



FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS to bowling during the early years of its development in metropolitan Detroit, W.W. Edgar, dean of the Observer Newspapers editorial staff, received the Judge John D. Watts Memorial Award. The plaque was presented to Eddie during a recent meeting of bowling greats. The award honors the memory of the longtime Detroit traffic court judge who was a prime booster of bowling. (Observer photo by Doug Johnson)

Mrs. Pettipren Misses In Dem Convention Bid

GRAND RAPIDS Area Democrats last weekend joined the fall Democratic convention here, a gathering marked by unprecedented numbers of interest group caucuses and an unusually large number of candidates seeking nomination to state education posts.

The only statewide candidate from this area was Mrs. Joan Pettipren of Westland, who made an unsuccessful bid for the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

Democrats also ducked a floor fight on the busing issue, continuing to the resolution committee a document which both recognized widely differing views on the matter within the party and declined further comment until court appeals have been settled.

THE GATHERING also marked the last official meeting of the old district organizations which were set in 1964 and which were reappointed this year. After the November election, the new districts will caucus and then attend the February 1973 convention in their new forms.

Nineteenth District officers for this convention were: Aldo Vagnozzi of Farmington, chairman; Barbara Johnson of Livonia, vice chairman; Sid Diamond of Livonia, secretary; and former 19th District Congressman Billie S. Farnum of Drayton Plains, presidential elector. The district currently includes Livonia, Farmington and Redford Township.

The 18th District, which includes Southfield, selected John Lane of Birmingham, chairman; Jeanne Korsch of Royal Oak, vice chairman; man; Ethel Schwartz of Southfield, secretary; and Russell Golden of Royal Oak, presidential elector.

Westland and Garden City delegates, participating in the

15th District, picked John Canfield of Dearborn Heights as chairman and Helen Wainio of Taylor as vice chairman and acting secretary.

PLYMOUTH, AS part of the 2nd District, contributed Eileen Healy as delegation head. Joining the young Plymouth Democrat, who upset the established leadership two weeks before the convention in a surprise vote, were Marsha Borowski of Plymouth, secretary, Wayne Howes of Livingston County vice chairman, and Ethel Howard of Ypsilanti Township, presidential elector.

Miss Healy also moved an amendment to the convention rules to make voting for each office nominated separate rather than all at once. The motion was defeated by voice vote from the floor.

MRS. PETTIPREN was one of a field of four candidates for the Wayne State board. Although she appeared to have a strong chance for nomination early in the convention, she garnered only 994 votes (1,221 needed for nomination) in the Sunday balloting and released her delegates.

Eventual nominees were Michael Einhauser, a WSU student, and Mrs. Kathleen Strauss, a Detroit resident with a background in education services. Former Dearborn State Sen. Roger Craig was also an unsuccessful candidate.

SC Faculty Get 4.5 Pct. Hike Plus 3.1 Pct. In Increments

By KATHY MORAN

Negotiations began last spring and wound up Aug. 29 — the day the old contract expired — after a marathon session.

Arlan said later that the new contract "cleans up a lot of language that was vague" and includes such provisions as procedures for staff reduction and teacher evaluation.

It also includes an agency shop provision (making it mandatory for faculty members to belong to the union) and an optional third year probationary period for faculty.

PRIOR TO VOTING to ratify the contract, the board discussed the terms in public sessions. Arch Vallier said he could see no reason why final discussion couldn't be held in open session.

The discussion was originally marked for "executive" (secret) sessions on the board agenda. All trustees agreed to public discussion.

"I personally think we have a pretty good contract for both sides," said Vallier, who participated in the sessions along with trustee Rosina Raymond.

"I think the basic principles of a good relationship are here. I'll be very disappointed if, in the next two years, the relationship between the faculty and administration doesn't improve. Each side has given a little and the basic principles have been established."

"I'm satisfied and I think they are," Mrs. Raymond echoed.

Arlan said later that salaries were never a big issue in the negotiations. The administrative bargaining team (headed by personnel director Gerald Munro) told the faculty how much money was available for raises, and the faculty felt they were given an honest figure, Arlan said.

THE NEW CONTRACT spells out procedures for terminating a faculty member for "good and adequate cause," which could be for immorality, incompetence, conviction of a felony, etc. The administration has always been able to terminate a faculty member for good reason, but this is the first time the contract spells it out.

Teachers will be evaluated every three years with one

third of the faculty done each year. The area directors and faculty representatives will be involved in evaluations.

The title of faculty "chairman" was changed to faculty "representative" under the new contract. The position has been controversial since faculty members felt their elected chairman or representative in each department could handle the responsibilities that were handed to the area directors during a reorganization a few years ago.

The area directors are a middle layer of administrators while the faculty representatives are elected by the faculty and still continue to teach.

The faculty as a whole were given a total of 14 days annually to conduct Forum business rather than the 12 days last year.

