

College Moves Closer to Accreditation

Schoolcraft College has cleared another major hurdle in the lengthy accreditation process with the announcement that the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has accepted without reservation its year-long self-study.

Dr. Eric J. Bradner, Schoolcraft president, said the regional accreditation association informed him that its executive board accepted the self-study earlier this month and has authorized an accreditation examination for the college.

The examination, involving an inspection visit by a team of qualified educators, is to be scheduled sometime between Dec. 1, 1967, and Jan. 31, 1968.

"We are most encouraged by this latest development," Dr. Bradner said. "The acceptance without reservation of our self-study is a tremendous accomplishment to the college and particularly to the members of the faculty who worked for one year developing and preparing the material contained in the self-study."

Schoolcraft had been admitted to candidacy by the North Central a year ago following a preliminary inspection, and the self-study was the first major step required in the final, critical phase of the accreditation procedure.

Had the NCACSS raised questions about the study, the college would have had the option of deferring its accreditation attempt or of pursuing the effort after making indicated improvements.

The inspection team, yet to be named, will submit a report and a recommendation on accreditation to the NCACSS in February. A final decision on Schoolcraft's accreditation will be made by the NCACSS at its annual meeting in March.

Between now and the time of the inspection visit, the college will be required to complete a series of forms covering basic institutional data which provide information pertinent to accreditation.

The self-study which paved the way for the inspection visit was developed by seven major committees composed of some 50 faculty members. The study was coordinated by Dean Emeritus Lois L. Waterman.

Schoolcraft has been accredited by the Michigan Commission on College Accreditation since 1964, when the college opened. College credits earned at Schoolcraft have been accepted for transfer by all four-year institutions in the state.

"We stand now at the threshold of full accreditation by the North Central," Dr. Bradner said. "Assuming the success of our efforts, attainment of this status next spring will mean the college will have joined the select company of accredited institutions in the shortest time possible under North Central requirements."

Elected To Institute
Jack D. Atchison, CPA of Farmington, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

He is associated with the Detroit office of the accounting firm of Arthur Young & Company.

19th District Voters Favor Escalation of Vietnam War

Escalate the war in Vietnam... reform the military draft... adopt the Dickson amendment to allow prayer in the schools... cut spending to balance the budget.

These are the answers 19th District constituents gave Congressman Jack McDonald in a questionnaire the first-term Republican sent out a couple of months ago.

Of 137,000 questionnaires sent out, 10,000 replies were received. McDonald's district covers Livonia, Redford, and Northville in Wayne County; along with Farmington and the west half of Oakland County.

Here are the questions and the percentage responses (with persons who did not reply to a question eliminated from the tabulation):

1. "What should we do about Vietnam?" Fully 60 per cent want to escalate, either by invading the north (7) or by bombing and blockading more strategic centers (53). Twelve per cent asked for a cease-fire and some form of negotiations, and 11 per cent wanted U. S. withdrawal.

2. If Congress were to change the draft, 48 per cent would favor universal service for young men, giving them a choice of either military or some form of social service; 19 per cent wanted no change; 18 per cent, an end to most college deferments; 12 per cent, a lottery; and 7 per cent, a complete abolition of the draft.

3. "Do you think that the federal government should return a portion of the taxes it collects to state and local governments to use as they see fit?" This proposal, gaining strength among liberals and conservatives alike, was favored by 69 per cent, opposed by 31 per cent.

4. The amendment to the U. S. Constitution to permit prayer in the public schools, proposed by GOP Senate Leader Everett Dirksen, was favored by a massive 83 per cent, opposed by 17 per cent.

5. An increase in Social Security tax rates to provide additional benefits was opposed by 63 per cent, favored by 37 per cent.

State Police Reports Show Increase In Major Crimes

Major crimes reported in Michigan for 1966 totaled 108,513, an increase of 34,985 or almost 21 per cent compared with 113,529 the year before, according to the eighth annual "Michigan Law Enforcement Officials Report on Crime."

The gain produced a crime rate for the year of 2,013.2 major offenses per 100,000 population, nearly 24 per cent greater than the 1965 rate of 1,624.4. The major crimes include homicide, rape, aggravated assault, robbery, auto theft, burglary and felonious larceny.

The annual crime report is compiled by the State Police from information submitted by Michigan law enforcement agencies.

Crimes against the person (homicide, rape, assault, robbery) in 1966 numbered 25,273, up 26.5 per cent from 19,973 the year before.

Crimes against property (burglary, auto theft, felonious and simple larceny) totaled 253,840, an increase of 19.3 per cent from 212,741 in 1965.

The report again shows that most of the major crimes are committed by persons 21 years of age and under.

Of 49,614 apprehensions for major crimes in Michigan last year, 24,780 or 49.9 per cent were persons under 17 while another 12,603 or 25.4 per cent were in the 17-21 age bracket. The 12,231 other persons apprehended were 22 years or older and represented 24.7 per cent of the total. The 1965 percentages by age groups were 54.0, 23.5 and 22.2 respectively.

The report's juvenile delinquency section noted that Michigan in 1966 had 1,233,289 persons in the 10-18 year group. Representing 14.8 per cent of the state's population of 8.37 million, this group was responsible for about half the state's major offenses.

The juvenile section further noted that since 1962 better than 75 out of every 100 arrests for major crimes in Michigan have involved persons under 22 years of age.

