



A SURPRISE certificate honoring Garden City Fire Chief Onas Rowe (right) was presented last week by Mayor Timothy Murphy on behalf of the Detroit Knights of Columbus Council for the fire department's work in helping Detroit during the July riots. The Garden City firemen and equipment were on hand during the first day of the riots to help put out some of the numerous fires set by arsonists. Rowe was also present Friday morning to receive a similar award from Detroit Fire Chief Charles J. Quinlan. Ceremonies were held in the City Hall to honor all of the suburban fire departments who assisted Detroit during the riots.

# Community School Benefits Are Outlined

Classes for illiterate adults; instruction for expectant parents, given free by doctors and nurses; cooking lessons for teen-agers; and an organized Teen Club—all are part of the Community School program in the Rochester School District in Oakland County.

The Rochester program, now two years old, was outlined for a Wayne Community School District Citizens Advisory Committee on the Community School Concept by Walter Cooper, director of Community Educational Services in Rochester.

HE WAS THE principal speaker at the committee's first meeting, held in Wayne Memorial High School Thursday night.

Cooper told the estimated 25 members present that they must recognize that children begin learning the moment they are born and when they come to school, they bring with them all of the habits and attitudes

of their family. "If a youngster comes to school with all of these feelings, and culturally endowed beliefs," Cooper continued, "as well as those attitudes which he learned from his own family and neighborhood, I believe it behooves the school to know this child and his background very well so that the school, as an educational institution, might help this child learn in a way that is most meaningful to him."

"Going even further, it might also be necessary to help the parents continue their education. Certainly, it would behoove the school to know the parents as well as they can, to know what their beliefs are and their attitudes are and foster a more positive change in attitudes if this need be the case."

HE ALSO SAID that the elementary school can promote programs by extending their school hours into the evening or Saturdays or throughout the

summer months to attract people and recognize the fact that people—all people—learn every hour of their waking day and that education does not end at 3:30 p.m. but it is an ongoing process.

Some of the tools which a community school program could use are recreation for both adults, youths, and younger children.

But Cooper pointed out that a community school program is not just frosting on the cake with recreation and happy experiences for all.

"WE DO want to take these people to a higher level of self-sufficiency where we can build leadership and self-direction and have vital growing community of people which can create an education-minded environment," he said.

In Rochester, the local Junior Women's Club holds classes for expectant parents without charge with the Oakland County

Health Dept. supplying materials.

The women's auxiliary of the Rochester Jaycees holds baby-sitting classes with more than 140 youngsters enrolled.

A Teen Recreation Committee was organized to raise funds for programs to operate during the summer months.

HE EMPHASIZED that the community school program does not start at 3:30 p.m. when school is out but it is a flowing school day in which the required part of the day is over and then the students have the option of attending other classes or activities, to use their leisure time in a more meaningful manner, Cooper said.

We feel that here is where we can perhaps do a better job of helping youngsters understand themselves better and create a more wholesome environment so that each can truly feel worthwhile, he concluded.

Wayne School Board Secretary Philip R. Bloesheimer told the committee that there should be a total involvement of citizens in the school program so that all feel that they are part of a large investment of \$50 million of school buildings which are not now being used to their fullest extent.

He pointed out that the pupil school students don't use the schools for one-fourth of the year and 25 per cent of the youths are not even in school.

# Recovery Group To Meet

Recovery, Inc., which includes Garden City and Westland residents, is meeting weekly at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Nativity Church of Christ, on Henry Road and West Chicago, in Livonia.

The group is a non-profit organization which offers a method of self-help and group study for persons having symptoms of fears with its origin in the nervous system, a group spokesman said.

Weekly group meetings are held by trained leaders who joined Recovery, Inc., because they themselves had the symptoms.

During the meetings, which last about two hours each, members help each other by giving examples of how they have utilized the techniques of Recovery, Inc., in facing and handling special problems.

Persons interested in more information about the group may call GA 7-0307.

# Olympic Athlete Honored

A former Olympic Games athlete living in Garden City, Robert Hughes, of 8317 Henry Road, will take part in a special program scheduled as part of the University of Southern California's annual homecoming program Saturday.



THE GARDEN CITY Board of Education was pleasantly surprised last week by a visit from Girl Scout Troop 2317. Mrs. Carl Kiesel brought the Cadettes to the meeting as a part of their studies of citizenship. Board President Bill Keith welcomed the Cadettes to the meeting and introduced them to each board member and to Dr. Don Shader, superintendent of schools, who introduced the members of his administrative staff and accepted an attractive pencil holder presented in behalf of all the girls by Cadette Rebecca Bankston.

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# Conferences Close Schools

Garden City Public Schools will be closed Nov. 2 and 3 so that teachers may attend committee meetings and workshops connected with the Michigan Education Association's Annual Teachers Institute Days.

WHILE THE schools will be closed, Garden City teachers, administrators, and facilities will play key roles in the regional program, West High School will be the site of the region's Professional Center.

Othmar Lense, East High librarian, will be general chairman of a two-day workshop covering such topics as professional negotiations; teacher education and professional standards; human relations; communications; association representatives; retirement and social security; and M.E.A. insurance.

Highlight of the workshop will be a luncheon meeting Nov. 2 to include addresses by Clifford Warden, M.E.A. president, Dr. E. Dale Kennedy, M.E.A. executive secretary, and Dr. Ira Polley, State superintendent of public instruction.

Other Garden City teachers who will have key assignments at the Professional Center are William Metters, of West High, who will be responsible for audio-visual materials and Ronald Wyszynski, Cambridge Junior High, who will chair the association representatives workshop. Wyszynski is president of the Garden City Education Association.

Mrs. Frances Pack, librarian at Burger Junior High, will be chairman of the Library-Instructional Materials Center workshop at Livonia Bentley High School. Robert Squires, audio-visual co-ordinator for all Garden City schools, will be chairman of a workshop on Production of Audio-Visual Materials at Bentley.

Irwin Winston, Harrison Elementary, is co-chairman of the Science Instruction Center workshop to be held at Romulus High School. The Special Education Center at Lincoln Park High School will include important contributions from Catherine Ayres, Esther Pustover, and Arthur Raye of Garden City's Special Services Department.

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