

## Area Senators Nix Tax Hike

A bill to increase the state income tax by one per cent was overwhelmingly defeated in the Senate last week with Observers' four senators helping to vote it down.

Sens. David Plawecki (D-Deerborn Heights), William Faust (D-Westland), Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth), and Daniel Cooper (D-Oak Park) opposed the bill.

Though it is widely believed that a hike in income tax is necessary, the bill failed after a resolution to have voters choose if they want to cut the school portion of property taxes also failed.

Opponents of the bill argued that it was unfair to increase income taxes without first giving property owners and renters tax relief.

The state's fiscal year begins Thursday with no indication of what the state revenue will be.

## 5 In Area Get MBA Degrees

Five Observersland executives have earned master of business administration degrees in Michigan State University's advanced management program.

The intensive two-year program was conducted in Detroit by members of the MSU faculty for middle management and senior business executives.

The program cost each participant's employer about \$3,000 and candidates had to spend 15 to 20 hours on assignments and studies in addition to attending classes two evenings a week.

Local men are:  
Richard L. Huber, 31830 Coronet Dr., Farmington, on the personnel staff of General Motors.

William L. Surbrook, 31740 Daifany Dr., Farmington, superintendent of manufacturing for GM's Fort Street Fisher Body plant in Detroit.  
Kenneth L. Way, 36571

Gardner, Livonia, production control manager for Lear Siegler, Inc.

James R. O'Neill, 29762 Chelmsford, Southfield, assistant manager for Michigan Inspection Bureau.

Robert J. Boduch, 15660 Huff, Livonia, personnel director for Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital and Medical Center.

## 3 U.S. Reps Support Public Works Bill

One of a series of public works bills facing the Congress passed the House last week with the support of three Observersland congressmen.

Officially called the Appalachian Regional Development Act, the bill provides \$2 billion for public works, \$2 billion for regional development plans, and \$1.5 billion for the Appalachian development program.

Congressmen William Ford (D-Taylor), William Broomfield (R-Royal Oak), and Jack McDonald (R-Farmington) voted for the bill while Congressman Marvin Esch (R-Ann Arbor) opposed it.

It has passed in the Senate by 65-33 and then passed the House 275-104. However, the bill still faces a shaky future since it is opposed by the Nixon Administration and could be rejected.

## Pursell Votes For Welfare Benefits Limit

Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) was the only Observersland senator to vote for a residency requirement on eligibility for welfare benefits.

Both Sen. David Plawecki (D-Deerborn Heights) and Sen. Daniel Cooper (D-Oak Park) voted against the bill and Sen. William Faust (D-Westland) did not vote on it.

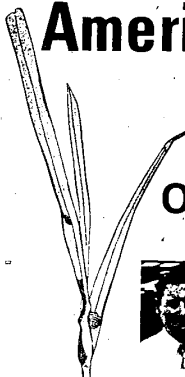
The bill would require one year residence in Michigan to qualify for the benefits. It passed the Senate by 23-7 and was sent to the House.

The bill was sponsored by Sen. Charles O. Zollar, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee of which Pursell is a member.



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## 8 In Area Get PhDs At Wayne

Eight area residents were among 59 men and women who were awarded doctor of philosophy degrees from Wayne State University in Detroit. Commencement ceremonies were held last week in Cobo Hall.

The 33,000-student Michigan school granted 4,995 degrees, in addition to 130 doctors of medicine who were graduated in separate ceremonies June 14.

The eight who received their Ph.Ds included:

Sidney H. Grosberg, 16249 Hilton Road, Southfield (sociology).

Douglas H. Wallace, 9925 Westmore, Livonia (psychology).

John N. Turner, 15825 Green Lane Road, Livonia (psychology).

Alvin B. Bradley, 960 Douglas, Garden City (higher education).

LeRoy C. Westwood, 30518 Louise, Westland (chemistry).

Mrs. Charlotte Neuhauser, 31581 Lamar Drive, Farmington (education).

Rudolph F. Bachmann, 27890 Echo Valley, Farmington (clinical psychology).

B. Irvin Summers, 22950 Warner, Farmington (higher education).

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