

# How Non-Squeaking Wheels Win Rewards

By KATHY MORAN

All the excitement of a day at Cedar Point was extra special to a group of 40 children from the Wayne County Child Development Center in Northville. The children, few of whom had ever been to an amusement park, earned the trip simply by their good behavior.

And they found the thrills of riding down a river in a log and riding on the double ferris wheel was well worth the effort.

Less than a year ago, the opportunity would not have been available itself to the children.

BUT A QUIET revolution behind the old brick walls of the 45-year-old center at Five Mile and Sheldon took place this winter. The trip to Cedar

Point was just one of the by-products.

The revolution was hardly as dramatic as the Boston Tea Party, but its effects are nearly as monumental.

The school personnel simply decided to put their emphasis on good behavior.

They recognized that often the child who gets the attention is the one who misbehaves the most.

And since the center houses retarded children who are most often from deprived homes, they clamored for attention by causing trouble.

"MOST OF the bad behaviors in the school are done strictly for getting attention," said Pat Tombeau, a psychologist at the center.

"Consequently these behaviors have been minimized by calling as little

attention to them as possible."

"For most of these kids, their background is failure," he said. "We are trying to reinforce good behavior by rewarding good behavior and ignoring bad."

Attempting to "sell" learning to the students, the teaching staff implemented what has become the "in" thing in teaching—a behavioral modification program.

Giving the children realistic goals to strive for, the teachers "award" the youths points for getting to class on time, completing homework assignments, and behaving during the class.

"THE CHILDREN can grasp it better because they know just what is expected of

them," said Ray Telman, a teacher.

Each child knows he can earn five points an hour for doing the work and behaving for a total of 25 points a day and 125 for the week.

At the end of the week, youths with at least 115 points can go to the honor roll party—and usually nearly half the students make it.

On alternate Fridays, the party is held off the grounds—such as at Edward Hines Park—and longer range activities are planned once a month—as the trip to Cedar Point.

The other Friday is spent in a party in the gym where they can go swimming, dance to soul sounds, or play Bingo.

IN ADDITION, all students can use their good behavior points to purchase small items at the "Behavior Mod" shop. Since the program has little cash to run on, the store items are donations or bought from monetary donations.

But whether it is a puzzle for himself or a change purse for the youth's mother, that child feels he has made a special purchase after leaving the shop.

"We feel that if the students realize that their achievements have immediate positive reinforcement, then there will be an increase in willingness to learn," said Tom Dolan, school counselor.

Even the kids who can't get it together enough to make the honor roll get recognition from the teaching staff.

Students who have shown the most improvement have their picture taken and hung in a special showcase. Good papers and artistic projects are also put on display.

CHILDREN who persist in causing trouble can also get ahead. The teachers arrange a "contract" with this student.

By behaving and fulfilling the terms of the contract, the student gets a prearranged reward.



A PRIZE-WINNING THROW comes from this youth while others anxiously await their turn. The booth was one of several designed, built, and monitored by teachers from the Child

Development Center for the "honor roll" carnival. Besides getting to go to the carnival because of good behavior in school, each student went home with a prize or two.



A FORTUNE TELLER, alias Mable Stroman, teacher at the Wayne County Child Development Center, attracted a following with her peeks into the future using a deck of cards. Their fortunes must have been good because all the students seemed to have a great time at the carnival.

## Nixon's Order Ends SC Strike

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"Once he proves he can do it, there is no excuse for not doing it," Dolan said.

"And there are no hollow promises," Telman said. "We always come through for the children."

Like a chain reaction, the enthusiasm of the teachers was passed on to the students. And in turn, the students are getting so involved in the program that it reinforces the teachers.

The attitude of the teachers has improved drastically since the program went into effect," Dolan said. "For the first time they are working together and they have the same goals," Telman added.

Because the teachers are either young or young-thinking, the students are learning to relate to them.

And the students are learning pride in themselves and developing group spirit that will enable them to adjust to the "outside" world when they leave the center.

