

Professional Corner

Engineering news - views - student guidance by Fred W. Bradley, P.E.

The OBSERVER this week announces a new column, devoted to the Professions. Next week is National Engineers Week; hence the first few columns will be devoted to the profession of Engineering.

Feb. 22 is Washington's birthday as we know. What we may not know is that Brother George was also an engineer of note. In recognition of this, National Engineers Week is always celebrated as the week in which the renowned birthday occurs. This year it is the week of Feb. 19-25, with extra special observance on Feb. 22.

The new column is prepar-

ed through the cooperation of our local "Voice of Engineering," the Rouge Valley Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers. It will consist of "News-Views" — and "Student Guidance" items.

Why Student Guidance? Rouge Valley has found that students, High School and College, often have a fuzzy notion about the profession of engineering. Some think they want to become engineers without knowing if special aptitudes are needed, just what curricula should be followed, and "what do engineers do on their everyday jobs?" Many of these student questions will be posed in future columns, and at least outline answers given. The Rouge Valley engineers will be available for any other discussion that students, their parents and their counselors may want.

A word about our collaborator, the Rouge Valley Chapter: this is the local chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers, serving just about the same geo-

graphical area as the OBSERVER newspapers.

Its 50 members are registered professional engineers, representing practically all branches of engineering (electrical, mechanical, etc.). They are employed by industries, public utilities, schools, government, and in private practice. They are well qualified to counsel students exploring the field of engineering.

Local Engineers' Week activities include the following: Rouge Valley's own special meeting will be on Feb. 22, discussing the high-priority subjects of air and water pollution. Two Ford Motor professional engineers, Stuart Vaughn and Robert Wisner, will make the presentation at Hillsdale Inn, Plymouth Rd., at 8:00 p.m.

Schoolcraft College engineering students, spearheaded by the College's Student Chapter, will sponsor an informal coffee hour on Feb. 22, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the Waterman Bldg. Five professional engineers will be present to answer questions and counseling. All Schoolcraft students (whether enrolled in engineering courses or not) together with College and High School counselors, are invited. Just drop in, have a cup of coffee, participate.

Some of the local Service Clubs are also recognizing the occasion. The Farmington Exchange Club will dedicate its Feb. 22 meeting (noon) to engineering, with a speaker from Rouge Valley.

Schools Set For Drivers

New drivers who want a clearer idea of the "whys" of traffic laws and driving techniques, and experienced drivers who want to brush up on both, can do so at two new traffic safety schools in metropolitan area.

The schools, established by the Driver Examining Division of the Secretary of State office and the Automobile Club of Michigan, will start February 9 in Garden City and March 1 in Livonia.

The class, starting at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Secretary of State branch office, 241 Inkster Road at Cherry Hill in Garden City, and at the Secretary of State Driver Examining Division Office, 32846 Five Mile in Livonia.



DONALD BROWN of Detroit Edison's overhead lines department was honored by the company recently upon his 40th Service Anniversary. Residing at 9499 Polcinna in Redford Township, he joined the Edison Company in January 1927.

Gets New Assignment

Airman James R. Burger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Burger, 41505 Ford Road, Plymouth, has been assigned to Wurtsmith AFB in Michigan, after completing Air Force basic training. The airman, a 1966 graduate of Plymouth High School, will be trained on the job as a vehicle maintenance specialist with the Strategic Air Command.

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77 from Area Join Army at Wayne Branch

Seventy-seven young men and women from the communities served by The Observer newspapers have enlisted in the U.S. Army or Women's Army Corps at the Wayne Army Recruiting Station during the past seven months.

Recruiting Station Commander SFC Robert Reed said that the 77 were among 241 men and women who enlisted during the July through January period.

Enlisting are men from the following communities:

LIVONIA: Martin Schmidt, John R. Lynch, Jr., Ronald Ross, Bruce Berger, Gary Brown, John Rollins, James Purcell, James Christianson, William Ferris, Jr., Robert Grotick, Robert Lademan, Curtis Lipp, Philip Neff, Rex Welch, Ronald Bennett, Harry Perkins, and William Grace.

PLYMOUTH: Michael Potter, Henry Roedding, Larry Pierce, Floyd Woolley, Stephen McMahon, William Brennan, Carl Fox, Herman Theeke, Dewey Burpo and Michael Brooks.

WESTLAND: Robert Bell, John Epling, Richard Ranta, Robert Barnes, David Mooney, Harry Patrick, Robert Jackson, Richard LePlant, Edward Traver, Joseph Willis, Ralph Murphy, Gary Bingham, James Bruseau, Joseph Drenon, Earl Husted, David Maki, Francis Rousse, Douglas Saporta, Joseph Wright,

and Barry Rohrhaft.

GARDEN CITY: David Baker, Joseph Wroblewski, Clyde Shuler, Jr., Keith Gotsch, John Cinko, Michael Briscoe, Robert Suttill, Grant Hoguewood, Willis Harwood, David Sellers, Carl Swope, Karl Gavanary, Stephen Mil-

ler, Steven Ray, Walter Kayden, Ronald Madej, Douglas Waddell, Jr., David Evans, Marvin Galbraith, Patrick Mooney, Charles Pappas, Karl Rutledge, David Thompson, Chalmers Willis, Richard Morawa, Randall Tutor, John Pfeiffer, and Danny Shirley Pierce of Livonia.

SHANNON. FARMINGTON: Thomas Williams.

Young women enlisting in the WACs were Harriet Schmitt of Westland, Heather Hanson of Livonia, Carolyn Miller of Garden City, and

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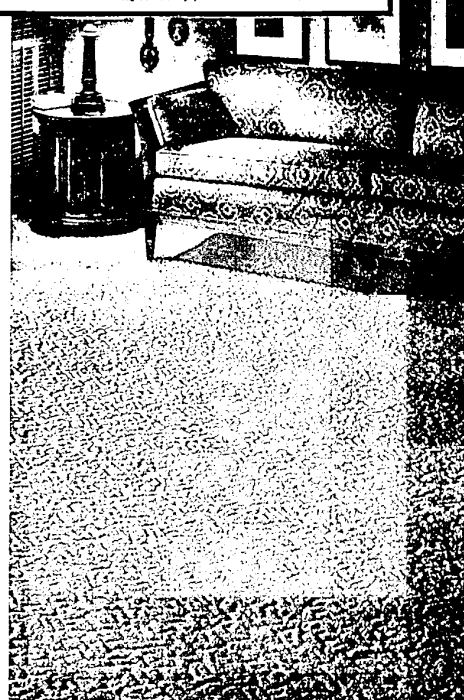


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