

# Livonia Greets 292 New Teachers

Livonia's 292 new teachers and staff members met their board of education trustees and school administrators at an orientation luncheon held Thursday at Franklin High School.

Livonia's certified staff, which now numbers 1,410, will teach some 30,526 students this year. Most secondary school classes start today, Wednesday, September 8, while 10,276 youngsters in grades from kindergarten through the sixth will head for classrooms tomorrow.

In addressing the group board president Strelas Schreiber invited them to drop in at the

board's regular and study sessions whenever possible.

"One way to get acquainted with this complex school organization of which you are a part is to see how your board handles the many planning, fiscal, philosophical and other problems they face each week of the year," Mrs. Schreiber said.

Plans were also revealed by Superintendent Schreiber to have "get-together" breakfasts and dinners at various schools during this year so that we can get to know each other and discuss our problems and aspirations."

Superintendent Benton Yates urged the neophytes to "be concerned with and understand

new State and Federal legislation which will affect your lives and that of the youngsters you teach in the years ahead."

"These are times when many influences are at work," Yates said. "It is good that so many lawmakers and citizens are concerned about the problems we face in education in this decade. Yet we educators must examine each fiscal and philosophical proposal as it comes up to make sure we can work with such new laws and we can help effectuate procedures which will give our boys and girls the quality education they need in this changing world."

In the keynote address Dr. Paul Johnson, assistant superintendent in charge of instruction, challenged the newcomers to utilize the Livonia cultural milieu to accelerate their professional growth.

He stressed Livonia's acknowledged reputation for offering teachers, old and new, inservice training, workshops, conferences, and other internal programs designed to enrich teaching and to keep all employees oriented on trends in education.

Others who greeted the new teachers were William Kinnard of the Livonia Federation of Teachers, Marvin Liberson of

the Livonia Association, and Norman Whistler, director of personnel.

As they waited for the luncheon to start some of the teachers were asked for off-the-record comments on what induced them to apply for a position with the Livonia schools. A large number said they were "sold" by teachers already in the system who urged them to "take a look" at the Livonia curriculum, its staff, and its school buildings.

Another certified employee said she had so enjoyed her student teaching that she made up her mind at that time to seek a position in the system.

Many heard good words and recommendations from their college or university placement bureau.

Several newcomers said that they had read so many fine things about Livonia schools in newspapers and professional magazines that they checked in and ended up by signing a contract.

Most amusing to the question "What made you decide to look for a position in Livonia?" was the answer "When I was in a real estate office looking for a home the agent was enthusiastic about the schools. He sold me on the idea of asking about job opportunities. I did. Here I am!"



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The parents plan to replace weeds with grass and will plant some shrubs and small trees.

Robert Brown is chairman of the campaign.

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