

# Suburban Groups Battle Over Poverty Funds

A public hearing will be held by a committee of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners as a prelude to designating a community action agency to direct the anti-poverty program in Wayne County outside Detroit.

The hearing will be conducted by the Commissioners' Committee on Economic Opportunity at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 21 in the City-County Building auditorium.

Two groups are competing for the designation. At stake is direction of economic opportunity programs which, based on past funding, may involve more than a million dollars in federal and local funds.

Poor People's corporation. Its spokesmen, Henrietta Lesinski and Arlene Arrington, both of Taylor, said the incorporators are low-income residents of the target areas.

A compromise proposal is also expected to be aired at the public hearing. County Commissioner George F. Killen, of Detroit, D-District 2, has proposed that the competing groups be combined to operate the program. Killen is vice chairman of the Commissioners' Committee on Economic Opportunity.

The Board of Commissioners approved "in principle" the non-profit corporation concept at its April 1 meeting.

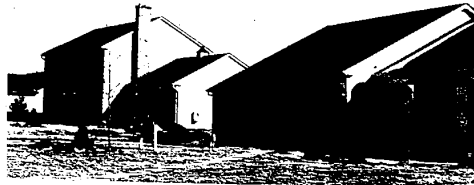
Under the plan, the board will designate a non-profit corporation which, as stated by a committee report, "would be solely responsible for funds received and programs approved." The corporation would be eligible for 75 per cent federal funding, with

the 25 per cent local share consisting of cash or staff services.

The Board of Commissioners, which would have several of its members on the corporation board, would have the right to withdraw its designation at any time the Board of Commissioners felt the program was not operating effectively.

Federal funding, amounting to \$776,000 last year, for economic opportunity programs in the eight target areas was not renewed after it expired last Nov. 30 because the Chicago OEO considered the program "generally ineffective" as then headed by a citizens committee.

The Board of Commissioners spent \$40,000 to keep the program functioning through December while efforts were made to reverse the federal decision. Finally, eight neighborhood action centers were closed and some 90 employees were laid off.



WEDGEWOOD COMMONS, the Thompson-Brown development at Farmington and 13 1/2 Mile roads in Farmington Township, has seven furnished homes on display.

## Sub Boasts 22-Acre Commons

Thompson-Brown Co. has opened Wedgewood Commons, a subdivision built on the "community commons" concept, at Farmington and 13 1/2 Mile roads in Farmington Township.

Prime feature is that 22 of the 78 acres have been devoted to a park-like commons, reserved in perpetuity for subdivision residents.

It includes more than 4,000

feet of bicycle, hiking and tricycle trails; a large shelter with an open-faced fireplace; tennis and shuffleboard courts that can be converted into skating rinks in winter; a basketball pad; and a children's play area with sand, swings and slides.

Seven models are on display — three ranch and four colonial — ranging from \$45,900 to \$61,900.

Builders include Eldorado Homes, Inc., Meverson Building Co., Nedra Building Co. and Roth-Marks & Co.

EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHILDREN

Little Angels Shoppe  
The Clothes Tree

615 & 643 N. Mill St.  
Plymouth

# Toro Takes Care

a good thing for you that we do

When it comes to lawnmowers, either the kind you walk behind or the kind you ride, you get exactly what you pay for. Any kind of blade, under any kind of engine, will spin around and knock down grass. But there's a lot more than that to designing and building a quality lawnmower. For example:



**The GUARDIAN<sup>+</sup> Mower**

Top model starts with a key—you're nowhere near the blade. There's a rear safety shield, blade guard, deflector bar and safety stop switch. The "Careful Mower" for the careful buyer—\$119.95 to \$209.95.

15" Self Propelled  
Reg. 159.95  
**SALE \$139.95**

**Don't waste time on crab grass**

Fertilize the grass and kill the bugs at the same time! ORTHO-GRO Crab Grass Control plus Insecticide. Fertilizer takes care of whatever's getting your lawn down. Controls crab grass, poa annua, kills turf insects. All this in clean pellet form.

8000 SQ. FT. Reg. 14.95 **SAVE 5.50 SALE \$9.45**

**PLASTIC BAGS**

Alpha bags make yard cleanup easier! Choose a 20-pak of 20-gallon trash can liners or the 12-pak of 5-bushel all-purpose clean-up bags. In each handy dispenser box you get a FREE tape of 98 Aster seeds spaced perfectly for healthy growth. Cut tape to desired length and plant tape dissolves in soil.

**CLOSED**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

3 MILE ROAD  
N. FARMINGTON ROAD

**LIVONIA HARDWARE**

POINT: GA 3755 437-1611  
OPEN: DAILY 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. SUNDAY 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

BUY - SELL - TRADE - Call 522-0900

# Oakland Move Stymies Fight Against Bell

By JACKIE KLEIN

A Democratic committee chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners attempted to stop Michigan Bell Telephone Co.'s proposed rate increase Thursday. The attempt was squelched when two Republican committee members refused to attend a meeting on the issue.