As a direct result of President Nixon's Aug. 12-13 order, more than 40 striking secretaries from Schoolcraft College voluntarily agreed to return to work yesterday.

The secretaries began withholding their services last week until they received "equity" in wage scales, alleging that they were among the lowest paid education secretaries in the district.

The negotiating team of the Schoolcraft College Association of Office Personnel, an unaffiliated union, met with state fact-finder Alan Wall and the college negotiating team on Monday. Before the day-long session

ended, the secretaries had agreed to return to work in light of the presidential message.

THE FACT-FINDING session was devoted to a presentation by the SCAOP team, according to a college spokesman. A future date for fact-finding sessions was not set although the spokesman said that fact-finding will proceed at the "mutual convenience" of the groups.

The secretaries have been working without a contract since July 1. They had met with administrators six times since May in formal bargaining with the last session on July 12.

Their attorney, Joseph Golden, said they were not far

apart from the college in their economic demands but that the college was not prepared to budge from its original offer, thus forcing the secretaries to the picket line.

The women, who had never withheld services before, stayed at the entrances to the college for four days amid dust from construction along Haggerty Road.

Neither Golden or SCAOP president Mrs. Jane Lurain could be reached for comment after the fact-finding session Monday.

It was not certain how the president's freeze would affect previously negotiated contracts at the college or the millage request that is scheduled for a Sept. 13 election.

### Easter Seal Board Adds 4

Four Observerland residents have been elected to the first board of directors of the new Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults Inc. of Wayne County.

The four are: Walter Russell and Joseph L. Flesher of Redford Township.

### Reading Course Set

Madonna College is offering developmental reading, a one-credit-hour course aimed at improving reading skills. Skills to be learned include surveying and rapid reading,

### Cville Band Parents Set Flea Market

Clarenceville Band Parents and Friends Club will hold a flea market on Sunday, Aug. 22, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the high school parking lot. Rental fee will be \$3 a parking space for non-members and \$1.50 for members. The first fall meeting of Band Parents will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 8 p.m. in the high school band room.

### Pie-Eating Champs Will Get Trophies

Take your marks, get set, dig in...

The fourth annual children's pie eating contest will be held at noon Saturday (Aug. 21) at Wonderland Center Mall, Plymouth and Middle Belt.

The contest is open to the first 150 children between the ages of 9 and 12 who register at the contest.

Competition will be split into categories, 9-10-year olds and 11-12. There will be 25 children in each heat with one winner to be selected from each of six heats.

Six "Wonderland 1971 pie eating champ" trophies will be awarded.

Members of the Senior Citizens of Livonia will serve as judges to determine which youngsters eat the most blueberry pie in three minutes.

### Dealer Meet

Attracts 825

The Raleigh House in Southfield is the scene this week for previews of the 1972 Chrysler, Plymouth and Dodge cars.

Attending these previews were nearly 825 dealers, their wives and salesmen from the Detroit sales region which includes Michigan, northwestern Indiana and northwestern Ohio.

According to R.D. McLaughlin, Chrysler-Plymouth general sales manager, Chrysler-Plymouth is on its way to its seventh consecutive 850,000 plus car model year by E.J. Newton, Dodge assistant general sales manager.

## Area Deaths

**CHARLES FOSTER COX** — Services for Mr. Cox, 78, of 327 E. Oak St., Louisville, Ky., were held last month in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Salem United Church of Christ, officiating. Burial followed in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Nov.

Mr. Cox, a Farmington resident for many years, is survived by his daughter, Rosaline Cox of San Diego, Calif., and a brother, Stanley, of Louisville.

