

Local Girl Pledged To Honor Society

On Dec. 1, Linda Chambers of Westmoreland Drive was one of 59 Michigan State University students initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society in education.

A banquet followed the initiation ceremony.

Linda is also a member of Psi Chi Phi society.

Miss Chambers is a 1957 graduate of Farmington High School.

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Mental Health Of Child Task For Teachers

Parents in our society have made teacher responsible for mental health of their children.

Dr. E. B. McNeill, associate professor of psychology at the University of Michigan, said "It isn't enough today for a teacher to be an excellent teacher. He must also be a psychologist. He must be able to pass on facts, figures, and information to children."

McNeill has served as a psychological consultant to a number of Michigan school systems. The current low ebb in teacher morale stems from the fact that the training teachers get in schools of education and on the job is not adequate to prepare them to manage such complicated and difficult responsibility according to the psychologist.

"It has also become apparent that our training programs in higher education have never been able to train enough professional psychologists to remedy this situation," he says.

McNeill feels that clinical training for teachers must equip them to:

1. Be sensitive to the existence of individual and group psychological problems.
2. Diagnose the individual and group learning situation of their students along more dimensions than the traditional take into account in dealing with pupils;
3. Manage the atmosphere of learning of a group of students according to the principles of good mental health.
4. Be able to translate a theoretical knowledge of psychology into a practical program designed to bring out the maximum potential of every student in the class, not just the few who are exceptional or emotionally disturbed.

"We must train the average classroom teacher to understand and apply the orientation and skills of clinical psychology to the classroom learning situation," McNeill points out.

"The educational experience of future generations of children will be as different from our own as ours was different from that of our fathers and the little red school house."

"This is not a doctrine of 'permissiveness' or 'life adjustment' or 'progressive schooling.' It's a movement to return in spirit to the education of the whole child. The psychological approach to education is completely consistent with the American tradition of individuality and freedom."

"The future will see the impact of teachers on the social, emotional, and intellectual development of our children increased immensely," McNeill forecasts.

1686 Turkey Dinners Served

The annual pre-Thanksgiving Day lunch served at the Farmington Center on the 12th of December with dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered green string beans, fresh baked rolls with butter, pumpkin pie and mince.

A preliminary count indicated that 1686 lunches were served in approximately an hour and a half. A breakdown on the total count shows Botsford Elementary fed 449, Junior High 329, Senior High 289, Grandview Elementary 131, Central Elementary 189, Edgewood Elementary 150, and Westbrook Elementary 150.

Turkeys from Federal surplus arrived in time for the season. Butter and flour, and some green beans also came from surplus stores. The other meats and labor were paid from the center's meal receipts.

The Thanksgiving Day meal is one of the outstanding lunch of the year. S.L.

Urge Vets to 'Wait' on New Pension Law

"Wait" was the Veterans Administration's advice to veterans and their beneficiaries planning immediate elections under the new pension law.

The revised system of pensions for service-connected disabilities does not go into effect until July 1, 1960; thus, there is plenty of time to decide whether higher payments can be obtained under the present or new program. Such an election will be required after July 1.

In fact, Lloyd H. Jameson, Manager of the VA Regional Office in Detroit, warned that haste could very easily prove costly to a veteran making a premature election.

"The reason, he explained, is simple. A pension beneficiary is allowed just one election under the law. His decision becomes permanent once he cashes a check under the plan he chooses.

Veterans and beneficiaries now on the rolls would do well to wait until March at least, Jameson said. VA has already mailed each a resume of the new law. Additional information will be inserted with checks which will be mailed about March 1. This "will complete the information necessary to enable beneficiaries to make intelligent decisions as to which law they desire to be paid under.

While the new law imposes additional limitations on outside income of beneficiaries, it also provides for a graduated scale of payments based on dependencies and need.

Although VA will make every effort to prevent disadvantageous elections by veterans, it cannot advise beneficiaries until complete information is available on income, dependencies and net worth, Mr. Jameson explained.

Rites Held Thursday For Allen Larson

Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 p.m. for Allen L. Larson, 28448 Westerleigh, at the Memorial Funeral Home at 8033 Puritan in Detroit.

An employee of the Western Electric Co., Larson had lived here for the past three years. Born in Jacksonville, Florida, on Nov. 16, 1918, he was a World War II veteran.

Left to survive are his wife, Lillian, a son, Lawrence, and daughter, Arleen. His father, Lauri, who has lived with the family here, is also a survivor.

More than 40,000 acres of right of way will be acquired by the Michigan State Highway Department during construction of the state's 1,072-mile Interstate expressway system.

Woodbine Sub. News

L. HOELSCHER GR. 4-6460
ETHEL BEGIAN GR. 4-4759

All the neighbors seem to be busy this week trying to get their Christmas shopping done. However, we have had a little social activity going on. Barbara and Chuck Fritz had several couples in last weekend to the bridge. Eleanor and Bud Radke, Jewel and Chet Orlikowski, Betty and Gene Miller, Margaret and Walt Thelemann, and June and Bob Elly all enjoyed an evening of card playing.

Debbie Begian, who is just two years old, came home from a five day stay at Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac. She was suffering from a bronchial infection, but seems to be all cured. She came home Saturday.

Joyce and Bob Dingman are the proud grandparents of their first grand child born last month. Their daughter, Denise Nelson delivered a baby girl, which all parents of date or November 20. Her name is Dannie E.

ETHEL PALOMBIT took two of her children, Raymond and Robin, to visit her daughter, Enes in New York during Thanksgiving week. They stayed a week and had a wonderful time shopping and visiting relatives. While they were there Enes decided to leave her New York airline job and come home to Farmington to stay. Ethel is quite delighted to have her home again.

The Christmas Fair at Our Lady of Sorrows was a big success again this year. Many

of the ladies of the subdivision were kept busy for the past few weeks working on this at the fair.

Young Albert Kirby has been having a round of bad luck this season. In the first football game of the year he broke his leg and now at the beginning of hockey season he has developed some sort of heart injury and is in St. Joseph's hospital for tests and observation.

Bob Dingman celebrated his birthday last week and Joyce and several old friends in to a small birthday party.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Petrucic announced the marriage of their daughter, Diane to Mr. Terrell Andrews of Wilmarth St. in Farmington. The young couple were married last July.

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