

School Dropouts Create Serious Social Problem

Even in an era of packed classrooms, American high schools would like to be one-third MORE crowded, by hanging on to the one out of three students who don't make it to graduation.

While luckier classmates go on to skilled jobs or college and careers, these dropouts face a dark future. They are fit only for unskilled jobs—the jobs that are vanishing fastest.

The problem hits small towns and rural areas in much the same manner as it does the big cities. Technology is wiping out some 200,000 farm jobs annually, while it makes a demand for better trained technicians in the field of agriculture, just as it does in all areas of human activity.

Schools, government and industries are trying, mightily, to keep these young people in school, for these grim reasons:

—The labor force is growing most where unemployment is already high. By 1970, those under 25 will work up 50 percent of the work force.

—Jobs will be scarcer for non-college workers, worse for dropouts, already their jobless rate is three times the national average.

—1,000,000 boys today are out of school and out of work.

—The job market is growing fast only in technical and professional categories—the areas these youths are unequalled in.

—A dropout will earn \$45,000 less than a graduate in his lifetime. . . if he has a job at all.

Work - study programs are providing the best answer so far. They give a teenager a chance to earn money and learn good job habits while attending class part-time or at night.

In some of these plans, in Chicago for instance, jobs are in the field and industries. Elsewhere, as in seven New York cities, boys and girls work directly for the school office or public agencies, in clerical or manual posts.

Stress Good Grading

Detroit's "Job Up - Grading Program" offers hope even for the young who already are a dropout. It helps him qualify for a better job without requiring him to come back to school, but a heartening percentage do.

All these projects stress the job-getting advantages of good training and cooperation with others, and dependability.

For potential girl dropouts, schools have a special warning: they may hurt their chances for happy family life.

Many girls, quitting to get married, see no use for more education. Years later, they regret their husbands have outgrown their interests and are no longer interested in them. They cannot give their children the best upbringing.

Schools urge girls who marry before graduation to come back and continue their education in night class if possible.

Federal Aid Sought

Another hope for combating the dropout rate is drastic improvement of vocational education. A Presidential Committee has asked \$160 million in Federal funds yearly for this.

What such funds can do was proved last year. In 12 states, new vocational schools were set up in 32 areas and their job placement record for first graduates was 90 per cent.

Vocational education trends are away from agriculture and toward the growing service industries - repair, food service, dry-cleaning, and so on.

Traffic Study In Education

Well in advance of the first ringing of the school bell, parents whose children will walk to and from school should round trip promptly and safely. This is especially important with respect to children who are just starting to school for a new experience to them, and naturally they lack the good pedestrian habits that come only with repeated experience.

First thing is to make sure that these "first-timers" know their best walking route (the safest) way to school. Once this has been determined, it's a good idea to walk it with them several times before school starts.

All children should be taught to recognize traffic signals and how important it is to obey them.

If the school has student patrols at street intersections, children should be made to understand that the patrols are here to help them, and should be instructed to follow their directions faithfully.

With respect to crossing streets, the following points should be stressed in a child's traffic safety education:

—Cross streets only in marked intersections or at intersections in line with side walks. Middle-of-the-block crossings are strictly taboo!

—While waiting to cross, keep your back to the curb, stand on or behind the curb. Don't stand in any part of the street.

—Before crossing, look left and right for oncoming cars, and check cross streets for turning traffic.

—Don't cross until the way is clear. Then cross without hesitation. However, do not contest the right-of-way with a motorist, even if he is wrong!

—Walk rapidly (but don't run) across the street. Go directly to the opposite side. The street is no place for loitering or visiting with friends.

SHOP LOCALLY FIRST

Biggest Prize Pack Is Merit Scholarships

With high school headlines boasting of Merit Scholarship winners, and college folders listing how many Merit scholars they attract, it's hard to believe this gigantic prize competition is so young.

It's the biggest scholarship jackpot in the country, totaling nearly \$500,000 for 1,000 winners. And it's not government-supported as some mistakenly believe. It's privately owned by The National Merit Scholarship Corporation was founded only in 1953 with a Ford Foundation grant. Now about 100 business and foundations are sponsors.

Any high school senior can try out for a Merit Scholarship. The school must be a member of the Spring test, offered for a nominal registering fee.

Schools predict that over 100,000 boys will take the qualifying exam next April, from which 10,000 finalists emerge.

