

## Circuit Judges Approve Grand Jury Investigation

# DRC Plans Own Probe of Dope Charges

Inked by newspaper reports of irregularities in the conduct of racing at the Detroit Race Course and by a demand from State Attorney General Frank Kelley for a one-man grand jury investigation of the charges, E. E. Dale Shaffer, president of the DRC, has taken steps of his own to conduct a thorough survey and investigation of racing and racing personnel at all levels at the race track.

Shaffer requested and received the immediate services of Spencer Drayton, president of the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau and executive vice president of the Thoroughbred Racing Association, and John Brennan, the executive vice president of the TRPB, to conduct the investigation.

They arrived at the track located at the intersection of Schoolcraft and Middlebelt Roads in Livonia, Friday and have started their work.

Meanwhile, the 21 judges of the Wayne County Circuit Monday voted to establish a new Wayne County grand jury to investigate charges of both corruption in politics and criminal operations at the Detroit Race Course.

By their action, the judges approved a request for a new Wayne County grand jury filed last week by Judge Thomas Murphy, who presided at the session, disclosed that the circuit judges raised many points about the legality of a new grand jury at the meeting.

The points will be turned over to the State Supreme Court for a decision before Sept. 1 when the new grand jury is to be named.

However, Murphy said the judges approved the petition Kelley filed. It charged that: "Certain persons, either as candidates or treasurers of political committees" have filed false campaign expenses.

—Unnamed public officials have been bribed to prevent the enforcement of laws against gambling and prostitution.

—Payoffs have been made to public officials for favors, including appointments to jobs.

—Public officials and others have threatened "to accuse others of crimes," with the intent of extorting money.

—Horses have been drugged at the Detroit Race Course to determine the outcome of races.

—Some officers and employees of the Michigan Racing Commission and Department of Agriculture have been willfully neglecting their duties.

—Unlicensed owners using assumed names, have entered horses in races at the Detroit Race Course.

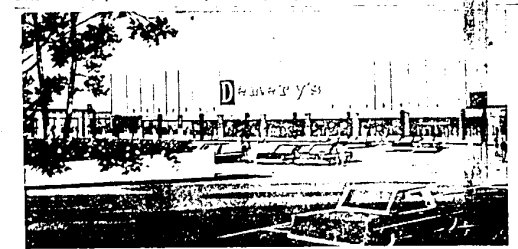
—There have been conspiracies among public officials and employees to violate the 1959 Racing law and Michigan election laws that have resulted in an obstruction of justice.

In seeking a new grand jury, Kelley said the investigation would result in citizens having "their confidence in the processes of law and order reaffirmed."

Kelley asked that the investigation begin soon, but he gave no date.

Thomas M. Kavanagh, Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, would not comment on the forthcoming request for an opinion.

Fifty-two per cent of all state general fund expenditures in Michigan are invested in education.



THIS IS ARTIST'S conception of how the new Demery's store at 12 Mile and Farmington Roads in Farmington will look for Monday's ribbon-cutting opening ceremony.

## Demery's Cut Ribbon Mon. in Farmington

### Demery's Will Hold Ribbon Cutting Monday

Demery's is cutting a ribbon instead of a cake on the occasion of their 55th Anniversary. The third Demery's department store will be opened officially Monday, Aug. 22 at Farmington Road at 12 Mile. John William Butler, Chairman of the Board of D. Mery's, has invited local city and township officials to assist in the brief ceremony at 9:30 a.m.



John W. Butler

The parent Demery's store has been a landmark at Woodward and Milwaukee since 1911. The Birmingham store at Woodward and Hamilton was opened in April of 1961. The new store located in the Demery's shopping plaza, will follow the convenient, three-level "ranch style" design of the Birmingham store but be much larger and more elaborate.

Asked about Demery's future expansion plans, Butler indicated that the Farmington store was "only the beginning. The success of our Birmingham branch has proven our ability to expand with an expanding Detroit."

