

SWOVEC adds learning annex

By JUDITH BEINE

A \$1 million addition to the Southwest Oakland County Vocational Education Center (SWOVEC) at Walled Lake is in the making.

A construction contract for the design of a 38,000 square-foot annex to the present center, located at 1800 Beck Road, is expected to be awarded Aug. 9 by the Walled Lake school board, administrators of the center. The addition has been two years in the planning.

The contract is contingent on agreement by the Oakland County Intermediate School District. Oakland Schools is expected to fund the building and equipment out of its county-wide half-mill levy, according to Dr. Don P. Sheldon, Walled Lake superintendent.

Sheldon looks to opening the new section in two years from now.

"It would take a miracle to open in September of '77," he said.

THE SCHOOL, popularly known as the Walled Lake Vocational Center, is one of four in Oakland County designed to provide students with salable skills whether they go into jobs directly out of high school or continue on to higher education.

Every year an increasing number of students from West Bloomfield, Walled Lake, Farmington, Novi, Midland, Lakeside and Clawsonville school districts attend, as well as from Our Lady of Mercy and Boys' Republic.

Most spend as much time learning a vocation during their junior and or senior year as on academics.

Enlarging the center, which opened in September 1971, will allow more students to be served as well as adding new programs.

AUTO BODY SHOP, small machine repair and cosmetology will be added to the more than 13 programs currently offered.

These were selected on the basis of a county survey of student job interests aligned with job opportunities, according to Sheldon.

Current SWOVEC students can choose from courses of particular value in the metropolitan Detroit area such as auto mechanics, diesel power mechanics, welding, machine shop and industrial electronics.

One- and two-year medical and dental office assistance is offered as well as office procedures, data processing and production arts.

More esthetic, but at the same time marketable are advanced display (window dressing), retail plant and floral sales and greenhouse and nursery sales.

A full-fledged food service kitchen which serves a public dining room gives would-be chefs and restaurateurs an opportunity to learn and test skills.

DR. JAMES MORSE, assistant superintendent for instruction in the West Bloomfield Schools, said the addition will allow "more flexibility for our students."



Rentable art

Art rental galleries in both Farmington libraries are popular as local artists supply the pictures and area residents rent them for \$2.50 and 30 cents per month. The only thing that worries librarian Roz Narbutas (right) is that not enough people are aware of the service. Edie Joppich, a painter, admires a painting of one of her students now in the gallery. The galleries are open during regular library hours. (Staff photo by Harry Maute)

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Roger Walker, realtor-owner of the firm said the company plans to be in the new location, 714 Grand River, on Aug. 1.

He said the acquisitions were made in order to better serve clients through an expanded sales force a more accessible location and improved closing facilities.

He said the move indicated "our faith in the continued viability of the economy and the ongoing viability of the Farmington community."

City cops search for male kidnapper

Farmington police are searching for a male who allegedly kidnaped a 19-year-old girl at midnight Monday evening and escaped with \$50 in cash from her father's home.

Kathleen Marie Cavanaugh, 3296 Glenview, was released unharmed by her abductor later that night near Metropolitan Airport in Romulus, police said.

The kidnapper entered the Cavanaugh home through an unlocked door shortly before Ms. Cavanaugh returned home about 11:18 p.m.

Her father was awakened by the screams and rushed from his bedroom to find his daughter with a knife at her throat, police reported.

The kidnapper demanded the girl's father hand over all his money.

The abductor took \$30 from the man and fled with the woman in a 1972-74 orange Chevrolet Vega, according to police.

The woman claims she was taken to the Romulus area near the airport and released by her kidnapper. She hitchhiked to Six Mile and Inkster where she called her parents.

Police say they have a good description of the abductor, but have no suspects in custody.

Federal spending keeps increasing

Federal spending has been growing much faster than the rate of expansion of the U.S. economy.

In the past 30 years federal spending has risen nearly 375 per cent and Gross National Product—the nation's total output of goods and services—by 275 per cent.

In the two fiscal years 1975-76, federal outlays rose about 28 per cent—almost double the GNP increase of 10 per cent.

Government spending at all levels—federal, local and state—today account for 36 per cent of the GNP. In 1950, it represented 21 per cent of GNP and, in 1930, only 12 per cent.

Patrick Quain is on dean's list

Patrick L. Quain, of 34057 State Farmington, has been named to the dean's list at John Carroll University, Cleveland, O.

A student must achieve an academic average of 3.5 or higher out of a possible 4.0 to make the list.

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