The second hurdle is the Scholastic Aptitude Test. A finalist's aptitude test score, plus his overall record, is weighed in to determine who gets the scholarship.

Scholarship quotas are arranged on the basis of school populations of the states.

A Merit scholar receives from \$150 to \$1,500, depending on how expensive the school of his choice is. And there's something for the college too! M.N.S.C. gives it a supplement to make up the usual deficit not covered by student tuition.

Improvements

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strued to draw up preliminary plans for consideration, and he submitted these plans at the regular Board meeting on Monday night of this week.

For the Mill School his plans called for the addition of an all-purpose room, enlargement of the kitchen area for more storage space. These were discussed by the Board, and a six classroom addition to this site when and if it is found to be needed.

An all-purpose room, kitchen area improvements and a larger library were called for in the plans he submitted for consideration for the Bond School. Here also the plan was designed to make a six classroom addition possible later.

At Middlefield School the architect's proposed plans, as worked out with the administration, called for an expanded office area including a clinic room, more storage space, and elimination of the present stage with this space being converted into a classroom.

A PLAIN black building approximately 52 x 120 feet in size was proposed for the maintenance building by the architect. Jacob's plan for expanding the administration building proposes an extension to the east with area allowed for a large central library center and accounting department section and a new Board room.

The present Board room in the administration building would be converted into two more offices.

Whether or not the Board will decide to include any or all of these projects in the next building program for the district they will seek funds for in November still remains to be determined.

New School

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tion of their title, initial costs were lower and the new application possesses several maintenance advantages. It does not require painting, is washable, and it does not stain.

4. Plastic tile wainscot in all corridors and classrooms. Significant savings are realized in this application over ceramic wall tile. The plastic coating protects the walls from marks and stains. It, too, is washable, and does not require re-painting.

SINCE THE school kitchen will not be completed by school opening day, the school will have to be delayed. Children attending Highmeadow here will have to carry their lunches until notified otherwise. Milk will be available, however, at the regular price of 2 cents per half-pint payable weekly, it was stated.

The school opening will be played weekly on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Club master parties will be held on the last Wednesday of the month, October, November, and December. Due to the handicapped, master parties will be moved back one week during these three months.

The first C&P game will be held October 23. The games will be played at 1723 Pederson Street in Trailview Subdivision, Walpole Lake (off M-48). For further information call Rose Indur (AM. 4-2768) or Rose Anderson (GR. 6-1767).

Join in School Dropout Battle

Principals and other administrators in the Farmington public schools have now started a program for themselves to join in the nationwide project of putting forth extra efforts to reduce the mounting school "dropout" problem, Supt. G. V. Harrison said.

Along with other school systems in the state and nation they are responding to President Kennedy's appeal to keep a greater number of boys and girls in school until they graduate.

Figures indicate that some 100,000 decided to drop out of school more gradually this summer and that many more are considering quitting school before completing the 12th grade, it has been reported.

The immediate effort will be to contact personally any family having a boy or girl in school last year who is not enrolled again this year, it was stated.

The long range effort will be continued study to determine why boys and girls are leaving school before graduating and to try to determine what types of curriculum changes and program changes should be made to keep children interested in attending school.

Pinner Meeting In Stamen Acres

The Stamen Acres Pinner will meet to pin cancer pads at the home of Mrs. Florence Fragg on Rocky Crest Thursday, September 5, at 9 a.m.

John Clappison Sells Insurance Phone GR. 4-3511

Local Resident to Offer Dance Instruction in Area

Rose Marie Gregor, of Normandy Hills Subdivision, has inspired the art of dancing in the hearts of boys and girls in the Detroit area since she began teaching nineteen years ago.

Known for her versatility in all phases of dance, this youthful teacher has won recognition for her dedication and integrity in her application of professional dances and teachers.

Duplicate Bridge Club in Farmington

Rose Anderson announces the opening of the Farmington Junior Duplicate Bridge Club, September 4, open to all with under 21 master points.

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Chemistry Institute For Science Teachers

Chemistry is becoming an exciting and creative pursuit for many high school students across the country thanks to a new approach to teaching the subject - the chemical bond approach.

As high school science teachers from throughout the U.S. have studied in the National Science Foundation-sponsored CPA Institute at the University of Redlands this summer, they have learned that memorization of chemical formulas and tables is a thing of the past. Ben Lubkin of Farmington Senior High was among those attending. The Institute, under the CPA system, teaches "new chemistry" and giving the Southern California television audience a view into the Redlands Institute.

