

### Troop 342 Presents Statue

Boy Scout Troop #342 met at the Police Station of Redford Township and presented to Chief of Police Edwin Gleza, a statuette of a Boy Scout, in appreciation for sponsoring Scout Troop #342, for the last three years.

Not only do they sponsor this troop, but they have three officers on the committee, Chief Gleza, Cpl. O. Gallagher, and Patrolman J. Laho who is assistant Scout Master. Both Officers, Gallagher and Laho are with the Youth Bureau.

Other scouts on the committee are R. Wedge, K. Simmons, and R. Anderson, asst. Scout Master.

Troop #342 meets at the Roosevelt School on Monday at 7:30 p.m. For information call Scout Master James Braun at KE 5-4813.



**SURPRISE TURNABOUT** - Redford Township Police Chief Edwin Gleza (2nd from right) and Youth Bureau officer Jim Laho present a citizenship award to representatives of Boy Scout Troop 342. The troop had just given Gleza and Laho a statuette in appreciation of the departments' sponsorship for the past three years. Gleza's plaque

went to Mrs. James Braun, commemorating her for letting her husband spend time with the Scouts. Witnesses are (l-r) Wayne Martin, Randy Simmons, Jeff Laesser, Dave Esker, Mike Bou-langer and (rear) Scoutmaster Braun, Terry Braun and Dave Covell.

SEVEN EAST HIGH School seniors are competing for the title of 1967 Homecoming Queen. To be crowned during the halftime of Friday's football game with Inkster High. The candidates are (seated left to right) Inger Eide, Donna Sparks, and Janet Juoppert, and (standing) Wendy Kosekela, Lisa James, Joanne Mason, and Debbie Makowski. The school will hold a parade at 2 p.m. Friday starting from Hartel and Ford and proceeding to the football field. There will be a bonfire in the school parking lot at 6 p.m. that night; a snake dance at 6:30 p.m.; the football game at 8 p.m.; a victory dance after the game; and the formal homecoming dance from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday in the school gym.

### 9-Month School 'Folly'

James F. O'Neil, newly-elected member of the State Board of Education, has called for the year-around utilization of schools and teachers. O'Neil stated that, with the costs of education increasing at a multi-million dollar rate and with the existing shortage of classrooms and teachers, it is sheer folly and gross wastefulness to shut our schools and teachers down three months out of the year. He said year-around schools should increase present capacity by 25 to 30 percent, saving millions upon millions of dollars in construction costs and interest charges. This would also help solve one of the major financial crises presenting the schools and the state.



O'NEIL POINTED out that many colleges and universities have already gone to year-around utilization of facilities and staffs and it is now time for the school districts to give this proposal serious consideration. O'Neil addressed parents and teachers at the Beechview School in Farmington. He proposed that consideration be given to operating the schools on a quarterly basis similar to that of higher education. O'Neil stated this would not only save the taxpayers millions of dollars, but could also improve the learning process.

It would enable children to enter school at more than one time a year. This would eliminate many of the present problems caused by the disproportionate physical and mental development of children, particularly in the early grades, because they can only enter school in the fall. In addition, if a child is having difficulty mastering a subject, he would only fall a quarter behind rather than a full year before having an opportunity to repeat the subject. This should reduce the number of dropouts by preventing students from getting hopelessly behind in their subjects. It should also reduce

juvenile delinquency and social unrest by substantially reducing the 50 to 55 million students that are literally shoved out on the streets each summer. With the limited number of students out of a school at any one time, those looking for part-time work would also have a better opportunity of finding jobs. In addition, and most importantly, he pointed out school boards are not paying teachers, particularly those who are head of the household, adequate salaries to properly provide for their families. This is one of the primary reasons for the present militancy on the part of teachers for increased pay. By operating schools on a 12-month basis, boards could then pay teachers on a 12-month basis, rather than the present nine months. This will provide them with more adequate pay thereby alleviating their growing unrest. It will also eliminate the need for teachers to seek part-time vacation jobs which frequently find them doing some very mental or degrading type of work. In Michigan today, citizens and tax payers have a simple choice -- greatly increased taxes or more efficient use of present tax revenue, facilities, personnel, etc. The year-around schools offer both a major tax-saving advantage and an opportunity to improve the learning process.

O'NEIL CALLED ON all those involved, associated, or concerned with education to give this proposal serious consideration and to work for not only the most effective use, but also the most efficient utilization, of vital educational resources.

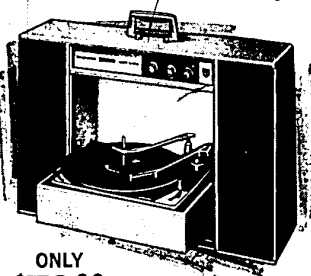
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### 1,000 At College Night

Nearly 1,000 high school students and parents from five school districts braved a steady rain to attend "College Night" at Garden City East High School last week.

Representatives of 33 colleges and universities were available for consultation for two hours. Students and parents discussed entrance requirements, curriculum programs, scholarship availabilities, and tuition expenses with the school representatives of their choice. Edith Edick, counselor at East, was the program coordinator. "College Night" was divided into four half-hour sessions. The first, to allow informal selection of the three schools each person wished to contact. The remaining three sessions provided everyone with an opportunity to hear presentations by three different schools.

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