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Young mechanics thrive at C'ville

Clarenceville High School expanded its auto shop program this school year with the addition of a 12-bay, completely equipped auto shop facility and the receipt of a 1973 Camaro.

The car was donated by James Large and Martin Feldman of James - Martin Chevrolet, Detroit.

Norman Frid, industrial arts chairman and auto shop teacher at Clarenceville, said of the new car, "It gives us a modern car to demonstrate some of the new pollution and air conditioning units that are on present-day cars. We were teaching on cars about 10 years old and this is a step up."

Principal Ray Renbarger said addition of the new auto shop facility last September has also greatly expanded Clarenceville's auto shop program. Before the addition, the school used the power mechanics shop for both power mechanics and auto mechanics.

Frid said that Clarenceville's auto shop program starts with ninth- graders and works with them until the 12th grade when they have auto mechanic service courses where they work as

in a real shop. The program includes four courses.

"Auto Engine Theory and Bench Work" and "Auto Chassis Theory and Bench Work" are each introductory semester courses into auto mechanics. Students are then able to elect vocationally approved two-hour block classes in "Auto Engine Service" and "Auto Chassis Service."

Frid said the program is designed to give students entrance - level skills into auto mechanics. He said that whether a student would require further training would depend on the individual.

"Some students may decide that they have goofed around too much and need more experience in technical skills," he said.

Currently, 150 students are enrolled in the introductory auto shop courses and 20 students enrolled in the two-hour vocational courses. Because of increasing enrollment in the vocational courses, assistant principal Anthony Marra said, "We expect that we may have two 2-hour block classes next year."

MSU Grad

LIVONIA Kathryn Rosinski of 9912 Deering, Livonia, was among candidates for degrees at Michigan State University's commencement.

Miss Rosinski was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education.

Rev. Elsie Johns dies

Rev. Elsie A. Johns, 69, pastor of Clarenceville United Methodist Church and one of the nation's first ordained women ministers, died early Tuesday morning in Botsford General Hospital.

Rev. Johns, a lively, enthusiastic woman who presided in a down - to - earth style typical of the oldtime country preacher, had been in ill health for some time.

Funeral services will be at the church Friday at 10 a.m. Friends may call after 3 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the Heene - Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd.

Rev. Johns, who never married, had made her home since 1957 at 21540 Collingham in Farmington Hills. She began her ministry nearby, in an abandoned run-down tiny church at the corner of Collingham and Grand River. Its parishioners had drifted away to other churches.

She began visiting homes door - to - door and soon developed a Sunday school of a few children and a couple of adults. From that grew the present building at 20300 Middle Belt in Livonia and a congregation of some 1,200.

"There was no parsonage and no salary at first," a church spokesman said. "No man would take the job, which was only part-time as well."

Miss Johns, who lived in her old family home in Highland Park at the time, continued to support herself as supervisor of the billing department for the National Twist Drill and Tool Co. until she was able to take over as full time minister in 1954. Her ministry had begun in June of 1941.

She enjoyed travel and visited both Europe and South



THIS 1973 CAMARO was donated to Clarenceville High School for use in its auto shop program. From left are Harry Crookes of GM Chevrolet Motor Division; Norman Frid, auto shop teacher; James Large and Martin Feldman of James-Martin Chevrolet. (Observer photo by Harry Maute)

Bank awards 2 for ideas

Overboarder counted two among 10 winners in a contest sponsored by Detroit Bank and Trust among its employees for suggested ways in which the bank could conserve energy.

Rose Heidmoud of Livonia, a teller at the bank's Greenfield - 10 Mile branch, received \$25 for recommending that the bank reassign other than key branch personnel to branches closer to their homes.

The same amount was awarded Donna Francis, a utility clerk at the 12 Mile Orchard Lake branch in

Farmington Hills. She suggested that new branches be designed for more efficient heating by eliminating much glass and lowering the ceilings.

Detroit Bank and Trust said it already had adopted a number of steps in its program of energy conservation.

Among these, the bank said, are substantially reducing the number of hours it operates two large electric outdoor signs adjacent to the Edsel Ford and John Lodge freeways and turning off lights that illuminate the top of its main office.

A highpoint was a round - the - world trip in 1964. She studied for the ministry at Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn.

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