

New School Superintendent Enjoys Start

The day of Tuesday, Aug. 1, was a full and exciting one for Dr. Donald Robert Shader, who is the new superintendent of the school system for 15 years before retiring June 30 to accept a university position. Shader, who has 25 years of background in the Clintondale School District near Mt. Clemens.

Of those ten years, seven were as the high school principal and the last three as superintendent of the district. The doctorate title belies the youthful appearance of the new superintendent who is 35 years old. One of the details he was forced to handle on his first

day in the office was to prepare himself for a full board of education meeting Tuesday night. But looking ahead, Shader said he is expecting "a most interesting year and is looking forward to it."

He said that his wife asked him the day before he officially began his new duties in Garden City on how he felt. Shader replied that it compares with entering college for the first time or entering the Army.

"I am walking into a place in which everything is new—the places and people. It is a different feeling and it is refreshing," Shader said. But other than the usual

small details that have to be handled on any new job, Shader has several major decisions to make in the near future.

A staff committee is helping him to screen candidates for four important vacant administrative positions: principal of West High School; principal at Burger Junior High; principal at Marquette Elementary; and director of elementary special services.

Shader said that a recommendation to the school board will probably be made for the Aug. 15 meeting.

Garden City's curriculum during the O'Leary administration was recognized as an excellent one and Shader pointed out that the "fine program will be continued" if there are any changes in the curriculum structure, those would be reviewed by the entire staff before being put into effect.

But he also stressed that there would be no changes unless there are long-range benefits for the students.

One problem which remains to be resolved is the finding of a three-bedroom home to house his family, a son who will be 11 on Friday and a daughter who marked her seventh birthday July 23.



THE CIVIL SERVICE Commission in Westland has a new president in Edward Kiefer, seated, who is reviewing the past year's accomplishments with commissioners Edward Kane (left) and Thomas Smith. The commission administers the hiring and promotional tests for the Westland fire and police departments and hears appeals for men in those departments who have been disciplined, suspended, or fired.

Socially Speaking
Westland and Garden City
By Harriet Gagnon
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Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rowe, of Marquette St., Garden City, returned recently from a trip to Calumet, Mich., visiting with relatives and sight seeing. One of the highlights of the Rowe's trip was to the "Old Copper Range", where they traveled several miles on an old 1907 locomotive engine and coach, which was restored and was used for sight-seeing trips.

molay rummage sale will be held at 6111 Harrison St., Garden City, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The group will offer clothing, dishes and other items for sale. Anyone wishing to donate may call 421-6045 or 422-2720 for pick-up service.

Robert Webster, committee chairman for "Good Government First," informs us plans are complete for a testimonial dinner honoring Sula Aho, to be held at the Wayne Ford Civic League, Sat., August 19, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Senator William D. Faust. Ticket information may be had by calling the following numbers: 722-9653, 725-3477 or 721-4065.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Fisher and Mrs. Fisher and Jeffery, of Harvey St., Westland, are among the local returning vacationers. The Fisher family spent two weeks visiting relatives and friends of Pulaski and Danville, Va., and Oleria, Ohio. Mrs. Fisher tells us how son Jimmy, now stationed in Viet Nam sends regards to his friends in the Westland-Garden City area.

Saturday evening saw the Lester Boruff family of Londe Drive, entertaining the Virgil Gagnons and the Jack Courneys of Hubbard St. Mr. Courtney's mother, Mrs. G. T. Courtney and granddaughter Pam of Geneva, Ohio, have just returned home after spending the past two weeks with the Courtneys.

Mrs. Delores Wilson, treasurer of the Garden City Chapter of Demolay Mothers reports that the annual De-

After a Riot, Understanding . . .

They Worshipped God in a Ghetto

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swanson, of Livonia, and two of their three children went to church on a Sunday. Their chapel was an inner-city apartment in the riot area, their chance to worship together and share with a community with a Negro friend. The following is Mrs. Swanson's report:

By Mrs. Kay Swanson
President Johnson requested it, so we went to church last Sunday, had communion with a soul brother and prayed that peace might come from insanity.

