praised O'Brien for "unselfish dedication" in making the recommendation, and agreed that it would solve many existing problems.

"There is the danger, however, that the corporation might become too hard-headed and businesslike, and might adopt even higher postage rates and low salaries in an effort to show a profit or balance the books," Ford said.

Police Ass'n Seeks Boost In Salaries

Westland Mayor Thomas H. Brown is studying the first proposal submitted recently by the Westland Police Officers Association.

Sgt. Wayne Craft, association president, said that the group is seeking salary increases "to bring us up to the level of neighboring police departments."

Craft said that the mayor is expected to present his own recommendations to the City Council. If there is no agreement with the mayor, then the association will petition the City Council for negotiations.

The association president said he would not announce the details of the proposal until the council approves a recommendation.

It was pointed out that because of the short time available to them, the association is not asking for a negotiated contract for the group, which includes all of the members of the six-month old department with the exception of the police chief.

Westland Home Is Raided as Gambling Spot

Aided by the Westland Police Department, the racketeers of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department raided a Westland home and arrested 13 persons early Saturday morning in a private home said to be the center of illegal gambling operations.

Charged with being the operator of a house of illegal occupation was John Mazze, of 6892 Inkster Road.

Also arrested were 11 persons, charged with loitering. Another was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a blackjack.

The police said that the home had been under watch for several weeks before the raid following complaints from neighbors.

Taking part in the raid, headed by racketeers squad leader Larry Sparks were Westland's Lieut. Fred Danby, Sgt. Wayne Craft, Cols. Andy Spick, Al Billings, and patrolmen Paul Frost and Dale Reynolds.

Confiscated were \$300 in cash, 18 decks of cards, and 11 partially filled cases of liquor.

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PURPLE HEARTS were presented recently by Colonel Waldon Winter to returning Vietnam servicemen, Jack Grant and Lamont Gillespie. Grant was caught in a booby trap and wounded in the back by a white phosphorus grenade, and Gillespie received a small arms bullet wound.



In his left shoulder, Col. Winter is Senior Advisor at the Army's General Officers Command, located at 34451 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, which is one of the largest centers under the Sixth U.S. Army Corps. Master Sergeant Raymond E. Lewis read the presentation letter.

In Wayne District Monday

School Census To Begin

Thirty-five enumerators, Monday will begin taking the school census in the Wayne Community School District, which includes most of Westland, as provided by Michigan Law. The entire month of May will be devoted to taking the census.

Census enumerators will contact all families residing in the school district with, or without children. All children from newborn babies to youths, 19 years of age, are included on the school census. Enumerators will ask for the name of each child, school attending, grade, date of birth, names and addresses of parents and other related information. A special note is made of physically and mentally handicapped children. Enumerators will be wearing official identification badges identifying them as representing the Wayne Community School District. The public is cautioned about releasing information to census impostors who use the census approach to enter homes for

the purpose of soliciting or making sales.

An increase of some 1,000 is estimated for the 1967 school census. In 1966 the census total 31,565, an increase of 10,000 over the 21,564 of 1959.

All people in the school district are urged to demand the census enumerators to show their identification cards. If there are any questions regarding the school census, please call the Board of Education, Administrative Office, 722-1500, Ext. 241.

Mothers To Enter Garden City Contest

Garden City's annual campaign for the spring "Clean-up, Paint-up, and Fix-up" drive is underway.

Elementary school students in the community received information sheets last week outlining the rules for the essay contest through which the 1967 Mrs. Garden City Beautiful will be selected.

The special week from May 15 through 19, students and their parents are urged to take part in the spring clean-up campaign.

The 6,000 students in 13 schools will have until next Wednesday, May 3, to tell why their mother should be picked Mrs. Garden City Beautiful in 150 words or less.

Competition is open to pupils in the second through sixth grades. Along with the essays, a picture of the child's mother must be submitted.

The following week, the queen and her two attendants will be selected. The three will receive prizes during the special Clean-up week.

The event is sponsored by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce and the City Beautiful Campaign. Robert Lane is campaign chairman for the chamber this spring.

Car Salesman Honored By Division

Melvin K. Zimmer of Stu Evans, Inc., Garden City, has won Lincoln-Mercury Division's highest sales honor and will receive a three-day expense-paid trip to Hidden Valley in July.

Announcement of Zimmer's selection to the exclusive "Inner Circle" was made by E. J. Cremins, Detroit district sales manager for Lincoln-Mercury Division, who noted that membership is limited to the top 15 salesmen (leading used car salesman or leading fleet salesman) in the district.

Zimmer is one of a group of only 285 salesmen in the United States who were responsible for the sale of 10 percent of all Lincoln-Mercury products," Cremins said.

Zimmer was honored for his sales performance by Lincoln-Mercury Division at a banquet in Detroit earlier this month.

Observer Want Ads Get Quick Results

Fight Still On For Fast Time

Senator Raymond D. Drendzel today expressed confidence that the Daylight Saving Time Petition Drive would be successful.

"However, I want to urge all our volunteers, who are circulating petitions," said Drendzel, "to try to complete and return them to our office early next week."

"At the present time, we have received over 5,000 petitions containing between 70,000 and 80,000 signatures," Drendzel told a noon meeting of the Citizens Committee for Daylight Savings Time, State Representative John Bennett of Redford Township has distributed the petitions in this area.

"We are only one third of the way to our goal of 225,000 but we just began receiving the bulk of our returns in the mail this week. All 65,000 of our petitions have been distributed throughout Michigan giving us a potential return of 1,300,000 signatures."

"As soon as we have obtained our goal, we hope to file with the Secretary of State so that the people of Michigan will be able to vote on this important issue."

Meat Market Fined

Michigan Department of Agriculture reported this week, Judge James McCann, Livonia Court, imposed a fine of money on Farmer Jack's, Inc. Plymouth Road store for failure to meet standards for ground beef and reported there was an excess of fat. The demeror was reported by the Food Inspection Division of the Agriculture Department.

'Speak Up' Work Shop Offered By Livonia 'Y'

The Livonia Family "Y" is offering a Public Speak Up Work Shop Series. Nine Wednesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7. Registration will be limited to 12.

Registration fee will be \$10 for YMCA members. The course will involve the art of listening, the confidence of speaking, an articulation, organization of thoughts, interpretation of ideas, the evoking of responses and the maintenance of skills.

The instructor, Dennis Collins, is a graduate of Lansing State College, a graduate of the University of Michigan, past student of Communication at Yale University and the instructor of Livonia Jaycees Public Speaking Program.

For further information call the Livonia Family "Y", 261-0370.

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MAYOR TIMOTHY Murphy of Garden City (right) presented a certificate to Lions Club officials last week, on the tenth anniversary of the club's formation. With Murphy, holding white canes in observance of National White Cane Week this week, are Lions President-elect Cecil McDaniel (left) and President Douglas Kanack.



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