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## 2 College Vote Bills Conflict

A Senate bill proposing at-large trustee elections for Schoolcraft College and a House bill giving community college districts a choice in having at-large or district elections were both reported out of committees last week.

Sen. Carl Pursell's (R-Plymouth) bill calling for at-large elections was narrowly reported out of the Senate Education Committee Thursday by a 3-2 vote. Co-sponsor Sen. William Faust (D-Westland) opposed it until possible amendments to the bill could be investigated.

Rep. Marvin Stempien (D-Livonia) won a compromise on his bill calling for trustee elections from single-member districts. The Stempien bill would affect nearly all community colleges in the state, including Oakland Community College. The House Committee on Colleges and Universities unanimously backed the compromise version, which would give each of the 20 college districts the option to have at-large or district elections.

# Task Force Will Combat Recall By 'Selling' Truth

A mother's concern over an attack on the Farmington Board of Education utilizing half-truths has resulted in an organization being formed this past week.

The Committee for Knowledge, Involvement and Decisions (KIDS) was formed Monday night, May 3, at a meeting in the fellowship hall of Farmington First Presbyterian Church.

**THE GOALS** of this group are to:

- Strongly support all three of the family life education (FLE) curriculum reports, with special effort to work for implementation of the minority understanding report now being considered by the board.

- Counteract efforts being made to recall four members of the school board by giving them active support.

- Seek a moderate candidate to run for the seat on the school board being vacated by John Washburn

III, who has announced he will not seek re-election in June.

**ACTING CHAIRMAN** of the Committee for KIDS is Mrs. Arline Bittker, the Farmington Township housewife who a couple weeks ago contacted this newspaper about mistruths she had discovered were being circulated by opponents of the FLE programs.

After the article was printed about her individual efforts to get the facts, Mrs. Bittker began receiving phone calls from other residents interested in schools.

She explained the idea of forming the committee resulted from a series of phone calls between persons upset by the attacks made against the FLE program and the school board by people dealing with half-truths who are frequently misinformed.

At the initial May 3 meeting, about 30 residents attended and also elected Mrs. Barbara Meggering acting secretary and Dick Edgar as acting treasurer.

**THE COMMITTEE'S** next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 11, at 8 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Farmington First Presbyterian Church. Those who affirm the directions taken by the school board and who wish to continue these programs are being invited to attend.

As part of its function of disseminating knowledge about Farmington's proposed curriculum additions, the committee urges citizens to attend the showing of sex education films to be used by the schools. The showings, sponsored by the Board of Education, will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13, in Harrison High School.

Residents may also inform themselves further by inspecting social studies textbooks being considered by use. The books will be on display May 10-14 in the school administration building on Shilwassee just west of Power Rd.



**STEVENS ARRAIGNED** — Mark P. Stevens, 21, of Livonia, confers with his attorney while being arraigned Tuesday in Southfield District Court on charges of conspiracy to bomb and placing a bomb in the biology lab of Orchard Ridge Campus. (Photo by Terry Burke)

## Bomb Suspects Facing Exam

Southfield District Judge Clarence J. Reid Jr. arraigned one of the final two suspects Thursday in the March 19 bombing at Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Township.

David L. Dickason, who surrendered Wednesday night to state police at the Redford post, stood mute at his arraignment and bond was set at \$10,000.

Another suspect, a 16-year-old girl from Ann Arbor, has been arrested and turned over to Oakland County juvenile authorities.

**DICKASON WILL** face a pre-trial examination before Judge Reid on Monday, May 10, along with the other two suspects arrested Monday night, Mark P. Stevens of Livonia and Eileen M. Orr of Highland Park.

Dickason, like Miss Orr and Stevens, is being charged with conspiracy to bomb and placing a bomb with intent to destroy. Reid set bond at \$5,000 for each charge against Dickason.

The judge on Tuesday had set bonds totalling \$20,000 each for Miss Orr and Stevens.

Dickason and the juvenile were the two suspects police announced they were seeking after Monday's arrests.

Oakland County Prosecutor Thomas Plunkett says his office is undecided whether to request that the juvenile stand trial as an adult.

The juvenile was arrested about 3 p.m. Wednesday at a friend's home on Appoline St.

in northwest Detroit where she was temporarily staying. She has been a ward of the Washtenaw County Court since running away from her parents' home in Ann Arbor.

At one time, police report, she was staying with Miss Orr at the home at 15401 DaCosta, Detroit, where Miss Orr was arrested Monday night.

Dickason, 21, of 18925 Birchcrest, Detroit, surrendered to state police at 11 p.m. Wednesday. He was known by the alias "Dugas."

**BOTH STEVENS, 21,** and Miss Orr, 21, had once attended Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia.

Stevens was expelled from Schoolcraft in 1969 after yelling obscenities at the college trustees at a meeting when trustees voted to reprimand five faculty members whose names had appeared on an anti-war poster which had obscenities on it.

