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See next Wednesday's Observer for details of our Special Sale.

Kent Wins Bridge League Championship

Bridge players have assembled in Cincinnati, Ohio for the 15th spring national tournament of the American Contract Bridge League. In the Oakley pairs, a one-session championship, Bernie Kent of Livonia won a section cup.

In 10 days of play, six major titles will be decided, and some 4,000 players will compete. The American Contract Bridge League conducts all of the important bridge tournaments in North America.

Each year the league conducts three national championships and takes part in a world championship, in addition to smaller tournaments.



WHITE CANE WEEK -- The Livonia Lamplighter Lions Club will be among Lions clubs across the state collecting donations to help the blind during White Cane Week. From left, seated, are Arne Syversen, co-chairman of the drive; George Jarvenpaa, a drive captain; Bob

Squires, co-chairman. From left, standing, are Ken Brown, president-elect of the club; Larry Goodwin, president; and Bud Simpson, past president. Goodwin made the first donation of the drive. (Observer photo)

Bovee Attends Convention

LIVONIA

Corlan Bovee, principal of Cass Elementary School, 34633 Munger, Livonia, recently attended the National Assn. of Elementary School Principals convention in Miami Beach, Fla.

The convention featured anthropologist Ashley Montagu, Leon M. Lessinger, a former federal education official often called the father of the accountability concept; California State Supt. of Public Instruction Wilson C. Riles; and Cornell University educator Urie Bronfenbrenner.

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Bussing, Tax Reduction Top District Priorities

Citizens of State Sen. Carl Pursell's 14th District have two clear priorities: preventing cross-district bussing of school children, and finding some way to reduce the property taxes. The district includes Livonia and Farmington.

This became apparent when the Plymouth Republican tallied more than 6,000 returns from the questionnaire he recently sent to homes in the area.

Pursell's suburban constituents emphatically expressed their sentiments opposing bussing to achieve racial balance. Fully 96 per cent of those responding said they do not favor such a program. Only three per cent agreed with cross-district bussing, while one per cent expressed no opinion.

"I personally believe that the bussing issue, which is under federal jurisdiction, should be appealed all the way to the Supreme Court," Pursell commented.

Woodcox Out Of AF Basic

Airman Robert A. Woodcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Woodcox of 19820 Merriman Ct., Livonia, has completed his U.S. Air Force basic training at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Texas. He has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., for training in communications-electronics systems.

Airman Woodcox is a 1971 graduate of Stevenson High School.

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ON THE SCHOOL financing question, Pursell reported that 77 per cent of the respondents favored either eliminating or sharply reducing school operating property taxes, with the funds made up through higher income taxes.

He said 55 per cent favored a "zero millage" plan, while another 22 per cent chose reducing school operating millage by one half with a corresponding increase in income taxes. The other 23 per cent favored retention of the present taxation formula.

Those who picked one of the two property tax reduction plans were asked what type of income tax they'd like to see replace the property tax revenues. Of this group, 58 per cent chose a graduated tax, and the other 42 per cent favored keeping the present flat-rate tax. It is probable that any tax reform plan will permit the voters to decide this question by statewide referendum.

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