

New Schoolcraft President To Visit

By KATHY MORAN

Schoolcraft College's incoming president is anxious to take his place at the helm and will be spending his spring break getting set to take over.

Currently finishing his last year as dean of applied sciences and technology at Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky., Dr. C. Nelson Grote will be on his spring break next week and will spend it with his family in Observersland.

"I'm very anxious," Dr. Grote said in a recent telephone interview. "The whole family is anxious to move there."

HE PERCEIVES Schoolcraft as having "unusual potential" and as the answer to what he had been looking for.

"I have been looking at various colleges, and they have been looking at me, but this position at Schoolcraft is the most exciting and interesting," he said. "It has the kind of character and the kind of possibilities I was seeking."

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DR. GROTE gave credit for the college's "potential" to President Eric Bradner and his staff "who have accomplished all they have in a short period of time."

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position of director of community services on the campus.

The workings of a college are not new to Dr. Grote, who has spent 10 years as a college administrator and has taught college courses. He holds a doctorate in education from the University of Illinois and a masters from the University of Missouri. His undergraduate work was completed at Eastern Illinois State Teachers College.

He was chosen from 200 applicants after a 10-month search by a college committee.

Dr. Grote said that in the three different interviews with the committee, they swapped ideas on the scope and responsibilities of the presidency and both he and the committee "tried them (the ideas) on for size as to compatibility."

THE 43-YEAR-OLD dean will be ushered into the president's chair with the immediate responsibility of working for the passage of an added one mill levy for the college.

But the responsibility doesn't sway him, and he says he "will be actively leading the activities up to the election date."

Dr. Grote said he has assisted in working toward passage of local issues and bond issues. He is also "familiar with the movements which have developed in collective bargaining in higher education."

Dr. Grote and it "makes my job of assuming the presidency that much easier."

Though he won't officially assume the \$30,000 a year position until July 1, the president-elect plans to settle into the community in May. He will succeed Dr. Bradner who has headed the college for 10 years since its inception.

Dr. Grote is anxious to talk about his immediate schedule for the ensuing week but hesitant to talk about his plans for the college until after he has taken office.

The most immediate activity for the Grote family is house hunting, the major decision of which rests on how the houses "relate to the school district," he said.

Mrs. Wilma Grote will lead the hunt followed by her two daughters, Carol, 17, and Janice, 15, and either helped or

hindered by the young sons of the family, Mark, 6, and Steven, 4.

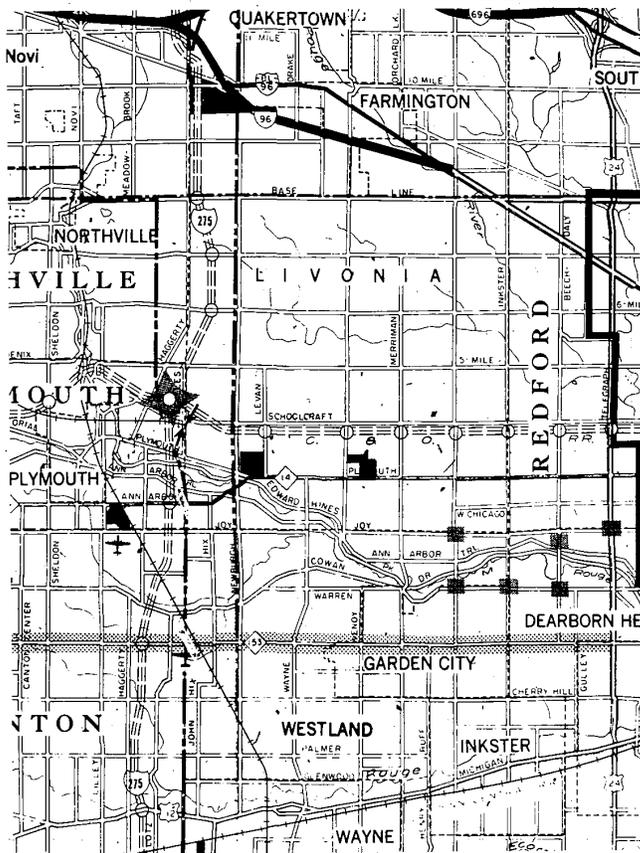
Dr. Grote will help in the final selection but will be mainly occupied with meeting faculty members, students, and representatives of the college community.

ONE OF HIS first activities will be to join Dr. Bradner in hosting a Monday morning breakfast with community leaders.

He will be involved with meetings with the administration staff, the Faculty Forum, and the student senate and will be "briefed" on plans for the fine arts center and the 1971-72 operating budget.

