

Drug Squad Boosted; Road Patrol In Doubt

Wayne County's Board of Commissioners has tentatively decided to maintain the present strength of the sheriff's Road Patrol and to appropriate \$213,756 for the narcotics-fighting Metro Squad.

The commissioners, meeting as the ways and means committee Nov. 12, voted to rescind the cut of six patrolmen in the Road Patrol imposed in the county budget which takes effect Dec. 1.

They also voted to appropriate \$213,756 to enable Sheriff William Lucas to hire 13 men to staff the undercover narcotics unit known as the Metro Squad.

The ways and means actions are subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners at its formal meeting Thursday, Nov. 19.

CITING restrictions of an austerity budget, previously the commissioners had rejected Sheriff William Lucas's request to separately fund a Metropolitan Squad and had elected to eliminate six men from his Road Patrol division.

Thursday's action would allow the sheriff to continue his "present level of man-

power and services" while he is negotiating efforts to end free Road Patrol service as it is now being provided.

The commissioners voted to establish a special committee "for the purpose of reviewing alternative methods of financing adequate law enforcement throughout the County of Wayne, and ability and willingness of local communities (primarily townships) to finance local police protection, either by establishment of their own police departments or by contract with the Sheriff."

The committee is to consist of two members of the Board of Commissioners, plus representatives of the Board of County Auditors, the sheriff, the prosecuting attorney, and the Citizens Research Council of Michigan. Their report would be due within six months, during which time the Sheriff is to retain his present road patrol force.

THE RECOMMENDATION to form the special committee is another strong indication of the Board's determination to discontinue

road patrol service unless it is financed by the communities that benefit. The commissioners maintain that local communities should provide their own police force or reimburse the sheriff for these services.

The commissioners insist that it is unfair to the taxpayers of Wayne County to continue road patrol as it is now furnished, without charge, to out-county areas. They also say they want to free the funds used for these services and re-direct them into "highly specialized, highly professionalized" units, of which the newly established Metropolitan Squad is an example.

The 13-man Metropolitan Squad, as approved at Thursday's committee meeting, includes salaries for one police lieutenant and sergeant, as well as \$15,000 for narcotic buys.

In the up-coming negotiations, Sheriff Lucas has said that he hopes to persuade most out-county communities to contract for the services of his department, rather than forming their own. If successful, this could eventually cause an increase in his road patrol force.

Lucas favors the application of centralized, highly sophisticated law enforcement, in out-county areas, "rather than a proliferation of numerous small departments," he said.



FARMINGTON MODEL -- Jeanne Litton, a Farmington resident and busy model, will be a major attraction of the Detroit Auto Show at Cobo Hall beginning Nov. 21. It'll be her third year and consensus is that she's one model not due for a complete makeover. Where can she be previewed during the 55th annual show that runs for nine days? A hint: she'll be surrounded by white hats.

Area Lawmakers Back Scenic Rivers Zoning

With firm support from Observerland legislators, a House-Senate compromise sent to Gov. Milliken his scenic rivers bill designed to protect them from encroaching commercial usage.

When the governor signs it, as he is expected after his hard fight for its passage, new machinery will be available for zoning rivers to prevent ecological damage.

The key stipulation is that the bill says the local governmental authority will be allowed to do the zoning, but only if accomplished within a year. After that the state would be able to step in and do it on its own terms.

The one-year period would begin with identification of the particular rivers by the State Natural Resources Commission, which the bill empowers to make the designations. Original version of the bill would have given the commission zoning power, also.

THE HOUSE had passed that version but it was snubbed in the Senate, where commercial interest lobbies apparently had more leverage.

After a compromise committee came up with the local-then-state idea, it received House approval, 73-9, and Senate approval, 28-3, obviously bi-partisan.

Six of seven Observerland representatives and all four area senators voted for the compromise bill. Recorded as

not voting was Rep. Vincent Pettipren (D-37th District).

Voting for were Sens. N. Lorraine Beebe (R-12th), George Kuhn (R-44th), William Faust (D-13th), Sander Levin (D-15th), Reps. Raymond Baker (R-64th), Albert Kramer (D-67th), John Bennett (D-34th), Marvin Stempien (D-35th),

James Tierney (D-36th) and Richard Young (D-33rd).

