

Bike racers thrill mall crowds

ENTHUSIASM is mounting for a rerun next year of Troy's participation as host of another Michigan Week Cycling Classic.

Troy Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Eileen Turner said Friday that that organization "will take a real serious look at it for next year."

About 1,000 spectators turned out for the pro-am cycling event at the Oakland Mall last Wednesday.

"The crowd wasn't as big as anticipated," said Turner, "but we've checked around and found that was a pretty good turnout for our first race."

"We're very glad we did it," she continued. "And the interest is high for doing it again."

About 100 male and female cyclists from the United States and three foreign countries competed in the races. The Troy competition was the fourth and final in a Michigan race tour last week which also included Fraser, Detroit and Wyandotte.

THE STATE Michigan Week Committee authorized the Michigan Bicycling Federation to create the week of racing as a major observance of the week.

Federation officer Dale Hughes said the Troy race "went excellently. The sponsors are all excited about setting up meetings for next year," he added.

Top winner in the Troy race and also the overall tour winner was Davis Phinney of Boulder, Colo., and a member of the U.S. Olympic team. He won about \$2,000 in prize money for the four events.

A total of \$14,000 in prize money was handed out for the tour.

Betsy Davis of New York won the Troy women's race and was also the overall winner, taking about \$1,500.

Area bike racers placing in the men's competition were Jeff Pierce of Livonia, fourth; Ken Nowakowski of Rochester, fifth; and Tom Schuler of Birmingham, sixth.



The female racers kid each other to ease the tension waiting for the women's cycling classic to begin.



GARY CASKEY/staff photographer

Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths got in her traditional licks for women's rights Friday when she spoke in Orchard Lake at a Michigan Week Community Awards breakfast.

Over house payments

TV personalities involved in lawsuit

By Mary Lou Callaway
special writer

A 55-year-old West Bloomfield civic leader is suing two prominent TV personalities for monthly, land-contract payments she says are due on the house she sold them 4½ years ago.

Janet Lynn claims John Kelly and Marilyn Turner, also of West Bloomfield, are three months in arrears on payments totalling \$7,950.

The Kellys are asking for a jury trial because they claim Lynn is holding \$4,440 in an escrow-tax account, which could be applied to their house payment.

The six-acre house, at 7007 Middlebelt, was sold to the Kellys for \$290,000.

Judge Bernard Friedman, 48th District Court, adjourned Friday's pretrial hearing for one week to give both parties a chance to settle the dispute.

The Kellys said they paid \$5,908 last December for taxes, in answering Lynn's complaint. Lynn said that money is held in escrow for July and December 1983 taxes.

In the Kellys' counterclaim, they alleged they paid in advance into the escrow account. They charged harassment because their legal and court

costs amount to \$2,000 in this case.

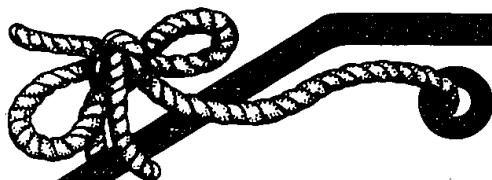
FRIEDMAN SAID he would set the jury trial, but he hoped the matter could be settled at the Friday, May 27, pretrial hearing.

Phillip Maxwell, appearing for the Kellys' attorney, Henry Baskin, said he believed the matter could be settled at the pretrial hearing.

Attorney Sol Schwartz, representing Lynn, asked for an early judgment, saying his client, a widow, is dependent on the monthly, land-contract payments. The land contract does not contain a provision that escrow money, set aside for a property-tax assessment, can be used for the monthly payment, Schwartz said. The escrow amount would not be enough for the three months of payments in arrears, he added.

Lynn is a founder and president of the Citizen's Council for Land Use Research and Education (CLURE), a former library board trustee, a member of Concern Citizens for West Bloomfield and one of the founders of Temple Kof Ami, West Bloomfield.

The Kellys are on the air weekdays, three hours per day, as the hosts of morning and afternoon talk shows on Channel 7, WXYZ-TV.



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