

City Officials Tour Airport



'WATCH YOUR HAT' — Ducking under an airplane wing during their inspection yesterday of hangar facilities at Pontiac Municipal Airport are (from left) City Manager Walter K. Willman and City Commissioners Wesley J. Wood and John A. Dugan. Four other commissioners also toured one of the city's two big hangars during a study of its use by business and private fliers.

Back Confab, Democrats Told

Justice Eugene Black Says Supreme Court Should Rule on Vote

In something like F.D.R.'s famous fireside chats — but without the fire — Michigan Supreme Court Justice Eugene F. Black raked Democrats over the coals last night for their opposition to a constitutional convention.

The outspoken justice urged his fellow jurists to drop everything else and rule on whether the 1938 statewide vote for a convention can be affirmative despite being defeated as it lacked a clear majority of those voting in the election.

Black said it should only take a simple majority of those voting on the issue to pass, as he opined as Republican attorney general in 1948.

"The Democratic Party better stop its negative attitude toward a convention," he urged. "We can't sit around and say we aren't going to aid the call of a convention until we get this or that."

Democrats opposed a convention last year saying delegate representation under the present system would be heavily Republican.

"The reason the Republicans are in the soup they are today is that they were against everything," he said. "Let's not let that happen to us."

Black spoke to some 27 members of the Bloomfield Democratic Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Radom, in West Bloomfield Township.

His family room discussion went way back to 1898 when Michigan first thought of changing its 1850 constitution. He called this the start of "a comedy of errors except for its tragedy." Like it is today, it was ruled then that a simple majority for a convention wasn't sufficient.

Referring to the current financial muddle, Black predicted worse trouble in eight months. "We've got to get rid of the bitter partisanship which is tearing us apart," he said. He didn't say how.

Now considered a non-partisan "Democrat" on the court, Black did, however, say he wished justices could return to the old system of being nominated, elected and serving as partisans. "The present system is loaded with evil," Black said.

Justices are nominated at political conventions, yet are elected and supposedly serve on a non-partisan basis.

Nice Weather Seen for Football Fans

Football fans are going to have it perfect weatherwise this weekend.

Saturday will be cloudy with a high of 38, with a chance of light rain or snow by night. The low for tonight will be 25.

Light winds at two m.p.h. northerly this morning will become southeasterly at 8 to 12 m.p.h. tomorrow.

The thermometer which rose to 35 Thursday afternoon has fluctuated slightly today. At 10 a.m. the wind velocity and direction was one mile easterly.

At 1 p.m. the thermometer reading was 34 in downtown Pontiac.

State's Tax Battle Now Between GOP Senators

From Our News Wires

LANSING — The deadlock over taxes that has tied the Legislature in knots all year long settled down today into strictly a conflict between Republican senators.

After four caucuses consuming seven hours yesterday, the GOP Senate majority all but despaired of an answer to the state's cash crisis last night.

"What looks warm today may be colder than Iceland tomorrow," summarized Sen. Frank D. Beadle, of St. Clair, GOP majority leader.

Basically, the fight was between backers of a 74-million-dollar package of temporary nuisance taxes and of a combination personal-corporate income tax package.

It was to be resumed today, the 161st working day of the record long 1939 legislative session.

"I know this is as discouraging to those of us in the Legislature as it is to the people outside," Beadle said last night, after the fourth Senate Republican caucus of the day.

Beadle was asked whether he was encouraged or discouraged over the marathon discussion.

"I'm frustrated," was the reply.

"What are you split on?" Beadle was asked.

"I can't say," was the reply. "We're split on everything."

Significantly, the GOP Senate majority had retreated from the temporary new or increased taxes on beer, tobacco, liquor and services it had endorsed last week.

NUISANCE TAX DEAD: Some Republican senators told newsmen the nuisance tax package was dead after a doornail. Beadle disagreed.

The despair that gripped the crisis-weary Capitol came in the aftermath of a weird and wild day of oratory.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was read on the Senate floor by Sen. L. Harvey Lodge (R-Drayton Plains), who complained little attention was paid his plea for sound management of what money the state has.

"Nobody listened to him then either," Lodge said. The shouts of Lodge and others were clearly audible during the closed-door caucus sessions.

This Must Be the Place

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—Two repairsmen from the city utility board had no doubts Wednesday night that they had found the broken water main they were sent to fix. Their truck sank in four feet of asphalt, water and mud.

Cohn was asked if Dick Clark was involved. "Dick Clark does not take a cent and never would," he replied.

Soon to leave for his new job as city manager of Arcadia, Calif., Schone was asked by this reporter for his analysis of the county government, and what the future holds.

"Oakland County is probably more progressive than the majority of counties in the United States," Schone said.

He was critical, however, of the work of the three-member Board of Auditors and the chairman of a special study committee created two years ago to study reforms in the government.

He called for the abolishment of the Board of Auditors and said the special committee, headed by

Springfield Township Supervisor John L. Carey, was "way too slow in getting things done."

Schone placed the blame on Carey and not on the other eight members of the committee, which, to date, has accomplished but one major reform—the merger of the offices of county clerk and register of deeds.

Schone, 45, has been associated with some form of government since 1933. He is considered one of the country's top public administrators.

He is past chairman of the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission and has served as president of the Detroit Metropolitan Area Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

The former city manager of Birmingham, Oak Park and Harbor Springs said some Oakland County officials are wrong in believing that law changes are necessary before reorganization steps to strengthen the government can be

Sees Balanced Budget

Hospital Is Eying Profit

Flooding Rains Ease in Miami; 11.13 Inches Fell

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Rain which poured 11.13 inches of water on Miami in 30 gusty hours let up today, but maybe not for long. The Weather Bureau predicted further showers.

Thursday, there was a daylong deluge. Numerous streets were flooded bumper deep and some were impassable. Hundreds of cars drowned out.

No residents had to be evacuated, although water lapped into many a front door.

Business in the uptown section came to a virtual standstill and no sightseeing buses were seen hauling tourists who chose to spend the day in dryness and comfort of their hotels.

Motorists who did venture on flooded, rain-slicked streets drove with such care that the police department reported fewer accidents than normal.

Hunting Death Warrant Asked

Manslaughter Charge Is Possible in Shooting of Oxford 'Potato King'

Cheboygan State Police today were seeking a warrant against Roy Bauers of Carp Lake, charging him with manslaughter in the fatal shooting of Jack Williams, formerly of Oxford Township.

Known in Oakland County as the "Potato King," Williams, 62, of Mullett Lake, was shot in the back of the head Wednesday while hunting 10 miles west of Cheboygan.

State Police said Bauers, 52, yesterday admitted firing the fatal shot when he saw some branches moving in the woods. They quoted him as saying he did not know whether he was firing at a deer.