THE BILL provides that local hearings must be conducted before local rezoning and that property owners have the right to appeal any restriction imposed either by the local authority or by the state commission.

House Reduces Pot Penalty

A bill that would reduce the penalty for possession of 25 grams or less of marijuana from a felony to a high misdemeanor has been passed by the House, 77-1.

All Observerland state representatives voting on the issue favored the measure.

The maximum penalty for possession of marijuana is 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. The House bill cuts that to one year and a \$1,000 fine.

Anyone apprehended with more than 25 grams — a little less than one ounce — would still be charged with a felony.

Under terms of the bill, marijuana's legal definition would be changed from that of a narcotic to a dangerous drug.

The bill has the backing of most law enforcement agencies and must now go to

the Senate for consideration. Observerland lawmakers voting for the measure were:

Raymond Baker (R-Farmington) whose 64th District also includes Lathrup Village and the west side of Southfield; John Bennett (D-Redford); Marvin Stempien (D-Livonia); James Tierney (D-Garden City) whose 36th District includes the northern half of Westland and all of Plymouth and Canton Township; and Richard Young (D-DeARBorn Heights) whose 33rd District takes in the northeast part of Westland and two precincts in Livonia.

Not voting on the issue were Daniel Cooper (D-Oak Park), and Vincent Pettipren (D-Westland) whose 37th District also covers the northern half of Wayne and the east side of Inkster.

MSU Tests Tree 'Taste'
Foresters at Michigan State University have found that the leaves and stems of trees give off vapors that have some bearing on insect attraction human allergy, atmospheric contamination and ecological

regulation. Corresponding measurements are also being made of the "taste" and internal chemicals of tree tissues to see what effects these have on the tree and its environment.

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Area Deaths, Funerals

HELEN CERNY RIBLET — Services for Mrs. Helen, 54, of 22000 Grand River, Farmington, were held Nov. 7 in the Heaver-Sundquist Funeral Home, the Rev. Hugh V. Stewart of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

Born May 11, 1916 in Hackensack, N. Y., Mrs. Riblet died Nov. 8, after an extended illness, in Northwest Grace Hospital. She had been a past member of the Grand Blanc Women's Farm & Garden Club.

Survivors include Mrs. Riblet's mother, Mrs. Florence Bethel of Farmington; two sons, Paul A. of Flint and Donald C. at home; and a daughter, Nancy J. of Detroit.

DOROTHEA LUCHAN, Services for Mrs. Luchan, 89, of 2218 12 Mile, Farmington, were held Nov. 18 in the Heaver-Sundquist Funeral Home, the Rev. David Thorsen of Bethany Covenant Church officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Park.

Born July 1, 1881, in Aberdare, Scotland, Mrs. Luchan died Nov. 14 in Botsford General Hospital.

Surviving are two sons, William of Scotland, John of Detroit and Alexander of Warren; daughter, Mrs. Alexander (Maynard) Crawford of Dearborn; and Mrs. George Brink of Farmington. 19 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

JAMES GARLAND RANDOLPH, Requiem Mass for Mr. Randolph, 54, of 2405 Middle Belt, Farmington, was held Nov. 13 in St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, the Rev. Joseph A. Drozdzewski officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, St. Francis Church, 4401 Kings of Columbus and St. Clare Church said rosary in the Heaver-Sundquist Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 6, 1916, in Jackson, Tenn., Mr. Randolph died very suddenly while at work Nov. 10. He had been a mechanical supervisor for the Detroit Edison Co. and a member of St. Francis Council 4401.

Surviving are his wife, Irene Clara; parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Randolph of Jackson, Tenn.; sons, Richard and Jimmie at home and David of Florida; daughter, Mrs. Lawrence (Kathy) Frame of Ann Arbor and Christine, a student at Michigan State University; brothers, John, William, Thomas and Edward; sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Mannweather, Mrs. Esther Ammon, Mrs. Ritahe Auer, Mrs. Mary Malin, Mrs. Gloria Golden and Miss Patricia Randolph; and one grandchild.

MRS. GRACE S. MOORE, Services for Mrs. Moore, 87, of 6822 Marshall in Garden City were Nov. 9 in R. G. and G. R. Hane Funeral Home in Garden City. The Rev. R. R. Hane of Garden City Presbyterian Church officiated. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Moore died Nov. 5 in Henry Ford Hospital. She lived all her life in Garden City.

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