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Cindy Boon Wins Title

Superintending Boomonthira, foreign exchange student from Thailand, captured the Women's Class B Singles Table Tennis Title in Livonia City Championship held recently. The 17-year-old Bentley High School lass, (called "Cindy Boon," by fellow students), defeated Martha Lamond. Other winners in the Recreation Department tournament were: Class B: Men's singles—Jim George, runner-up—Gordon Kelly; Boys' under 17 years—Mitchell Ephraim, runner-up—Bill Himm; under 13 years—Tom Luck; Girls' under 17—Mary Beth Jientko; under 13—Kim Watson.

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Realty Board Selects Judges for DCSA Contest

A college president, Detroit's leading philanthropist and a sociology professor who gave up teaching to become a civic servant will judge the nominations submitted by the public for what is coming to be recognized as one of the area's outstanding honors.

This is the Distinguished Community Service Award sponsored by the United Northwestern Realty Association — Western Wayne-Oakland County Board of Realtors. Inaugurated in 1964, the award, consisting of a plaque, is conferred annually during Realtor Week.

As in previous years, the recipient of 1967 honor will be one of the community's "unsung heroes" — an individual who, quietly and without thought of special recompense, has performed some outstanding service for other human beings or for the betterment of his or her community.

The panel of judges who will select the winner consists of:

Sister Mary Emil, president of Marygrove College; Walter C. Laidlaw, executive vice-president of the United Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit; and Mel Ravitz, Detroit city councilman and chairman of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors.

The three judges themselves have outstanding records of public service, Rich-

ard S. Elsea, president of the United Northwestern Realty Association — Western Wayne-Oakland County Board of Realtors, pointed out.

The public is urged to submit the names of persons to be considered by the panel. It will be the duty of the three judges to pick the nominee who in their opinion has done the most outstanding job of personal or community service.

Nominees may be men or women, young or old, Elsea said. The service may have been of long or short duration, but should include work done in the last year.

Elsea said the only requirement is that the recipient must live in the area served by UNRA-WWOCBR — the northwestern section of Detroit and the western parts of Wayne and Oakland counties.

The board also insists that the recipient shall not have previously received any award for his work," Elsea said. "Our effort is to reach and honor a person who has dedicated and consistently done what he saw needed to be done while the light of public acclaim was shining elsewhere."

Nominations may be sent directly to the Western Wayne-Oakland County Board of Realtors — United Northwestern Realty Association, 11677 Beech Daly Road, Detroit (48239).

All nominations must reach the board by not later than Monday, May 15.

Gets Ballistic Training
Second Lt. John H. Brinn, of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brinn of 34444 Grove, Livingia, has been graduated from the three-week ballistic missile early warning site surveillance officer course at Keesler AFB, Miss.

Michigan Leads U.S. In Soda Productions

Michigan leads the nation in soda production. In 1966, the state's soda producers grew 20,000 acres of soda valued at \$27 million, according to James Beard, Michigan State University turfgrass researcher.

The total sod industry, including growing, harvesting, shipping and laying, is valued at \$72 million, he said.

Michigan has been experiencing a "boom" in sod production during the last decade. Less than 1,000 acres were grown in the state in 1955.

Excellent climate and soil conditions for growing good bluegrass sod are the chief reasons for this "boom," commented Beard. And he said that sod acreage will continue to increase in the future as growers meet the demands of an expanding Michigan population interested in "instant lawns."

Equalization Has All Pay Fair Share

"Tax equalization is the means by which Michigan makes sure that property owners in different communities all pay a fair share toward the costs of county services," Edward W. Kane, secretary of the United Northwestern Realty Association, said.

Kane is secretary of the Michigan State Tax Commission. "Some homeowners have been disturbed by having their property assessed at 50 per cent of its true value," Kane said. "As a result, their taxes have gone up."

"What they don't realize—or just don't want to admit—is that for many, many years, their assessments have been much too low. They simply were not carrying their fair share of the tax burden."

"At one time your degree of wealth was represented by what you owned in property, and was the sole means of taxation. But times have changed. Wealth is now an intangible thing—the state is supported by excise taxes and the property tax is only for the maintenance of local county government," Kane concluded.

Secretary of the State Tax Commission since 1949, Kane served for 13 years on the Wayne County Board of Supervisors and was assessor of Wyandotte from 1936 to 1949.

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