After the shot, Bauers said he went to investigate and found Williams lying on the ground. Branches apparently set up as a blind surrounded the body.

CHARGES STORY Bauers and his brother Charles called police.

Police said Roy Bauers first told them he had shot at a deer and Williams moved into his line of fire.

Williams was the third hunter to die in Michigan of gunshot wounds since the season opened Sunday.

He had a potato farm on Baldwin road in Oxford Township before moving to Mullett Lake about eight years ago.

Chicken Out of Show

LONDON (UPI)—Officials of next month's National Poultry Show announced yesterday that no poultry will be shown at the show because of current poultry diseases.

act the necessary changes believing the "line of least resistance is sometimes the easiest."

"A lot of the fault rests with the lack of initiative on the part of the Board of Auditors," he said.

Although he praised veteran head auditor Robert Y. Moore, for contributing much to the growth of the county, Schone said "the job is getting too big for Bob."

Believed by many to be in line for Moore's post — if he had stayed on — the DPW head modestly said one of the reasons he was leaving his \$17,500 position was because he felt it wrong that some officials were attempting to pattern Oakland's new government so he could head it. He said he thought this was hampering the reform movement.

Would he ever return to take the top spot here? He was asked.

"If at the time they developed some reorganization," he answered, "I'd consider very strongly based on what the conditions were

Appraiser Says Art Find Worth \$8-10 Million

Other Experts Cautious; Ten Paintings Claimed to Be Masterpieces

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.

A Chicago art appraiser today hailed a set of paintings dug out from under an immigrant's bed and a closet as "the greatest art find of the century." He said they're worth 8 to 10 million dollars.

Some art authorities weren't so sure. They said they'd like to see the works for themselves.

Alexander Zlatoff-Mirsky, art appraiser and restorer who has his own studio, declared 10 of the dozen paintings are masterpieces from the Italian Renaissance.

One of them he identified as the "Madallena" by Michelangelo de Caravaggio and valued at more than one million dollars.

(This is not the same Michelangelo who painted the Sistine Chapel.)

Even as announcement of the discovery came Thursday in filmmaker attorney Jerry Giesler's office, a rift developed between the owners and their agent.

Alfonso Folio, 40, a television repairman, and his sister, Maria Folio Hataburda, of Pasadena said that Charles di Renzo a friend who developed into their agent, had made the matter public.

Mrs. Hataburda's husband, Chester, said they don't know now whether the pictures will be offered for sale or exhibited. "It's all up in the air now," he said.

Zlatoff-Mirsky said the masterpieces were authenticated by Amadore Porcella, catalogist for the Vatican and an expert on Renaissance art. Porcella spent four months in Pasadena examining the works. Folio and Mrs. Hataburda said.

WORKED IN VATICAN

(In Rome, the director of the Vatican museums said Porcella was employed as a technician in the reorganization of the Vatican Art Galleries from 1933 to 1934 or 1935 but, according to available records, was not in charge of cataloging or evaluating and did not hold a top job.

(The director added that he had had no official connection with the Vatican for at least 24 years.)

(An official of the Italian government arts department said Porcella is not on their list of first-rate and second-rate art experts although he may have become a recognized authority abroad.)

"We have always known the paintings were worth a great deal of money," Mrs. Hataburda said. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Pontiac Baby Is Found Safe After Kidnaping

The long wait is over for Mrs. Marilyn Vickers, a young mother from Pontiac working in Chicago as a waitress.

Her four-month-old boy, James, was found unharmed by FBI agents last night in a Gary, Ind., hotel, about 16 hours after he was kidnapped by a baby sitter.



MRS. MARILYN VICKERS



DIANE VARNER

Paint, Plaid, Dungarees—Still a Deer

MONTICELLO, N.Y. (AP)—Baby, a tame deer who had the run of this Catskill mountain town, is dead. He was shot by a hunter even though he had "pet" painted on each flank and a red plaid shirt and pair of dungarees tied around his neck.

Baby, who ate spaghetti and meatballs, was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pittaluga after the deer's mother was killed by an automobile. Every day the animal made a trip to meet the three Pittaluga children at the school bus stop. The animal also enjoyed eating hamburgers, bananas and canned dog food.

With the hunting season on, Baby was painted and dressed up to prevent his being mistaken for a wild deer.

Pontiac General Seeks to End 3 Years in Red

Submit Record Outlay of \$4,622,780; Holding Present Wage Line

By PETE LOCHBILER

By holding the line on wages again, Pontiac General Hospital hopes to end its three-year streak in the red next year.

A record operating budget of \$4,622,780—more than \$1,400,000 higher than 1939's—was adopted by the Board of Trustees last night and sent off to the City Commission for approval.

Adding up its estimated revenues, losses and expenses in 1940, the hospital found it has a good chance of ending up in the black. The budget forecast showed a year-end operating deficit of only \$329.

This estimate was arrived at only after provision for \$187,000 to be set aside to cover depreciation.

Since the hospital's operation was interrupted by the expansion program four years ago, it has been steadily in the red and reserves covering depreciation have suffered worst of all.

Once again, the hospital warned that its financial estimates were only good guesses, since the ever-changing status of the physical plant under the expansion program makes long-range forecasts difficult.

"Our setup will be quite changed next year, so that it is impossible to base this budget entirely on past experience," explained James Clarkson, Board chairman.

The hospital expects to have more beds in use than ever before, more patients and more gross profits.

Gross profits are expected to top \$5,000,000 for the first time. Correspondingly, the hospital expects to pay out more in wages and other expenses to operate a bigger institution.

NO WAGE HIKES

But there is no provision for any across-the-board wage increases or for any additional posts in the administrative staff.

As part of last year's crash program during the height of the hospital's expansion.

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Sorrowful Curtice Attends Funeral of Friend He Shot

ANN ARBOR (AP)—Harlow H. Curtice, retired president of General Motors Corp., planned to attend the funeral service today for his friend and onetime aide, Harry W. Anderson, whom he shot and killed in a hunting accident.

Arrangements were made for a Mormon service at First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. The Mormon church here is too small to accommodate the expected number of mourners.

Yesterday how the accident happened.

"Mr. Anderson was one of my closest friends and associates in General Motors," the 66-year-old Curtice said. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Read the Press for Grid All-Star Picks Saturday

The high school football season is over and the time has come for The Pontiac Press to honor the best griders in Oakland County.

Tribute will be paid tomorrow when The Press announces the 1939 All-Oakland County football team selected by county coaches and The Press sports staff.

A 13-man squad makes up the top all-star unit, followed by first and second honor teams in class A, B and C plus a list of honorable mentions. Oakland County's "Coach of the Year" also will be named, with two other outstanding coaches.

