



**LEONARD J. BARR II.** of Westland, has been appointed investment officer at Manufacturers Bank. A graduate of Wayne State University, he joined the investment staff of the bank in 1969. Barr is a Navy veteran and a member of the Marine Historical Society of Detroit and the Great Lakes Historical Society.

## Senators Split 3-1 On Farmer Unions, Pricing

LANSING Observerland senators split 3-1 in favor of the State Senate last week gave 21-11 approval to a bill that would give farmers the right to unionize and power to fix prices on their commodities. The controversial bill was the work of Sen. Charles Zollar (R - Benton Harbor), himself a wealthy fruit grower and industrialist in southwestern Michigan.

Backing it were Sens. David Plawicki (D-DeARBORNA Heights), William Faust (D-Westland) and Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth). Opposed was Sen. Daniel Cooper (D-Oak Park).

The price-fixing plan would allow 51 per cent of growers of at least 50 per cent of a certain commodity to set the price for the entire crop.

In the State Agriculture Dept. an "agricultural complaints, appoint arbitrators, render decisions and award damages."

Zollar described it as an attempt to help poor farmers caught in a price squeeze. But an angry Senate GOP leader Robert VanderLaan called it a giant step into price fixing. VanderLaan voted for it because he said he wanted Zollar's signature on a school aid bill.

He said Zollar "collected all the skeletons he had hidden to get his bill passed." And he accused Zollar of using his power to set himself up for a personal race.

PURSELL said that if Zollar did any arm-twisting, he (Pursell) didn't see it and wasn't on the receiving end. Pursell said the bill had merit. "A lot of the big farmers weren't for it, and a lot of the small ones were. They'd have a large, perishable crop come in, and a processor would come in and drive the price down."

"This will give them a chance to organize and bargain with the processors," said Pursell.

## House Rejects Anti-Bus Plan

LANSING Observerland state representatives split 6-2 along familiar lines last week as an anti-bussing amendment to the state constitution fell 10 votes short of passage in the House.

The resolution got 64 favorable votes, with 74 (or a two-thirds majority) needed to send it to the Senate, and 36 opposed.

Reps. Marvin Stempfen (D-Livonia) and Joseph Forbes (D-Oak Park), whose district includes eastern Southfield, continued to vote against the resolution.

Backing it were Reps. Richard Young (D-DeARBORNA Heights), whose district covers parts of Westland and Livonia; John Bennett (D-Redford); James Tierney (D-Garden City), whose district includes the northwestern Westland and the Plymouth community; Raymond Baker (R-Farmington), whose district includes Lathrup Village and west Southfield; and James Desebaugh (R-Birmingham), whose district covers Southfield Township.

The measure, sponsored by Democrat Joyce Symons of Allen Park, was recently forced out of committee. Purpose is to give Michigan voters a chance to outlaw school bussing as a way to achieve racial balance.

Opponents argued it would be futile to attack the matter through the state constitution because courts are deciding cases on the authority of the U.S. Constitution, which always takes precedence over state authority.

## 2 Prizes For Striewski Interior Design Classes Set For Early May

Ted Striewski, faculty member at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington, has been awarded the top purchase award and an additional prize in the sixth annual national drawing and sculpture exhibition in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The winning entry entitled "Son of Wall Egg" is an epoxy resin construction utilizing cast polyester resin and plexiglass - a technique developed by Striewski. The work will become part of the permanent collection of Del Mar College, sponsor of the exhibition. The award also includes an invitation for a one man show in Texas.

The second award is a cash prize offered by the Coca Cola Bottling Co. for the resin construction entitled "Jumbo Extra Large Egg." The show was judged by the sculptor, George Segal. The exhibition will be on display from May 7 to May 21.

Striewski resides at 28100 Barbados, Farmington.

Knappow's Wallpaper City on Grand River in Farmington is offering free interior design classes starting in early May.

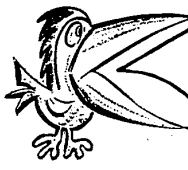
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