Commissioner Joseph Barakat (D-Madison Heights), chairman of the local and regional affairs committee, called the meeting to discuss authorization by the full board for Prosecuting Attorney

Thomas Plunkett and corporation counsel Robert Allen to intervene in Michigan Bell's application for a 19.54 per cent rate increase.

REPUBLICAN members Robert Patnales (Royal Oak) and Richard Wilcox (Ortonville) would have made a quorum at the meeting. Barakat called their refusal to attend "a childish power play."

Patnales and Wilcox stated that the meeting, called at the "last minute" after the regular session was almost over, was "not properly called."

"If it's that urgent, we should have been called sooner," Patnales said. "We're entitled to five days notice according to the rules."

Barakat said Michigan Bell's hearing before the state Public Service Commission has already been formalized and board approval for intervention must be acted upon immediately. The 1963 constitution allows counties to intervene in utility service rates, he noted.

**HELP!**

Change of fashion or change of weight. Lapham's tailoring shop is equipped to handle any alteration or tailoring need for both men and women — personal fittings.

L. P. Lapham's Menswear Shop — 404 E. Howell — 349-2872

• PAINT  
• WALLPAPER  
• IMAGINATION

**Poppe's gallery**

115 E. MAIN, NORTHVILLE  
TELEPHONE 348-2650

# International Night Talent Is Sought

An International Night is in the planning stages at the Schoolcraft College, but the three student groups in charge

need help from the community.

The International Club, the Gourmet Club, and the United Arabian Student Organization

## Physiology Workshop Is Planned

"Teaching Anatomy-Physiology in the Community College — Problems and Solutions" will be the theme for a workshop that Schoolcraft College will host on Saturday, April 20.

The workshop will be sponsored by the Association of Community College Biologists. Twenty-five participants are expected to review and discuss anatomy-physiology courses offered on 13 campuses.

are planning the evening activity for April 30. So far the plans include a bazaar and an international dinner featuring a variety of foreign cuisine prepared by the talented Gourmet Club.

But they plan to wind up the evening with international entertainment and are now looking for community groups or individuals who are interested in performing. They also are seeking pastry contributions for an international bake sale.

The biggest advantage for the volunteer performers is that they will be able to enjoy the delicious dinner at no cost.

Volunteers are asked to contact John Hesko or Prontash Nag at the college or Nancy Struel on Lyndon in Livonia.

## Brooks Named

Robert A. Brooks, newly named director of Michigan State University's School of Medical Technology, was a Big Ten fencing champion as an MSU undergraduate in 1962.

**WELCOME WASH**

THE WORLD IS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS WHEN YOU'RE IN LOVE...

When that special time comes and he finally pops the question... be sure to call

*Welcome Wagon*

LIVONIA 427-3454  
FARMINGTON 851-0241  
PLYMOUTH and NORTHVILLE 453-8289  
SOUTHFIELD 624-6589

**SWING INTO... Spring**

With a new Washer and Dryer!

Replace Your Old Washer and Dryer with a New 18 lb. Washer and Automatic Termination Dryer!

Washer Prices Start at **\$209<sup>95</sup>** with trade  
Dryer Prices Start at **\$169<sup>95</sup>** with trade

**FRIGIDAIRE**

Frigidaire's jet-action 1-18 washer washes 1 piece to 18 pounds — or any size load in between. Flowing Heat 1-18 dryer has Permanent Press care. Dries up to 18 pounds — yet it's only 27" wide.

**GIBSON**

Gibson's big 18-lb capacity washer features 2 speeds, 3 cycles, water level selector and all porcelain top. The dryer features a special no-press cycle, three temperature settings, an audio-termination signal and all porcelain top.

**Consumers Power**

Credit Term Applications Available

11801 FARMINGTON RD., LIVONIA  
Open Friday Evenings 'til 9 p.m.

MJ-135-51

# Truck Driver Training Scholarships Available

Michigan's trucking industry is currently offering seven \$305 tuition scholarships to enroll in the nationally recognized Truck Driver Training School at Lansing Community College.

The scholarships are open to any eligible person in Michigan, with members of minority groups being given preference.

Deadline for applying for the scholarships is May 1.

For an application, U. S. Department of Transportation physical examination form, or further information, write to:

**The Michigan Trucking Association**  
501 S. Capital Avenue  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

- To be eligible, a person must:
1. Be a Michigan resident.
  2. Be at least 21 years old.
  3. Have a valid Michigan operator's license and an acceptable driving record.
  4. Possess high moral character.
  5. Read, write and speak the English language.
  6. Not be addicted to drugs and excessive use of alcohol.
  7. Be able to appear for approximately 160 hours of instruction in four weeks.
  8. Be recommended by a Michigan Trucking Association firm or by some reliable person of stature in your community, such as a former high school teacher, a minister, city official or present or former employer.

The Michigan trucking industry is an equal opportunity employer.