Don't miss Saturday's Pontiac Press for the announcement of the finest Oakland prep football players of the year.



HAROLD K. SCHONE

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MAKE OVER BOARD OK'S Plans for Two Schools

The Waterford Township Board of Education last night approved preliminary plans for two new elementary schools, and will open construction bids on the buildings December 22.

Part of the \$5-million school bond issue approved by voters last March, each of the new buildings will cost approximately \$300,000 fully equipped.

The schools are expected to be ready for operation next September, according to superintendent William Shunk.

As yet not named, one of the schools will be located on a 9-10 mile south of the present high school. The second school will be

on Merrie road north of Pontiac Lake road. Smith & Smith architects has been awarded the contracts for both schools.

Negotiations for the Pontiac Lake road school site have been completed.

The school board approved a request authorizing the borrowing of \$300,000 against the 1959-60 state aid. According to Shunk, the State of Michigan is approximately \$750,000 delinquent in state aid payments to the Waterford Township school system this year.

Board members approved operational procedure involving a payroll deduction plan of union dues for custodial, maintenance, engineer, and bus driver personnel.

Two representatives of the McVittie school Parent-Teacher Association, were present asking the board to help solve the transportation, and walking problem for children going to and from school on East and West Letart street, and Olmstead road.

The parents had asked the board to have bus transportation within a one-mile radius, or assist in getting adequate road signs. They also discussed the possibility of side road paths. There was no action on the matter.

A request was received from superintendent of Ann Arbor schools Jack Elzay, to have a team of board members and administrators from his school system, attend a Waterford Township board meeting. Elzay said his group was interested in agenda contents, procedure of business, and operation of the township's school system.

Preliminary plans for a second senior high school which had been approved at last month's meeting, were again reviewed and another special meeting date has been set for Tuesday for further study of the plans and specifications.

On December 3, the board will again meet, and give final approval of the two new elementary school plans, as well as give further attention to the high school plans.

Blast Destroys 1,400 Buildings

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — A fire in a chemical plant touched off a series of gigantic explosions in a heavily populated Yokohama suburb today. More than 1,400 buildings were destroyed or damaged, and 376 persons were injured.

There was only one confirmed death, but authorities did not rule out the possibility that more dead would be found.

The death toll would have been huge, but word of the fire spread quickly. Before the explosions began, most of the workers within the plant had fled to cover in caves or behind earth and concrete bunkers built when the plant was a Japanese navy ammunition depot.

Schone Eyes Government Changes

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would have as one of his main duties those now assigned to the auditors; cutting the 83-member Board of Supervisors in half; and cutting the number of committees of the Board from 28 to about 7.

In addition, he said, a so-called administrative board should be created consisting of the chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the chairmen of the proposed seven committees.

Most of the recommendations, Schone pointed out, were contained

The Weather

Full U.S. Weather Bureau Report: PONTIAC AND VICINITY — Partly cloudy today with a high of 38 in forecast. Light variable winds today and tonight. Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with little change in temperature. Low tonight 25. High tomorrow 38. Variable winds becoming southeasterly 8-12 miles Saturday.

Today in Pontiac: Lowest temperature preceding 8 a.m. 22. At 8 a.m.: Wind velocity 2 m.p.h. Direction: North. Sun sets Friday at 5:04 p.m. Sun rises Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Moon sets Saturday at 11:21 a.m. Moon rises Friday at 9:42 p.m.

Down Temperature: 6 a.m. 23, 11 a.m. 31, 4 p.m. 32, 8 a.m. 24, 12 m. 32, 6 p.m. 28, 10 p.m. 25. Wind: 11 m.p.h. Direction: 110. Clouds: 100. Precipitation: 0.00. Humidity: 72. Dew point: 20. Visibility: 10. Barometer: 30.00.

One Year Ago in Pontiac: Highest temperature 38. Lowest temperature 20. Mean temperature 28. Wind velocity 11 m.p.h. Direction 110. Clouds 100. Precipitation 0.00. Humidity 72. Dew point 20. Visibility 10. Barometer 30.00.

Highest and Lowest Temperatures: This Date in 96 Years: 12 in 1880, 27 in 1912.

Thursday's Temperature Chart: 11 a.m. 31, 2 p.m. 32, 3 p.m. 32, 4 p.m. 32, 5 p.m. 32, 6 p.m. 28, 7 p.m. 25, 8 p.m. 25, 9 p.m. 25, 10 p.m. 25, 11 p.m. 25, 12 a.m. 25, 1 a.m. 25, 2 a.m. 25, 3 a.m. 25, 4 a.m. 25, 5 a.m. 25, 6 a.m. 25, 7 a.m. 25, 8 a.m. 25, 9 a.m. 25, 10 a.m. 25, 11 a.m. 31, 12 p.m. 32, 1 p.m. 32, 2 p.m. 32, 3 p.m. 32, 4 p.m. 32, 5 p.m. 28, 6 p.m. 25, 7 p.m. 25, 8 p.m. 25, 9 p.m. 25, 10 p.m. 25, 11 p.m. 25, 12 a.m. 25, 1 a.m. 25, 2 a.m. 25, 3 a.m. 25, 4 a.m. 25, 5 a.m. 25, 6 a.m. 25, 7 a.m. 25, 8 a.m. 25, 9 a.m. 25, 10 a.m. 25, 11 a.m. 31, 12 p.m. 32, 1 p.m. 32, 2 p.m. 32, 3 p.m. 32, 4 p.m. 32, 5 p.m. 28, 6 p.m. 25, 7 p.m. 25, 8 p.m. 25, 9 p.m. 25, 10 p.m. 25, 11 p.m. 25, 12 a.m. 25, 1 a.m. 25, 2 a.m. 25, 3 a.m. 25, 4 a.m. 25, 5 a.m. 25, 6 a.m. 25, 7 a.m. 25, 8 a.m. 25, 9 a.m. 25, 10 a.m. 25, 11 a.m. 31, 12 p.m. 32, 1 p.m. 32, 2 p.m. 32, 3 p.m. 32, 4 p.m. 32, 5 p.m. 28, 6 p.m. 25, 7 p.m. 25, 8 p.m. 25, 9 p.m. 25, 10 p.m. 25, 11 p.m. 25, 12 a.m. 25, 1 a.m. 25, 2 a.m. 25, 3 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YOUNG AND GAY — These Oxford Area Community High School students seem to be enjoying their roles during this rehearsal of "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay." The play opens at 8 tonight in the Junior High auditorium. There will be another per-

formance tomorrow evening. The principal characters in the three-act comedy by Jean Kerr are (standing) Clinton Yerkes as Leo, Diane Yost as Cornelia, (kneeling) Jerry Brown as Dick, and (foreground) Kristy Pearson as Emily.

