

Parents meet Wednesday to aid 'superior' students

By JACKIE KLEIN
SOUTHFIELD—There is a crying need for programs for academically talented children and a great deal of frustration in the community.

"This is the contention that launched the Southfield Association for the Academically Talented, said the group's president, Charles Brooks.

The recently-formed association will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, in the multi-purpose room of Kennedy Elementary School, 16299 Mt. Vernon, Southfield.

Dr. Roy Cole, assistant superintendent of Southfield Schools and Mrs. Beverly Gould, elementary curriculum

coordinator, will be featured speakers.

Brooks urges everyone interested in education for the academically talented to attend.

"THE PURPOSE of our group is to channel needs and frustrations, related to the academically talented, into something creative and worthwhile," Brooks said.

"We work with and through the board of education, administration, individual schools and teachers to meet the unique needs of these children."

Two members of the organization at-

tended a two-week workshop at the University of Michigan last July. Dr. Warren Ketcham. The seminar was aimed directly at identifying and teaching the 'superior student,' Brooks said.

"We're seeking community support and persons willing to share their knowledge and abilities with interested groups of students," he said.

"Access to field trips in our community is another positive move toward improved education, and we also seek support in that area."

The association has met with school board members in informal study sessions to seek their support in recognizing the individuality of all students, including the academically talented, Brooks said.

"We HAVE established open, honest communication with the school administration in an attempt to provide viable, alternative methods of education for our children," he added.

The Southfield Association for the Academically Talented, along with parent groups around the state, supported legislation for a house bill, introduced by Rep. William Keith of Garden City and passed by the house and senate.

The bill establishes a state commission to promote special educational opportunities for the gifted and academically talented.

"An academically talented child suffers the same pain as the mentally handicapped in the wrong environment," said Brooks.

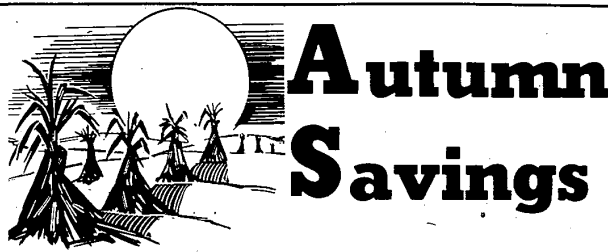
He and his wife Gail, vice-president of the association, have one child who was diagnosed as "gifted" and two others who have IQs exceeding 130.

Meeting set for landlords

SOUTHFIELD—Landlords in the tri-county area are being invited to attend a special meeting at 8:30 p.m., Oct. 20 at Southfield's Raleigh House, 25300 Telegraph Road.

Detroit landlord Charles Costa said the meeting is being held to discuss common problems and goals. All landlords in the Oakland-Wayne-Macomb County area may attend.

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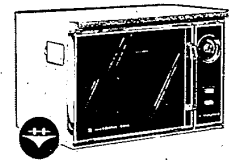
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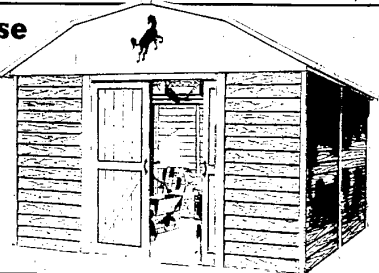
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