The Demery's corporation is privately owned by the John Wm. Butler family of Birmingham and the Charles A. Peck family of Detroit. Other officers include C. L. Damon, vice-president; Warren M. Rappenhagen, vice-president and treasurer; and Clare L. Provost, controller.

Under the provisions of Michigan's 1850 Constitution, the State Legislature was required to provide free schools by 1855. Action was deferred, however, until 1869 when all public schools became free to all.

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Among Detroit's "success" stories in retailing is the Demery's chain of department stores, which will open its new branch at Farmington and 12 Mile Roads, Monday, Aug. 22. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies are scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

The original store at Woodward and Milwaukee, purchased in 1911 by Michael Demery, quickly became well-known for its superior lines of fine Irish linens. Gradually, other departments were added. An "entertainment" advertisement featured Children's Straw Sailors at 10c . . . Boys' Bathing Suits at 15c . . . Knickerbockers for 55c . . . Auto Goggles at 35c . . . Paper Collars at 15c per box.

Expanding into a 4 level, 67,000 sq. foot building, Demery's Woodward at Milwaukee store has long been a landmark in the New Center area. Now featuring hundreds of famous brands of merchandise, departments specialize in men's, women's, children's and infants' wear, linens, housewares and notions.

In 1961, Demery's opened its first suburban branch in Birmingham on Woodward at Hamilton . . . a three-level, 70 thousand square foot store which has been called "one of the most beautiful stores in America." Birmingham branch added the convenience of a Beauty Salon to the complete line of departments and opened a large S&H Redemption Center in the lower level for the convenience of its customers.

Demery's will open its third store in a complete shopping plaza called Demery's Farmington at Farmington and 12 Mile Roads. With almost two acres of selling area, the new store will be even larger and more elaborate than the Birmingham branch.

The new Farmington store features several innovations in retail store design. The main and lower levels have the largest installation of new, shadow-free "egg crate" lighting in this part of the country.

The store exterior, as well as those of the adjoining stores in the Demery's shopping plaza, features "aggregate" surfacing. This crisp, white surfacing of cast-in-place stone particles, is also the largest installation of its kind in the Midwest. Gold colored panels, accented with aluminum tubing, are used in contrast to the clean, white aggregate giving Demery's a distinctive, contemporary building.

The store's focal point is the centrally located escalator stairwell hung with a graceful, 16 foot high, custom-made chandelier visible from all three levels. Being a replica of the Birmingham store's chandelier, this may become Demery's "trade mark."

The men's clothing section is on a step-down level, with its own separate entrance.

Decor is early American style highlighted by wagon wheel gaslight fixtures with ruby globes. Carpetsing is of red and black tweed. Black leather captain's chairs and post lanterns lend a clublike atmosphere. For the adjoining men's furnishings and boys' wear, the same masculine atmosphere is maintained with heraldic symbols of lions on backgrounds of burnt tenna.

### Meet Your Carrier



Pat and Tom Smythe, 15639 Leona Drive, Bedford township, are just one of many sets of brothers delivering the Observer newspaper through the six-community area.

They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Smythe, carry B. averages at St. Valentine School and declare history is their favorite subject.

Pat likes art and reading and Tom prefers mechanics. They have a combined total of three years service with the Observer newspaper and serve customers in the Lolo Valley area.

Tom collects miniature cars and was a member of the junior varsity football champions of 1965. Pat builds model cars and played on the American Little League champions in 1965, 1963 and 1964.

### In Battle of Bands Saturday

### 12 Combos to Vie At Wonderland Center

Twelve finalists—seven in Class A and five in Class AA—have been selected to compete for grand prizes in Wonderland Center's second annual "Battle of the Bands" contest.

Final competition will begin Saturday at 10 a.m., on the Wonderland bandstand, near Robinson Furniture. Young musical groups will battle it out for \$100 first prizes in "Class A" (all-student) and "Class AA" (non-student) divisions.

