

**NEW ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN TEACHER RAISED AND EDUCATED IN CHINA**

Children in St. Paul's Lutheran School, Middlebelt and 8 Mile, in Farmington have the opportunity to hear first hand information about China from the new fourth and fifth grade teacher, Mr. Daniel Thode.

Having spent most of his childhood in China, Mr. Thode speaks the Chinese language and is acquainted with the customs of the Chinese people.

Born in Ichang, Hupeh, China, of Missionary and Mrs. E. H. Thode, all of Mr. Thode's early schooling was provided by his mother.

In 1942, due to World War II, Missionary Thode and his family were forced to leave China and return to the United States. Then in 1946 the family returned to China to once more resume the work of converting the Chinese people to Christianity through the Lutheran missions. At that time Mr. Thode received his high school education in a Lutheran high school in China.

River Forest, Illinois, was chosen by Mr. Thode for further study. He was awarded a Bachelor's degree in Education from that institution.

Having previously taught in Christ Lutheran School in Chicago and Redeemer Lutheran School in Dishman, Washington, Mr. Thode had two years teaching experience before coming to Farmington.

Mr. Thode has one sister, Eunice, who recently graduated from Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne, Indiana. His parents are doing mission work in Hong Kong at the present time.

**IT'S A GIRL**

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Hoard of Floral Avenue are the proud parents of a baby girl, Mary Lucille, born on September 5. This is the first daughter for the Hoards who also have four other children. It is also the first granddaughter in the family.

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**Insurance Groups Join To Point Up Accident Waste**

Twelve Michigan automobile insurance companies have inaugurated a campaign to curtail the steadily-increasing economic waste from Michigan traffic accidents to the Michigan public.

Through their public service organization, the Michigan Insurance Information Service, the Michigan companies are issuing pamphlets to thousands of insured drivers, and are offering the service of nearby 100 casualty insurance agencies as speakers to any interested club or organization in the state.

Citing that the casualty companies long have sponsored various safety education programs, the insurance information service has announced:

"The reason this campaign exists is that the financial aspect of traffic safety is that every automobile owner has a stake in this phase of the accident problem which is just as personal as the factor of human safety. But there never has been any consistent, broad-scale attempt to bring the complete, detailed financial picture home to the individual motorist."

"The automobile owner's stake, the insurance companies point out, is that automobile insurance rates are primarily a product of the number of accidents multiplied by the cost per accident, and that, in effect, each motorist helps to make his own, and everyone else's, insurance rates."

The pamphlets and speeches emphasize the approximately \$101,834,000 automobile insurance loss in Michigan in 1955, and the 106,812 traffic accidents which created it.

On top of an increase of 11,278 accidents in 1955, over those of 1954, average per-accident loss is rising steadily, they declare.

"If we could hold 1956 accidents to the 1955 level, and if we could prevent further average-loss increase," the companies explain, "the insured loss still would increase \$8,816,000, a total increase in two years of \$14,122,000 -- but Michigan accidents increased another 11 per cent the first four months of this year, and average per-accident cost increased nearly 7 per cent in the first half of the year."

**IT'S A GIRL**

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Mitchell of 33388 Rhoswood Drive announce the arrival of a baby girl, Vickie Kaye, their third child, born September 3 at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bates of 26416 Shawassee are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Mitchell, 22468 Floral, paternal grandparents.

**Quarter Of Metropolitan Detroit Residents Plan To Move, Survey Shows**

One out of every four adults in metropolitan Detroit plans to change his address within a year, according to a recent University of Michigan survey in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland Counties.

Principal reasons cited by those planning to move were desire for a better home, 30 per cent; location in a better neighborhood, 29 per cent; and desire for a better home, 23 per cent.

Only five per cent of those planning to move said they would change their residence primarily to be closer to their place of work. Desire for a better neighborhood was the central part of Detroit, while seeking a better home was more frequently mentioned by residents in the outer part of the tri-county area as a reason for changing address.

While many people believe Detroit is mushrooming steadily outward, the study showed that more than 80 per cent of those intending to move planned to stay within the three-county region.

Among those who had actually moved within the past year, 67 per cent of those interviewed, the study found that less than half had actually moved away from the center of Detroit. One third moved laterally around the city, while one quarter picked a new residence closer to the downtown area.

Young married couples with or without children, families who became homeowners as a result of the move, and middle or higher income households were the ones most likely to move away from the center of the city. Unmarried persons, renters and low income households moved laterally more frequently than they did toward the outskirts of the tri-county area.

Most Detroiters did not move far when they changed residence. One-fourth of those interviewed lived less than a mile away from their previous residence. The median distance from last residential location was only 3.2 miles. Generally speaking, the further the previous residence was from downtown, the greater its distance from the previous home.

Emphasizing the high mobility of Detroit area residents, the study

found that only one out of four adults had lived at the same place for more than 10 years. One-half had moved to their present residence less than four and a half years ago.

Length of residence was directly related to age. Those over 50 had spent a median of 11.2 years at the same dwelling, compared to 5.2 years for those aged 35 to 50 and 2.3 years for adults less than 35. Home ownership was also a factor promoting stability of residence.

Surprisingly, those who moved into metropolitan Detroit from outside the three-county area -- some 12 per cent of those interviewed -- spread themselves evenly over the inner city, outer city and balance of the three-county area. They did not go into the center of Detroit and progress outward.

To get these results, the U-M's Detroit Area Study interviewed a representative cross-section of more than 800 households in an area containing 90 per cent of the population of the three counties. The survey was done in February and March, 1956.

**Damp Weather Keeps Forest Fire Loss Low**

Damp weather continued to aid Michigan's forest fire control program during the last week as only two fires were reported in the state.

One fire in the Baldwin district of the northern lower peninsula burned five and a half acres. The other fire was in the Baraga district of the upper peninsula, with damage to one-tenth of an acre.

During the first eight months of the year, 2308 acres of state and private forests and grasslands have been damaged by fire. The figure compares with more than 6500 acres burned during the same period last year. These totals do not include land administered by the federal government.

The most tiring days are those in which, despite a will to work, nothing is accomplished.

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**Discussion Topic Foreign Policy**

The Heritage Discussion Group, under the sponsorship of the American Association of University Women in cooperation with the Public Library and Adult Education Program of the public schools, will have its first meeting in the High School Library on October 1 at 8 p.m.

The group this year will discuss U. S. Foreign Policy as it relates to the Middle and Near East. Background material and releases from the U. S. Department of State

will be read by group members prior to each meeting and discussion will be based on this information.

Any member of the community is welcome to join the group. Advance registrations will be accepted at the Farmington Public Library.

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