

Area Residents To Head Columbia Alumni Group

Allen B. Crow, retiring president of the Columbia Club of Michigan, has been presented the Columbia College Dean's Award for distinguished and long-time alumni service.

Since Crow reorganized the Columbia Club of Michigan more than ten years ago, the organization's membership and activities have taken a marked upturn under his leadership.

Results of this stepped-up activity in the Michigan area include: Seven Michigan young men will enter Columbia College in Sept. through cooperation of the Club; Michigan Barnard College alumnae, in cooperation with graduates of other eastern schools, have raised a scholarship fund of more than \$5,000 to assist Michigan girls attending those colleges; and Columbia University School of Nursing entertained more than 800 Columbia nurses from all parts of the United States.

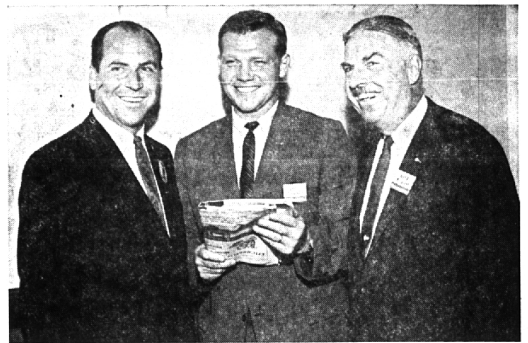
THE PRESENTATION of the Dean's Award to Crow was made by Joseph D. Coffee, Jr., assistant to the President for Alumni Affairs of the University.

Crow, who also recently retired as president of the Economic Club of Detroit, was succeeded as president of the Columbia Club by Parkray P. Schmidt, of Birmingham 200, of the Goodfellow Tire & Rubber Co. Schmidt, founding president of the Columbia College Alumni Club of Michigan, has resigned that post to succeed Crow.

Other new officers elected were John C. Wright, Jr., Bloomfield Hills, of the Goodfellow Tire & Rubber Co., vice president; James L. Farris, Birmingham, of the Ford Motor Co., second vice president; Lawrence H. Avison, Beverly Hills, of the Michigan Colleges Foundation, treasurer; and Mrs. Howard L. Beer, of Birmingham, secretary.

The petroleum industry is experimenting with several new types of oil-heating equipment. The goal is development of the simplest, most reliable and least expensive burners possible.

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Campaign Conference

George J. Fulkerson (left), Democratic candidate for Congressman-at-Large, from confers with running mates, Governor John B. Swainson and Neil Staebler, Democratic candidate for Congressman-at-Large, from the State of Michigan, at the Democratic State Convention at Grand Rapids last week-end. Fulkerson, a lawyer and Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Michigan, led the Oakland County delegation to the convention.



COACHING a handicapped young beginner on his kicking technique, George Mering watches while another swim student waits on the sidelines.

Children Make Big Splash Despite Their Handicaps

The little guy who can't coordinate his motions because of a handicap might surprise you. He may swim the trunk right off the best athlete in the block, if he is trained in a special backyard pool program sponsored by the Birmingham YMCA.

Two groups of handicapped children have taken weekly plunges this summer into the backyard pool of the Gerald W. Dicksons, of 73282 Mohanic, Bloomfield Township.

There the youngsters have just completed training to help them excel in water, where it is easier to coordinate their movements.

"WE TRY to make better than average swimmers out of them," says 31-year-old George Mering, their YMCA instructor.

"This is the type of child who gets chosen last to play on a side," says Mering, who is studying special education at Wayne State University. "He may have some brain damage, but often he has a high I.Q. despite his lack of eye-hand coordination." Mering tells how such bright youngsters frequently avoid competitive activity with other children.

"THEY ARE afraid the other kids will shun them," says Mering. When the little fellow or girl who can't coordinate learns to swim as well as or better than the rest of the kids on the block, it does wonders for his ego. He is delighted when he can learn to move through buoyant waters in a short period of time.

"It builds up his concept of himself, and it gives him a chance for social development in group activities he might not get otherwise," says Mering.

THE YOUNG swimming and life-saving instructor teaches handicapped children through the winter at Detroit's Fisher and Hanan YMCA's. Last spring, some of his Birmingham-Royal Oak area students asked to continue through the summer.

"But they didn't want to come all the way to Detroit for instruction," says Mering, a Walled Lake resident.

The problem was to find an available pool in the Oakland county area.

Then Mering recalled reading about the Birmingham YMCA's unusual backyard pool program.

UNDER THE program which began in 1959, the local "Y" this summer has had 27 swimming classes underway in private Birmingham area swimming pools.

Mering and other YMCA "backyard pool" instructors have taught 275 children to swim or to improve their swimming this summer. One class learned junior life-saving techniques.

A pool owner donates his waders playgrounds for one hour a week. During that hour, an average of ten neighborhood children learn to swim, under careful supervision. So delighted are the owners with the program that the six who donated their pools for the first year have now increased to 26.

BIRMINGHAM YMCA Executive Secretary Owen Manchester gets letters like one from an owner who said, "We thoroughly enjoyed having you use our pool for your program. We hope you will be back next summer."

Like other pool owners, Mrs. Dickson enjoys having her pool converted to a classroom. All four of her own well-coordinated and healthy children learned to swim through the YMCA.

John Dickson began swimming lessons at another backyard pool in his neighborhood. When the Dicksons built their handsome pool, they enlisted it in the "Y" summer program and sons John and Peter took lessons in their own backyard.

Iggy

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Oakland County Chapter of the Red Cross worked through the international division of the American Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D. C.

The Washington headquarters worked through the International Red Cross in Geneva and they in turn were in contact with the Hungarian Red Cross and Hungarian government officials.

A visa for Mrs. Pinter was obtained in 1959 in case she was successful in getting permission to leave Hungary. She did not get that permission until last week. Iggy said this was the seventh attempt to bring her to this country.

Now she is free to share the home of her husband and son in Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM has been Iggy's home ever since he arrived. With the help of his employer, Paul N. Averill, Iggy has been employed at The Birmingham Eccentric since 1957.

Birmingham has also been where Cuki finished his high school education. He was graduated from Seaholm in June, 1961, and this fall plans to enroll in Lawrence Tech, majoring in business management.

AS THE family headed down the narrow airport corridor toward their rented Birmingham home Monday night, Iggy said: "I deep appreciate toward America."

There could be no doubt that he meant it.

THE HANDICAPPED children who visited the Dickson's pool this summer have not only received training that may be a tremendous help to them.

They have also taken part in a program of swimming classes that has received recognition across the country as an outstanding example of community cooperation.

As Owen Manchester views the pool project, "It's a neighborly act as well as an important public service."

To Honor Taylor At Testimonial

A testimonial "dinner honoring Oakland County Prosecutor George Taylor will be held 7 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills.

Congressman William S. Broomfield will be principal speaker. Tickets may be obtained from Richard Condit, publicity chairman, for the dinner.

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