

# Trustees Give Schoolcraft Students Early Year Gift



**SAFETY AWARD** for outstanding performance by postmen of the Livonia Post Office is given to Carriers Robert Shepard and Donald LaMay by Regional Safety Engineer Lester Kolom (second from left) while Assistant Postmaster Frank Smallwood (left) looks on. In the rear watching the ceremonies are: (from left) Postmaster Arthur Jenkins, Mike Reiter, William Graham, Ted Regal and Al Tondreau.

## Mailmen Honored

National honors for safe-driving performances were won by the Livonia Post Office in the Government Truck Division of the 36th National Fleet Safety Contest conducted by the National Safety Council.

The Livonia PO city fleet, Group 37, consisting of 27 vehicles and 39 drivers was presented a certificate of achievement award in ceremonies at the Post Office building on Michigan Road.

The award is based on post office drivers' safety performance from July 1, 1966 through June 30, 1967. During that period they drove 349,582 miles and were involved in only seven accidents. Much of the driving was done in rush traffic.

The following drivers were commended for fine records:

Robert Shepard, 13 years; Alfred Tondreau, 12; Cassimer Sitko, 9; William Graham and Michael Reiter, 8; John Horn, Kenneth Leedom and Julius Meszuros, 7; Frank Wenz, 6; Robert Hubel, 5.

Others were: Thomas Tucker, 4; Clyde Evans, 3; Everett, David Hood and Donald LaMay, 3; Ronald Cornwell, Russell Eide, Paul Mussen, Billy Heeder, Theodore Regal, 2; Selser Marcotte, Leslie Higgins, Nathaniel Johnson, Robert Redda, Judith Hester, Eric Gaudelot, and James Zunic, one year each.

## Open Housing Up For Vote In Legislature

The state legislature reconvened Tuesday to consider two major items of legislation: the open housing bill and lower court reorganization.

The open housing bill, now in revised form, is causing intense interest both in Michigan and throughout the country. Observers report that chances for passage of the open housing bill are about even.

The bill would prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin in the sale or rental of living quarters. The original bill has been tied up in committee ever since its introduction at the opening of the special legislative session.

The compromise measure includes two major changes: 1. The power to set fines and damages against violators would be placed entirely in the courts, rather than with the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. 2. The exception originally written into the bill covering religious institutions has been eliminated. Backers of the bill argue that it is a moral necessity and that it would advance integration that would lessen the danger of racial tensions and the riots they produce. Opponents contend that the measure would violate constitutional rights to sell property, that it would reduce property values, and would lead to crime in the streets.

Legislative leaders, including House Speaker Robert E. Walton (H-Grosse Pointe) and Senate Majority Leader Emil Lockwood (H-East Livonia) predict that the bill, which has the backing of numerous business and labor groups, will pass.

The lower court reorganization bill, which is intended to carry out provisions in the 1953 Michigan Constitution, would replace the justice of the peace system with a special series of lower courts. Passage of the measure is said to be doubtful at this juncture.

A DETROIT GROCER, Albert Gishansky, who ran stores in "ghetto" areas of the city's fourteen neighborhoods, died Sunday morning. He had been shot through the head by a young Negro, who tried to hold up Gishansky's store, Albert's Food Market, at 12002 Martindale.

The bandit threw the grocer to the floor during the hold up, pulled a pistol, and when Gishansky tried to get up, shot him in the head.

STERLING TOWNSHIP voters rejected Saturday a bid to make their community into a city.

Half of the Township's 13,000 registered voters turned out to vote in the special election on a charter which would have created Sterling Heights, supposedly the state's second largest city in land area. The charter was defeated by around 500 votes.

Sterling Township's boundaries are M-59 on the north, Hayes Road on the east, Fourteen Mile Road on the south, and Dequindre Road on the west. The proposed city's would have been the same.

MICHIGAN AFL-CIO President August Scholle, 63, was hospitalized over the weekend with an ulcer condition. Doctors said that his condition was good, although the long-time state Democratic power faces surgery to correct the bleeding ulcer which cropped up while Scholle was attending the national AFL-CIO convention in Miami.

MICHIGAN SCHOOL administrators who have been lobbying in Lansing to get more than \$10 million increase in appropriations next year to meet their needs have been given a cold shoulder by state legislators on the Appropriations Committee.

