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RICHARD E. DAUCH, Chevrolet plant manager and 1974 chairman of the General Motors Livonia city committee, presents her portion of the payout in GM's savings stock purchase plan to Judy Smahan, a secretary at Chevrolet-Livonia.

226 Livonia GM employees share in savings payoff

General Motors has announced that more than \$104 million is being credited to 80,500 U.S. salaried employees participating in the Corporation's savings stock purchase program. Of this, \$256,644 goes to 226 salaried employees at GM facilities in Livonia - Chevrolet, Fisher Body, Cadillac and GM Parts Division.

The amount credited results from the maturity of the 14th annual class, the 1958 class, on Dec. 31, 1973. It represents a return equivalent to \$1.43 for every dollar saved by participating employees during 1968, according to GM Chairman Richard C. Gerstenberg.

GM common stock, government bonds and cash valued at more than \$74 million will be distributed immediately to the 50,300 employees who elected to receive their assets and consists of:

- 881,000 shares of GM common stock with a market value of \$39.7 million, which is based on the closing market price on Dec. 31, 1973, the effective date of the distribution.
- U.S. government bonds with a current value of \$30.3 million.
- Approximately \$4.4 million in cash.

An additional 20,000 employees elected to leave their assets of \$24.1 million in trust under the program. These assets left in trust will continue to earn dividends and interest until the participants retire or otherwise terminate employment or withdraw their assets under the terms of the program.

All employees who elected to invest in U.S. Series E Savings Bonds under the program automatically receive their bonds at class maturity. This year \$5.9 million in such bonds will be distributed to 1968 class participants. Those who elected to retain the balance of their assets in trust. This is in addition to the \$30.3 million distributed to those employees who elected to receive all of their assets.

"Currently, 90 per cent of our salaried employees - sav-

ing an average of eight per cent of their salaries - are participating in this excellent opportunity to become GM shareholders, and at the same time invest in U.S. government bonds or other government securities," Gerstenberg said.

Since the inception of the program in 1955, employees have saved about \$1,588 million. This sum, together with the GM contribution, has been used to purchase 27.9 million shares of General Motors common stock and \$794 million in U.S. government bonds.

GM salaried employees having six months or more of continuous employment are eligible to participate in the U.S. program on a voluntary basis, with savings permitted up to 10 per cent of their salary. A similar program is available for salaried employees in Canada.

Some classes at SC still have openings

You can still register for winter semester community services classes at Schoolcraft College.

Walk-in registration will be accepted by the registrar through Wednesday, Feb. 27. Registration hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Wednesday evenings 7 to 9 p.m.

Some of the new courses which still have room include: advanced speed writing, job specification seminar, family finance, basic family nutrition, engineer, refresher, English for the foreign born, and protection against rape.

These are just some of the more than 100 community services courses the college is offering this winter semester. These and other classes are designed for job-upgrading, for personal enrichment, or avocational interests.

Information about what classes are offered, descriptions of their content, where they meet and tuition and lab fees charged is all contained in a booklet entitled "You Can," which was mailed to college district residents the week of Jan. 7.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the community services office at the college.

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Improved reading is state goal

LANSING - Two Observerland teachers are among 33 public and non-public school reading specialists participating in an eight-week training program that will prepare them to implement Michigan's right to read program.

They are Patricia Vickery of the Clarenceville School District and Warren Frazer of Westland.

When they return to their local and intermediate school districts at the conclusion of the comprehensive workshop, the 33 men and women will form the nucleus of a state-wide program to eliminate illiteracy by 1980, according to State Supt. of Public Instruction John W. Porter.

"Michigan State University will grant the specialists up to nine hours of graduate credit for participating in the program which is being financed with federal right to read funds, Michigan is one of 31 states that received such a federal grant."

Dr. Barbara Burke, director of Michigan's right to read program, said, "During the training sessions the participants will continually build communication skills, problem-solving techniques and strategies for implementing improved reading programs."

In addition to the workshop, Dr. Burke's staff will provide technical assistance to school districts requesting help to improve their reading program and will compile assessment data on the state of reading in Michigan.

10 mobile home bills to have public hearing

LANSING - A public hearing to consider several proposed mobile home bills has been scheduled by the House Urban Affairs Committee for 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31, in the House chambers of the State Capitol in Lansing.

State Rep. Joseph Forbes (D-Oak Park), chairman of urban affairs, said the committee will hear testimony relating to 10 proposed pieces of legislation.

"A number of bills mandating mobile home safety measures have been introduced in the wake of a series of tragic mobile home fires," said Forbes. "In addition, we have other bills before us which address themselves to various aspects of landlord-tenant relations in mobile home parks."

Another bill, which will not be ready in time for the Jan. 31 hearing, is now being drafted by Reps. Bobby D. Crim (D-Davison) and Gary Owen (D-Ypsilanti). That bill would create a mobile home park commission in the Department of Commerce.

21 Livonians are WSU grads

Twenty-one Livonians completed degrees from Wayne State University in December.

Earning master's degrees were Karen A. Nalecz, 35184 Pinetree; Kenneth M. Schultz, 9910 Ingram; John R. Pore, 31529 Hees; Robert M. Nastasi, 10066 Auburn; Patrick A. Trinity, 35013 Mignon; Robert L. Greene Jr., 18150 Fairfield; Gloria R. Richman, 31644 Fairfax.

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Bachelor degrees were earned by Susan E. Maloney, 9819 Fairfield; William R. Donahue Jr., 9895 Henry; Ruff, Roger A. Suttile, 8918 Elm; Michael L. Cizmas, 29998 W. Chicago; Bruce W. Gordon, 31367 Morlock; Carol L. Jamieson, 17351 Inkster; Armand D. Larson, 52299 Park; Denise M. Zimmerman, 31272 Morlock; and Irish K. Rudack, 25548 Hillbrook.

Livonia studies girls' sports

LIVONIA - Equality is on the way for female athletes in the Livonia school system. Livonia's Board of Education is looking for ways to equalize athletic opportunities on all educational levels following a meeting with representatives of all district high schools with several board members and administrators.

Board member Marvin Pridgeon said the basic complaints of the students included the inequitable "allocation of facilities" and the way athletic events are scheduled.

Pridgeon added that the students are seeking better equipment and assurances that coaches will be hired for their activities during the remainder of the school year.

"None of the things they are asking for are against board policy and they can be financed out by the administration as long as the board is committed to equal opportunities and facilities," said Pridgeon.

Supt. R.H. Upton told the board during a recent study session that the students have been requested to submit written recommendations to the board and the school board advisor. He added that he expects to meet with them again within two months.

Pridgeon also pointed out that there is "probably discrimination most in not giving girls opportunities to start soon such as in the junior high level."

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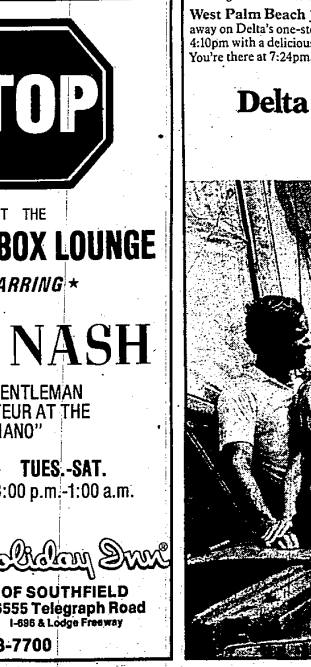
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