



REDFORD TOWNSHIP DAV Chapter 113, Detroit, Mich., received eight awards at the DAV's 48th national convention in Denver. Awards included first place in the "Tower Crier" public relations contest, a first award in raising, a first award in commemorative observances, and honorable mention awards for general community service, membership campaign, hos-

**Overtime Work During Riot OK'd For Police**

Westland Police Department officers will receive nearly \$4,000 for the 87.5 hours of overtime compiled during extra patrol duty during the emergency period proclaimed by Gov. Romney during the Detroit riots July 23-27.

The City Council Monday approved the figure of \$3,939.09 for the 27 men who put in as much as 46 hours overtime during the week-long period.

Police Chief Garrison Clayton told the Council that the overtime compensation for some officers is higher than others since they were called in from leave periods and were credited with additional time.

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# Fee For Uninsured Should Be Kept

**LANSING**—Rapid acceleration in the rate and amounts of claims being paid to victims of uninsured motorists prompted Secretary of State James M. Tate to issue a "don't be too hasty" warning in considering removal of the \$1 fee paid by all insured drivers.

"There isn't anything I'd like better than to see the \$1 fee removed and the Fund totally supported by uninsured drivers paying \$35 fees," said Tate. "But with only 18 months of experience, removal of the insured fee now would be ill-advised and premature."

Hate made the statement on the heels of a published study conducted by a pair of Michigan State University researchers who recommended abolishing the \$1 insured fee.

"The reserve and surplus money in the Fund may look like a great amount, but this could diminish quite rapidly under a deluge of claims," Hate said.

Growth pattern in both number and amount of claims has risen

rapidly. During the first six months, the Fund had paid out a mere \$35,000. At the end of this past fiscal year, 12 months later, total paid out of the Fund was nearly \$800,000.

And there are more than 2,400 open, reported claims which have a cash settlement value of \$4.9-million.

"This represents a jump of about five months behind in getting claims, because motorists have a full year from the date of the accident in which to file claims. Many wait until the last minute."

Based on claims filed the past two months, which averaged out to \$340,000 per month, a five-month projection would place these unreported claims at \$2.7-million.

"Reported and unreported claims, based on our records and experience, add up to \$7.6-million," Hate said.

"To our best knowledge, we anticipate up to 8,000 claims per year when the program reaches its peak," Hate noted. "Based on this and an average claim of \$1,000, the Fund would be paying out \$8-million in claims per year."

"There were 215,000 uninsured drivers registered last fiscal year. With this number paying \$35 into the Fund, and without the \$1 insured fee, the Fund would collect \$7.5-million causing us to splash red ink like many other uninsured funds have in the past."

Hate said Michigan's experience in the Fund is unique because there is no other program like it in the United States.

"Even the Ontario experience cannot be used as a good example, because the Fund there was evolved gradually from an unsatisfactory judgment program."

Hate said a study of insurance industry methods has shown that it will take from three to five years of experience with the Fund to determine whether the rate of fees paid are adequate and reasonable. Insurance companies in petitioning for adjustment rates must submit at least three to five years' experience to justify possible changes.

Hate also took exception with the researchers' contention that "the primary beneficiaries are the state's uninsured motorists."

"Although we do pay uninsured motorists who are victims of either uninsured, the majority of claimants have public liability and property damage insurance."

"Some persons do not understand that the Fund can pay excess over and above their own uninsured motorist coverage. We have paid claims of this type. As a matter of fact, we are now issuing a payment to a resident of the western part of the state of \$10,000. This is in addition to the amount he collected from his own insurance company under his uninsured motorist coverage."

"Give us more time. If the Fund continues to have large surpluses, I will be the first to recommend an elimination of insured fees. But let's work with it and get some valid experience before recommending change."

from \$900 to more than \$2,000 in the value of the average "open" reported claim," Hate said.

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GARDEN CITY LIBRARIAN Mrs. Carol Mulhern adjusts the film projector during a recent film showing of the "Red Balloon," which attracted nearly 150 youngsters and parents. The film was part of a weekly program which closes this month.

## Parade Features Start Of Soapbox Derby Saturday

A parade in downtown Detroit Friday noon will herald the 30th running of the metropolitan area's Soap Box Derby Saturday, Aug. 12.

after a two-week postponement due to the outbreak of civil strife.

Starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, at Detroit's Derby Hill, Mound Rd. at E. Outer Dr., approximately 300 boys from Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties will race their Motor City and Suburban championships.

The entry list shows 72 of the boys are entered through Chevrolet dealerships in the Observer Newspaper Group's circulation area. The event is sponsored by the Greater Detroit Chevrolet Dealers Association and the Detroit News.

Chevrolet representatives in this area are the Tennyson, Emmert, Hastings, Peck and Gene Mollie dealerships.

The two boys who win the Motor City and Suburban titles will go on to race in the All-American Derby Aug. 19 at Akron, O., where \$30,000 in college scholarships await the leading contestants.

They will be backed by a big rooting section, for one of the prizes to be given every youngster who finishes either first or second in any heat Saturday is a free round-trip to view the action at Akron. Hundreds of other prizes also will be awarded.

All boys in the Derby must be between 11 and 15 years of age and build their own cars.

The first event of the exciting weekend will be the giant parade starting at 11:45 a.m. Friday. The route will take them down Woodward from Vernor to Fort, then to Washington Boulevard.

Also in the parade will be nine bands, eight outstanding majorette groups, five floats plus displays from the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. All of the metropolitan area's 31 Chevrolet dealers also will have parade representations.

