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Ten Are Cited for Amity Work

Serious Community Problems Here Spurred Increased Group Activity

OUTSTANDING individuals from the fields of medicine, labor, business, religion and education have been selected as "Citizens of the Year" by the Michigan Chronicle for significant effort toward the improvement of Community Relations in 1960.

An increase in organizational activity to meet the challenge of serious community problems produced three of those selected in the Detroit area.

HORACE SHEFFIELD won the nod of the Chronicle Executive Committee for his work with the Trade Union Leadership Council and that group's work in the voter registration drives and their clear and competent presentation of the case against discrimination in employment.

FORREST F. GREEN, a businessman, was a stand-out in 1960 for his leadership of the Detroit Council for Political Education which he organized. This group brought together men of many different economic, professional, social and political interests to discuss the many problems facing the community and to formulate a collective position on such problems.

The political forum series featuring candidates for public office toward the close of the year was a new and worthwhile contribution to the community.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS, working with neighborhood organizations in the 12th Street Area, brought into focus the ever-present problem of permissive deterioration which destroys so many neighborhoods in transition.

Working with city officials, the group led by Williams literally "cleaned up" 12th Street.

THE REV. MR. JOHN SWARTZBACK is one of many religious leaders in Detroit who have been meeting the challenge of changing neighborhoods and the assimilation of both Negroes and whites in their churches.

Through his leadership and the program of Calvary Presbyterian Church, on Grand River, Rev. Swartzback not only has made possible a welcome for Negroes in his church but has done much to improve the attitudes of whites in his church and in the neighborhood.

The manner in which he has involved himself and his church in general community activities has served as a significant deterrent to juvenile delinquency and crime in the area.

In a year when business activity was beset by many problems and drawbacks, the work of **ERNEST SHELL**, manager of the newly-created office of Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, won the praise of the community generally as well as that of his competitors.

Starting literally from the ground, Shell acquired office space, organized and aided in the training of a staff, and picked up a significant share of the insur-

Waiting . . . In Vain



UNEMPLOYED members of Laborer's Local 334 idle away time playing checkers, waiting for the job call that has yet to come. Scene is Union Local Hall on E. Grand Blvd.

UNEMPLOYMENT, 1961

Need Acute for Jobless Benefits

By CHARLES J. WARTMAN
(Fourth In A Series)

Interviews with many unemployed workers and the expressed opinions of local, state and national officials indicated this week that an immediate extension of unemployment compensation benefits must be the first order of business in any program to alleviate the plight of the mounting number of unemployed.

An employee of the Welfare Department in the Intake section, described the situation in the following manner:
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FOREST F. GREEN

MOTION DENIED

Three Get Life for Murder

Three men convicted of degree murder last in a jury before Recd Judge Gerald W. G. the Oct. 4 holdup-sl in an Eastside drugstore sentenced Tuesday.

Secola Kaykenda of 98 E. Philadelphia R. Clark, 35, of 4871 nole, and Linderg H. of 2924 W. Washbu sentenced to life in Prison.

The victim was a Detroit, operator of a Dr at 9368 Kecheval.

Before sentence was Judge Groat asked the men if he had to say. Each maint innocence.

Judge Groat d motion by the Harry Ambender is sentencing until Fr

Ambender said Adams, a police whose testimony h convict the two, had her story and decl had not told the during the trial.

TAKES OFFICE

Weaver OKayed by Senate

WASHINGTON—his wife and P Kennedy standing by, Robert C. Wes New York was w Saturday in a White ceremony as the housing chief.

Weaver takes o \$21,000-a-year job o ing the Housing an Finance agency.

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Plan Tension Curb

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"I am particularly pleased that the Mayor has placed greater responsibility on the Commission.

"I think we have delivered in the past and I feel that we are the means by which tensions in the community are solved."

The community leadership group and NAACP officials agreed to meet with the Mayor again in two weeks when he returns from a vacation.

During the two-hour conference, the group urged the Mayor to replace Mrs. Isabel Wlertsen on the Commission on Community Relations because of her "expressed attitude toward Negroes and her opposition to housing integration, as was reported in a story in the Michigan Chronicle."

