

# C'ville Board Backs Family Economics; Sets 2-Day Retreat

Family economics, a new course taught as part of the home economics curriculum, now may be selected to meet the economics requirement for graduation at Clarenceville High School.

This action was taken as the suggestion of Anthony Marra, principal of the high school, who recommended to the Board of Education that this course would satisfy the requirement of one semester of economics or Consumer Products.

This is a departure from the past, but meets the modern

trend, and the board adopted the recommendation as future policy.

The new course also is a boon to family living as it also sets the foundations-economics - on which the successful home is built, according to Principal Marra.

MEANWHILE David McDowell, superintendent of schools for the district, also announced that the members of the Board of Education, the members of the administration and 10 students of senior high, will attend a "retreat" over

the weekend to work on personnel policies of the school.

The retreat is to be held at Walden Woods on U.S. 23, and will open on Friday and continue through Saturday.

"We intend to make a study of all of our problems," McDowell explained, "and we have selected a place of peace and quiet in order that we can concentrate."

He also let it be known that, as a matter of bettering communication, one meeting has been held with the students and another is planned for Friday, April 30.

"These sessions are being held," he explained, "to devise methods for better communication. They are simply discussion sessions and in that respect differ from negotiating any of the students demands."

According to the school chief, the first session was productive and further headway in setting up communication policies is expected to be made on Friday.

IN AN UNUSUAL move the board extended to three years the probationary period of teacher Timothy Hill.

Tenure usually is granted for two years, and this granting of a third year is something new in board action.

The board also approved the purchase of two buses at a total unit price of \$8,563.83 a piece. In approving the purchase, it was agreed that \$2,127.66 come from the 1970-71 budget and that the remaining \$15,900 be borrowed on a three-year repayment basis.

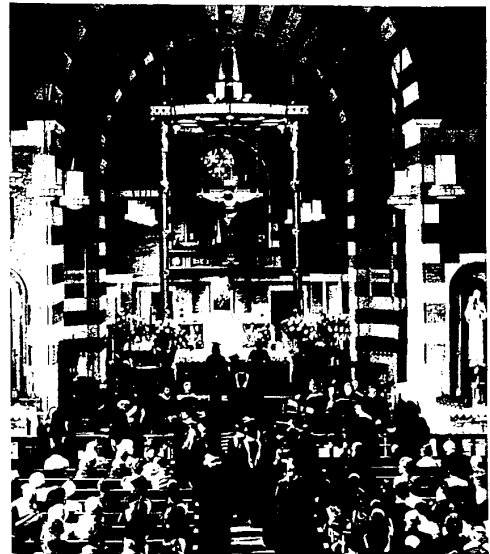
It also was agreed that a two-year administrative contract be offered to Donald Meier as assistant principal at the senior high school. This will carry him through the 1971-72 school year.

Supt. McDowell also took occasion to deny the charge that agendas for the board meetings are not available to the public. He stated they are made up on Tuesday and ready for distribution on Wednesdays before meetings for those who care to have them.

## Shenkman On Faculty

Jack Shenkman, owner of Livonia Mall and Harvard Row Mall, will serve on a faculty of experts at the annual convention of the International Council of Shopping Centers in Miami Beach May 10 to 12.

Shenkman will join nearly 300 other shopping center professionals in conducting classes at the "University of Shopping Centers," which will be attended by over 4,000 shopping center developers, owners, managers, chain store real estate executives, mortgage lenders, and others active in the shopping center industry.



ON WAY TO DIPLOMAS -- The graduating class at Madonna College marches down the aisle of the chapel Sunday afternoon to open the annual commencement exercises.

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER -- Mrs. Johney J. Cheney, a teacher in the Willow Run school district, is shown here delivering the commencement day address at Madonna College after she had received an honorary doctor of humanities degree.

## Madonna Gives 2 Honoraries

As the climax of its annual commencement exercises Sunday afternoon Madonna College paid high tribute to two outstanding personalities—Mrs. Johney J. Cheney and Mother Mary Angelica OSSE—by honoring them with the degrees "doctor of humanities."

At the same time it was announced that the National League of Nursing had granted accreditation to the baccalaureate nursing program.

The accreditation had been sought for a long time and now focuses national attention on the Madonna program.

After receiving her honorary degree Mrs. Cheney delivered the commencement address and stressed the need for understanding between white and black people.

Mrs. Cheney's citation said: "Convinced that understanding begets understanding, she has the personal warmth and professional commitment of her own life shared her vision and dedication with her students and her community."

Mrs. Cheney has been a teacher in the Willow Run school district for 25 years where her deep social awareness and sensitivity to the needs of others extended her influence beyond the classroom.

In honoring Mother Mary Angelica, chairman of the board of trustees of Madonna College, the citation stated: "She has shown constant and effective concern for the growth and well being of Madonna and her dedication to Christian social service during her many years as director of Guardian Angel Home and Angelus Hall, where girls deprived of family living were able to discover warmth, compassion and a new meaning of life."



READING THE GOOD NEWS -- Sister Mary Donato (left) president of Madonna College and Sister Mary Louonne, chairman of the nursing department, sharing the announcement that the National League for Nursing had given accreditation to the Madonna program. This accreditation will now focus national attention on Madonna.

## Water, First Aid Courses Are Offered

Because of a need for an increased number of skilled water safety and first aid instructors, the American National Red Cross will again offer an extensive program of instructor and leadership training this year.

One aquatic school will again be conducted in Michigan. It will be held at the Lake of the Woods Camp, Dearborn, from June 11 to 21. Enrollees must be 17 years of age or older and medically approved as physically fit.

The curriculum in the 10-day aquatic schools will include basic courses in swimming, lifesaving, small craft, and first aid. Leadership training in the organization of camp, community, and swimming pool aquatic programs is also provided. The training is available to both experienced and prospective instructors.

There will be a special section for training Red Cross first aid instructors. No swimming is required for students in the First Aid section.

Outstanding volunteer aquatic and safety experts make up the faculty of each school. There is no charge for instruction, the students pay only \$70, which includes room, meals, and individual supplies. Transportation is not included.

Application forms may be obtained by writing the South-eastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, 143 E. Elizabeth Street, Detroit, Michigan 48232, or by phoning 961-8900 ext. 254.

**Kuhn Honors Astronauts**

Three American astronauts and the ground crews who helped extricate them when an explosion struck Apollo 13 more than 200,000 miles from earth are honored in a concurrent resolution introduced in the senate by Sen. George W. Kuhn (R-West, Bloomfield).

The resolution paid tribute to Astronauts James A. Lovell Jr., Fred W. Haise Jr. and John L. Swigert Jr. for their "unmatched technological skill, courage and indomitable spirit" in bringing their crippled spacecraft back to earth with the help of "the smooth functioning of the vast NASA network whose teams of experts performed miracles of emergency improvisation."

The Michigan Legislature joins the millions in America and around the world in congratulating these brave men, and the personnel of NASA control, and offer a prayer of thanksgiving on their safe return.

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**New PR Job For Lawrence**

Russell Lee Lawrence, a native of Farmington who now lives in Philadelphia, has been appointed public relations director of PR Communications Associates, Philadelphia, a subsidiary of J. M. Korn Co.

Most recently Lawrence was with Gray & Rogers, Inc., a public relations account executive.

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