**CHARLES PRICE FROELICH** — Services for Mrs. Froelich, 93, of the Dearborn Heights Convalescent Center, Dearborn, Mich., were held at the First Lutheran Church of Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Froelich is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jack (Gretchen) Sharp and Mrs. Walter (Betty) Gibson, formerly of Plymouth; a sister, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

**CARL CHRISTIAN HANSEN** — Services for Mr. Hansen, 74, of 27421 Doreen Dr., Farmington Twp., were held in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with Mrs. Louise Atchison, Ward Memorial Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial followed in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

A community resident for many years, Mr. Hansen was superintendent of building trades for the Detroit Arsenal. He was also a WWI Army veteran as well as a past member of the American Legion Union Labor Post.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl; two daughters, Mrs. Alan (Lloyd) McFarland, Farmington and Mrs. Clarence (Helen) Gable, Farmington; one son, and four grandchildren.

**RUTH THERESA KINE** — Services for Mrs. Kine, 66, of 7338 Randolph St., Forest Park, Ill., were held last month in Oak Park, Ill. Burial followed in Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, Ill.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Lionel) Lee, Hidden Valley, Farmington Twp., and Mrs. Roy (Dorcas) Zeller, and six grandchildren.

**AMELIA STELLA ORR** — Services for Mrs. Orr, 46, of 28168 Poppen Rd., Farmington Twp., were held last month at St. Fabian's Church, with Most Rev. Charles J. Malloy officiating. Burial followed in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Mrs. Orr, a community resident for many years, was a columnist for the Observer of suburban news. She had also been employed at Ford Motor Co. for 13 years.

She is survived by her husband, Charles J. Orr, and two sons, Gregory C. Stevan and Daniel, one daughter, Stella A., and another, Frank; and two sisters, Mrs. George Green and Stella D. Dotsch.

**NICHOLAS D. PURCAS** — Services were held for Mr. Purcas, 52, of 33325 Lamorne, Livonia in the R.C. and G.R. Home Funeral Home, Livonia with Dr. Bartlett L. Hest officiating. Burial followed in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mr. Purcas was the owner of Bradstreet Enterprises and former vice president and general manager of the Republic Die and Tool Co. A member of Ward Memorial Presbyterian Church, he had been a Livonia resident for the last eight years.

Survivors include his wife, Sally; his mother, Sarah; two daughters, Mrs. Sally Parsons and Mrs. Kenneth (Barbara) Champagne; one son, Nicholas Michael; two brothers; four sisters; and six grandchildren.

**DORIS IRENE RADTKE** — Services for Mrs. Radtke, 44, of 20882 Bedford Dr., Farmington Twp., were held in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Victor F. Jabsch Sr. officiating. Burial followed

in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. She is survived by her husband, Melvin; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barton, Detroit; and one brother, William, of Washington, D.C.

**CLARA H. STATZNI** — Services were held for Mrs. Statzni, 93, of 1428 Sheridan, Plymouth, in the Schaefer Funeral Home, with the Rev. Fr. Robert S. Shank Jr. officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Statzni, a Plymouth resident for 50 years, is survived by two sons, William Statzni Jr. of Plymouth and George E. Statzni of Whittier, Calif.; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**IGNACIO F. EYEBAR** — Services for Mr. Eyebor, 71, of 15837 Brookfield, Livonia were held in the R.C. and G.R. Home Funeral Home, Livonia with Father Cam officiating. Burial was held in Parkview Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Marie; two sons, Emil and Frank; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**RAYMOND ERNEST WINTERS** — Services were held for Mr. Winters, 74, 3401 E. Riverwood, Farmington Twp. in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington with Mr. Archie McEllan officiating. A full military graveside service with bugle and firing squad was conducted by Chaplain Randolph Post 1152 in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Winters, a Farmington resident for 30 years, served in the Mexican border incident in April-May of 1917, and WWI. He had been employed as a toolmaker for Chrysler Industries of Farmington for 12 years.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy; one son, Raymond; Frank, Gilbert, Steven, Harry and Robinson Scott; six daughters, Mrs. Betty Parsons, Mrs. Rayna Rouse, Mrs. Norma Cole, Mrs. Eleanor Freed, Mrs. Judy Newhouse, and Mrs. Nancy Davis; 42 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

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