30-minute, "College Report" program, Sunday, August 25, Channel 4 (KNBC) at 8 p.m.

Leading chemistry teachers appear on the program including Dr. Eric Graham, director of studies and professor of chemistry at the College of Royal Roads, Victoria, British Columbia, the "Canadian West Point."

Dr. Graham, with Dr. Reinhold J. Krantz, director of the Division of Science and Mathematics at the University of Redlands, will lead NBC Newsman Bob Wright through the intricacies of the chemical bond approach.

"UNDER THE CPA system, teachers have to work harder, and have to throw away their old class notes because the whole purpose of chemistry in high school has changed from repeating routine experiments to figuring out why certain reactions take place," says Dr. Krantz, who is the local CPA Institute director.

"The chemical bond approach to chemistry captures the student's imagination because he has to think and not just memorize."

Before the TV cameras, experiments will be conducted to demonstrate CPA principles.

Ask Alertness To Help Make Traffic Safe

Although the formal opening of the new school term may be many days away, police, traffic authorities and educators are collaborating in an early warning to all motorists.

"Be on the alert from now on, for the safety of all the children in traffic," is their plea.

The "early warning" is inspired by the fact that, beginning right now, more youngsters than ever before are normally encountered in the community's business areas will be seen on the streets.

These are the days when busy mothers will be taking their children shopping for the many things they are going to need to go back to school properly outfitted.

These are days when the youngest, and therefore the most difficult to manage in traffic, will be more skittish than ever because it's an exciting time for them.

Mothers will need the thoughtful consideration of motorists, at intersections especially.

For the car driver, these days can well be like "going in to training" for the "Schools Open Drive Carefully" campaign that will be erected soon, all around the community.

These are days when the thoughtful motorists will take his car into the service station to have it checked for readiness to cope with the little emergencies that are bound to occur during the months of school.

Make sure your brakes are functioning properly. Check tires for tread wear.

Windshield wipers also need attention now to assure good vision in bad weather.

Finally, a motor tune-up may be indicated to assure the responsive action that may be required at any moment.

Traffic safety records reflect a "happy improvement" in school children's safety. The children are concerned. This is largely attributable to traffic safety education in the schools. The School Safety Patrol, the new adult Crossing Guards all help.

But the surest protection against the hazards of traffic confronts the school child is the car driver himself.

Drive within the speed limits wherever school children may be encountered. Watch for the school children who dart from between parked cars.

LEGAL NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The Board of Education of the Farmington Public School District will receive bids for steel panels to replace glass areas at O. E. Dunkel Jr. High School gym at the Administration Building, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan until 8:00 P.M. Monday September 9, 1963.

At that time bids will be opened and read aloud. Detailed specifications may be obtained from Lynn Smith, Architect, 889 J. Adams Road, Birmingham, Michigan, phone MI. 6-3700.

All proposals should be firm for a period of thirty (30) days after the reading of the bids.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informalities therein.

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August 29, September 5.

WCAR Names News Director

Radio Station W-CAR-Detroit has named Edward J. Mullen as its News Director.

Mullen brings to his new position an extensive background in news coverage and presentation with Eastern stations. Prior to coming to Detroit, he was at WNDR, Syracuse, New York.

His earlier News work was with WNDR in Norfolk, Virginia.

Following studies at Syracuse University and UCLA, Mullen carried on radio work in the U.S. Navy, winning official citation for his work in this field.

Mullen, his wife, Nancy, and daughter, Kelly, are taken up residence in Farmington.

"This world situation must worry more than men. The other day we saw a gray-haired teenager come out of a beautiful parlor." - A. J. Schroeder, Rossville (Ill.) Press.

My Neighbors

"When are you going to have those brakes checked, Terrance?"

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FARMINGTON FOR CONDEMNATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR EASEMENTS REQUIRED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FARMINGTON No. 04298

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

That a session of said Court held in the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, this 9th day of August, 1963.

Present: HON. WILLIAM JOHN BEER, Circuit Judge.

The Petition of Joseph T. Brennan, attorney for the Township of Farmington, having been filed herewith, and the records in this cause examined, and the facts being as stated in said petition, and the public notice thereof being given by publication of a copy of this order once previous to said day of hearing in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

DONALD E. ADAMS, Clerk of Court.

(Filed 22, 29, Sept. 5, 1963)

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