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**SILVER STAR** Maj. Lawrence F. Beyer (right), is presented a Silver Star during a recent awards review at the Army Aviation Center, Ft. Rucker, Ala. He was cited for gallantry in action while participating in a helicopter assault in Vietnam on Nov. 11, 1966. In addition, he was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received. Making the presentation is Colonel M. H. Parson, assistant commandant of the Army Aviation School. Beyer is the son of Frederick O. Beyer, of 35521 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, and is a 1958 graduate of Wayne State University.

## Fair Offers Special Awards To Homemaker

The state's top homemakers will be competing for a number of sweepstakes and memorial awards at the 11th annual Michigan State Fair which opens Friday, August 23, and runs through Labor Day.

Twenty special awards will be given in addition to the regular premiums offered in the Community Arts Department.

Heading the list is the Michigan State Fair First Lady Homemaker Award going to the person receiving the highest total point count for the present year. Contestant must be a ribbon winner in all three divisions: Needlework and craft, baking, canning and preserving.

Mrs. George Romney is slated to present the award—an engraved silver bowl.

Among the top prizes will be the Homemaker of the Year Award, \$25 offered by the Detroit Free Press to the woman or girl who wins the most blue ribbons in divisions II and III.

(both food divisions) and the Detroit News Garden Department Award, also \$25, to the exhibitor with the most blue ribbon points in flower arrangement and table settings combined.

New this year is the Leeper-Harding Memorial Award to the junior exhibitor totaling the highest number of points—\$10 donated by George and Marie Harding.

Also new are four sweepstakes awards: A \$25 certificate to the exhibitor with the highest total points in classes 8550, 8551 and 8562—all flower arrangements; an orchid plant to the exhibitor with the highest score in any one of the table setting classes; the Mrs. Charles Schwein Award of a flower arrangement container to the exhibitor with the highest blue ribbon point score in any flower arrangement class; and a certificate of \$25 to the highest total of points in Creative Hobby Craft and Holiday Items.

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## State Police Nab 23,643 Traffic Violators In June

Michigan State Police officers received 18,700 sets of fingerprints, 1,023,996 miles, of which 1,102,262 were on traffic patrol and 884,734 to investigate criminal and other complaints.

The identification section received 18,700 sets of fingerprints, of which 10,282 were criminal and 6,418 noncriminal. Four wanted persons were identified.

Of 1,508 applicants for permits to carry concealed weapons, 87 were identified with criminal records through their fingerprints. Two unknowns were identified by the same means.

The crime laboratory conducted 743 examinations, of which 379 were on documents, 182 in firearms, 82 in botanical, 42 microscopic, 40 on tool markings, 33 on paint, eight on glass and one on fiber.

Laboratory assistance conducted 68 for the State Police, 63 for municipal departments, 13 for sheriffs and four for other agencies.

The fraudulent check unit received and processed 263 bogus checks, identifying 175 by name or previous specimen. Face value of the checks totaled \$19,556.27, or an average of \$74.36.

The fire marshal division reported investigations of two explosions, 52 incendiary fires, 120 cases of violations of fire laws and regulations and 47 other fire cases. Supplemental investigations totaled 193.

Field inspections included 60 schools, 20 hospitals, 23 nursing homes, three state properties, two flammable liquid and five liquefied petroleum gas bulk installations, 25 theaters, and 40 dry cleaning plants. Supplemental inspections and reinspections numbered 282.

## LIT Offers Course In Computers

A new course in the use of computers will be offered this fall in the Lawrence Institute of Technology evening program of continuing education.

The course, an introduction to computer use in data processing, will be given Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for 13 weeks beginning Sept. 19.

Digital computer concepts—how input, output, storage, control and arithmetic units function as a whole computer—will be covered in the course to be taught by Bernard Lie, who is the director of L.I.T.'s data processing department. A lecturer in mathematics at L.I.T., Lie has a master of business administration degree from the University of Michigan.

The course will begin with a perusal of the punched card and unit record equipment in L.I.T.'s computer laboratories. A knowledge of algebra is useful but not required for this non-credit course.

For further information, contact the Dean's office at L.I.T., Ten Mile and Northwestern in Southfield, during the day or evening.

## Fresh From Retracing Amelia Earhart's 1937 Global Flight

Mrs. Ann Pellegrino officiates at the opening of Manufacturers Bank's new Wayne-Warren building. Looking on from left are: J. Donald Orth, Manufacturers executive vice-president; Donald Hooper, manager; and William A. Mayberry, chairman of the board. This building marks Manufacturers' 64th office. Mrs. Pellegrino, of Saline, recently completed a 33-day, 28,000 mile journey piloting a sister ship to that used by Miss Earhart during her ill-fated flight of 30 years ago.

## Conferences OK'd

Fire Chief Onas Rowe will attend the annual conference of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and Mayor E. Douglas Weddell will attend the Oct. 8-12 meetings of the International City Managers Association in New Orleans.

## Three Lionians Complete MSU Course in Arts

**EAST LANSING**—Three Lionians area high school students have successfully completed two weeks of special study in the 20th annual High School Communication Arts Institute of Michigan State University.

The include: Philip Thomas, 1538 Bismarck Rd., Westland, a student at Bentley High School, who studied debate, forensics, and Judy Harding, 19829 Hardy, and Charlotte LeBlanc, 1915 S. Flamingo, students at Adlai Stevenson High School, both of whom studied theater.

A total of 165 high school students from Michigan and 19 other states took part in the third session of the institute.

**Picked For Training**  
Armin Raymond G. Myrand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard J. Myrand, of 27619 Book Street, Garden City, has been selected for technical training at the U.S. Naval Station, Port Hueneme, Cal., as an Air Force construction specialist. Myrand is a 1985 graduate of Southgate High School.

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