The annual battle over state aid to schools started last week with a long session between school officials and legislators. The schoolmen were told they would have to document their requests for money in much greater detail than in the past.

The \$100 million estimate was submitted by Nick A. Jani, chairman of a special committee representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Association of Intermediate School Administrators.

DETROIT -- Prominent Detroit industrialist Ernest C. Kanzler died in Ford Hospital. He was 75. Kanzler was vice president of Ford Motor Co. during the 1920's and from 1928-57 was president and chairman of the board of the Universal CIT Credit Corp. and a director of Bendis Corp. and the Detroit Lions. He was at one time chairman of the Metropolitan Detroit Building Fund and headed the Wayne County Republican Finance Committee. His Michigan home was in Grrosse Pointe Farms.

## Educator May Seek Dem Post

A Garden City school official seeking the state chairmanship of the Democratic Party, got his campaign off to a limping start this week.

Matthews, 37, assistant to the superintendent of Garden City schools, said he would seek the job being vacated by Zolton's vacancy.

Matthews, according to wire service story, promised to be a full-time chairman if elected. He is opposing state Sen. Sander Levin, of Berkley, whom he said would be unable to be both a full-time legislator and full-time chairman.

Matthews' announcement was carried by United Press International in a brief story datelined Benton Harbor. DPH incorrectly identified him as a Benton Harbor resident.

From 1955-56, Matthews was a state representative from a district that included Benton Harbor.

BORN IN CHICAGO and raised in Berrien County, Matthews was a teacher and school administrator and active in Democratic Party circles and as "political action chairman" for the NAACP.

In the Democratic landslide of 1964, he unseated an incumbent Republican to become the first Democrat from that area elected to a state office since the Depression.

Unseated in the GOP comeback of 1966, Matthews moved to this area in mid-1967.

His chances of beating Levin appear slim. Levin has already lined up support from much of the suburbs and from top party leaders.

## State News Round Up

## Rescind Earlier Hike In Tuition

Students, residing within the boundaries of the five communities that comprise Schoolcraft College, will have a chance to celebrate Christmas a bit earlier than most this year as a result of a stunning, surprise action by the Board of Trustees reducing the tuition fees for residents by \$1 per hour. It was only a matter of slightly more than three months ago that the Trustees approved a resolution raising the tuition fees for resident students by \$1 per hour and those for non-residents by \$1.50 per hour. Inasmuch as classes had started when the action was taken in mid-September, the increase was to take effect until the start of the winter semester. Matter of fact many students already have enrolled for the second semester and have paid their fees.

THUS, ALL RESIDENTS who have paid their fees for the next semester will receive a welcome winter gift of an average of \$15 as a result of the Trustees' action in rescinding the tuition hike for resident students.

The action came as a bombshell shortly before adjournment of the bi-monthly meeting last Wednesday.

Kenneth Lindner, vice president in charge of Business Affairs, had just completed an hour-long presentation, including numerous slides, on the trials and tribulations involved in drawing up the budget before it finally goes to the Trustees for approval and discussion.

It was a very interpretative program and Lindner appeared to have made a deep impression on the Trustees.

Chairman Harold Fischer thanked him for the program and indicated it would help the Board in planning for the budget next summer.

THEN VICE CHAIRMAN MRS. Jane Moelle, of Plymouth, who was a bitter opponent of the increase in tuition fees for resident students, dropped her bomb with a motion that the Trustees rescind the September action and drop the \$1 per hour increase immediately.

The motion received immediate support from Secretary Paul Mutnick, of Clarensville, who also was an avowed opponent of the resident student fee hike, and was open for discussion of the stunned Trustees.

Fischer called for a vote on the resolution and it passed by a 5 to 2 margin with Clark Oldenberg, of Garden City, abstaining.

THE "YES" VOTES were cast by Mrs. Moelle, Mutnick, James Bobwell and Dr. George Martin, of Livonia, and William Secord, of Northville. The "Nays" were from Fischer and Sam Hudson of Plymouth.

Shocked by the action, the college administration, including Lindner, President Dr. Eric Bradner and Dean Edward McNally, estimated it would take \$400,000 from the budget and leave the college in precarious cash position.

McNally indicated that more than 50 residents had paid fees for the winter semester and would immediately receive refunds averaging \$15.

IN EXPLAINING her emotion-filled motion, Mrs. Moelle said that she had opposed an increase for residents from the beginning.

