

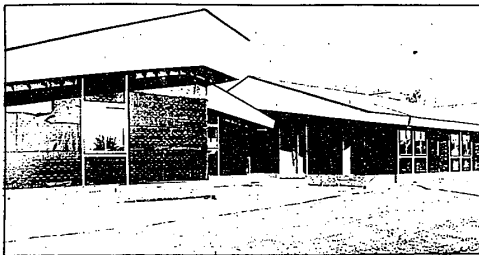
Curbs proposed on group homes

Bills which would require group homes for the mentally retarded to comply with subdivision deed restrictions have been introduced by state Sen. Donald Bishop, R-Rochester.

The homes have been controversial in Bishop's district, particularly in Bloomfield Hills and Troy.

A spokesman for a state agency that operates 35 group homes in Oakland County said compliance with deed restrictions is "another way of stopping community placement" of the retarded. He said under Bishop's proposals, "mentally retarded people would not be allowed to live in residential areas."

The spokesman declined further comment pending review of the bills.



DEED RESTRICTIONS have been cited in lawsuits by neighborhood homeowner associations opposing group homes but the placement of group homes in residential areas has been upheld by the courts.

Bishop, whose district includes most of Troy, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and the county's northeastern townships, introduced four bills in Lansing last week to tighten licensing procedures for home operators.

Bishop said his proposals are designed to "strike a balance" between supporters of the group homes and "adjacent homeowners."

He said the bills are "not designed to reduce" group homes, but "to make home operators more responsive to what the local traditions are in areas where the homes are sited."

Some group home opponents in his district want the homes eliminated which is "not politically possible," Bishop said.

"Many homes are being established without flaw or concern," Bishop said in a statement released last week. "But many are also being established without much community knowledge or compliance. These bills are designed to protect

both clients and homeowners from the pervasive hand of big government."

BISHOP'S BILLS would also:

- Reduce from six to four the maximum number of clients per home.
- Require owners operating a home for profit to live there.
- Require the homes to be "average priced homes" in the neighborhood.
- Require outside performance and cost audits of homes.
- Establish 2,500 feet limit between like homes.
- Require bonding for home operators.

Group homes are regulated by the state, under legislation passed in the mid-1970s.

Bishop said he opposed that legislation. "One of the first things (home operators) marched in and attempted to do was to overcome deed restrictions," he said.

"Neither party is going to be totally satisfied" by his proposals, Bishop predicted. Since the Legislature is due to adjourn this week, Bishop said he would re-introduce the legislation in January.

School board opposes tax plans

The Oakland County Intermediate school board is unanimously opposed to the three tax proposals on the Nov. 4 ballot.

The five-member board, appointed by representatives of kindergarten through 12 grade school districts in the county, cited a similar position of the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).

According to Oakland Schools Trustee Betty Campion, Proposal A (Smith-Bullard), which would shift school funding from local property taxes to a state funding system, was opposed because it could reduce local control of schools. Many details, including types and amounts of taxes needed to re-

place lost property tax revenue, are left to the state legislature to determine, she said.

Proposal C, backed by Gov. William Milliken and placed on the ballot by the legislature, "would be detrimental to the state and education," Mrs. Campion said. The referendum proposes a property tax cut and increase in the state sales tax to replace lost revenues. Reliance on sales tax revenues would be "fiscally unsound," Mrs. Campion said.

Proposal D, the Tish tax cut, would cut revenues so drastically, essential services would be eliminated or reduced, said Mrs. Campion. No means of raising state revenue to reimburse local districts' property tax money is proposed, she said.

Debaters face newsmen

Panelists have been selected for the Oct. 15 televised debate between Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy and Democratic challenger F. Thomas Lewand.

The metropolitan-area League of Women Voters, sponsors of the debate, chose reporters Dick Haefner of WWJ Radio; Tom Scott, Daily Tribune, Royal Oak, and Tim Richard, editorial director of Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Joe Glover will represent WJBK-TV.

The hour-long debate will be televised live over Channel 2 at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Yvonne Atkinson, of the Birmingham-Bloomfield League of Women Voters, will be debate moderator.

New pacts at OCC

Two unions at Oakland Community College are working under new contracts unanimously ratified recently by the OCC Board of Trustees.

Both contracts are retroactive to July 1 and expire June 30, 1983.

Local 1999 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, represents 82 maintenance employees on OCC's four campuses and at the administration building.

Cost to the college of raises and fringe benefits will be 8.2 percent in fiscal 1980, 8.14 per-

cent in 1981 and 7.5 percent in fiscal 1982, a college spokesman said.

Local 1999 members received a 53-cent across-the-board increase. They also will make a larger contribution on their prescription drug plan.

AFL-CIO Local 2042, representing 178 classified employees, will see Level 6 employees' pay start at \$4.36 and Level 23 at \$8.72.

Classified employees include clerk-typists, secretaries, some computer center personnel and such specialized employees as graphic artists and print shop workers.

Discounts to elderly

Identification card applications for the Oakland County senior citizens are available at a number of sites through October.

The program allows seniors to take advantage of discounts of up to 50 percent offered by local merchants. Participants must be 60 years or older.

The locations and dates are:

- Oct. 9, Latrup Village, 27400 Southfield Road, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Oct. 10, Rochester Community Center, 816 Ludlow, noon to 5 p.m.
- Oct. 17, Birmingham Nutrition Site, Barnum Junior High School, Frank & Purdy Streets, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20, Troy Nutrition Site, 520 W. Big Beaver Road, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Oct. 27, St. Williams Church, 135 O'Flaherty, Walled Lake, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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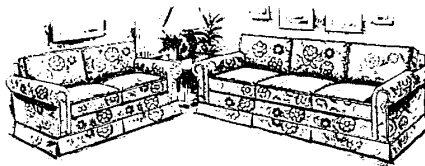
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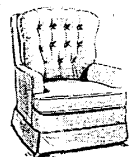
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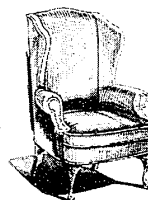
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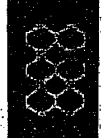
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