Our church was a small apartment above a burned out drugstore on Linwood where only three days before we had been shot and killed for looting.

The congregation was small—myself, my husband, two of our children and the man who calls the ghetto apartment home.

We didn't pray in the usual manner, but somehow I believe God heard and accepted a shared can of beer as a holy and acceptable vehicle of communion containing all the repentance and forgiveness inherent in the sacrament.

Our neo-er friend, John, gave the children a glass of orange sodaserved by the "party building" and the smoking rubble they could see two floors below.

Once the children were settled, John invited my husband, Wally, and me into the kitchenette of his small apartment and sat around the table, bewildered and confused, wondering if any sense could be made from such tragedy.

We spoke very little. Words, when they came, were quiet, reflective, contemplative. These were our hymns, our prayers.

John is an articulate man, a man who holds a good job with the Ford Motor Company. He is over 6 feet tall, handsome, with a shock of thick, woolly hair.

As we spoke of the events in Detroit, there were lines of tired suffering in the face of our host.

Hallingly, he tried to convey the depth of his feelings. But they could not be put into words. How could they? How does a black man explain to his white friends that he has been put through hell and is afraid there is more to come?

For a moment, the two men drifted into a bit of "shop-talk," and then with the suddenness of lightning, the "shop-talk" was silent. At that moment he revealed something of his innermost thoughts:

"When I was promoted and got off the assembly line, I nearly had a nervous breakdown. Black men are used to taking orders, not giving them. I was sure that management had set me up and that if I made one small mistake, I'd be fired. It took quite a while for me to overcome this feeling."

There it was like a flash, illuminating the thousands of

State Changes Traffic Signals For Pedestrians

LANSING — Because the word "Wait" in pedestrian crossing signals appears as "walk" to many persons, the State Highway Commission has started replacing the "Wait" legend with a new one reading "Don't Walk."

The new "Don't Walk" legend will furnish more positive instructions and there'll be less chance of confusion. Acting State Highway Director Henrik E. Stafeth said.

words I'd read on the subject and what inequality does to man and his belief in himself, and in his fellow man. My respect for this person went up another notch as I realized that for him every

day is a battle, and that he has tremendous strength to be able to endure so much with such patience.

John apologized (a third time) for the absence of his wife and two sons.

He had seen them safely to a relative's home early in the week as the rioting broke out and returned to his apartment to protect it from looters. He'd bring his family home, he said, as soon as he



COLLEGE STUDY SKILLS are reviewed by Lynn Huston and Jim Materis of the YMCA's on the University of Michigan Dearborn Campus.

Garden City Council Plugs Emergency Holes

The Garden City Council last week took steps to remedy two problems which arose in the community during the recent Detroit riots.

City Attorney Ronald Mack will draft proposed ordinance giving the mayor the power to allow the mayor (or mayor pro-tem) to establish curfew hours during a local emergency. The day following the start of the Detroit riots, a special City Council meeting was called for 11 a.m. to authorize specific steps.

In addition, Police Chief Robert Behrendt and Fire Chief Onas Rowe were authorized to discuss the purchase of emergency walkie-talkie equipment for their departments, as suggested by Councilman James Lowe.

The two chiefs will obtain information on prices and equipment and make a recommendation to the City Council.

IN OTHER ACTION, the City Council denied a request from the Suburban Checker Cab Co. to get a license to operate taxis in the city. The councilmen felt that there was sufficient and satisfactory cab service now in the community.

Funds in the city's retirement account will be invested by the National Bank of Detroit at a fee of \$2,500 per year, at the recommendation of the city's retirement board. There is about \$600,000 now in the pension fund and the city would realize more income by investing the funds at the greater rate which could do better than city officials.

Bids to buy seven city vehicles, 10 to 13 years old, were referred to Dept. of Public Works Super-George Langford, as were bids for a new utility truck.

Raymond Wlaczek, parks and recreation superintendent, was given authorization to get bids on three backstops at Little League diamonds at the City Park. Wlaczek cited the safety factor at diamonds 2, 3, and 4, as the reason for the backstops.

ed requiring that rabies immunization certificates be obtained before dog licenses are issued to dog owners.

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