



SPORTING WEIMARANER -- Mrs. Mary Kopus (center) of Livonia proudly shows off her outstanding Weimaraner, one of her seven champions of the year, Mary K's Silver Sargent Sam. A show judge, J. Warwick and Mrs. Marion Conrad display trophies won in Oakland County in May.

Specialty Show Nov. 28

Can a Weimaraner win the sporting division of a sanctioned dog show?

The answer is an emphatic "yes," and Mrs. Frank Kopus of 2400 Norfolk, Livonia, has a punch bowl-size silver cup to prove it.

One of her seven Weimaraner champions drew a "best Weimaraner I've ever seen" comment from a judge when it took this class usually dominated by Labrador retrievers and western retrievers in May of this year.

NOW MRS. KOPUS and five other Observers and members of the Weimaraner Club of Greater Detroit are looking forward to the Greater Detroit Specialty Show on Sunday, Nov. 28. To be held at the Detroit Artillery Armory, 15000 W. Eight Mile in Oak Park, it will be a bench show (dogs remain throughout) from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mrs. Kopus, who has plenty of her own, will be presenting the trophies to winners. CHAIRING THE EVENT is

Duane Braun of 14208 Brentwood, Livonia.

Others on the show committee include Mrs. Roxanne Blackman of Farmington, Mrs. Eleanor Burneister of Livonia, Mrs. Barbara Zuchelski of Westland and Mrs. Barbara Auerbach of Livonia.

"A good many of our members are from this area, too," said Mrs. Auerbach, show publicity chairman and newsletter editor of the Greater Detroit Weimaraner Club.

GOP Crime Speakers Ask For New Drug Laws

By DENNIS PAJOT

Watch for stepped up local, state and federal actions to curb juvenile and youth crime, particularly in the areas of drug abuse.

Some measures may be a direct result of a conference held in the Livonia police station, in which ideas were exchanged and explored by suburban municipal officials, law enforcement agents and school administrators.

THREE IDEAS were given prominent display:

• Revisions in drug abuse laws to allow flexibility in prosecution of first-time and small-time offenders.

• Greater emphasis on formal education about drug use and abuse, possibly as a continuing K-12 program in public schools.

• Soundly organized and properly funded local volunteer citizen probation supervision and counseling.

NONE WAS a particularly new idea, but they gained stature through testimony by experts before a Michigan Republican Party Task Force on Crime, which called the conference.

Some members of the task force attended the conference, which was guided by task force member Mrs. Mary Dumas of Livonia. Other members will hear the nearly four hours of remarks via verbatim tape recordings.

Four other conferences of a similar type are being held by the task force in other areas of

the state. The task force intends to propose legislation after review of the material gathered.

MRS. DUMAS was pleased with a turnout of about 70 persons who heard seven speakers, asked questions of them and witnessed questions and comments from a distinguished three-man panel.

Sen. N. Lorraine Beebe (R-DeARBORN Heights) was unable to speak as planned, being tied up in Senate debate on Gov. William Milliken's education reform proposals.

As the leader of a Women's Action Against Crime committee, Sen. Beebe and her "assistants," including Mrs. Dumas, have been a primary impetus for the task force.

ONE ADVERTISED topic, "discuss on campus," scarcely got a mention from any speaker.

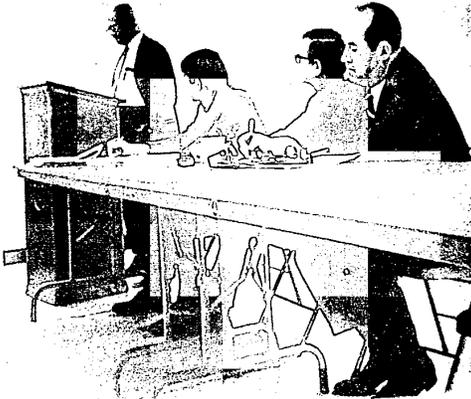
Follow-up rehabilitation of offenders, before and after they reach courts, through specially organized government agencies and through "big brother" type volunteer citizen committees was a major topic.

Drug abuse, its cause and effects, its increasing significance and its control was also much discussed.

A major point stressed by all speakers on the rehabilitation theme was that volunteer probation programs are both more effective and less costly than those of professionally operated agencies. They can and do make use of some professionally qualified personnel.

ON DRUG ABUSE, the ease of obtaining stimulants, depressants and hallucinatory drugs; the skyrocketing proportions of drug abuse and the almost utter inability to cope with victims in presently available institutions were explained.

