



# Remedial summer program, migrant school likely to be combined

**By GIL DIETZ**  
Editor

As a result of action Monday night by the Muscatine Community school district board of education, the 1973 summer school for migrant children will probably be combined with the Title I remedial summer program.

An evaluation report on the 1972 Muscatine language development program for migrant children was given at the school board meeting by Jerry Lange, Franklin school principal, who is the director of the summer migrant school.

Lange said the total aggregate enrollment this summer was 169. This included some

children of migrant families who may have been in this area for only a short time.

The highest number of students attending on any one day of the six-week school was 128, and the average daily attendance was 106.

Total enrollment included 50 "true migrants" and 119 Mexican American children who are "settled out" in the Muscatine, West Liberty, Grandview, Letts and Columbus Junction area.

The largest number of true migrants, 23, came from the Columbus Junction area.

**Costs listed**  
Total cost of the federally funded program was \$40,000. Lange's report listed the av-

erage cost per school child in the program at \$237, based on the aggregate enrollment of 169. Dr. Ward said the average cost based on the 106 average daily attendance would be \$376.

Last winter, the school board had voted to terminate the migrant program after the 1972 session. The board later reconsidered, however, and agreed to evaluate the program. Lange said several sessions had been held with Dr. Ward and assistant superintendent Gary Olney and a number of modifications had been made in this year's program as a result.

Lange said the swimming program was completely

eliminated this year and field trips were reduced by one-half. "This allowed more time for language development," he said. Breakfasts were also eliminated because most of the children had breakfast at home.

Pupil transportation within the city of Muscatine was also suspended, and the System 80 teaching machines acquired through the migrant program were also used in

the Title I remedial programs at the Jefferson, Madison and Garfield schools.

Lange said the migrant program would be integrated with the regular remedial summer program, but he requested approval to prepare an application for funding the separate migrant school as in the past.

**Speaks for program**  
Esther Dean, the newest member of the board, said

"If we are acting in the best interest of the children there is no doubt we should retain this program." She moved that the administration be authorized to prepare the funding application.

Ann Hart said she questioned whether it was truly in the best interest of a child to be in school and away from home all year. "If the government is going to provide this money, maybe it should be used to pay the mothers to stay home and care for the children."

Board member Herbert Sywassink said taxpayers were concerned about the extreme high costs of the migrant program.

Father Thomas Buechele, a Catholic priest who serves the Chicano community, said most of the younger migrant families wanted the education for their children. "This is necessary to break the circle of poverty." He said most of the migrant families have

only a sixth grade education and a life span of 49 years. "They are in school in Texas for only about six months of each year."

**Combined school urged**  
Board member William Wentzel urged that a combined summer school program for all underprivileged children be established. "I don't like to see different school programs for different segments of the community. It should be equal for all races, all cultures."

The board approved amendment to have the administration do a feasibility study on combining the summer programs where possible. With the amendment approved, Ann Hart seconded the motion to have the school proceed with a funding application and this was approved by a 5-0 vote of the board.

**Break-in reported**  
Police are investigating a break-in at Burke's Metal Repair shop which occurred sometime Sunday night. Taken were a large drag line radiator, a Chevrolet radiator and a Rambler radiator. Entry was gained by breaking a plate glass window on the south side of the building.

**House break-in**  
June Chapman, 715 Liberty St., stated a Motorola television and some clothing were stolen in a break-in at her residence. Entrance was gained by breaking out a window in the rear of the house, said police.

Mrs. Chapman also reported the theft of a 410 shotgun.

**Bicycle thefts**  
Thefts of bicycles were reported by:

John Horney, 400 W. 4th St., red Schwinn bicycle, generator light, rack, and saddle bags.

Mike Mundy, 707 W. 8th St., green 10-speed Schwinn bicycle from West Junior high school.

Daryl O'Brien, 605 E. 8th St., generator light taken from bicycle parked at the high school.



(Journal photo by Lois Weggen)

## Handicapped childrens breakfast

Approximately 45 mentally and physically handicapped area children were served breakfast at Sambo's Monday under the sponsorship of manager and Mrs. Tom Cook of Sambo's. For many of the children, this was a first experience

in a restaurant. The DeMolay clowns were on hand to help serve and entertain the children. It is hoped that more outings of this kind can be planned for area handicapped youth.

## Plan, zoning group to meet

The Muscatine Plan and Zoning Commission will act on a varied agenda of items at its October meeting at 7 o'clock tonight in the council chambers of the Muscatine city hall.

**Rezoning requests**  
A rezoning request from Darwin T. Lynner, Des Moines, will be acted upon for phase 2 of the Cedar Hills Apartment complex at Logan and Cedar Sts.

Also to be voted on is a rezoning request from Sabrina Inc. for the construction of apartments on Hershey Ave., extending from Fletcher Ave., easterly 680 feet and north on Hershey Ave., northerly 300 feet.

**Street vacations**  
Requests for vacating of streets from J and K Button Co., and Jack Burns and Frank Gross also will be considered tonight.

The J and K Button request affects one half block of Linn St., and the request from Burns and Gross affects one half block of Broadway St.

**Preliminary plat**  
Also included on the agenda is a preliminary plat for phase 2 of the Heritage Heights addition on Houser.

## Slide program slated tonight

"The Creative Past: The Art of Africa," a slide lecture will be presented at 7 o'clock this evening in the Musser Public Library meeting room.

The slides depict the development of Art in Africa from 300 BC to the 20th century. The program lasts approximately one hour.

## 7 Girl Scouts honored by Elks

The Muscatine Elks lodge, at a special ceremony Monday night, honored seven local Girl Scouts who attained the rank of First Class Scout.