'Our Hearts Were Young and Gay' Oxford Presents Comedy

By BEATRICE KRUG
The Senior class of Oxford Area Community High School is presenting the delightful three-act comedy, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," 8 p.m. today and tomorrow in the junior high auditorium.

Included in the cast are Diane

Yost as Cornelia Otis Skinner; Kristy Pearson as Emily Kimborough; Jerry Brown as Dick Winters; and Clinton Yerkes as Leo McEvoy.

Other parts are portrayed by Lois Stoddard, Paul Ludwig, Doug Kennedy, Ed Erskine, Lucille Atwood, Rod Wingett, Pam Broome, Claudia Wood and Karen Douglas.

The directors are Richard Siler and Jerry Lambert. The student director is Peggy Rich.

Students on the makeup committee are Janie Langley, Phyllis Mann and Kiku Hayashi. Working on costumes are Paula Mann, Janet Bass and Harriet Moore.

Members of the scenery crew are Diana Raman, Sharon Souders, Janet Miholek, Edith Magee and Diane Mann. Larry Spickler is in charge of properties.

Avondale High Skiers Are Getting Organized

By IRVIN GINGRICH
Believing winter is here to stay, Avondale High School's Ski Club has organized and elected its officers.

Barbara Tallman was elected president, Bill Deveraux, secretary, and Clifford Rock, treasurer.

Clarkston High Play Is Mystery With Romance

By PAULETTE KIMBALL
The curtain will go up tonight on the Clarkston High School senior class production of "The Night is My Enemy," a mystery thriller by Fred Carmichael.

The play was shown to the junior high school Wednesday and the senior high Thursday in matinee performances. Tonight is the final production.

Though primarily a mystery, the story is filled with a warm romance and moments of comedy.

The cast includes Paulette Etter, Lucy Oakley, Ron Russell, Diane Taylor, Larry Middleton, June Drake, Jerry Edline, Marilyn Woodcock, Al Garcia, Ron Bellville, Doug Mickena and Janet Workman.

Student directors are Janet Workman and Karen Craven.

Committee chairmen are Jean Lewis, Otto Knibbe, Bud Bass, Karin Church, Beverly O'Tylen, Carol Wallis and Pat Beraud.

A huge turnout is expected for the second and last performance 8 p.m. today in the school's speech room.

The play's cast includes Jim

St. Michael's Has Thanksgiving Dance

By BARBARA ARDELAN
The Thanksgiving dance sponsored by the combined junior classes promises to be a success at St. Michael's School judging by the amount of tickets already sold.

The dance "Redskin Rumble," will be held 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Parish Hall.

Helping the committees are Russell Greenlees, tickets; Margaret Steek and Kitty Daugherty, decorating; Bob Sabourin, refreshments; Pat Burns and Margaret Worden, publicity; and Andy Anderson and Al Tunney, door prizes.

Sharon Saxton heads the entertainment committee and has provided the Ferros and Nick and the Jaguars.

Music will be provided also by records.

'Gold Cadillac' Hit at Orion

By DAVE NORTON
When William Shakespeare wrote "Julius Caesar" he had one thing in mind. He hoped to create a play that would draw many theatergoers to his Globe Theater.

Lake Orion High School's production of "The Solid Gold Cadillac" received such results as last night's opening.

A huge turnout is expected for the second and last performance 8 p.m. today in the school's speech room.

Shaffer, narrator; Carol Wiltse, Sandy Sheldon, John McIntyre, Harry Rule, Mike Batinski, Sharon Taylor, Larry Middleton, June Drake, Jerry Edline, Marilyn Woodcock, Al Garcia, Ron Bellville, Doug Mickena and Janet Workman.

Student directors are Janet Workman and Karen Craven.

Committee chairmen are Jean Lewis, Otto Knibbe, Bud Bass, Karin Church, Beverly O'Tylen, Carol Wallis and Pat Beraud.

'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes'

Waterford Curtain Rises

By JOHN TEEUWISSEN
The curtain goes up at 8 this evening on the first performance of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes."

Presented by the Waterford Township High School Dramatics Club, the play tells the story of two teen-age girls and their adventures on an unchaperoned trip to Europe.

Most of the action takes place in Paris as Lorelei and Dorothy are in and out of trouble with money and handsome gentlemen.

The comedy, adapted from Anita Loos' book of the same name, is the first production of the Dramatics Club this year.

The performances tonight and tomorrow night are the result of work on the part of the cast, staging crews, committees and director, Patty Looman.

THANKSGIVING ASSEMBLY

Waterford's annual Thanksgiving Assembly will be held next Wednesday. The program includes numbers by the choir and choral groups and an original play written and presented by the address class.

Monday night will be the organizational meeting of a new club at Waterford. The Future Business Leaders of America, affiliated with both state and national organizations, will be formed.

The FBLA club from Holly High will be there to give assistance and advice as Waterford High students launch this new venture.

Y-Teens will hold their formal initiation 8 p.m. Monday at the YWCA. The new members of the

club who joined this fall will be made official members of the organization.

Letters of commendation went to three Waterford students from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation last week. Receiv-

ing this honor were Bill Pot-berger, Leo Frankowski and Carol Saul.

The letters are congratulatory notes to students who rated high in the competition but did not qualify for the semi-final test.

Dramatics Club will present the motion picture "Rebel Without a Cause" at its meeting Monday evening. The film starring the late James Dean, is the first of several movies that the club is sponsoring this year. The public is invited to see this picture.



BATTLE OF SEXES — Waterford Township High School actors rehearse a scene of rivalry between the sexes in the school's production of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." Performances are slated for tonight and tomorrow night. The cur-

tain goes up at 8. Shown during dress rehearsal above are (from left) Susan Shaw, 3071 Old Orchard Dr.; Roger Myers, 5743 Cooley Lake Rd.; Kathy Bray, 114 Calvert St.; and Don Wennsten, 944 LaSalle St.

Welcome Staley at Central

By BARBARA GRIFFIN

Pontiac Central High School students and faculty are happy to welcome back Principal Francis Staley after a mild heart attack which sidelined him the first two months of school.

Staley has been back part time for two weeks and soon will be assuming full time duties as principal.

During his absence, C. T. Forsman, assistant principal, has carried out the duties of principal as well as his own.

A new project has been launched by the Business Education Department this semester. Each hour, two business education students are in the teacher's workroom, typing and duplicating copy for teachers.

In addition to performing a very valuable and well appreciated school service, these girls are gaining excellent work experience. Most of them are seniors and will be engaged in business jobs after graduation.

Tickets are now on sale for "The Diary of Anne Frank," starring Judi Johnson and Jim Baker, to be held in the Pontiac Central auditorium Saturday night, Dec. 5, and Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6. All seats are reserved. The ticket price is 75 cents.

