

Teen Jobs Scarce As Economy Shifts

Jobs for teenagers are harder to find this year. Betsy Tagami, director of Livonia's Youth Employment Service, explained a fact that many suburban youths have already discovered for themselves.

"We had a big jump in the number of applicants this spring, but the number of requests from employers has not increased.

"One reason for the gap is that the large factories, such as the auto companies, are not hiring so heavily this year. Before, these jobs took care of many college-age youth. This year the college kids have dipped into the job market for high-schoolers," Mrs. Tagami explained.

There are still jobs available, she said, both full-time and part-time, but applicants are more flexible about what they are willing to do. They have a much better chance of finding something.

Already the service, supported by the city of Livonia and operated under the

direction of the Livonia Commission on Children and Youth, has referred about 500 Livonia youngsters to employers for summer jobs.

"Of course," Mrs. Tagami said, "that doesn't mean that all 500 got jobs; some employers like to interview two or three applicants before they hire."

Mrs. Tagami's office has handled nearly 100 new applicants this month. During May, 108 applications were filed.

Mrs. Tagami admitted that she is somewhat surprised by the large number of suburban youngsters from relatively affluent homes who want jobs.

"I guess they know the summer is long. When they get jobs, sometimes they will even give up going on a vacation to keep them. Even 15-year-olds are willing to be occupied for the summer—we have had a lot of applications this year from 15 and 16-year-olds," she said.

"A lot of the applicants are beginning to save money for college. This is one of the major reasons they want jobs."

What are some of the problems in helping teenagers find jobs?

"In Livonia, transportation is a big problem for the kids," Mrs. Tagami said. "We try to find jobs close to their homes, but a lot of jobs are ruled out because of distance and transportation problems."

"Sometimes youngsters looking for jobs don't realize how important a first impression is. Often, though, if I suggest a white shirt or polished shoes, they agree that maybe that would be a good idea."

Mrs. Tagami is now developing a training program for lawn care. The program would probably begin next spring.

"This is one specific area where we think we could help boys find jobs. Most boys know how to run a lawnmower, but sometimes they don't realize that clipping, cleaning up and even care of the mower should be part of the job."

Training may in time become an important part of the Youth Employment Service, Mrs. Tagami suggested. Training should concentrate on specific areas to be of real value to teenagers in finding jobs, she said.

"Any skill or talent that a teen-ager has is going to be a help in the job market."

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Plymouth Okays County Assessor

Local assessor will be relegated to the limbo of forgotten things if the members of the Plymouth City Commission have their way.

Without a single word of debate last Monday evening they approved a resolution in support of House Bill No. 2651, now being considered by the State Legislature, which would provide for the office of County Assessor and eliminate local assessors and assessors offices.

Adopting the resolution the Commission went on record that it feels such a County Assessor's office would be superior to the existing system of many uncoordinated local assessors offices, because it would result in more uniform assessment standards, would eliminate one step in the equalization process and would establish minimum qualifications for assessors.

Senator George W. Kuhn and State Representative James Tierney are to be sent copies of the resolution along with all other cities and villages within Wayne County.

Roosevelt PTA Installs

Roosevelt Elementary School shared its 10th birthday celebration recently with parents by holding a Spring Musical.

Fifth and sixth grade musical instrument groups and the fifth and sixth grade combined chorus participated in the program.

Next year's PTA Officers were installed, with Mrs. Kitty Bertoli, President; Mrs. Julie Nakkula, Vice-President; Mrs. Wanda Wejbert, Treasurer; Mrs. Marilyn Stromberg, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. Veronica Creighton, Corresponding Secretary.

The PTA Distinguished Service Award and the Past President's pin was presented to Mrs. Hilda Varbedian.

To help celebrate the evening, guests included Mr. Craft and Mr. Brown from the School Board, Ron Up-ton, Asst. Superintendent of the Board of Education, James Otto and Dr. Virginia Roberts, former principals of Roosevelt, and the past PTA Presidents of the school.

Madonna Has Part in Two U.S. Programs

Madonna College will participate in two federally-funded research programs with five other liberal arts colleges this fall.

The program will include Cooperative Institutional Research and Faculty Study Groups. The cooperating university that will direct the programs is the University of Toledo.