Presented American flag sets by Paul Stich, exalted ruler, were Dorren Knox, Judy Stender, Denise Hines, Jill Norton, Cindy Freyer-muth, Linda Metcalf and Robin Ritz.

## Medical report on schools

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measurements of height, weight, blood pressure, skin-fold thickness (a measure of body fat) and a blood sample.

Blood samples are analyzed at the U of I for fat and cholesterol content. If any of these substances are found to be elevated in the blood, students are given dietary counsel and special treatment under a physician's guidance.

Other medical problems have also been detected. As an example, Dr. Lauer said

one youth was found to have blood pressure of 220-170. He was immediately referred to Iowa City and was found to have a severe kidney disease. Surgery was performed and the youngster is now

### Extended forecast

Cooler over the state Thursday, then minor temperature changes through Saturday. Highs in the upper 50s and lower 60s Thursday and in the 60s Friday and Saturday. Lows generally in the 30s. Little or no precipitation indicated.

"much improved."

Dr. Lauer said the number of "obese" children was greater than anticipated and exceeded the manpower of the study's staff to handle on a "one to one" basis. He said public health people were being contacted to introduce weight control seminars into the school curriculum.

The university doctor said that "obesity" alone is not too much of a problem unless it is accompanied by high blood fats and high blood pressure.

Apart from the problem of obesity, Dr. Lauer said the study indicated that Muscatine youngsters are about 25 per cent taller and 25 per cent heavier than the national average. "I don't know what you are feeding them, but you seem to be on the right track."

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## Information center on aging is planned at the library

James White, director of the Musser Public Library announced today that the library, with the cooperation of the Muscatine Commission on Aging, will include in its new facilities an information center of aging.

This special section of the library will include books, magazines, government publications and short works which relate to the interests and situations of senior citizens.

## Illinois man is charged after tavern incident here

A Galesburg, Ill., man will be scheduled for an appearance in Muscatine Municipal Court after his arrest by Muscatine police early today at a local tavern.

Thomas Seabloom, 24, of Galesburg, Ill., was listed in good condition today at Muscatine General Hospital, where he was taken after an incident which reportedly occurred at the Friendly tavern at about 1:45 a.m. today.

A hold order has been placed on Seabloom and he will be arrested on two warrants upon his release from the hospital. Warrants have been issued charging him with resisting execution of

due process and disturbing the peace.

Police reported receiving a call from the tavern about 1:15 a.m. today complaining about Seabloom and two other subjects. When police arrived Seabloom and the two other men had left, said the report.

He apparently returned to the tavern later and police were summoned again. When they attempted to take Seabloom into custody he reportedly resisted officers James Fulcher, Charles Geertz, Carl Yerington, Ronald King and Lt. Ronald Hazen.

Police said Seabloom's arm was broken while attempting to subdue him.

## Muscatine Band Boosters discuss year's activities

Tentative plans for projects and activities were discussed when the Band Boosters of Muscatine High met Monday evening at the high school cafeteria. Don Funk, president, conducted the meeting. Robert Kiser, band director, was introduced and expressed his goals for the Muskie band.

On Oct. 14 the 80 marching Muskies will compete in the state marching contest at Mt. Pleasant. Approximately 3,500 man hours to date have been expended by the marching members. Each morning at 7:30, the members are marching on the Iowa Ave. field, preparing for the con-

test at Mt. Pleasant and for entertainment at the home football games.

Other band activities planned for the school year include: Oct. 27, University of Iowa Homecoming parade, Iowa City; Oct. 28, All-State Festival tryouts, Iowa City; Nov. 14, "Sounds of the Stadium," Nov. 24-25, All-State Festival, Des Moines; Jan. 16, winter concert; Feb. 17, children's concert; March 9, stage band concert; March 30-31, state small group and solo contest; April 13-15, high school musical; May 4-5, state large group contest; and May 24, stage band concert.

## 9 youths plead not guilty in Louisa county assault

WAPELLO — Not guilty pleas were entered by nine Muscatine youths when they appeared before Justice of the Peace Neal Kemp Monday evening here on charges of assault.

The youths were arrested by Muscatine police on warrants issued by Louisa county sheriff Ralph McDowell in connection with an alleged assault on Randy Neupert, 16, of Muscatine approximately one week ago.

The nine youths are scheduled for trial before Justice Kemp on Oct. 23 in Wapello.

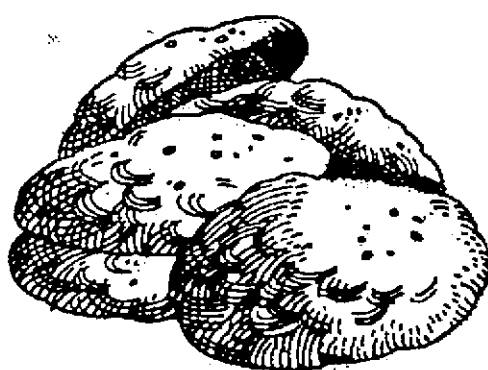
They are Alec Dietrich, 18, of 403 Lowe St.; Tom Thomas, 17, of 3311 Mulberry Ave.; Mike Phelps, 18, of 2910 Mulberry Ave.; George Gerth, 18, of 1107 Mulberry Ave.; David Jackson, 18, of route 2; Carlton Havemann, 19, of 522 Maple Ave.; Jim Beverlin, 18, of 1247 Dale St.; Scott MacLennan, 18, of 112 Cannon Ave.; and Clint Zaeh-ringer, 19, of 606 Evans St.

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