'M' Swimmers Visit Northern

By ED SANTALA

The famed University of Michigan swimming team, former national champs, will give an exhibition 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Pontiac Northern High School pool. One of the special events of the PTSA sponsored show will be a routine by the Northern all-girl Catalina swimming club.

The Catalinas in the show will be Nancy Hibbard, Linda Underhill, Sandy Hilderly, Judy Kern, Ann Phillips, Carol Campbell, Charlotte DeRouse and Ruth Ann Kramp.

Included in the U. of M. squad are national champions Ron Clark, Dave Gillanders, Dave Gerlack and Tony Tashnik.

Tickets are 50 cents for students and \$1 for adults. Newly elected officers of the combined Co-op Club of Northern and Central are Central's Bob Davis, president; and Northern's Karen McClements, vice president; Carolyn McBurney, secretary; and Joanne Dembinski, treasurer.

Walled Lake High Singers Tune Up for '60 Choral

By JUDY DUCKWITZ

Six Walled Lake High School students last week attended the first rehearsal of the 1960 Michigan Choral at Ann Arbor.

They were Jackie Meridith, Terry Wik, Lynne Ashby, Dottie Duckwicz, Dan Jackson and Jim Menton.

More than 400 students from southern Michigan schools auditioned for the 1960 Michigan Choral which will tour Europe next summer to give concerts under the auspices of the Michigan Council of Churches' "Youth for Understanding Teen-Age Exchange Program."

Emmanuel Pupils Start Work on Yule Program

By EVELYN CHAPPEL

Officers of the student body at Emmanuel Christian School have begun work on a Christmas program. Planned are a band concert, humorous readings and vocals by the senior girls trio. The program will

Shelton Voted Band Exec at Rochester

By MARCIA SEED

Ralph Sheldon was elected chief executive by popular vote of the Rochester Senior High School Band.

Other officers include Pat Reid, vice president, and Sue Schlecte, secretary-treasurer.

Willis Huizenga, Cathy Hohnke, Jim Frost, Jackie Schlecte and Mary Lanktree, all juniors, are the semi-finalists from Rochester High being considered for the foreign exchange student who will be sent to some country in Europe this summer.

The five were picked after they wrote letters of application in which was included a 500 word essay.

The names have been sent to New York where the final decision will be made and announced some time in February or March.

Sue Schlecte, senior, was chosen by the faculty of Rochester High to compete with students from other schools in Michigan for the Daughters of the American Revolution award.



THEY ALL EMOTE — Lake Orion High School seniors are producing the Broadway hit, "The Solid Gold Cadillac," and hoping for similar response. The play was well received at the opening last night. The last performance will be given this

evening in the school's speech room. The above picture shows how some of the characters emoted for last night's audience. They are (from left) John McIntyre, Harry Rule, Mike Batinski, Carroll Wiltse, Sandy Sheldon and Sharon Taylor.

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India Proposes No Man's Land

Says Both She, China
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Border Areas

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Prime Minister Nehru has proposed to Red China that the disputed area of Ladakh in Kashmir, be made a no man's land.

The Indian leader, accepted Chinese Premier Chou En-lai's proposal that they meet to discuss the border dispute but declared there must be detailed advanced negotiations. Chou had suggested they meet "in the immediate future."

Nehru said unless there is ample preparation, "There is danger of the meeting not leading to a successful result, which we so much desire, and disappointing hopes of millions of people in our two countries."

In a note sent Peking Monday and made public today, Nehru proposed:

"India should withdraw all personnel to the west of the line which the Chinese government has shown as the international boundary in their 1956 maps—as far as we are aware these are your latest maps."

"Similarly the Chinese government should withdraw personnel to the east of the international boundary" as defined by India.

Chou had proposed in a Nov. 7 note that both nations pull their troops back 12½ miles from their present positions and leave behind unarmed police and administrative officials. Nehru rejected this proposal because it would leave the Communists in possession of some 8,000 square miles of Ladakh territory which India considers hers.

The Chinese were expected to take a similar dim view of Nehru's proposal since it would require them to quit the Indian-claimed territory they have occupied and through which they have built an important highway linking western Tibet with the western portion of the Chinese province of Sinkiang.

California claims it produces more citrus fruit than any other state.



THE HARD WAY — In order to demonstrate a new resin adhesive in the most effective manner, Bernard Juba stands on his head. There is a compensation for the strain however, he does not have to light his own cigarettes — that task is ably performed by model Alice Davis. Juba's shoes are actually "glued" to the steel bar with the new adhesive and can only be released by sawing them loose.

Crooks No Longer Are Cleaning Up

CULPEPER, Va. (AP) — A service station operator, suspicious of two men filling jugs with water at his station, called police.

Police found they were selling the filled jugs as a household cleanser. The product sold was a

mixture of water with a small amount of a commercial cleanser colored with grape and orange soft drinks.

The two men were convicted of peddling without a license.

Foreign showings of American films bring about \$100 million revenue a year to U.S. studios, according to Department of Commerce estimates.

'Pretty Much of a Mess'

Downtown Milwaukee Suited Grandpa; Now It Needs Change

By HARRY CHANDLER

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Shabbiness and decay have been painfully and increasingly apparent in Milwaukee's downtown district for many years. But not until recently has the problem become a matter of public controversy.

A television interview, a verbal tug of war between two of Wisconsin's leading banking institutions and critical newspaper appraisal of the afflictions have served to dramatize the situation.

News commentator H. V. Kaltenborn, recently returning to his native city after a long absence, had just completed a glowing, nostalgic tribute to the old home town when the interviewer asked:

"And how does downtown Milwaukee look to you, Mr. Kaltenborn?"

"Downtown Milwaukee?" echoed Kaltenborn. "Oh, that's pretty much of a mess."

Most Milwaukeeans, although shocked, had to admit that it was pretty much of an apt description of a central business district that seems regrettably to have gone to pot.

Most of the buildings in the heart of the city were built before 1900. No office building has been

constructed downtown since 1937 and only a half dozen other major structures have been put up with private capital since World War II.

A former resident returning after 20, even 40 years, would find the downtown skyline largely unchanged — except for the huge Milwaukee Arena adjoining the Municipal Auditorium; the new Central YMCA building at the western edge of the downtown district, and an addition to the City Hall now nearing completion. The Schroeder Hotel, built 32 years ago, remains the city's only large hostelry.

Traffic in downtown Milwaukee is bad but parking is worse, even though more than 11 per cent of the downtown land area is now devoted to off street parking.

Downtown business has suffered substantially because of the development of large shopping districts in the residential areas — with acres of parking space and convenient night shopping hours.