A community leadership group, headed by the Detroit Branch NAACP, had sought a meeting with the Mayor or some indication of his awareness of the seriousness of the crime problem since Dec. 31.

Community between the Mayor's office and the Negro community was established only after Miriani had met with representatives of a blue ribbon committee of Detroit leaders.

This committee was headed by The Rt. Rev. Richard S. Emrich, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, and included: The Most Rev. John F. Dearden, Catholic archbishop of Detroit; Rabbi Morris Adler, Congregation Shaarey Zedek; Dr. G. Merrill Lenox, executive director of the Detroit and Michigan Councils of Churches; UAW President Walter Reuther; George Romney, president of American Motors Corp.; Stanley J. Winkelman, president of the Jewish Community Council of Detroit; Dr. DeWitt T. Burton, member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors; Max Osnos, president of Sams, Inc., and William T. Gossett, general counsel of the Ford Motor Co.

Other members included Al Barbour, president of the Wayne County AFL-CIO; Edward L. Cushman, vice president of American Motors; Mrs. Gladys Canty, member of the Detroit Board of Education; Fr. Robert F. Allen, director of social action for the Catholic archdiocese of Detroit; and Mrs. James Brophy, chairman of the race relations committee of the Detroit Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The group proposed three recommendations to ease the "tensions that have resulted from misunderstandings and a breakdown of adequate communication between city government and the people of Detroit, particularly among our Negro citizens."

The recommendations were: (1) To broaden the jurisdiction of the city's Commission on Community Relations and empower the commission to investigate violations;

(2) That the Mayor order a comprehensive study by experts to determine the basic causes of crime here;

(3) That the Mayor issue "a clear statement of municipal policy with respect to law enforcement which reaffirms the right of each citizen to equal treatment under the law and respects the dignity of man."

Miriani promptly endorsed the recommendation to strengthen the Community Relations Commission, with a larger staff and budget, expanded authority, and the replacement of department

heads with private citizens.

Following the meeting with Bishop Emrich's group, the Mayor met with officials of the Detroit NAACP and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

AGED MAN DIES

Two Youths Jailed in Fatal Theft

Two teen-age eastside youths pleaded innocent Saturday on arraignment before Recorder's, Judge George Murphy on the charges of first degree murder in the robbery-beating of a 70-year-old restaurant owner.

Held are Ollie W. Bailey, 18, of 2226 E. Willis, on probation for larceny, and Robert J. Waldon, 18, of 2142 Leland, on probation for burglary.

Both youths were held without bail pending examination on Feb. 17.

Held as police witnesses are Eugene Jones, 18, of 3421 Grandy, and Thomas Avery, 17, of 1221 W. Canfield, as police witnesses.

The victim was Michael Yanoullis, 70, of 4655 Grandy, operator of a restaurant at 4713 Chene, who died 50 minutes after admittance to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Doctors at the hospital said the aged man died of a heart attack induced by multiple rib fractures, shock and stomach injuries.

Homicide detectives said the youths attacked Yanoullis and robbed him of \$175 a short distance from his home.

Police said they arrested Bailey and Waldon Saturday at 12:30 a.m. in a restaurant at 3594 Chene on descriptions supplied by the victim before he died.

They said Bailey admitted the sleeve strap found at the scene of the attack near 2706 E. Forest came from his coat.

Detectives, Lt. John Morin and John Ware, of the Homicide Bureau, said fibers stuck on a razor blade Yanoullis carried in his pocket match fibers taken from Waldon's jacket, which was sadly slashed on the left sleeve.

The officers said Waldon had \$76 in his pockets, Bailey \$8, when they were arrested.

They said the youths admitted robbing the restaurant owner but denied beating him up.

Cabbie Dies

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\$10 in cash wedged between the front seat and the door on the drivers side.

The meter of the cab registered \$25.50 and the flag was down.

Lt. Phipps said an open knife was found on the front seat of the cab alongside King's legs.

Police are seeking a young blond man who was seen in the cab around midnight by another cab driver.

Two-Year Study on Social Ills Released Here

Finding of a two-year study dealing with the high incidence of social problems in Detroit's central area were presented Thursday at a special health and welfare assembly called by United

BUYERS BUY "THE CAR"

BUICKS