THE INSURANCE program could cost the college upwards of \$11,500 in the second year, according to Munro and trustee Paul Kadish. However, the insurance benefits are still an open item and will have to be put up for bids.

Grote's Salary Is \$32,250

Schoolcraft College President C. Nelson Grote will receive a nearly seven per cent salary increase under the terms of his contract approved unanimously by the board of trustees.

Dr. Grote's salary increased from \$30,000 to \$32,250 in 1972-73 under the new three-year contract. His contract is renewed every year even though it is for a three year period and salary adjustments are made annually. It is effective retroactive to July 1.

Last month, the board had increased his insurance benefits. Dr. Grote came to Schoolcraft last year after former President Eric Bradner retired.

Faculty members and their families will be able to take courses at the college at reduced rates, according to a tuition grant fund established in the contract.

Under the terms of the fund (which takes effect in the second year of the contract), faculty members will pay tuition when they register but will be reimbursed for all of their tuition and half of a family member's from the fund.

Magazines Cost More

Postal Hikes Defended

Challenging claims of magazine publishers that their postage rates have been greatly increased, Livonia Postmaster Arthur Jenkins charges such statements are exaggerated and misleading.

"An average popular magazine now costs only 3.2 cents in postage fees per copy to mail," he said. "And these are the new increased rates."

Jenkins pointed out that rates in effect for popular magazines in early 1971 amounted to only 2.5 cents. This was hiked in May 1971 to three cents each on a temporary basis. The new average postage charge of 3.2 cents went into effect on July 6, 1972.

"THE CHARGES for mailing magazines are extremely reasonable," Jenkins stated. "Compare them, for instance, to postage for a first class letter weighing one ounce or less which comes to eight cents or the postage for an eight-ounce advertising circular which goes for 13 cents."

Under the July revised rate

schedules, postage charges for magazines will increase a fraction of a cent to 1/10 of a cent for the next five. By July 1976, the scheduled charge will only be 5.8 cents per average magazine. This is still well under the cost of mailing a first class letter.

Jenkins explains that reports of increases of 127 per cent and up have created an impression that the hikes amount to much more than was involved in the July 6 revisions.

"Currently, the average mailer pays nearly the same postage as he has for the past year, and the increases to volume mailers generally will be only a fraction of a cent per piece," he added.

JENKINS STRESSED that first class and airmail rates remain at eight cents and 11 cents an ounce. First class and airmail cards still go for six cents and nine cents each. "Priority" mail (air parcel post) rates remain the same as before.

Also unchanged are rates for regular parcel post and "special" and "library rate" fourth class.

The reports which tell of increases of more than 127 per cent refer to the total boosts phased in over five years for the "regular" rate second class mail such as popular magazines.

"The Postal Service is concerned, of course, even about the second class rate increases," Jenkins recounted. "We want to keep the rates as low as possible. However, newspapers and magazines have been heavily subsidized in the past, and the Postal Service is required to gradually eliminate this subsidy under the postal reorganization law. Even so, the publications are being given until the fifth year to adjust."

"The taxpayers will continue to subsidize the publications until then."

JENKINS EMPHASIZED that for non-mailers, the new rates are even less and designed only to cover actual "attributable" costs, or out-of-pocket costs to the service for this mail; most other classes will cover their attributable costs as well as make a contribution to general postage overhead costs.

Following is a rundown of the most significant changes in rates which became effective July 7, raising the temporary rates previously fixed on March 16, 1971 for second class and on March 12, 1972 for first class. (The second class represents the rates effective until July 1972.)

• Second class — "In-county" rates for newspapers

and other publications. The per piece charge went from 6/100 of a cent to 1/10 of a cent per piece. Non-profit publications (outside county), no change in editorial postage rate of 2.4 cents per pound. The postage rate for advertising (based on distance) went down slightly, from a range of 4.4 to 9.7 cents to a rate of 4.4 to 9.5 cents. However, the per piece charge increased from 4/100 of a cent to 2/10 of one cent.

• Regular publications — Editorial postage rate went from 4 cents to 4.2 cents. The postage rate for non-editorial matter (based on distance) went down from the present rate of 6 to 17.8 cents to a range of 6 to 17.4 cents and the per piece charge rose from 2/10 of a cent to 3/10 of one cent.

• Third class (principally advertising) — Single pieces

weighing more than two ounces, a higher rate of 4 cents for each additional ounce above two, replacing a variable rate of 2 or 3 cents for each additional ounce. The flat rate of 8 cents for the first two ounces is unchanged.

• Bulk rate third class — Regular circulars went from 28 to 26 cents per pound. The minimum per piece rate, which has been a flat 5 cents is changed to 4.8 cents for the first 250,000 pieces mailed annually. The 5 cent rate continues for quantities above 250,000.

• For regular third class books and catalogs, the pound rate increased from 21 to 22 cents. The flat 5 cent minimum per piece changed to permit the same 4.8 cent rate for the first 250,000 pieces mailed annually that applies to circulars.

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