

Ceremonies Headed By Archbishop

99 Receive Madonna Degrees

The Most Reverend John F. Dearden, STD, conferred degrees on 99 Madonna College graduating Seniors Sunday in ceremonies on the campus terrace.

And, as well, Rudolf Kleinert (Livonia city councilman) and Anton Jacobs were cited by the

college for their service to the community and the school. Scholarships were named in their honor.

College President Sister Mary Danatha presented the citations, honoring Kleinert's "warm personal interest and active promotion" of the college

and his work in the community "as a member of the council for the past 10 years."

Jacobs, a member of the Madonna College advisory Board, was lauded for his dedication in the evolution of the labor movement in the United States "proclaiming and defending the legiti-

mate rights of workers."

DAVID L. McKenna, president of Spring Arbor College, a small church institution near Jackson, gave the commencement address.

McKenna, an ordained Free Methodist minister and holder

of a PhD in philosophy from the University of Michigan, rapped what he called the "pitiful little protests of the mind-blowing generation," and "violence without a cause."

"Mass communication and mass community call for acceptance of obligations. These

pitiful little protests are not a substitute for service," McKenna said.

He praised the ecumenical movement and told the graduates they needed to get involved in today's problems.

"The Christian college cannot be a place to train cultured ostriches who from time to time peak out to peck at a rutting world. The secular society is organized as if God did not exist."

"There is a question of whether we as Christians have anything to say today. We need graduates prepared to live. School doesn't prepare you to live—you are born to live, and school is part of it."

HE TOLD OF the young Negro looter who, on the day after Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination, was caught stealing. When asked why he was involved he said, "I'm stealing because they killed what's his name."

McKenna said this generation should not look to the "milk sop letrates" to change the world. "And you can't do contradictory things."

McKenna listed examples of mis-directed use of man's vision in literature, in science and technology, in the Columbia student takeover.

The young minister entertained the audience with quips from everyone from Bob Hope to Newsweek magazine.

BEFORE McKenna's address, the Madonna choir sang a melody of songs from "My Fair Lady."

The dean of the college, Sister Mary Lauriana, presented the candidates for Degrees.

A reception was held following the ceremonies.



SPECIAL CITATION for dedicated public service is presented to Livonia Councilman Rudolf Kleinert by Madonna College President Sister Mary Danatha.

Peter Buback Resigns As Ouster Trial Nears

Wayne Seeks New Sheriff

Wayne County today started looking for a new sheriff following the resignation of Peter B. Buback in the face of an ouster hearing ordered by Gov. Romney.

Buback resigned at a hastily-called news conference four years after he was named to the post.

He succeeded the late Sheriff Andrew Baird after 31 years of county government service, most of it spent as elections director in the office of County Clerk Edgar Branigan.

Buback, bitter and under pressure from all sides, said he has no immediate plans but wants official retirement May 29 or on June 1, depending upon payroll processing technicalities.

HE SAID HIS reputation as a public official always was good, that he is walking the plank "through the misdeeds of a few members of a staff inherited and of whose conduct I was completely unaware."

Buback was indicted in a ticket-fixing scandal by the Pigeon Grand Jury and charged with "neglect of duty." The charge was later dismissed by the Wayne County Circuit Court.

"I would have preferred a trial so I could be vindicated by a jury," Buback said. "The dropping of the charges must be a vindication of my conduct. Despite this, I am faced with a petition to ouster me from office on basically the same grounds as those in the dismissed indictment."

"In my judgment this is nothing less than injustice and persecution."

"I have a strong moral obligation to the public and my friends to resist every effort to deprive me of the last months of a term of office to which I was elected with their help. The Governor apparently had other thoughts."

ROMNEY LAST WEEK ordered the hearing and assigned Meyer Warszawski, of the Michigan Employment Security Commission's Appeal Board, to hear the case.

Buback said he has known Romney for years, regards him highly and they served together as delegates to the Michigan Constitutional Convention in 1962-63.

"But I do not feel that I can receive an impartial hearing when the same person is both my accuser and my judge and from whose verdict there is no appeal."

"You can't, a person of extremely modest means with many family obligations, afford the expense of a six or seven week contested hearing."

"NOR WILL I voluntarily expose my family and myself to a repetition of the sensationalism with which such a hearing would undoubtedly be exploited by

muckrakers."