Everyone has his own idea about how to give downtown a shot in the arm and reverse the trend. One set of city planners even suggested that Wisconsin Ave., the city's main business thoroughfare, be converted into a pedestrian way, with a second

story shoppers' plaza over much of the distance.

Mayor Frank Zeidler wasn't enthused with the idea. He believes better public transportation is the basic need.

"I don't look for much rebuilding as long as we rely on automobiles to bring people downtown," Zeidler says. "It's physically impossible to accommodate all those who want to come and park their cars without paying a fee. If you can't revive mass transit, you can't revive downtown."

In the midst of all the talk, there came a concrete proposal. And it promptly touched off a heated controversy that is still going on.

The Marine National Exchange Bank proposed to spend 15 million dollars to construct a five-story bank, a 28-story office building and a six-level parking pavilion, covering two blocks in all. However, the bank conditioned its proposal on the granting of a tax assessment freeze as permitted under a 1943 Wisconsin law.

The rival First Wisconsin National Bank quickly came out in opposition to the Marine Plaza plan as it concerned an assessment freeze. It countered with

its own long range plan for redevelopment of the entire block in which its own main office stands (it has branch offices throughout the city).

Eliot G. Fitch, president of the Marine, defends his proposals for an assessment freeze.

"It is vitally necessary," he says, "to encourage private capital to create a new downtown. We believe one project such as ours will show that it can be done — that downtown can be recreated with private funds."

A steering committee of prominent citizens was formed to study urban renewal problems and the

Greater Milwaukee committee has pledged its support.

The Milwaukee Journal had several reporters take a long, hard look at the downtown area and write a gloves-off report on what they saw.

The Journal concluded its series with the comment that downtown Milwaukee "was good enough for Grandpa all right. The question now boils down to this: is it good enough for us?"

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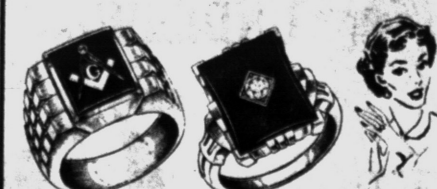
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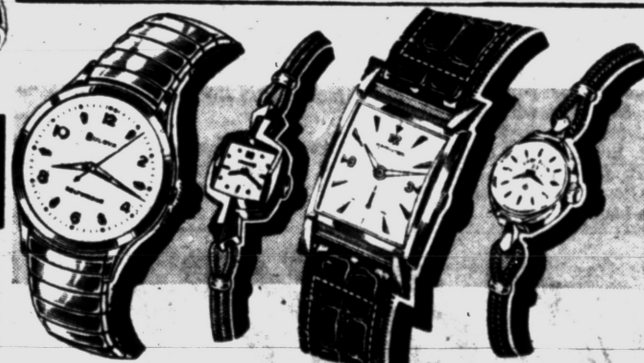
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Farmington Votes Monday on School Issues

MAKE OVER PAGES

Farm Labor Rules in Effect Next Month

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A controversial new set of farm labor regulations will go into effect late next month. Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell announced last night. The rules apply to farmers who hire domestic farm labor through the Federal-State Employment Service.

The regulations would require employers using this service to provide farm workers with prevailing wages, housing and working conditions, and transportation.

Farm organizations and Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson opposed the new rules.

Benson recently denounced them as contrary to the spirit of the Eisenhower administration.



MARION J. LENZ

The engagement of Marion J. Lenz to B. Ford Thompson II has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Lenz of Sebewaing. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Ford Thompson, 131 Albertson St., Rochester. A summer wedding is planned.

Horticultural Society to Meet in December

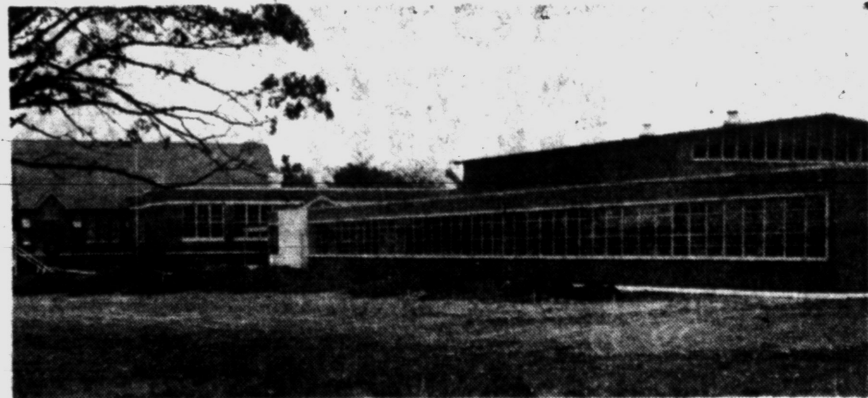
GRAND RAPIDS — The Michigan Horticultural Society will meet here Dec. 1-3 with discussion centered on mechanical fruit harvesting, grower association bargaining and selling, and chemical insect and disease control developments.

Sociologist to Talk at Session of PTA

ROCHESTER — Dr. June Collins, cultural anthropologist and sociologist at Michigan State University, Oakland, will be guest speaker at the Rochester Junior High School PTA meeting at 8 p.m. Monday.

The title of Dr. Collins' talk will be "Your Child and His Heroes." She will explain how moving to the suburbs causes changes in living habits and affects families and family relationships.

Refreshments will be served.



NEW SCHOOL ADDITION — The \$310,000 addition to the St. John Lutheran Church and School, Rochester, will be dedicated Sunday.

The special service will be held in the new auditorium-gymnasium, a major portion of the addition, at 3 p.m.

Services Sunday in Rochester

Will Dedicate School Addition

ROCHESTER — The youth center tent of Lutheran high schools, and school addition to St. John Lutheran Church and School here, will be formally dedicated at 3 p.m. Sunday, the Rev. W. G. Gerken, pastor, announced today.

Guest speaker at the special services, to be held in the new auditorium-gymnasium, will be the Rev. Dr. John F. Choitz, superintendent.

Services of Thanksgiving also will be held Sunday morning, Thanksgiving Eve and Nov. 29, the Rev. Gerken said.

MSU Experiment Station Releases New Broccoli

EAST LANSING — A new variety of early maturing broccoli has been released by the Michigan State University agricultural experiment station.

MSU researchers said the vegetable, called Spartan early, can be marketed 10 to 14 days earlier than some of the more popular varieties grown in Michigan.



KARL D. BAILEY

Horticultural Agent to Retire

Bloomfield Twp. Man Served 10 Southeastern Michigan Counties

After 29 years of service with Michigan State University, Karl D. Bailey of Bloomfield Township, district horticultural agent for 10 counties in southeastern Michigan, will retire Jan. 31.

