



SECOND PLACE trophy goes to employees of the Observer Newspapers' Plymouth office in the business division of the old-fashioned costume contest at the 14th annual Plymouth Fall Festival. Mrs. William Baker, member of the judging committee, presents

the award to William Parish as (from left) Ida Naim, Lynn Pringle and Dorothy Finney look on. Other members of the committee are Chairman James Young and Mrs. William Kaiser

(Observer photo)

Award Contracts For Landscaping At Schoolcraft

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees awarded architectural contracts for both landscaping the new physical education building and a greenhouse addition.

They awarded a \$8500 contract to Grables, Mills and Young, Inc. of Lansing to do the landscaping outside the new physical education building.

Kenneth Lindner, vice-president in charge of business for the college, said the firm was well known for its ability to lay out athletic fields.

"They have completed outdoor physical education plans for many class 'A' high schools and junior colleges," he said.

LINDNER SAID the \$8500 fee would cover about a \$100,000 landscaping program for the new building.

The building itself is well past halfway in the construction cycle, but is still behind schedule.

The greenhouse architectural contract went to Halls - Hamill-Becker Associates, Inc., of Livonia, for a four section pre-fab complex connected by a

small service unit.

In similar action, the college trustees approved equipment purchases and a 1969-70 capital budget. They authorized:

"New office equipment, \$7,216; new adding machines, \$583; "New science and art equipment, \$10,485.

"An auxiliary budget to the current regular budget covering student services of \$58,000. It includes student senate funds, as well as \$10,000 for the college's three publications and \$14,000 for athletics. The entire amount is covered by student fees.

THE BOARD also approved a capital budget request from the school's administrator for

\$87,210, about one third of the \$255,000 the staff had requested.

Lindner said that one major cut of \$90,000 came when the administration decided not to cover the courtyard between two shop classrooms.

"The staff had requested the courtyard be covered. It is desirable, but not necessary," Lindner told the board.

The funds will be used for new equipment throughout the college's classrooms.

Spending Records Fall As Tourist Dollars Flow

Mid-season reports indicate Michigan is headed toward another record-shattering tourist year with seasonal highs already recorded in most sections of the state, according to William T. McGraw, Michigan Tourist Council director, in McGraw.

McGraw noted too, that the post-Labor Day business is expected to begin under most favorable conditions.

"According to present indications, 1969 will top the record \$1.77 billion tourist spending of 1968, probably by \$100 million and conceivably more," McGraw reported.

He said late summer fishing in the Great Lakes has already begun with massive schools of salmon reported running in Lake Michigan. Coho catches have been good, and frequent catches of Chinook - Michigan's new game fish - have been reported, pointing toward an optimistic fall business outlook.

Apollo 11 as a low period in which families stayed home to watch television.

"Once the flight had ended, they fled from the heat of the cities to the beaches of west Michigan," he stated.

JAMES HALL, secretary-manager, East Michigan Tourist Association, Bay City, reported that business was off as much as 25 per cent during June, blaming heavy rainfall in the area during the month.

"From July 1, just the opposite has been true," Hall said. "Business is up by as much as

25 per cent and the average should be from 10 to 15 per cent."

Secretary-manager Sidney Baker, Southeast Michigan Tourist Association, Detroit, noted that mid-season travel in the southeast Michigan area is well ahead of last year.

"By May, travel business over last year was up approximately 10 per cent from the previous year, and spring-summer business is up from 10 to 15 per cent, although some 'soft spots' were noted in the attractions category," Baker stated.

MACKINAC BRIDGE crossings, another of the major tourist business indicators, are up 21.3 per cent for the first seven months of 1969.

Strait traffic, amounting to 353,348 crossings during July, set an all-time record, topping the previous July, 1958 record and, additionally, showed a 22.2 per cent gain over the comparable 1958 period.

Unofficial bridge counts indicate that from 15 to 20 per cent of recreational vehicles crossing the bridge are pulling house trailers or are mounted with campers.



THEY'RE GRADUATES TOO. Mrs. William Parish, (center) with manager of the Schoolcraft College bookstore, presents diplomas to two graduates who recently completed a special business course and graduated from the National Assn. of College Stores at Oberlin College. Accepting the diplomas are Mrs. Russell (Melania) Shults (center) 1943-44 and Mrs. Mary (Mary) Shults 1929-30. Plymouth, Mrs. William Parish, (left) is a graduate of the NACS management seminar program.