More than 40 groups have participated in the contest. The 12 finalists, and their times of appearance Saturday are:

- 10 a.m.—The Ravens—Rick Mitchell, Wayne Burdette, John Kendra, Rob Peters.
- 10:30—Just The Two of Us—David Boyd, Rick Swiecki.
- 11 a.m.—Changin' Times—Larry Prentiss, Larry Preston Murray, Mike Cozins, Mark Olson, Larry Sotmund.
- 11:30—The Features—

## County Schools Invited To Discuss Financial Problems

Two school districts whose boundaries include Westland are planning meetings to discuss the problem of financing educational needs.

Discussing the sessions, which will have all Wayne County school board members and superintendents involved, were the boards of the Nankin Mills district and the Wayne Community district.

Nankin Mills has its session scheduled for 8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23, in the Henry Ford Elementary School.

The Wayne meeting has not been scheduled as yet but the board last week adopted a resolution presented by Trustee Philip R. Biebesheimer.

Elwyn Dell, Wayne administrator, said Friday that although both meetings will cover the same topic, his district has not cancelled plans for its session.

Dell said that the Nankin Mills district invitation for the Aug. 23 meeting hasn't yet been received or evaluated.

He said that administrators will report to the school board at its Sept. 12 meeting to see if plans should proceed for a session on public schools money problems.

The Nankin Mills invitation went out to 38 of the county's 42 districts, excluding four which, the board felt had no serious financial problems.

Trustee David Goetz, also Nankin Mills legislative representative, said in his letter to the other boards and superintendents, that "it is becoming more and more difficult to pass school millages and bond issues. School districts are forced to cut services or extend necessary payments to continue the present level of education."

"We as educators have not done enough to insure us of enough monies from the state to plan a quality program," Wayne's Biebesheimer has proposed a state income tax to replace school property taxes.

The board member, who outlined his ideas for The Observer two months ago when he was asked to the Board of Education, favors a flat income tax earmarked for educational purposes only with the school tax levy removed from the property assessment.

"I feel there has to be a solution to the problem and it has been my thought for a while."

Mike Jones, Dave McBurney, Dave Jesuale, Danny Ballas, Bob Perish.

2 p.m.—Teen Beats—Ken Zajac, George Attard, Ron Kallis, Rick Krajinski. (CLASS AA)

2:30 p.m.—"Tour of a Kind"—Terry Stramp, Dean Van Meter, Jerry Myers, George Smith.

3 p.m.—J. L. Knight and the Mite Riders—Ken Mills, Ron Reinhold, Ron F. Mike P. Gary Reese.

3:30—"The Delrons"—Louie Cingolani, Ron Kaman, Tom Diczek, Rick Kosinski.

4:30—"D.S.A."—Doug DeMates, Dennis Stein, Ron Leach, Ken Zwiernowski.

long time that the property owners have too much of a "tax burden," Biebesheimer said.

The idea of a meeting of all Wayne County school board members and superintendents was approved by the Wayne district's board last week in a resolution which said:

"The board of education invites the board members of

the 42 districts in Wayne County, the intermediate board of education on a county level and the superintendents of the districts to a meeting for the purpose of planning approaches to new methods of financing public schools.

"We also instruct the superintendent to make the necessary contacts with these individuals and arrange any

consultant services he might deem necessary to effectively accomplish the purposes of this meeting."

By consultants, Biebesheimer said, he wanted any state officials on hand at the meeting to provide information on the total amount of personal income tax and the funds now received by public school districts from property taxes.

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of Wayne County as they relate to the county's 43 school districts.

He is Walter J. Schumacher, an elementary classroom teacher for the past five years who has been active on various curriculum study committees.

Samuel Mangione, on leave of absence from the Lincoln Park School system, will direct the study financed under Title III of the National Secondary and Elementary Act.

Taxpayers in the county will foot the bill for the \$85,000 cost which is returned to them in the form of a grant.

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## Teacher Assisting County

Livonia's school district has given a leave of absence to one of