He also will be involved in interviews for the unfilled

Regional Affairs



WHERE IT IS — The gray, shaded areas on the map indicate where highway projects will be done in Observersland.

\$8 Million Interchange Tops Highway List

A highway construction project boom will soon begin in Observersland.

The State Highway Commission has announced it will take bids on nearly \$16 million in area road-building work on March 17 in Lansing. Largest single project at \$8 million is construction of a mammoth 250-acre interchange to join planned Interstate 275 (Haggerty Road) with Interstate 86 and M-14 (Plymouth Road) in Livonia and Plymouth Township.

BIDS ON four additional projects totaling \$6.7 million also will be taken for ramp and bridge work in the interchange area.

Bids also will be taken on two projects at an estimated \$640,000 for improvements to intersections in Westland, Livonia, Garden City, Dearborn Heights and Redford Township.

A project for safety and intersection work in Westland is also included.

In addition, bids will be taken for application of 21,680 feet of thermoplastic pavement markings on Plymouth Road between Levan and Beech-Daly.

THE IMPROVEMENTS include:

• Start of construction of a 250-acre interchange joining planned Interstate 275 with Interstate 96 and M-14 in Plymouth Township and Livonia. Work, exclusive of freeway paving and bridges, includes grading, construction of drainage structures, utility alterations and miscellaneous paving on temporary roads and bridge approaches. Cost is \$6,030,000. Completion is set for June, 1974.

• Construction of a bridge to carry Plymouth Road over planned Interstate 275 Freeway in Plymouth. Work includes construction of one retaining wall along the

northbound roadway of planned I-275. Cost is \$660,000, with a December 1971 completion date.

• Construction of five bridges of the planned I-275 and I-96 interchange in Plymouth Township and Livonia. Bridges will carry southbound I-275 over Schoolcraft Road, northbound I-275 to the eastbound I-96 ramp over Schoolcraft Road, southbound I-275 over the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad and northbound I-275 and one ramp over the C & O railroad. Cost is 2,350,000. Completion is set for November 1972.

• Construction of one bridge to carry planned southbound I-275 over M-14 (Plymouth Road). Work also includes construction of a second bridge to carry northbound I-275 and an inter-

change collector-distributor road over M-14. Both bridges are part of the planned I-275 and I-96 interchange in Plymouth Township and Livonia. Cost is \$1,700,000. September 1972 is completion date.

• Construction of turning lanes, crossover lanes and paving of 11.2 miles of M-153 (Ford Road) on the Washtenaw-Wayne County line (Napier Road) east to US-24 (Telegraph Road) in Westland, Garden City and Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$640,000 and November, 1971, is completion target.

• Widening paving and construction of turn lanes on Joy Road at US-24 and on Joy Road at Beech-Daly Road. Work also includes addition of a fifth (turning) lane, on Inkster Road between North Hines Drive and

Joy Road in Dearborn Heights and Westland. All work will be financed under the federal TOPICS program. Cost is \$370,000 and completion set for July 1971.

• Widening, curb and paving at the following intersections: Joy Road at Middle Belt, Warren Road at Inkster, Warren at Beech-Daly and on Warren at Middle Belt in Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Dearborn Heights. Work to be paid for by TOPICS. Cost is \$370,000. July, 1971, is date for completion.

• Construction of crossover lanes for left turns on US-12 (Michigan Avenue) east of Henry Ruff in Inkster and Westland. Cost is \$210,000 and August 1971 is completion date.

3 Senators Say 'No' To Offices

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It may be a relief to Observersland residents that their senators are opposed to setting up home offices at their constituents' expense — and furthermore, that the Legislature is no longer considering a proposal of this sort.

Sens. Daniel Cooper (D-Oak Park) and Sen. William Faust (D-Westland) maintain offices in their home areas at their own expense, and Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) meets with constituents in city offices or at their convenience.

"There has been no senator at this time that has suggested this at all," Cooper

said in response to an article appearing in a daily newspaper which hinted at this possibility.

Cooper echoed the feelings of the other senators when he said that he would vote against a bill recommending home offices be set up at the taxpayers' expense, especially because of the state of the economy.

FAUST MANAGES to see many of his constituents on the weekends in a Westland office he shares with an attorney.

"I find it handy and useful," Faust said. "I think people hesitate to come to your home."

Faust said it works "fine" because the attorney uses the office throughout the week, and Faust uses it for week-end appointments.

PURSELL MOVES around the 14th district on Mondays and Fridays as well as on the weekends, meeting with various constituents in offices convenient to them.

Pursell has been in favor of reducing legislator's expenses and thinks one office in Lansing is enough for them.

"I think when we reduce other peoples' budgets, we should also reduce ours," he said.

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