His retirement was announced today by Lyle B. Abel, MSU's Cooperative Extension Service director for Oakland County.

Bailey joined the extension service staff as Oakland County agricultural agent in 1931 after teaching vocational agriculture at Holly. He has been southeastern horticultural agent for 19 years.

He earned his B.S. degree at MSU in 1921 and took postgraduate work at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

Bailey organized the first county-wide 4-H Fair in Oakland County, the Oakland County Soil Conservation District and the Southeastern Michigan Fruit Growers' Society.

He recently developed a program for the selection and improvement of parent stock for the forced rhubarb industry.

He also is the author of "Agriculture in Oakland County," a land-use publication.

Bailey has been president of the Michigan Association of County Agricultural Agents and was awarded the distinguished service certificate by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in 1948.

In recent years he has utilized his annual leave for the collection of natural history material for the university museums at Ann Arbor and East Lansing and the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills.

He and his wife Elizabeth and two sons reside at 3275 N. Adams Rd. near Birmingham.

Timber Production Up

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. Forest Service says timber production in 1959 will total 11,200,000 cubic feet of wood. The figure is 9 per cent above last year.

Should Have Followed Spray Directions

Growers Share Fault in Cranberry Scare

By JOHN W. BECKLER

WASHINGTON — The great fuss stirred up by the discovery that a weed killing spray can contaminate cranberries raises a question about the use of chemicals elsewhere in agriculture.

Aminotriazole, involved in the cranberry incident, is one of 56,500 chemical formulations registered with the Department of Agriculture for use against insects, rodents, weeds and other pests that plague the farmer and home gardener.

How is the public health protected against any possible danger from these products?

A good way to arrive at the answer is to follow the brief history of aminotriazole, a synthetic chemical containing carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen atoms in an arrangement figured out by the American Cyanamid Co.

Before it can put a pesticide or other agricultural chemical on the market a manufacturer must register a label with the Department of Agriculture telling how the product is to be used.

The department first heard of aminotriazole in 1955 when American Cyanamid asked that it be approved for use against weeds in pastures and areas where no crops are grown.

The following year, after many tests conducted both by the manufacturer and by the government, the department allowed the company to register a label specifying the spray could be used on lawns, along roadsides and other noncrop areas, but not on pastures where cattle grazed.

In February 1957, the company proposed that aminotriazole's use be broadened to include cranberry bogs, corn fields, soybean fields and apple and pear orchards. Ten months later the

department said okay on the corn fields, but turned down the other suggested uses. And for corn, it could be used only before the crop was planted.

After still more tests the department permitted the company in 1958 to register a label specifying aminotriazole's use in cranberry bogs—a week to 10 days after the harvest. Still another revision last month okayed it for apple and pear orchards—either before the fruit forms or after it has been picked.

Thus for four years there has been constant testing of the product by both the manufacturer and

the government. In addition, state experimental stations with any knowledge of the spray were closely questioned by the Department of Agriculture.

MUST BE CLEARED

But that's not all. Any spray intended for use on a food crop needs to be cleared by the Food and Drug Administration. This agency of the Health, Education and Welfare Department must grant a tolerance—in other words fix the amount of the chemical that may safely be left on a crop in the form of residue.

It is up to the manufacturer to conduct the research on which

the FDA bases its decision. Such research can be long and costly. It generally requires two years of testing with laboratory animals to discover if a product has harmful effects.

In the case of aminotriazole, company scientists established that rats fed large quantities of the chemical developed cancer of the thyroid. The FDA refused to grant a tolerance and when residue was discovered in parts of the 1959 crop, the cranberry crisis erupted.

USER RESPONSIBLE

This case history shows that no matter how carefully the government watches over the marketing

of a new pesticide, some of the ultimate responsibility for seeing that it is not harmful lies with the individual who uses it.

Aminotriazole was never supposed to touch a cranberry. The manufacturer clearly specified this on the label. If the directions had been followed, the cranberry growers would have spent their usual enjoyable Thanksgiving.

The same is true of all the other sprays on the market. The Department of Agriculture continually checks them, taking them off store shelves to see if the manufacturer is maintaining the specified standards. State and county agents are in close touch with farmers, advising them how to use the new chemical products.

But there is no policing of the individual farm to see just how the spray is used. The government can extend its protective arm only so far.

A Department of Agriculture official who works closely with the pest control problem provides probably the best answer to the question of how the public health can be protected against the chemical sprays.

"We'd have a devil of a time digging up one case where anything went wrong if directions were followed," he says.

Seek to Eliminate Residue From Milk

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has launched a drive to eliminate residues of penicillin and DDT from milk.

The FDA disclosed yesterday that orders to start the campaign went out to the agency's field offices last month. Officials said some milk samples probably already have been tested.

A spokesman said the residues were not considered an immediate public health problem. But he said they are illegal. If FDA inspectors find any interstate shipments of milk with penicillin or insecticide residues, the milk may be seized.

Before the enforcement campaign was ordered, the FDA, the Agriculture Department and farm organizations conducted an educational campaign to convince farmers of the need for care in the use of penicillin and insecticides.

Commerce Methodists to Mark Anniversary

COMMERCE—Commerce Methodist Church will join in celebrating the 175th anniversary of the Methodist Church in America with a special service at 11 a.m. Sunday.

All four choirs of the church here will sing a commemorative hymn written for the occasion by the Rev. Donald Williams of North Andover, Mass.

The Rev. Perry Thomas, pastor, will preach on "Possessing a Goodly Heritage." There will be no 8 a.m. service Sunday.

Three Proposals Up for Decision

Officials Say Approval Necessary to Continue Present Standards

FARMINGTON — Voters here will be asked Monday to approve three separate school proposals in order to continue the same type of education program presently set up in the Farmington School District, according to the School Board.

The School Citizens Advisory Committee has recommended approval of all three propositions after a study was completed of the area's school needs.

The first proposition asks that voters approve transfer of \$463,000 from a previous \$1,300,000 bond issue for an addition to the O. E. Duncle Junior High School building.

Money for this construction is available except for a legal technicality.

Use of bond issue money approved by voters in another election is illegal unless approval is given by voters to have it transferred.

Proposition two asks voters to approve a \$3,000,000 bond issue to defray the cost of erecting and furnishing a new junior-senior high school building and new elementary school buildings.

The bond issue would help also in cutting the cost of erecting and furnishing additions to existing school buildings and acquiring school sites and additions to school sites, the School Board stated.

School officials claim the money is required immediately to satisfy anticipated classroom needs in 1961 and 1962.

They said it takes a minimum of 18 months from the time a bond issue is approved by voters until new classrooms can be ready for occupancy.