Need to avert "experimental" misuse -- increasingly apparent all the way down into the elementary school age group -- was stressed.



PANELISTS ATTENTIVE while Oakland County Youth Assistance Director Edgar Flood speaks, crime hearing chairman Judge John Fitzgerald (center) and fellow panelists Judge Henry Reading (left) and Sheriff Kenneth Freedmore listen. (Observer photo)

2 Agencies To Help Eye County Changes



Two nonpartisan good government organizations are prepared to assist a special committee of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors in a study of the need for reorganization of County government.

Staff representatives of the Civic Searchlight, Inc. and the Citizens Research Council of Michigan met Nov. 7 with the special committee on County reorganization, chaired by Eugene A. Sikora, of Detroit (D-District 7).

that the board of supervisors could possibly initiate," declared William H. O'Brien, Civic Searchlight executive secretary.

Other members of the Sikora committee are: James DeSana of Wyandotte (D-District 23), Harvey J. Beadle of Redford (D-District 19), Rudy Hickey of Ecorse (D-District 18), Freddie G. Burton of Detroit (D-District 5), Robert L. Tripp of Lincoln Park (D-District 22), Carl D. Pursell of Plymouth (R-District 26), and Frederick Yates of Detroit (D-District 8).

O'Neil Campaigns More...Again...Yet

By DENNIS PAJOT

JAMES F. O'NEIL still has to announce that he is a candidate for the U.S. Senate, following Republican party nomination to do battle with Democratic incumbent Philip Hart in 1970.

But a couple of things have stolen his thunder. One was the death of fellow State Board of Education member Dr. LeRoy Augenstein. The other has been press efforts to announce for him.

TO DATE O'NEIL still hasn't said, "I am a candidate." All he has said is that he planned a news conference with an advance press release stating his platform if he announces.

Cites Need For Early Diagnosis

ANN ARBOR It is easy to demonstrate that a shockingly high percentage of fatal accidents involve drivers who have been drinking. Studies by the University of Michigan's Highway Safety Research Institute and others consistently verify the alcohol danger.

The real problem is to set up a comprehensive program which can:

1. Identify and diagnose the driver with an established or potential drinking problem.
2. Determine the kind of treatment or rehabilitation needed to help the individual driver with a drinking problem.
3. Initiate the prescribed program of control or rehabilitation at the community level.

The critical need for such an approach--which is a major concern of the institute--is revealed in National Safety Council estimates that alcohol is a factor in up to 60 per cent of highway deaths.

A recent study by U-M psychiatrist Melvin L. Selzer revealed that in 56 fatal accidents, 37 per cent of the drivers judged at fault had been drinking. A total of 117 persons were killed in these 96 accidents. Of the drivers at fault, 41 per cent--mostly alcoholics--were emotionally ill and showed signs of paranoid thinking, depression, violence, and suicidal tendencies.



JAMES F. O'NEIL State Board Member

spec for Augenstein, who died in a plane crash the previous weekend.

On again-off again actions

analysis may be calculated to give rise to interest-creating advance publicity, however.

WITH OR WITHOUT his personal statement in public, it is more than logical to report that O'Neil is -- in fact -- a candidate for U.S. Senate.

He would be a candidate even if he hadn't called a news conference. He would be a candidate even if he hadn't issued a platform statement.

HE CAMPAIGNED for, but lost, the Republican nomination for the same seat in a primary election in 1964. Prior to that he sought a U.S. House of Representatives post.

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Civilians Thespians At State Meet

The Thespian Troupe from Clarenceville High School was in Midland recently to attend the state conference for the International Thespians Society. Sessions were held at Midland High School where Thespians visited workshops and viewed one-act plays.

Cooperating the group was Bob Gregory, Clarenceville speech and drama instructor.

Litter Removal Takes Tax Money From Highways

EAST LANSING Litter is not only disgusting to look at -- it's downright expensive, and many innocent taxpayers are helping to foot the bill for its removal.

David Williams, a researcher in Michigan State University's Department of Resource Development, says it costs U.S. taxpayers an estimated \$500 million annually to remove litter from streets, highways, parks, beaches, streams, and other public property.

Recently, \$15.5 million was spent in a single year to clean up and maintain national recreation facilities and sites administered by the U.S. Forest Service," says Williams. "Litter on Michigan highways costs approximately \$34,000 a year for removal."

The MSU researcher says that by using litter bags when driving and litter barrels when stopped, Michigan citizens could save more than a half-million dollars a year that could then be used for improving the state's highways.

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