

# Sheriff Wins Support For Several Projects

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners is creating three community relations jobs in the sheriff's department as a move to improve police-citizen relations.

The board, meeting June 18, also approved several applications for federal grants under the Omnibus Safe Streets and Crime Control program.

The community relations jobs, to be filled by patrolmen, were approved by an 18-4 vote. Sheriff William Lucas said the men will serve as the "eyes and ears" of his department in efforts to reduce community tensions.

He said he agreed with Board Chairman Albert J. Zak that the men would function as a "two-way street," informing the public about "what we are trying to do" and educating the officers "as to the needs of the public."

The Board of Commissioners approved five applications for federal crime control funds. The proposed programs are:

- A TRAINING PROGRAM for all guards assigned to the county jail. A \$20,000 grant is sought, with the county pledging more than \$13,200 worth of staff services.

- An area-wide law enforcement communications program in the sheriff's department, to be financed by \$27,000 in federal funds and \$21,950 in staff time.

- Development of a civil disorder and disaster coordination plan by the sheriff, using \$18,570 in federal funds and \$6,200 worth of staff time.

- Creation of a metropolitan crime laboratory under the sheriff, financed by a \$84,563 federal grant and \$68,000 worth of local staff. The commissioners stipulated that they were only authorizing the grant application and would decide later whether to go ahead with the project.

- A two-year project for working intensively with delinquent school children in Detroit schools and other school districts yet to be specified. Some \$1.4 million in federal funds will be requested with \$1 million in local services being pledged.

The federal grant funds are controlled by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

Auditors had recommended that the application be held in abeyance pending policy determination regarding the future role of the sheriff's department in law enforcement.

The commissioners also appointed Dr. Gilbert E. Corrigan as interim chief county medical examiner as a result of the resignation of Dr. John F. Burton from the post. The commissioners also requested the County Civil Service Commission to prepare a competitive examination for a permanent appointment to the post.

## Board Says Books Stay

The Livonia Board of Education accepted without comment Monday the recommendation of a six-member staff committee that two books used for Franklin High School class be retained.

Criticized by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vland, Livonia parents, were "A Patch of Blue," authored by Elizabeth Kata, and a public affairs pamphlet, "Sex and Our Society," by Lester A. Kirkendall and Elizabeth Ogg. The Vlands found certain passages in each objectionable.

Both are offered as voluntary supplementary reading material for 12th grade class in Psychology for Living.

At the same time the educators recommended establishment of a special committee to formulate specific guidelines for selection of supplementary books and other supplementary materials.

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Those who earned the degrees were:

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Andre A. Blay, 14221 Westmore, Livonia, president of magnetic Video Corp., Farmington.

William M. Hogue, 35401 Oakdale Dr., Livonia, department manager for Ford Motor Co.

Charles F. Maddox, 32224 Allen, Livonia, Ford Motor Co. supervisor.

William G. Sickles, 29787 Fox Grove Rd., Farmington, assistant vice president of Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington.

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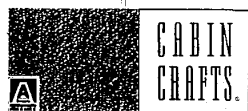
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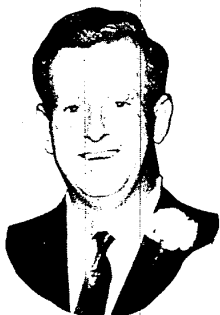
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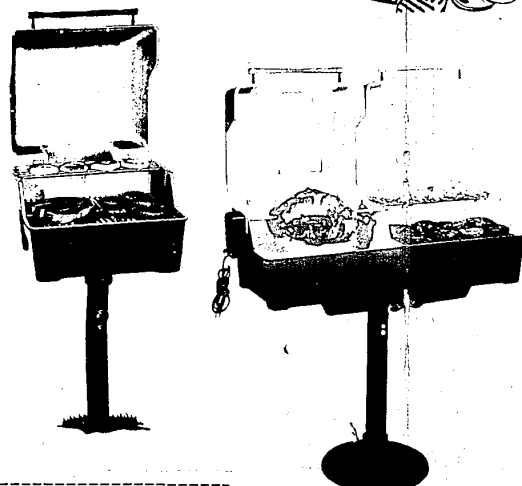
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