No increase in the 1959 tax rate of \$12 per \$1,000 in assessed state equalized valuation will be necessary to meet the payments on the \$3 million bond issue, school authorities said.

They said by the time the first payment comes due in 1961, they estimate that it will be possible to reduce rates on previously approved bond issues enough to offset the rate that would be added by the \$3 million bond issue.

The third proposition calls for an increase of \$2 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation for a period of five years to pay part of the school district's operating expenses.

LEVY PRESENTLY \$16.52

The present operation millage tax levy is \$16.52. It was estimated that the proposed two mill increase would provide \$140,000 in additional operating money.

Teacher's salaries account for a major portion of the operating expenses.

School officials said a considerable portion of the money realized from the two mill increase would go to improve the entire teachers' salary schedule.

Approval of all three proposals would result in a tax increase of \$16 a year for the average taxpayer, school authorities estimate. This is based on an average home having a state equalized valuation of \$8,000.

All registered electors will be permitted to vote on proposition three.

Only taxpayers will be permitted to vote on Proposition I and II.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Farmington Junior High School, 33000 Thomas St. and at Duncle Junior High School, 32800 Twelve Mile Rd.

Says Administration Fights Farm Props

DENVER, Colo. (UPI)—The National Farmers Union charged today that the Eisenhower administration is trying to discredit all farm price supports.

The Farmers Union executive committee criticized the Administration's plan to ask Congress next year for reduced supports on wheat, tobacco and peanuts.

The farm organization said that the use of the term "price supports" to describe the Administration's proposals was "a fraud on the language."

The farmers which said "it is now obvious that the administration's only program is to pile failure on failure until all farm programs are completely discredited."



Pontiac Press Photo

PARADE ATTRACTION — The "Rae-rens," all-girl precision drill team from Pontiac, will be one of the featured attractions in Rochester's ninth annual Christmas parade Dec. 5. Sponsored by the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce,

the event also will be highlighted by the appearance of Santa Claus riding in a pony-drawn sleigh. The Rae-rens' color guard is shown above.

Rochester Yule Parade Brings Santa Here Early

ROCHESTER — Santa Claus will arrive in Rochester a little early again this year.

He will ride his sleigh down Main street Dec. 5, only it will be pulled by ponies from the John F. Ivory Estate in White Lake Township.

(Santa's reindeer are resting up at the North Pole for Christmas Night when they traditionally whisk jolly old St. Nick on his rounds.)

Each year the Rochester parade gets bigger and better. Already, entries are pouring in, according to Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce members, sponsors of the event this year.

More than 40 entries have registered so far, said Thor Uleth, parade chairman.

These include bands from Avondale High School and Rochester Junior and Senior high schools plus floats entered by local service clubs and merchants.

Other participants will be the Buick "Liberty Drum and Bugle Corps" from Flint, the "Rae-rens," all-girl precision drill team from Pontiac and popular

television star, "Sagebrush Shorty" riding his horse, "Snooper."

Two Nike missiles, one from the installation at Auburn Heights, the other from the Utica site, will be included in the line of march.

The parade will form at 2 p.m. at North Hill Plaza, proceed down Main street to Third street, then turn up Walnut street to the American Legion Hall where it will disband.

Coffee and hot chocolate will be served to all participants in the hall after the parade.

Predict Decrease in U.S., Canada Exports of Wheat

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Agriculture Department experts predicted today that U.S. and Canadian wheat exports would drop in the current marketing season.

Over-all world exports were not expected to change much. But there are larger supplies available for export in nations outside North America.

The experts pointed out that the United States and Canada have a vital interest in avoiding any serious breaks in world wheat prices. They said this meant the two countries would have to give ground to competition by reducing exports.

Government Is Paying to Close State Farms

OWOSSO — With overproduction and surpluses plaguing American agriculture and its farm markets, a growing number of farmers are voluntarily snapping the padlock on their farms and handing the key to the government to keep for three, five or 10 years.

The practice is being encouraged by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through its soil bank program. In return, the farmer is given a payment for each unused acre and left free to join the ranks of industry or seek some other form of livelihood.

Shiawassee County, which ranks high on the agricultural income list in Michigan, has seen closed-farm count jump from zero in 1956, the first soil bank year, to 67 in 1959.

The figure is expected to reach the 100 mark in 1960. The farms involved average about 100 acres. Their owners are either elderly couples who can augment their government payment with retirement income or young to early-middle-aged farmers who are beckoned by the financial security of a city job.

They apply for a farm shutdown through the conservation reserve program of the soil bank, administered on a county level by an Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The committee, elected at large from the county, will quote the maximum price-per-acre it considers equitable for the involved. If his application is approved, the farmer will be asked to declare the lowest payment per acre he can afford to quit farming.

When the county soil bank acreage quota is announced from Lansing in November, it is apportioned among farmers who require the lowest payments.

Contracts are then signed stipulating the farm will be left dormant for three, five or 10 years. Nothing can be harvested and livestock grazing is not allowed.

The national average for acreage payments in 1959 was \$13.50. Michigan was paid on an average of \$15. Shiawassee County, with better than standard farmland, drew an average of \$16.50.

Payments to any one farm were limited to \$5,000.

The government's attitude toward closed farms was delicately indicated in 1958 when it pushed up the national average payment to \$3.50 an acre.

Under the conservation reserve program, farmers may shut down part of their land, receive proportionate pay, and farm the remainder. But A.S.C. administrators would rather it be all or nothing, encouraging total shut-downs with a slightly higher payment.

Once "out of production," the

farm owner must plant his land with what the conservationists call "cover." This can be either grass, legumes, trees, bushes or forage crops for small game.

Government cost-sharing is available for seed, a minimum amount of fertilizer and labor and gasoline used for planting. The expenses are shared about 50-50.

Woodlots can be planted on the same basis if the land is retired for the full 10 years. In some instances approval under cost sharing will be given for damming streams as a refuge for water animals and fowl.

Although the conservation reserve program is not designed to make the farmer rich, the fact that 1960 applications in Michigan are now almost three times the state's quota limit indicated it exerts a strong popular appeal.

Board of Education to Meet for Parents

The Avondale Board of Education will hold its regular meeting Monday evening at the Stone School to let parents in the Stone and Auburn Heights school areas see how board sessions operate.

Schools Supt. Leroy R. Watt said the board will welcome discussion of board policies and future plans for the district from the spectators.

The meeting will start at 8 p.m.



BARBARA JO ANNE STOKES

The engagement of Barbara JoAnne Stokes, daughter of Mrs. Clayton A. Stokes of 75 Highland St., Lake Orion, and the late Mr. Stokes, to Gary Allan Hendershot has been announced. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hendershot of 7127 Arrowood Dr., West Bloomfield Township. A March 26 wedding is planned.