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Ex-Area Banker, Wife Are Killed

Two well-known residents of the Plymouth Community, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Arthurs, 1600 North Territorial Road, met their deaths in the heavy rains last Friday afternoon.

Enroute to Sarnia, Ontario, to visit Mrs. Arthurs' sisters, they were victims of a head-on collision on Highway No. 7 that claimed four lives. It was one of the worst highway crashes Ontario has known in years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashel Bryson, of Watford, Ontario, occupants of the second car, also were declared dead by Canadian officials at the scene of the accident. Both cars, according to the Ontario police, were completely demolished.

While there were no witnesses, Ontario officials, after viewing the wreckage, determined that the heavy rains possibly caused Mr. Bryson, 76, to lose control in the poor visibility, veer into oncoming traffic and hit the Arthurs' car.

The Arthurs, known to many as "Bill" and "Tina," moved to Plymouth in February after residing in Rosedale Gardens in Livonia for the 14 years he was manager of the Livonia branch of the National Bank of Detroit. He retired last January.

Both were active in community affairs. Bill was one of the charter members of The Livonia Chamber of Commerce and served for a time as its treasurer. He also was an official of the Livonia Goodfellows and was a familiar figure on Old Newsboy Day each year. He devoted his time to counting and wrapping money and was well known to every member of the Goodfellows. He also was active in the Livonia Rotary Club.

Mrs. Arthurs, a member of the Rotary Annex, was active in club work for years. She was born in St. Thomas, Ontario, on January 3, 1902, son of Thomas Arthurs. Mrs. Arthurs was born in Walkerville, Ontario, on September 6, 1915, the daughter of Robert and Winifred Mosey.

Among the survivors are a daughter, Mrs. John (Mary) Schwartz, of Plymouth. Mrs. Arthurs also has a son, William E. Arthurs Jr., of Livonia.



WILLIAM ARTHURS

Thief Shot Stealing Vegetables

An off-duty Livonia police officer shot and wounded a 20-year-old Farmington man as he fled with a trunk load of vegetables taken from a storage shed on Five Mile Road.

Detective Capt. Robert J. Turner said Jack Watson, of 33521 Colfax, Farmington, is in serious condition in Wayne County General Hospital.

He was shot once in the side by Officer Arthur Kickland at 11:15 p.m. Monday.

Turner said Kickland left the Police Station in uniform after finishing his shift and saw Watson loading the vegetables into a car. As Kickland approached Watson fled in the car.

Kickland chased the car on Five Mile to Melrose where Watson turned into a driveway, left the car and started to run. Kickland identified himself as a police officer and ordered him to halt.

Watson continued to run and Kickland said he fired one shot.



LOUIS W. CHAMPNEY has been appointed to the position of C-D Line Merchandise Manager-Sales at the Livonia Wonderland Store of Montgomery Ward. He comes from the Flint Store where he spent the past five years as Manager of various Appliance Departments.

Senior To Meet
The Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington will meet at noon Aug. 24 in the First Methodist Church social room. Luncheon and a social afternoon of cards will follow a business meeting.

Truck Farmers Invited To Wonderland Festival
Wonderland Center has invited Michigan truck farmers to participate in a three-day "Fall Harvest Festival."

The festival, first of its kind to be staged by a metropolitan-Detroit shopping center, will open Sept. 14.

Producers will be permitted to sell vegetables, fruit and dairy products on the center's spacious malls at no cost.

Ernie Epps, promotion director for the huge Plymouth-Road-Middlebelt center, said the program was conceived to bring small truck farmers closer to the consumer.

"We feel that this timely event will make it possible for a great number of Wonderland customers to reap the benefits of fresh produce and dairy products in a most convenient manner."

More than 50 area producers are expected. Reservations for selling space can be made through the Wonderland Merchants' Council, KE 5-0373. There is no charge for the sales area and the center will supply display tables.



AN AMERICAN FLAG which had flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., was presented last week to Observer Newspaper Publisher Philip Power (left) by Congressman Marvin Esch, whose district includes the Plymouth community.

Set Classes For School Bus Drivers

Special instructional class will meet at Wayne County for beginning school bus drivers. The class will be held in Wayne County on Monday, Aug. 28, and Tuesday, Aug. 29, 1967 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

All beginning school bus drivers are urged to attend both sessions. These classes are held under the direction of Eastern Michigan University and sponsored by the State Department of Education located at Lansing and

polices governing the operation of school buses in Michigan with emphasis on the safe and economical operation of these vehicles.

Drivers will have actual experience in staking out a bus in case of an emergency, giving first aid, use of fire extinguisher and emergency evacuation drills. Other areas to be covered include: Child discipline, records, reports and maintenance.

SATURDAY... AUGUST 26

2 BIG SHOWS! 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. ... FREE!



SEE WONDERLAND'S SPECTACULAR SKY-DIVING EXHIBITION!

Back again, an exciting sky-diving exhibition every member of the family will enjoy. See chuting enthusiasts soar through the sky this Saturday at Wonderland. Weather permitting, they'll jump at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m., in an attempt to land on a 10-foot target in the large field immediately west of the center. It's all FREE this Saturday at Wonderland.



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57 FINE STORES
PLYMOUTH at MIDDLEBELT
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