Buback said he had filed his retirement application Monday and formally tendered his res-

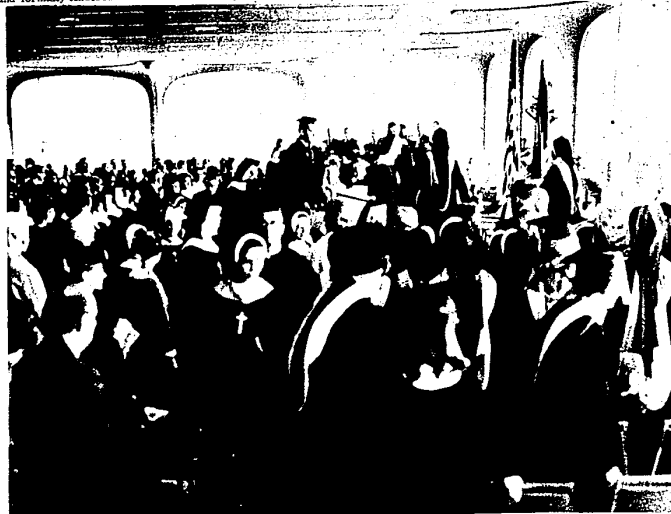
ignation.

A successor will be chosen by a three-member committee of Branigan, presiding Probate

Judge Frank S. Szymanski and prosecutor William L. Cahalan.

Early reports that a new sheriff will be selected who

will appoint Buback as his undersheriff and that Buback will be pressured into running again were current at mid-week.



MEMBERS OF 1968 graduating class of Madonna College join in the solemn procession-

al march to seats in the center of the college auditorium.

Clarenceville To Ask 4 Mill School Levy

Plagued by the same financial problems as most every other school district in the area covered by The Observer Newspapers, Clarenceville's Board of Education has joined the list asking voters to approve

an increase in millage to meet increased operating expenses. Regardless of where one turns, the school board has had to come to the same decision. Those seeking additional millage from the voters include:

Garden City, Plymouth, Farmington, Redford Union and South Redford, Wayne and now Clarenceville.

The issue will be on the ballots for the June 10 election in all districts mentioned above. The amount range from 2.5 to the 7.5 asked in Garden City.

IN ADDITION TO the millage issue, Clarenceville voters also will pick two members of the board, filling two posts that became vacant on June 30.

"The decision to go to the people with this proposal was not arrived at lightly," said Clarenceville School Supt. David McDowell. "It was the result of a thorough study in a series of meetings involving a total close examination of the proposed revenue and expenditures as projected for the 1968-69 school year."

In announcing the decision, Supt. McDowell also stated the four additional mill levy is essential if the district is to continue to:

1. Maintain a balanced budget.
2. Meet the needs created by an increasing enrollment.
3. Maintain a competitive salary schedule for its personnel.
4. Keep pace with the ever increasing operating costs.
5. Retain the high quality educational programs and low teacher-pupil ratios now enjoyed by the district.

"The Clarenceville Board is committed to a balanced budget by statute," emphasized McDowell. "Without the four additional mills we would be forced to curtail certain educational programs and services in an effort to maintain financial stability and solvency in the district."

THE CLARENCEVILLE Board is making plans to hold a series of "Coffee Klatches" with various parents groups as part of a campaign to get the message home as to the needs for passage of the additional four mills.

At the moment, there is no indication as to who will be in the race for the two vacancies on the board but it is believed that nominating petitions will start coming into the board offices before the end of the week.

'Ridge' To Take In-Depth View Of Racial Relations

"Crisis in Black and White," an in-depth view of the different and difficult aspects of interracial relations will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday evenings, May 15 through June 26 by the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

Coordinated by Richard Smith, sociology instructor at Orchard Ridge, the six-part non-credit program is open to the public and will be held in Room 208 of "L" building on the campus, located south of I-696 between Farmington and Orchard Lake Rds.

In conjunction with the seminars, the Orchard Ridge Student Activities Board will present "Black Choreography," a performance by Brothers Unlimited, a group of Detroit inner-city residents, at 1 p.m. May 21. Orchard Ridge students are also helping to finance the seminars.

The series will consist of formal presentations and audience participation.

Dates and titles of the programs are:

May 15—"History of Afro-Americans on the U.S. Continent"; Reginald Wilson, associate dean-testing, Orchard Ridge.

May 22—"Social Science Theories of Prejudice and Discrimination"; Dr. George Cole, associate dean-counseling, Orchard Ridge.

June 5—"Impact of White Institutions on Black Citizens"; Kenneth Cockrell, attorney.

June 12—"The Negro in Literature," a panel presentation.

June 19—"The Experience of Being Black," a panel presentation.

June 26—"What Must Be Done?"; Reginald Wilson and the Rev. Robert Eddy, of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.

For registration and information, contact Smith at 476-9400.



CONFERRING DEGREES at Madonna College commencement program is The Most Rev. John F. Dearden, STD, who is assisted by Dean Sister Mary Lauriana (right).

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