

Student Leaders Convened at O-U

Student leaders from Michigan high schools will meet Gov. George Romney and hear him give the keynote address at a conference at Oakland University Monday, May 11. The occasion is the second annual Governor's Conference on Student Leadership for high school students sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education, Oakland University.

Last year 477 students and 58 faculty members came to the Student Leadership Conference from 85 high schools across the state. Participants are chosen by their high schools from among officers of school clubs, teams, student government, and publications.

Planning of this year's conference included Charles Robinson, teacher at Bloomfield Hills High School and Kim Kelso, student, Mrs. Jean Sharrard, teacher at Wythe Groves High School, and Randy Schiffer.

'Suffragettes' Slate How-To of Campaigning

Suffragette '64, the League of Women Voters Centennial presentation, will pair two prominent Oakland County women politicians as speakers for a panel on campaigning.

Mrs. Robert Phillips of Huntington Woods, campaign manager for Governor Swainson, and Mrs. John Finegan of Birmingham, assistant to Governor Romney's campaign manager, will discuss the role of women volunteers in a candidate's campaign.

Suffragette '64, an all-day symposium, will be presented at The Community House Tuesday, May 26, with Mrs. George Romney and women dignitaries from both parties participating in the morning session.

MRS. HORACE SHELDON of

the League of Women Voters, whose concern for library service in Bloomfield Township led her to organize the Citizens' Library Committee and campaign successfully for library millage, will outline the fine points of campaigning for an issue.

Mrs. Phillips has served eight years on the Oakland County Board of Supervisors as an appointed representative from Huntington Woods.

Mrs. Finegan is chairman of the labor legislation sub-committee of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. She served four years as chairman of Rules and Resolutions for the Republican State Central Committee and was a member of the platform committee of the 1960 Republican National Convention.



Sweet Taste of Success

"It didn't hurt a bit" was the reaction of Lathrup Village and Southfield officials who participated in Sunday's successful anti-poli vaccine drive. Taking the sweet-tasting vaccine are Gordon Henderson (left), president of the Southfield School Board; Lathrup

Mayor Richard N. Cogger, Mrs. C. N. Thurwachter, Superintendent of Southfield Schools Dr. John English and Mrs. R. J. Artz, principal at the Annie Lathrup Elementary School.

Local Educators Hear Committee Freedom Course Author

By DAVE PHILPO Staff Writer

Educators and parents from the Birmingham, Bloomfield and Southfield school districts gathered at The Community House Sunday afternoon to hear a speech by Mrs. Daniel H. Trevitt of Garden City, who 15 years ago originated and taught a unique high school course entitled "The American Heritage: Design for National Character."

Mrs. Trevitt, who won a Freedom Foundation Award this year for a speech she delivered in Bloomfield Township last spring, has updated the course and it is available in syllabus form for schools that wish to incorporate it into their curriculums.



MRS. DANIEL TREVITT

Among those at the reception for Mrs. Trevitt Sunday were Dr. John B. Smith, superintendent of Birmingham schools; Dr. Eugene Johnson, superintendent of Bloomfield Hills schools; Dr. John English, superintendent of Southfield schools; and Circuit Court Judge and Mrs. Edward S. Pratt.

IN INTRODUCING Mrs. Trevitt, T. H. Guething quoted from a letter by Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Hermann Hagedorn: "Vision, conviction and experience have gone to make Mrs. Trevitt's course one of the greatest contributions to American education in this generation, if not itself the greatest."

"Educators have said, 'You can't teach character,' Mrs. Trevitt has gone and done it—first in a school, now in this book. "As its teachings are brought into the lives of American school children, our nation will become again what it was at its birth—the inspiration of mankind."

MRS. TREVITT described the present day as the "post-Christian era" in which Bible-reading and prayer has been removed from the schools and in which "a loud-mouthed minority" is seeking to have any mention of God deleted from our pledge of allegiance and school songs.

That the American home is becoming obsolete is pointed up by the attitude of some young people who say the home is "a filling station by day and a parking place at night," she said.

"We are not training our youth in the things they need to know in order to be the kind of people that will take the nation forward," she added.

Mrs. Trevitt said that every community must decide that something is wrong in the way they

have been educating their youth in regard to character.

"WE ARE GOING to have to train our young people in America to be dependable, morally straight, clear-headed, clean people who can be trusted at 25,000 miles an hour with 100-megaton bombs."

She explained the experiment in which she took the freshman class at Colton High School in California and had them discuss the "real issues" facing the world.

In a two-semester course the students learned about the character of the men who built America and how those character traits could be applied today to build a better world.

An experiment "in being completely honest" by the students met with astonishing results, Mrs. Trevitt said.

"ALL KINDS of athletic equipment started coming back, articles were returned to department stores and students admitted to forging absence excuses," she said.

The program of honesty initiated by the students carried over to their parents and many families were made happier, she said.

The impact on the town was so notable that the school won Freedom Foundation awards for three consecutive years.

Mrs. Trevitt, currently on a speaking tour of the East, is listed in "Who's Who Among American Women" as an educator.

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in charge of calling on all homes in the school district, are: Adams: Mrs. C. W. Blessed, Mrs. Virginia Leland; Baldwin: William Saunders; Beverly: Mrs. Mary Lou Marsh; Bloomfield: Harold Watts; Franklin: Mrs. Jean Brown, Mrs. James Ginn; Greenfield: Mrs. Stanley Harden, Mrs. Benjamin Burda.

Harlan: Richard Halsted; Meadow Lake: Frank Fraser; Midvale: Mrs. George Malone; Pierce: Tom Easley; Quanton: Mrs. Ann Howes; Torry: Fred Broderick; Valley Woods: Vincent McCabe; Walnut Lake: Mrs. Jean Belt; Westchester: William Mollison.

Officer Graduates

half of the residents, said that they were interested in acquiring the property as a private, neighborhood project.

Planning commission chairman Henry Moses told the board that the residents' plan would be acceptable to the planning commission.

Captain Raymond F. Brant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bronson Brant of 1010 Henrietta, Birmingham, graduated from the United States Air Force's Squadron Officer School at the Air University Friday. Captain Brant was selected for the special professional officer training in recognition of his demonstrated potential as a leader in the aerospace force.

W. B'field LWV To Elect Officers

The annual luncheon meeting of the West Bloomfield League of Women Voters is scheduled for 12:30 Tuesday at Kingsley Inn. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Stanley Abrams as co-chairman. Election of officers will be held and a decision made on the local program for the coming year.

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