

How Dr. Carman Got Into The Fight Against Parochiaid

"It's funny how some little thing will be a turning point," said Dr. Kenneth Carman, who is getting a statewide and even national reputation as a debater against parochiaid. The "little thing," in his case, was a course he took in school finance last year at the University of Michigan. Dr. Carman, a Garden City physician, is a member of the school board there.

"Do you remember that avalanche of mail that hit Gov. Romney's desk early in 1968 in favor of parochiaid?" he asked his interviewer. "I was curious about it. I did my term paper on parochiaid... and found out how well organized they are... the great political pressure."



DR. KENNETH CARMAN

Bloomfield) and State Rep. Marvin Stemple (D-Livonia). Swanson also asked for volunteers for door-to-door circulation of petitions on unassigned streets in Livonia on two Saturday afternoons -- Sept. 20 and 27.

IN HIS SPEECH, Dr. Carman said the reason for declining parochial school enrollments isn't essentially a shortage of money, but can be attributed to the Archdiocese of Detroit's decision to reduce the pupil-teacher ratio, the uncoordinated and unplanned "fantastic" growth of parochial schools in the 1950s, and the declining

populations of elementary school age youngsters in city centers.

He charged that small schools are inefficient and uneconomical to operate. The 75 parochial high schools in Detroit, he said, have an average enrollment of only 406, whereas educators "generally feel" that a high school needs an enrollment of 1,000 to 1,200 or even 2,000 to operate efficiently.

Dr. Carman also contended that the public schools have already shown they have the capacity to absorb parochial students as parochial schools close down.

SINCE THEN, Dr. Carman has debated the Michigan Legislature's three chief proponents of state aid to parochial schools and appeared on a panel at the National Governors Conference last summer.

Thursday night he was in Livonia's Stevenson High School, speaking to a few dozen persons attending a meeting of "Citizens Against Parochiaid."

When Dr. Carman talks about the political power "they" have, he gets specific.

"They" doesn't refer to private schools, because few non-public students attend non-sectarian private schools, and those schools haven't asked for state money.

"They" means parochial schools -- sectarian schools, schools that are the educational arm of a church.

"They" means a group called Citizens for Educational Freedom -- some Dutch Reformed, some Missouri Synod Luther-

ans, mostly Catholics.

"THEY" GET MAD when Dr. Carman compares the parochial schools of the north to the racially segregated schools of Dixie, but he insists the comparison is valid.

"Both kinds have selective admissions policies... Both lack democratically elected boards... Both are based on a religious or philosophical concept... Both espouse freedom of choice"... Both have no current plans to account to the public for the use of their funds."

ROBERT SWANSON, chairman of Citizens Against Parochiaid, said that as many as 250 persons will be circulating petitions in the area asking the Legislature to reject any parochiaid bill.

Swanson, of 31036 Grenada, Livonia, set a Sept. 22 deadline for return of the petitions, which will be presented to State Sen. George Kuhn (R-West

Factory Labor Turnover High

WASHINGTON The major components of labor turnover -- new hires, quits, and layoffs -- continued to reflect a strong demand for factory workers in June, says the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Factory accessions, which include new hires as well as recalls and transfers from other establishments within the same company, were 49 per 1,000 workers in June, seasonally adjusted. It was the third time this rate had been reached in 1969. Prior to this year, the accession rate had not exceeded this level since September 1966. The current rate was four per 1,000 workers higher than a year ago.

The new hire rate remained

unchanged in June at 37 per 1,000 workers, seasonally adjusted. Although four per 1,000 workers higher than a year ago, the June new hire rate was below the three-year high registered in March 1969 (40 per 1,000 workers).

The layoff rate edged down slightly in June to 10 per 1,000 workers, seasonally adjusted. This equaled the post-Korean low reached in April 1969.

Factory quits, which generally reflect the availability of job opportunities, were unchanged over the month at 23 per 1,000 workers, seasonally adjusted. This was the highest on record since July 1963 and was five per 1,000 above the rate in June 1968.

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