

Active Duty Starts For Hayward York

Hayward A. York of Lahser road, Birmingham, began six months active duty training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. York is a member of headquarters, headquarters and service company, 73rd tank battalion, army reserve, headquartered in Pontiac. After completing his tour of duty, York will return home to full

fill his military obligation by serving with the Pontiac Army Reserve unit.

Kraus in Missouri

James J. Kraus of N. Williamsbury road, Birmingham, began six months active duty training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He will fulfill his military obligation by serving with the Pontiac Army Reserve unit after completing his tour of duty.

Troy News Briefs

Troy Kindergarten Round-Up Slated

TROY—Parents of youngsters entering kindergarten in the fall are urged to attend Troy's annual kindergarten round-up scheduled at 7 p.m. April 30 in the Troy High gym.

Parents can register students, meet teachers and get general information. Birth certificates are a must for registration.

Commission Mum On Assessments

TROY—Troy city commissioners voted Monday to keep secret the contents of a report on assessments from the board of review. What the report contains will not be made public for two weeks, when it will be open to public inspection. Commissioners say they want time to go over the report.

Seek City Manager

TROY—Troy commissioners decided Monday at a private meeting to call in additional applicants for the vacant city manager's position. It has been open since February.

Mayor Huber Named To County Board

TROY—Mayor Robert J. Huber was appointed to the Oakland County board of supervisors Monday after two commission ballot decisions.

Roy L. Duncan, ex-commissioner, was reappointed to the board. Huber and Fred W. Hildebrandt, will take over for City Clerk, J. Lawson Lockhart and DPW Dispatcher Scott C. Belyea.

Troy Re-Appoints Plan Consultant

TROY—Plan Consultant George Vilcan was appointed for two more years it was decided by Troy officials Saturday.

A \$1,000 pay raise for City Attorney Stanley E. Burke and a \$700 raise for Police Chief David E. Gratoop was also approved.

Attorney Says Agenda Rules OK

TROY—Troy City Attorney Stanley E. Burke told the commission Monday that it is legal to require a two-thirds vote before act-

Expert Tells PTA: US Schools Finest

American education in general is doing an excellent, forward-looking job, Dr. Paul L. Brandwein, a serious group of Birmingham parents, teacher and interested citizens this week.

He cited areas in which improvements were needed—many of them in the community and in the home, told of the necessity for proper handling of the gifted child and questioned the validity of complaints of the lack of discipline in our schools.

Dr. Brandwein, senior editor and consultant on school for Harcourt Brace, publishers, addressed a PTA-sponsored public meeting at the Birmingham high school this week.

HIS INFORMAL talk was spiced with anecdotes, parables and "visual aid" devices.

The proper handling of the gifted child, as well as the tailoring of education to each student's needs and abilities are of vital importance, the educator said.

He cited three main factors in fostering the development of the gifted child: predisposing factors, an equality of opportunity, and "the activating factor."

"QUESTING—The inability to accept the present explanation of truth... persistence and the ability, the need, the desire to work in the face of fatigue," are predisposing factors he said.

"We cannot have the gifted child without the third factor—the activating factor," he continued.

"This activation should come from the parent, from the community. Don't say it's the school's job."

"Too often the activating factor in the child's life is the teacher. But the teacher has the child only six twenty-fourths of the day," he pointed out.

ing on items not on the printed agenda.

The rule was proposed a week ago by the three new members of the commission reportedly on the short end of the 4-3 commission split.

DISTINGUISHING the gifted child from the merely bright child is, according to Brandwein, "a serious problem—so serious that it influences our school systems."

The gifted child—the one who creates and make a new world—is distinguished by:

- 1) "High verbal and mathematical (reasoning) ability.
- 2) High vigor, in addition to a high IQ, and
- 3) An ability to fantasy—a vivid, "wild," creative imagination.

Tailoring of the curriculum to the student he said, is not only vital, but practical. The speaker cited examples in which parallel courses were offered, tailored to ability levels.

"THE NINTH-GRADE boy who can run the 100 yard dash in 12 seconds wouldn't be required to take 100 yard dash 11" and so on," he said. "Why should it be so in languages or science?"

Recent curriculum studies have shown that "the curriculum is in the child," he said.

AS IN martinis mixing, there are as many ways of running a school system as there are parents and critics, Brandwein went on. He proposed a list of questions for would-be critics of education.

They were:

- 1) "How do you know what you know? Have you visited schools, read professional literature?"
- 2) "How well do you know what you know?"
- 3) "Is it true—have you anal-

Winter's Ice Cost \$36,000 To Clear Away


Birmingham's worst winter in many years cost taxpayers more than twice as much for snow and ice removal as originally budgeted, DPW Supt. T. C. Brien this week said about \$36,000 was spent to keep streets cleared. Based on recent winter experiences, the city had budgeted \$16,000.

Net city cost, however, will be about \$7,000, Brien said. Savings in other DPW activities will be about \$13,000, he said.

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