

They've 'Come A Long Way' At Dehoco

By W.W. EDGAR

Diplomas have been awarded to the most unusual graduating class in the history of the Plymouth High School.

It is a class of six inmates at the Detroit House of Correction who completed the required course and earned the proper amount of credits in a program that was instituted last fall.

The commencement exercises were something to behold as the women, all classed by Dehoco as "state" women, decorated the stage in the auditorium and carefully prepared every facet of the exercises - even to a large banner across the back of the stage which read:

"We've come a long way."

AS A FEATURE of the commencement exercises, Dehoco Supt. William Bannan and James Rossman, superintendent of the Plymouth

Community School District spoke - using the women's own slogan as their theme.

"We had a school similar to this when I was warden at Jackson Prison," Bannan explained, "and I am delighted that we have come so far with this new program."

The program, worked through the continuing education and recreation project of the Plymouth schools, is financed by state aid and under the supervision of Herb Woolweaver of the high school staff.

"There has been a school out at Dehoco for some time," Woolweaver explained, "and it was conducted by the Catholic Archdiocese with nuns in charge of the teaching. But they lacked money to do the job required."

"Then, working with Frank Wilkerson, former assistant to the superintendent at Dehoco, we qualified for \$31,000 in state aid. That was sufficient to run

the school this year without any additional cost to the taxpayers.

ACCORDING TO Woolweaver, there were 232 women enrolled last September, and they constituted a credit membership of \$148.25. It was on this basis that the amount of state aid was determined.

"Of this amount," he added, "the Plymouth school system retains 12% or \$3,742. During the first year, because of the necessity to purchase new equipment, we lost money and the Plymouth system took only 6%."

Among the purchases were 20 typewriters, copier tables and chairs, books, pencils and even the paper they used.

On the teaching staff during the second semester were 25 persons, including 11 nuns, holdover from the days when the sisters ran the school and called it the Sister Caroline Parker school, in honor of

originating the educational program some years ago.

"It requires quite a lot of work," Woolweaver pointed out, "to get the women properly classified. They must have a minimum of two full credits, or four subjects, to graduate. So we have to check their credits in their home towns."

"They are now required to have 15 credits. Prior to 1964 the requirement was 16 and after 1965 it was 18. Now, the plans have evened off to 15 and there is an amazing amount of interest in the classes."

Supt. Bannan, well pleased with the first class, said it was a great move to help in the rehabilitation of these women.

"They have it tough enough getting started after leaving here," he said, "but a high school diploma should go a long way to help them."



UNUSUAL GRADUATING CLASS - The first class to receive Plymouth High School diplomas in the new program at the Detroit House of Correction were awarded them last week in appropriate exercises. Five of the six

graduates are (left) Ann Ruedisuel, Ruth Mebett, Betty Selver, Mally Byrom and Linda Fischer. Rene Armstrong was not available when the picture was taken.



CATALINA CLUB of Clarenceville High School is decked out in peace symbol to represent "Athens" for its "Sea of Myths" swim show Thursday and Friday, May 14-15, at the school pool. From left: Cheryl Rossow, Jackie Johnson, Leslie Brownstein, Cindy Turek, Helen Shafer, Loretta Prisk, Sue Case and Vicki Turner. (Observer photo)

Waste Hauler Convicted, Fined

LANSING

Cooperation by a Walled Lake firm, led this week to the first arrest under Michigan's new law which requires haulers of liquid industrial waste to be licensed by the State Water Resources Commission.

Richard Monear of Royal Oak pleaded guilty and was fined \$500 by Judge Gerald E. McNally of the 52nd District Court in March for the complaining firm without a license.

Monear's arrest, made by conservation officers James Gene and David Pvers, came after leaders of the Walled Lake industrial company grew suspicious of the operator when he failed to present a hauler's license at their request.

An official of the firm alerted the Department of Natural Resources to the situation and signed a complaint against Monear. That action resulted in a warrant being issued from the 52nd District Court in March for the arrest of the Royal Oak man.

officers Gene and Pvers and staked them out at the plant site.

The officers arrested Monear when he arrived for a take-away delivery of the firm's industrial waste.

Monear escaped a heavier fine of \$1,000, threatened by Judge McNally, when he cooperated in showing officers Gene and Pvers the sites where he had previously unloaded liquid industrial waste from the Walled Lake firm. He led them to a sanitary land fill in Washtenaw County where his earlier disposal of waste showed no evidence of causing water pollution.

THE NEW LAW which Monear violated requires the licensing of both operators and vehicles engaged in trucking liquid industrial wastes for disposal.

It was passed last year by the State Legislature under Act 136 in an effort to roadblock the promiscuous dumping of wastes which create or threaten to cause pollution of underground and surface waters in the state.

The DNR's water quality control officials pushed for enactment of the new regulation after the so-called "phantom dumpers" struck in the winter of 1968-69, pouring thousands of gallons of waste oil into ditches along roads and freeways in the Detroit Metropolitan area.