Other colleges participating in the program are Bluffton, Defiance, Findlay, Mary Mansie and Owsosso, all church-related colleges with a heavy emphasis on programs in teacher education.

Appointed the college's Institutional Research Director was Sister M. Joela, formerly of the chemistry department.

The institutional research programs aims to provide the college with a background for making decisions concerning students, faculty, programs, curriculum and other factors of the college world. It is oriented specifically to the problems of the colleges involved in this project.

Police Nab Driver, 17, After Chase

Paul M. Dismachek, 17 of 19291 Merriman Court, Livonia, was arrested for reckless driving after a police chase in the Six Mile and Middlebelt Roads area, with five passengers in the car.

Livonia police officers responded to a complaint of a loud party in the vicinity of 18280 Floral. Dismachek was told to come to the police car after he was observed throwing a bottle into the street.

He reportedly entered his own car and drove off at a high rate of speed. The officers gave chase west on Curtis, south of Lathers, south of Deering, and west on Six Mile until they forced the car onto the shoulder east of Middlebelt.

During the chase police reported, Dismachek attained speeds up to 65 miles per hour, had the headlights off most of the time, caused one vehicle to yield to avoid a collision, and disregarded a stop sign at Deering and Six Mile.

Darlene Gaymer's 48 Leads Women Golfers

Darlene Gaymer had low gross of 48 to lead golfers in the championship flight of the Livonia DPR Women's Golf League at Idyl Wyld Golf Club.

Clare Caprilan had the low net of 34 in the championship bracket.

Other winners:

Flight A—Peggy Gaymer, low gross 54, and low net 38.

Flight B—Barbara Custer, low gross 61, and low net 35.

Flight C—Lucy Faust, low gross of 72, and low net of 37.

Flight D—Evelyn Brocker, low gross 76; and Eugenia Dallas, low net 39.

Winners of prizes for the best poker hand: Championship—Shirley Adams; Flight A—Edna Evans; Flight B—Carol Vandelare; Flight C—Rene Nasser; and Flight D—Myrtle Gleason.

Plymouth Does Bit of Trading

The City of Plymouth did a bit of "hoss trading" Monday night in the hope of adding some new industry and broadening the tax base.

At the suggestion of the Thermoax Corporation, the city swapped one and one-half acres of land in the industrial park on Plymouth Road for a bit of like size in order that the Thermoax Company could enlarge its plant.

Thermoax owned a piece of one and one-half acres.

Former Rock NCAA King In Hurdles

Ex-Plymouth high's Bob Steele ended his college career at Michigan State in blazing fashion Saturday.

He won the 400-meter hurdles in the NCAA championships at the University of Utah.

Steele has been the MSU captain this spring and has sparkled for the Spartans during the past three seasons.

He now plans to compete in the various summer competitions as he seeks to ready himself for the U.S. Olympic team that will compete in Mexico City next summer.

Drivers Pay For Dragging

Three drivers, arrested in Redford Township, paid fines last week for reckless driving and drag racing while a fourth man was ordered to stand trial in circuit court for failure to have a valid operator's license.

James H. Robinson, Jr., 21, of 20260 Lahser, Detroit, paid \$115, after pleading guilty to drag racing over 1 1/2 years ago on Nov. 5, 1965.

Justice of the Peace John M. Dillon cut charges of drunk driving to reckless driving, upon motion by assistant prosecutor John Courty, for:

Irving G. Godfrey, 31, of 21908 Albion Dr., Farmington; and John J. Shea, 53, of 37350 N. Sherwood Ct., Livonia.

Godfrey paid a fine of \$100 and Shea, \$90.

Harry D. Potter, Jr., 22740 Albion Dr., Farmington, was bound over to circuit court for violating restrictions imposed by the State Financial Responsibility Act.

Livonian Completes Special OCD Course

Lawrence O. Ransom, 9941 Adams Avenue, Livonia, who is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Forces Reserves, in the Plans section of the Fifth Air Force Reserve Region at Selfridge Air Force Base, has completed a special civil defense course at the national Office of Civil Defense, Staff College in Battle Creek.

This five-day course on Civil Defense Management is one of several special courses offered by the OCD Staff College.

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