It's Back To School As Playtime Ends

School time is catching up with Livonia kids.

Organized play time is about over.

It is back to books the Wednesday after Labor Day, which is just around the September corner, or Sept. 6.

But John T. Dufour, superintendent of parks and recreation, said Livonia youth had made the most of a cool and comfortable summer.

Attendance at playgrounds, in athletics and at Livonia Youth, Inc. functions was the highest ever.

Breaking all records, the LYI attracted 43,000 youths to the seven-week programs —an average of above 5,000 a week. Cooperating were the Department of Parks and Recreation, which provided supervisors and helped finance the activities, and the Board of Education, which provided facilities in the schools for dancers attracted by good bands. More than 1,000 attended the windup dance at Bentley High School, Dufour said.

The department's tennis program also was a summer attraction, with big participation keeping courts in constant use. So were swimming pools, despite generally cool weather.

Seven ball diamonds were in use, and last week girls teams played their final softball tournaments.

But the week saw a general windup of organized play with grounds, courts and facilities still available until school bells ring.

Dufour said attendance was cut considerably late in the program because of the Detroit riots, and the fear of parents to permit children to visit the play facilities without escort. Many parents provided delivery and pickup services, he said.

But generally, Dufour said, it was a healthy summer season outdoors, for Livonia's younger—and older—generations.

Western Does Its Part In Emergency

After moving into Detroit's riot torn streets last week federal troops were required to establish emergency telephone communications through Autovon.

With military command units throughout the country Autovon is a nationwide telephone network which provides direct calling from any military base in the country to any other.

Priorities are built into the system so that emergency calls like those from Detroit's riot area may preempt those of less importance.

Western Electric's Distributing House in Plymouth was called on to provide essential telephone equipment for cutting in the emergency Autovon service.

Elmer Hedlund, service manager at the Distributing House reported a call for supplies came from the Michigan Telephone Company early in the morning on July 25. Much of the equipment was not available in the Michigan House, so orders were placed to Western Electric Plants in Columbus, O.; Shreveport, La.; Kearny, N.J.; Merrimack Valley, Mass.; and Winston Salem, N.C.

The equipment was loaded aboard planes at each of the five locations and dispatched to Detroit. At the same time material from the House was being readied for later consolidation with factory shipments.

All items became available at Plymouth by midnight for military transport into the city of Detroit.

Y Sets Classes In Driving, Judo

The Northwestern YMCA, 21755 W. Seven Mile Road, Detroit, has announced two courses beginning soon.

Adult drivers training instruction will begin Aug. 16 at 8 p.m. This is an accredited program geared to adult needs.

Youth judo classes begin Saturday, Aug. 19. Boys and girls from 8 to 14 may register for this program.

For more information call 533-3700.

HOW NOW, BROWN COW? — Chuck Combs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Combs, 1653 Beck, Plymouth, entered Janey, the only Brown Swiss in the 4-H show.

Driver Gets 90 Days On License Count

Charged with his fourth violation of driving an automobile while his driver's license was suspended, a 20-year-old Plymouth youth drew a 90-term in the Detroit House of Correction this week from Municipal Judge Dunbar Davis.

James Russell Hoffman, 450 Blunk St., was booked by Plymouth police Aug. 10 for driving without a license, and Judge Davis passed sentence after hearing the man's plea of guilty. Hoffman's three other cases on the same charge still are pending.

Judge Davis also passed judgment on two other cases this week:

John Lee Aton, 1558 Brookline, Plymouth, was fined $50 for speeding 65 miles per hour in a 35 miles-per-hour zone on Plymouth Rd.

Roy Isbell, 881 Hartsough, was fined $35 and $5 costs on a charge of being drunk and disorderly in a public place.

Detroiter Fined $50

A Detroit man has been fined $50 for careless driving in Livonia.

Ralph D. Greenwood, 19, of 13286 Hubbell, Detroit, was fined by Dearborn Municipal Judge John L. Kadela, acting for Livonia Judge James R. McCann.

Police officers reported that Greenwood was going east on Plymouth Road and the front of his car bounced up and down as if he was accelerating and braking in rapid succession. Greenwood also drove abruptly to the right without signaling and at a speed too high for traffic conditions.

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