

Goodwill ready for disasters

Goodwill Industries, reaching beyond their service to the handicapped, are now prepared to assist Red Cross in maintaining disaster preparedness and in extending disaster services to the community.

A formal agreement has been signed to define areas of support and cooperation between the two agencies.

"We view this agreement as expanding our effort to be a better member of the community," says Russell Albrecht, executive director of Goodwill Industries.

ACCORDING TO Kenneth Barnes, director of Red Cross Disaster Services, the agreement is certain to improve services to disaster victims.

Under the agreement, Goodwill personnel will be trained how to supply the emergency needs of food, clothing, shelter, medical or nursing care in times of disaster.

After training, their staff and volunteers will assist Red Cross and would be represented on various disaster preparedness committees.

Goodwill also has the capability of preparing meals for up to 500 victims

and workers and could provide temporary housing. Warehouse space would also be provided by Goodwill for the collection and storage of donated clothing.

Items not used would be turned over to Goodwill for its on-going distribution program.

THIS IS NOT the first time Red Cross and Goodwill have shared knowledge and experience to establish or improve a needed service in the community.

In 1921, when a change in Red Cross national policy occurred, League for the Handicapped assumed the responsibility of the vocational rehabilitation work program instituted by Red Cross after WWI.

This program was started with the cooperation of Detroit Police Department and was concerned with teaching handicapped men and women a painful occupation and paying them a small wage.

In 1970, the League and Goodwill merged, forming a United Rehabilitation Center dedicated to continuing to serve the needs of the handicapped.



DISCUSSING THE NEW agreement of cooperation between Red Cross and Goodwill Industries are (from left): disaster director Arnold Lord; Kenneth Barnes, director Red Cross Disaster Services; Russell G. Albrecht, executive director Goodwill; and Gordon Siebring, director of Goodwill.

Praven graduates

B. Mitchell Praven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Praven of 32246 Shrewsbury in Farmington, has received a Bachelors degree in education from Seattle University, Washington.

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Bus will always have its role

Even if high-speed trains and rapid transit become commonplace in the future the role of the intercity bus will have increased in importance and will determine whether these new modes of travel are successful.

James C. Kellogg, a deputy director of the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation, made these conclusions concerning Michigan's transportation future.

"As Michigan builds expanded transit systems serving high-travel demands, we'll depend even more on intercity buses to interlink with other transportation modes," Kellogg explained.

Kellogg, who is chairman of a state intercity bus task force looking at ways to encourage expansion of state bus service, acknowledged that state support to bus companies may be on the way.

The State Highway Commission has already provided a grant to expand an intercity bus service for mine workers in the Upper Peninsula.

A major element of the state's \$1.1 billion transportation bond proposal would fund \$382 million into expanding passenger and freight rail and intercity bus service.

Most urban areas in the state would build new intermodal travel terminals with the bond money. Kevin McKinney, state project manager for intercity travel, noted.

McKinney hoped intercity bus carriers and rail corporations would cooperate in setting travel schedules. He also hoped routes and schedules would be staggered to give intercity passengers a wide choice of departure times and destinations.

Clarenceville may lose state funds

A reduced enrollment for the 1973-74 academic year may cost the Clarenceville School District close to \$68,000 in anticipated state aid.

Dave McDowell, superintendent of the district, announced at the board of education meeting, Thursday that as of Sept. 10 enrollment in the district was 3,293 students, 77 less than anticipated when the district prepared its budget.

"The district is not losing aid," McDowell said. "We are just not getting as much as we originally anticipated."

The cut in state aid will not necessitate any major changes, although any teachers or administrators leaving in the middle of the school year will not be replaced.

THE BOARD also approved between \$700 and \$1,000 to cover the cost of a vertical review of the district's mathematics program.

The review is an attempt to discover if there are any holes in the current math curriculum between kindergarten and the twelfth grade.

The review is expected to involve 13 of the district's math teachers from every grade level. In addition, consultants from the Oakland County schools would assist in the evaluation.

AT LEAST for the first semester, elementary students will have evaluated report cards—the same type which were used during the 1973-74 academic year.

A questionnaire sent with the district's newsletter last spring brought very few responses.

As a result, the questionnaire on report cards will be included with the first card this semester for elementary students.

In other action the board approved the purchase of a whirlpool for the field house, and set minimum tuition rates for the district's tuition students.

MAC urges tax break for motorists

A tax break for the average motorist similar to that allowed businesses is urged by the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC).

Acting on a resolution proposed by Robert E. FitzPatrick, chairman of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners during the annual MAC meeting on Mackinac Island recently, delegates called on the U. S. Internal Revenue Service to allow a deduction for the first 10,000 miles of vehicle operation each year to all motorists.

Recent increased tax allowances for business and industry were permitted to offset increased costs resulting from the shortage of petroleum last year, the resolution stated.

"The average motorist must pay the same increased prices for his gasoline and is entitled to equal treatment," FitzPatrick said.

"He should be granted a deduction for at least travel to and from work and we believe this should be based on the 10,000 miles-per-year estimate."

FitzPatrick cited statistics which showed the cost of travel both to and from work, as well as for general family needs, has increased 100 per cent in the last 18 months.

There have been spin-off effects offset in increased unemployment and decreased auto production and a surge of reduction in tourism in Michigan.

Lawyers' Wives schedule tea

LIVONIA—Lawyers' Wives of Livonia have planned a welcoming tea gathering for 8 p.m. Sept. 23 in the home of Mrs. Michael Katulski.

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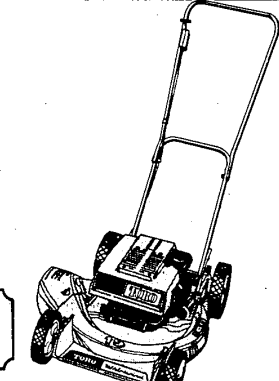
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