

Sheltered Workshop Needs Contracts

The Community Opportunity Center, 5901 Newburg Road, Livonia, which has the job of furnishing employment for mentally retarded and handicapped adults in the four communities of Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, and Redford Township, needs help from industry and businesses.

A plea for contracts, to keep the 15 employees busy, was issued Monday by President Wendell Smith, of Plymouth, who indicated the sheltered workshop has been successful thus far in securing contracts but needs a backlog.

"We are trying desperately to keep our 15 workers busy and would like to build the force to 25 or 30 but we just don't have enough contracts," he pointed out.

The workshop, which has backing of civic and service groups in each of the four communities, has been in operation for a seven months during which it has placed two workers on steady jobs in the area. "We have a waiting list of

25 from the four participating communities as well as Garden City, Nankin and Dearborn Heights," he said, "we would like to have all working but we just can't get enough contracts to build up

a backlog and thus plan for the future."

Smith stressed that the workshop can handle all of those smaller jobs that actually are a nuisance for most plants and industries but are the life blood

of a sheltered workshop. "Our people can handle small assembly jobs, can sort out coupons, actually they can take care of any type of work," he stated, "We urge all plants in the area to look over their projects and see if there isn't something somewhere that will enable the sheltered workshop to continue its work of rehabilitating people who otherwise could become a drag on the community."

Many of the major and small plants in the area have provided contracts but Smith points out that there must be many jobs now being handled by skilled workers that could be turned over to the workshop and the skilled persons allowed to do work at the job they have been trained for.

Under the supervision of Director Ernest Moran, the workshop has handled projects for Pasching Corporation, Crown-Zellerbach, Florist Supply firm, Brooks Perkins, the Livonia School system and Minnesota Rubber to mention a few.

But it is a never ending thing

to keep the employees working and contracts are needed weekly.

Plant managers are urged to take a good look at their operations and if a contract is available, regardless how small, then call Moran at 425-9560 and he'll be happy to make the necessary arrangements.



Teachers Join In Article for Instructor Book

Elaine Meyers, of Canyon Drive, Wayne, a member of the faculty of Henry Ruff Elementary School, and Eugene Michels, of Wayne, school social worker for the Redford Union School District, are among the contributors in the April issue of The Instructor Magazine, nationally circulated publication used by 700,000 elementary school teachers and educators.

Mrs. Meyers and Michels are co-authors of an article outlining the procedures for a unit on the Dewey Decimal System. This project was undertaken at a time when Mrs. Meyers was a teacher, and Michels the librarian at the Rosedale School, Livonia.

Mrs. Meyers received a bachelor's degree from North Texas State University. Michels received a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University.

Auxiliary Police Class Begins On Thursday

An Auxiliary Police training class will begin on Thursday evening, March 31. All interested applicants are requested to attend a meeting to be held in Room B-1 of the Livonia Police Administration, 15050 Farmington Road, at 8 p.m.

If you are over 21 years of age and a resident of Livonia you are eligible to enlist in this course. Basic training will last for a period of 13 weeks and is under the direction of the Auxiliary Police and the Livonia Police Department. Further information may be obtained by calling the Office of Civil Defense, 421-2000, Ext. 257. After 5 p.m. calls will be taken by Captain DeBusk, GA 2-0180.

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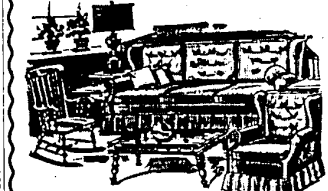
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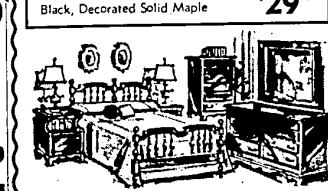
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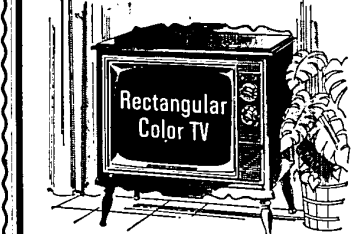
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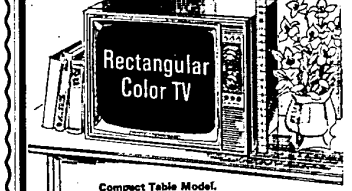
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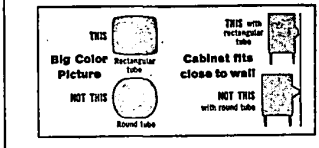
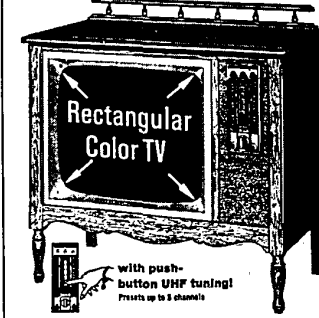
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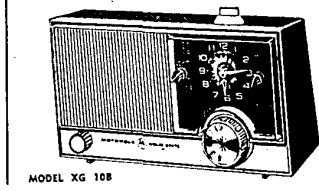
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