OBSERVER NEWSPAPER employees in Plymouth staged their own costume contest prior to judging in the Fall Festival competition and some styles of the turn of the century won the awards. The winners were (from left) Dorothy Finney, third; William Parish, best male; Ida Naim, second; Lynn Pringle, honorable mention; Mrs. William Baker, first.

Remember Surcharges Extension

Thomas A. Cardozo, acting district director of Internal Revenue in Michigan, today advised individuals paying estimated tax that they must re-extend extension of the 10 per cent surcharge in their installments due on or after Sept. 15.

Prior to the extension, Cardozo explained, the 10 per cent surcharge was to expire June 30, 1969 which resulted in an annual effective rate of five per cent for 1969.

Since the extension raises the effective rate to the full 10 per cent, estimated taxes will have to be recomputed, with the additional tax to be divided equally over the remaining installments.

Taxpayers can recompute the installments due on the amended computation schedule they received as part of their estimated tax package last February. For a calendar year taxpayer the next installment is due Sept. 15.

Cardozo said a number of taxpayers who have already made the estimated payment failed to include the required Voucher 3, which was a part of the estimated tax package sent them last February. If Voucher 3 is not properly completed and included with the payment, the payment cannot be credited to the proper account.

Cardozo said taxpayers who previously expected their estimated tax to be less than \$40 and, therefore, would not have to file the declaration, estimated tax will now have to do so if the surcharge extension increases their estimated tax to \$40 or more. Estimated tax forms are available at local Internal Revenue Service offices.

Plymouth GI Honored With Bronze Star

Sgt. Clifford Burpo, Jr., 344 Amelia, Plymouth, a member of the 1964 graduating class of Plymouth High, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service as a security policeman in Vietnam.

Burpo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burpo Sr., of 1524 Elmwood, Plymouth, was awarded the medal prior to his recent discharge after serving 11 months overseas.

Married, and the father of a son, Gary, Burpo and his wife, Sandra, moved back to Plymouth following his release from active duty.

He enlisted in the Air Force in October 1965, took his training at Holman Field in Terre Haute, Ind. and then was shipped to Vietnam in June of 1968.

DURING HIS service there, he was named outstanding airman of the month for his flight.

The Bronze Star award came after recommendations from his commanding officer and others who watched his performance as a security officer.

THE CITATION READS: "Sgt. Clifford Burpo, Jr., distinguished himself by meritorious service as a security policeman, 633rd Security Police Squadron, Republic of Vietnam while serving with friendly foreign forces from June 1, 1968 to April 25, 1969.

"During this period Sgt. Burpo displayed outstanding professional skill and devotion to duty which added immeasurably in the defense of Pleiku Air Base.

"The energetic application of his knowledge and superior efforts of Sgt. Burpo greatly increased the combat capabilities of the Security Police Squadron and the base.

"The exemplary leadership,

personal endeavor and devotion to duty displayed by Sgt. Burpo in this responsible position reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

Since settling down in Plymouth, Burpo is now attending Schoolcraft College.



SGT. CLIFFORD BURPO, JR.

Tri-County Sales Up 4 Per Cent

Retail sales in Detroit were up one per cent in July, 1969 compared with the same period in 1968, while the tri-county metropolitan area reported an increase of four per cent.

The median figures are the result of the monthly survey of a cross-section of retailers conducted by the Retail Merchants Association of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

Median figures for Detroit retail sales by category revealed: department stores up 2.5 per cent; women's apparel shops down 5.5 per cent; shoe stores down 7.5 per cent; camera and jewelry stores up two per cent; men's wear shops up four per cent; other stores up three per cent.

Tri-county area retail sales by category: department stores up 3.5 per cent; women's apparel shops up 15 per cent; shoe stores down three per cent.

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CIRCULATION DATA			
NEWSPAPER	Current Print Run	Certified Audit Corp. Audited Circulation as of 9-30-68	
The Livonia Observer	29,500	28,094	
The Bedford Observer	21,700	20,261	
The Farmington Enterprise & Observer	14,800	14,136	
The Plymouth Mail & Observer	9,700	9,887	
The Westland Observer (Wed. only)	18,000	9,888	
The Garden City Observer (Wed. only)	11,400	11,402	
Total Wednesday	105,200	92,186	
Total Sunday	74,600	71,568	
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