Stevens was convicted by a Livonia District Court jury and fined \$200, sentenced to 30 days in jail and placed on probation. That sentence was reversed, however, by Wayne County Circuit Court which ruled the local ordinance March 15 with one could not be used to violate Stevens' freedom of speech.

Miss Orr's only arrest was for disorderly conduct in June 1970. She had been with a crowd of youth involved in a disturbance at Cass Lake and was arrested on a sidewalk near the Oakland County Jail in Pontiac while attempting to talk with prisoners.

Miss Orr attended Schoolcraft from August 1968 to April 1969 and had earned a practical nursing license after attending from Ferris State College in Big Rapids.

She had been in California about a month, police say, and had just returned a couple weeks before the Ridge bombing incident. After her arrest, police found a cache of explosives in a bedroom closet in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Orr, in Garden City.

Her parents were not aware of the seven boxes of explosives, including 20 sticks of dynamite, being in the house. Miss Orr's 17-year-old sister had been named Junior Miss in Westland earlier this year.

**THE FOUR** now under custody are being charged with placing two pipe bombs in the biology lab of Orchard Ridge. Although no one was injured, several thousands of dollars damage was done to laboratory equipment and plate glass windows.

The bombing happened on a Friday, five days after a racial disturbance had broken out on the campus which resulted in half a dozen students being assaulted on March 15 with one hospitalized. No arrests have yet been made for the assault.

The bombing followed a couple days of quiet on the Ridge campus and police, at the time, suspected the explosions were done by persons not attending Orchard Ridge. The protest, James Manilla of Livonia, believed it was the work of outsiders.



**MONEY-SAVER** — These workers pouring cement for Farmington Township volunteered to serve on a weekend labor crew instead of spending the weekend in Oakland County Jail. The Farmington District Court is thus saved expense of paying for the prisoners stay in jail and improvement jobs can be done for city and township governments without labor costs.

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### Windy Secrets

Do topography and the climate have any bearing on political science? Daniels Den sees a relationship while pondering what's going on with the Farmington Board of Education and the minority understanding report it once approved in principle.

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### Can You Vote?

There's not much time left to register for the June 14 school election, and all the deadlines and special hours are reported inside along with news about a fire quickly extinguished by Farmington Township firefighters, a boy who was killed when a car fell on him, and a controversial rezoning being considered by the Village of Wood Creek Farms.

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## Prisoners Are Beautifying Area

By LINDA BOYD Township have a choice of sitting out their sentence in the Oakland County Jail or working it off on weekend Ordinance violators in Farmington City) and

beautification projects. The latter course has as many advantages for both offender and authorities as jail has its disadvantages.

"I feel the Oakland County Jail is a place for no one except a hardened criminal," Farmington District Judge Michael Hand said. "Many of the people we see have traffic violations or suspended drivers licenses. If we send them to jail, they not only get nothing out of it but they sit in a very bad atmosphere besides."

**AS AN ALTERNATIVE,** Judge Hand assigns such violators to a work sentence of several days to either city or township authorities.

"Saturday and Sunday are the work days so they won't lose their job," Hand said. "They arrive at 8 a.m. and work until 4 p.m."

"We provide lunch and two coffee breaks," Township Supervisor Earl Tepler said. "It turns they do jobs around the township hall or in the community that do not get done by the regular maintenance personnel."

"In six years we have only had two violators walk away," Hand said.

"All in all, we've had no problem out of 95 per cent of the persons involved," says

## Local Men Are Indicted In Raid

Three Farmington residents were indicted this week as part of a massive gambling raid headed by the FBI on Wednesday night and early Thursday morning.

The FBI and Detroit area police, about 400 officers and agents, arrested about 150 persons in 37 cities, including Detroit.

Neil Welch, chief of the Detroit FBI office, says the gambling operation was earning about \$50 million a year and bringing in about \$40,000 a day.

**SIXTEEN DETROIT** police officers, including a top ranking inspector, were indicted for accepting bribes and a total of 151 persons were indicted.

Farmington residents indicted were: Milton J. Largest, 47, of 22814 Glenmore Dr.; Leonard L. Slobin, 37, of 27288 Arden Park Circle; and

Robert H. Weltzman, 47, of 26856 Botsford Dr.

Also indicted were five Livonia residents and two Westland residents.

Leader of the operation, according to Welch, was Charles ("Chickie") Sherman, 65, of Southfield, who conducted his business out of the Anchor Bar at 710 Fourth St., Detroit.

**SHERMAN WAS** indicted for supervising and controlling bets while the Farmington residents were indicted on various federal gambling charges.

Welch says Sherman bossed 12-15 branch bookmakers with each bookie accepting \$1,000 to \$4,000 daily in bets.

Detroit Police Inspector Alex Wierzbicki, who had been with the department more than 25 years, was among the 16 police indicted.

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motion?

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