

Students joined battle for tree

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side of the Klinkman property, the Klinkmans obtained a temporary restraining order from Oakland Circuit Court preventing the city from cutting down the tree.

The effort caught the community's imagination and a flurry of action ensued.

More than 100 high school students gathered around the tree to demonstrate their support for the Klinkmans' cause. A letter-writing campaign was launched from another school, urging city council to change its plans for Gill Road.

A botanist examined the tree and determined it to be at least 320 years old. An American Indian came to town and noted the tree had been used as a road guide by early tribes.

Local and daily newspapers wrote

articles chronicling the crusade. A national environmental newspaper also covered the controversy. The story hit the Associated Press wire service. Letters of support came to the Klinkman home from around the nation.

A quiet family, the Klinkmans, along with their children Mike and Michelle, found themselves the center of attention.

In the midst of the fray, all appeared lost as workmen dug an axe into the side of the tree. But the panic soon subsided when it was learned the tree was just being marked as one to be cut down.

The scar still can be seen. Finally, the city did relent. At a cost of \$11,000, the road plan was altered and the tree saved.

The crowning glory took place during Festival week of that year.

Bill stunts terms

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than because it's a good job," Power said.

IN ADDITION to salary changes the legislative session would be limited to three-and-a-half months from mid-January to the first week of May. To deal with emergencies the legislators would be permitted special sessions of no

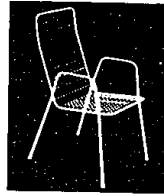
more than 15 days.

The present retirement program would be "completely abolished" after Jan. 1, 1985, which is the date the committee plans on having the proposal go into effect.

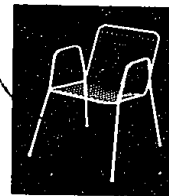
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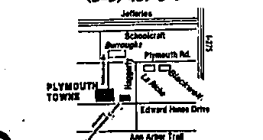
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