As part of the law's safeguards, industrial firms may hire only licensed operators to haul wastes from their plant sites.



A FAVORITE DOLL is being entered by Susan Dennis, 5, of Livonia, in the doll and pet parade sponsored by Wonderland Center, Plymouth at Middle Belt, on May 23 at 1 p.m. Susan received the doll last Christmas, and her grandmother made the outfit. To enter the parade, call the Wonderland Center Merchants Center at 535-0373.

Madonna Leaders In Project Language Meet Set At C'ville

Madonna College has been selected one of 14 small midwestern colleges to cooperate in a long-range planning pilot project sponsored by the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges (CASc).

Purpose is to train a number of college officials and trustees in the techniques of long-range planning, both academic and financial. Each college taking part will provide a team of the president, dean of the faculty, business manager, director of development and a member of the board of trustees.

Madonna, operated by the Felician Sisters, is located at 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

size the over-all academic projections for each college and for the major programs and departments within the institutions. Considerable attention will be given to the development of academic goals, objectives and priorities year by year for the decade ahead.

Grants totaling \$10,000 have been awarded the project by the International Business Machines Corp. and Xerox.

Directing the project will be personnel from the Academy for Educational Development, Inc. Dr. Earl J. McGrath, director of the Higher Education Center of Temple University, has been engaged as academic consultant.

THREE SEMINARS will form part of the training program and during the project each college will be visited by consultants for intensive on-site seminars.

The opening seminar held in spring in Chicago was attended by Sister M. Lauriana, Madonna's academic dean, and three other college officials. The seminar considered academic problems facing the colleges as well as the utilization of time, space, personnel, organizational structure and financial resources.

CASc presently has a total membership of 90 colleges, located mainly in the midwestern U.S. region.

Clarenceville parents whose children are participating in the language development program Title I, as well as those parents who would be interested in having their children participate, will meet Wednesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clarenceville Board of Education office, 28830 W. Eight Mile.

Purpose of the meeting is to advise parents of plans for the summer program and for the program of the 1970-71 school year. Mrs. Walter Lambert, president of Westbrook Elementary School's parents advisory committee, will give a report of ways parents can assist with the program.

Hospital Skills Boosted At S'Craft

Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia has entered into a cooperative educational program for electromedical technicians.

The college will be cooperating with Riverside Osteopathic Hospital of Trenton, a division of the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital Corp.

In mid-1969 Schoolcraft election initiated a completely new program to train qualified

personnel in the repair, calibration, and overhaul of sophisticated medical electronic equipment now being used for health care.

JAMES LANE, administrator of the hospital and Delbert Sipes, the college's program director agreed that there is a real need for personnel in this field.

Lane noted that the rapid technological change of such equipment as cardiac monitors, automated blood analyzers, electro-mechanical heart pumps, electro-mechanical respirators, and various other electromedical equipment will require immediate availability of skilled technicians.

Sipes stated that he was pleased with the cooperative arrangements for the program since the student will also gain experience at the two other divisions of the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital Corporation, Detroit Osteopathic Hospital in Highland Park and Bi-County Community Hospital in Warren.

The cooperative phase is in two separate 16-week sessions. The first period is devoted to equipment familiarization and observation and the second with actual repair and calibration.

Associate degrees in science will be awarded by the college after the successful completion of the two-year course.



HONORED - Peter E. Brender, of Brender-Hamill & Associates, Plymouth, was awarded a certificate of life membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers by the Southeastern branch of the Michigan section. The award was presented at the group's annual dinner-dance at the Bonnie Brook Country Club on May 8. Brender has been active in civil engineering in the Detroit area for 57 years.

Farmington Man A Speaker

Stanley E. Hitsky, a Detroit agent for Continental Assurance Co., was a main speaker at the firm's recent conference in Palm Springs, Calif. Continental Assurance is a subsidiary of the Chicago-based CNA Financial Corp.

Hitsky has been among the top 15 salesmen for Continental Assurance since 1964.

He is a graduate of Ohio University. He and his family live at 32385 Glenoave, Farmington.

Biologists At Conference

Schoolcraft and Oakland County Community College biology specialists will be attending the second annual meeting of the Association of Community College Biologists of Southeastern Michigan Thursday, May 14.

Two leading scientists in marine environment will keynote the session, being held at Fair Lane Conference Center on the University of Michigan Dearborn Campus.



DR. ROBERT A. RAGOTZKIE, currently professor of meteorology and director of the marine studies center at the University of Wisconsin, will be the featured speaker during the morning session and will discuss "The Ecology of Atlantic Coastal Plain Estuaries."

Following an open discussion session and a luncheon, Dr. John J. Magnuson also of the University of Wisconsin, will speak on "Food from the Sea."

Dr. Magnuson is professor of limnology.

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