

Times, Permissive Parents Blamed For Restive Students

ANN ARBOR—Modern times and permissive parents both contribute to the restiveness of college students, according to Prof. Frederick Wyatt. The 56-year-old head of the University of Michigan's Psychological Clinic acknowledges that the youngest generation al-

Money Request Delayed

Plans for Wayne County to apply for federal "Model Cities" on behalf of 10 communities in the downriver and southwest areas of the county, including Westland, have been delayed. Mel Ravitz, as the chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, said it became apparent that all the data needed for the application could not be collected in time to meet the April 15 federal deadline for applications due to unavoidable delays.

"WE HAVE SET a September 1, target date for completion of a thorough data gathering and analysis of the scope of problems in Wayne County, and for preparation of plans for appropriate constructive projects," Ravitz said.

The county had invited six cities and four townships to participate in the proposed "Model Cities" project. The communities are Belleville, Dearborn Heights, Ecorse, Inkster, River Rouge, Westland, Ypsilanti, and Van Buren. "The data we have collected so far, together with materials to be gathered before Sept. 1, will be used either for a third-round model cities grant, should it become available, or for applications under other federal programs," Ravitz stated.

Boy Killed When Saving His Dog

Michael Richards, 6, of Boston, was killed last week saving the life of his dog. Michael pushed the dog from the path of a diesel train bearing down on them but didn't manage to get off the railroad tracks himself. Michael and his dog had been sitting on the tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad when the boy heard the horn of the train, police said.

To meet a deadline, a trucking firm called on a competitor, Air Express, to deliver license plates for its entire fleet of trucks.



A LIVONIA WOMAN, Mrs. J. D. Wades, 32330 W. Seven Mile Road, accepts the grand prize she won in the national contest conducted by the Associated Chain Drug Stores in cooperation with Cunningham Drug Stores Inc. The prize, a portable sewing machine, is presented by Earl Hill (left), northwest district supervisor of Cunningham's, and George Covach, manager of the store in the Seven-Grand Shopping Center. Covach, who resides at 8864 Wormer, Redford Township, also received a portable sewing machine.

Industry Choruses Set Annual Sing

At 8 p.m., April 26, the five participating choruses and glee clubs of The Industry Sings Committee will present their annual concert in the Masonic Auditorium. There is no charge for admission.

The groups include the Edison Glee Club, the Ford Chorus, the Chevrolet Glee Club, the General Motors Chorus and the Great Lakes Steel Male Chorus.

A GROUP OF 30 employees and family members, the Edison Glee Club was founded 36 years ago by the secretary of Edison Company's first president, Alex Dow. Directed by Ken Hansen, the group rehearses weekly and gives about two concerts a month.

The Ford Chorus was organized in 1944 for employees of the company's administration building. It was incorporated in 1946 under the recreation department program of the company and this year includes 120 employees and members of their families. Ray Kool is chorus director.

David B. Redwood has been conductor of the Chevrolet Glee

ways strains at the yoke of the previous generation's mores and values. But he finds the current generation gap aggravated by the times and a unique generation of parents.

"Bureaucracy and impersonality tend to make us all feel uneasy, unsure that we have any control over our fate. Moreover, the Vietnam war and the specter of a nuclear war, the civil rights crisis, and the world's population explosion tend to make us all more than a little restive."

"They may not be fully aware of it," Wyatt notes, "yet by dint of their place, between adolescence and adulthood, and by the intellectual enterprise to which they are, for better or worse, committed, students may be more sensitive to the growing absurdity of our lives than the rest of us."

ALTHOUGH SOME alienation between adolescent and parent is natural and as old as time, Wyatt notes that "today's rebellious students are the children of a generation of parents first to rear their children according to new, more rational, and more permissive principles."

"Against a background of rapid social change and the encroachment of bureaucratic regulations unavoidable in a vast society, this liberal indulgence of parents has actually aggravated the natural generation gap."

Several investigators have found that the radically activist

students tend to come from comfortable, middle-class homes with highly permissive and egalitarian attitudes.

Wyatt explains that rejection of the last generation's mores and values is necessary for each generation to come into its own. Out of this repudiation of the old, a new set of mores and values evolves.

"ONE OF THE silent problems is that permissive parents having been raised themselves in the old-fashioned way, are often unintentionally ambiguous about their permissiveness," he says.

"The child senses this and inherits some of the ambiguity as to what is right or wrong and as to what he should expect from life."

Owing to the rapidity of social change, the views of today's parents "are bound to be outdated quickly. This leads the child again to conclude, even though he is often not clearly aware of it, that their parents' intellectual and ethical authority is as ambiguous as their permissiveness."

In counseling students and in working with them as a therapist at U-M, Wyatt finds that they often "complain that their parents never disagree with their views. In order to become an individual, the adolescent has to set off his own views from those of his parents."

"Yet, because his parents are so tolerant of his views, he feels guilty about setting himself apart," he points out.

self and of his own personality with the unconscious hope that it may yet all fall into a pattern and redeem him."



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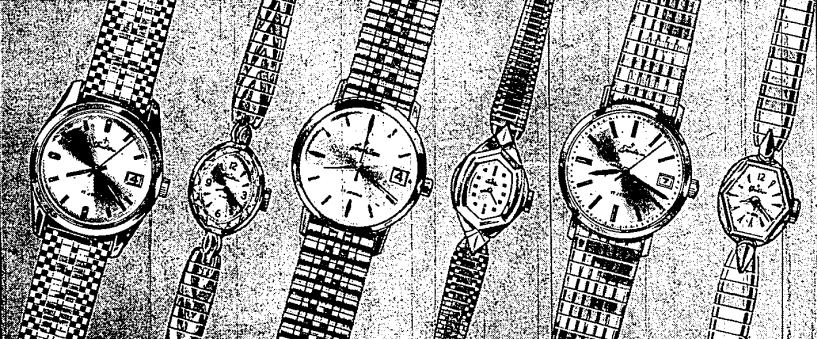
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