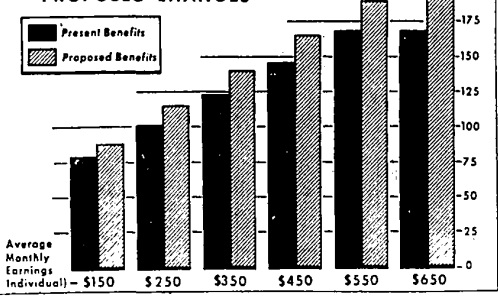
"However," she said, "I reluctantly voted for the increases in September when informed the contingency fund would be at a very dangerous position. Then, later, a report of the accountants showed a balance of \$211,000 in the equity fund, which is the same thing as a contingency fund in my book. Then it dawned on some of us that perhaps we had acted a bit hastily."

"I believe we can weather this financial storm without placing an additional burden on the resident students. I favor the increase of \$1.50 per hour for the non-residents. Furthermore, I have a firm feeling that the situation at Schoolcraft will be the same as that experienced at other colleges where the enrollment climbed after the Trustees rejected increases in tuition."

Dr. Bradner and Lindner expect to have a report ready for the Trustees at next week's meeting to show the effect of the action.

Meanwhile, Lindner is studying the cash position and wondering how he'll be able to meet the valleys and peaks he explained so carefully in his presentation.

## SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS-PROPOSED CHANGES



## Congress Gets Compromise Bill

Congress this week will vote on a conference committee report recommending a 13 percent boost in Social Security benefits.

The conference report was such closer to the 12.5 percent version approved by the House than to the 15 percent version passed by the Senate and recommended by President Johnson.

Some 24 million persons would get a boost in their benefits beginning next month if the conference report is accepted by both houses.

WHILE THE overall increase would be 13 percent, those at the bottom of the scale would get a 25 percent hike -- from the current \$44 to new \$55 per month.

Taxes would also jump. The new tax base would be the first \$7,600 of earnings instead of the present \$6,600.

Thus, an employer and a worker who now each pay \$250.40 a year would find their new bills rising to \$343.20 a piece in 1968 and then gradually up to \$460 after 1987.

This table shows how benefits and taxes would be increased over the years:

Average Monthly Earnings (Individual)	Present Law	Bill Period	Present Law	Bill Period
\$67	\$44.00	\$55.00	\$290.40	\$343.20
\$150	\$78.20	\$88.40	\$323.40	\$374.40
\$250	\$101.70	\$115.00	\$356.40	\$405.60
\$350	\$125.50	\$140.00	\$389.40	\$436.80
\$450	\$149.00	\$165.00	\$422.40	\$468.00
\$550	\$172.50	\$190.00	\$455.40	\$499.20
\$650	\$196.00	\$215.00	\$488.40	\$530.40

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Present Law	Bill Period			
\$67	\$66.00	\$82.50	thereafter	
\$150	\$117.30	\$132.60		
			\$372.90	\$468.20

## State Road HQ Opened

The State Highway Commission's new Metropolitan District Office, dedicated Tuesday, is a \$250,000 building which serves as headquarters for the commission's activities in Wayne and Monroe Counties. It is actually located at Nine Mile Rd. and the Southfield Freeway in Southfield.

It replaces recent facilities on the second floor of the Bedford Maroon Temple Bldg. on Lahser Rd. near Grand River where the Commission's offices have been since 1943.

THE NEW building, which was occupied in October, is the first district office to be built by the State Highway Commission. In the past, the Highway Department has leased facilities in the 10 cities in which it has District Offices.

The State Highway Commission has nearly 500 employees in Wayne and Monroe Counties.

## OBSERVER

## Second Front Page

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\* A new winner every week! Register before 7 p.m., Friday, December 8 for the initial drawing. You need not be present to win!

## State Police Get Short Sleeves

Michigan's long hot summer may be some months away but the State Police already are planning to physically cool it for uniformed officers by authorizing short sleeve shirts for warm weather wear for the first time.

Effective with the 1968 summer season the standard issue for all uniformed officers will be two long sleeve and two short sleeve wool and dacron dark blue shirts.

SINCE THESE officers already have their quotas of four shirts, two will be returned to headquarters for sleeve shortening on a schedule basis.

This is the first change affecting shirts since the dark blue one replaced a light blue poplin issue in 1961.

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