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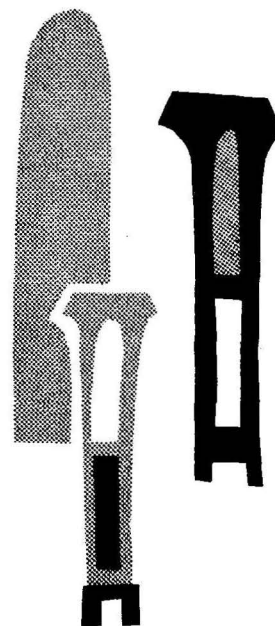
BUILDING PROGRESS President Garfield in the 1870's said of educational facilities that a log hut and a simple bench where a student could sit with a truly excellent teacher were preferable to more adequate facilities without such a teacher. We've taken courage from this observation as we waited out a strike of carpenters which delayed our building progress. But the men are now all back to work, and we are confident that they will do everything possible to make up for lost time. We will not fail to start classes on schedule -- September 30th.

R. S. V. P. Pioneer class members recently received their physical exam blanks and questionnaire from the office of Student Affairs asking about their plans for transportation next fall ... if they are driving do they have room for riders? ... do they plan to use a bus? ... do they need a ride? Students are also asked if they have room in their homes for other class members who need housing nearer to the campus ... or if they know of rooms available in their neighborhoods. Prompt answers to the questionnaire ... all it takes is a check mark or two on the post-card ... would be appreciated.

INFORMATION HEADQUARTERS Members of the GVSC Citizens' Council are staffing an information booth near the construction site on weekend afternoons. They are happy to answer questions about the college and explain building and campus plans.

A word of caution: Buildings under construction are full of hazards ... unexpected holes ... sharp nails and other debris ... precarious walkways. PLEASE stay out of the buildings and away from the machinery. We would hate to have anyone hurt.

MONEY GROWS ON TREES Scholarship money, that is, will be growing on trees ... if you can wait ten years. Various Christmas tree plantation owners have contributed 6,300 Douglas fir seedlings which are now planted in neat rows on the southernmost plateau of the campus. When the trees are harvested in about ten years the yield should be \$10,000 in scholarship funds. Continuous planting and harvesting will assure that these "green thumb" scholarships will continue to grow.



OVERSEAS NEWS Pioneer class member Christen Berglund will be taking part in the Teen-Age Exchange program sponsored by the Michigan Council of Churches following her graduation from Rockford High School in June. Christen is due on June 20th to fly to Germany with some 115 other students from the state to begin a 2-month stay with a German family in Ostermunzel. "It must be quite a small village," she says, "because I haven't found it yet on any map." She will take part in the activities of her hosts and learn what it's like to live in Germany with an average family. At the same time, she expects to give them some ideas about life in America. As yet she hasn't learned the name of her hosts but knows the family includes at least one teen-ager.

From Teheran, Iran, our first foreign student is coming ... exactly 6,874 miles, as computed by United Air Lines. He is Madjid Ahmadian Tehrani, 19 years old, whose uncle was a foreign student at the University of Colorado when George Hundley, our student affairs director, was counselor of foreign students there. Madjid has studied English for 6 years ... has won his high school's top award for painting ... and is interested in architecture and mathematics.

MEET STEPHEN FORD GVSC librarian Steve Ford returned last summer from a year at the University of Baghdad, Iraq, where he says he constantly expected to be shot at but never was. The recent revolution in that country erupted shortly after he and his family returned home. His plans for the GVSC library include extensive use of microfilm ... a viewing room is part of the library facilities ... and a great many paperbacks with reinforced bindings. "A library is for study," he says, "but it is possible to find books there for enjoyment, and I hope that our students will do so." With five children and a large house he says he has no time for recreation, but admits to pleasurable work in his garden.

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR

June 1 -- Project '63, TV Channel 13 ... Final program of the series ... Construction of the buildings ... Saturday, 1:00 - 1:15.

Wednesday nights at 8 p.m., WJBL-FM, and Sunday afternoons at 12:05 p.m. WOOD, "Interesting People at Grand Valley State College." During the next few weeks the 5-minute programs will feature interviews with our incoming faculty members.