

## State Grants Franchise

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission has signed a lease to open a combination wholesale-retail liquor store at 33318 Grand River next to Civic Theater, Farmington. Lessors are Roy L. and Mary Belle Jenkins, 20760 St. Francis.

The lease is for three years, according to George Burke, Jr., commission business manager.

Burke says the store should be open for business Aug. 1. Although it will operate primarily as a wholesale outlet, retail buyers will find it convenient.

Township licenses which will probably deal at the store include two party stores, two drug stores and several bars. Six city taverns and three drugstores will also no doubt do business there. Liquor control authorities have had the Grand River site under study for several months.

# City's Lady Crime Fighter Speaks Softly, Carries a .38

By SHARON MOSAVAT

Policewoman Lee Heithar is the only woman in the Livonia Police Department and, as such, she has a lot of work to do.

She takes her job very seriously.

Although the rank of policewoman is considered parallel to that of patrolman in Livonia, she does the same type of investigative work that the detective sergeants do.

She is on call 24 hours a day, every day of the week. The specific cases assigned to Mrs. Heithar are all crimes committed against women, girls, and boys under 10. She is also assigned to all non-crimes involving women, girls and boys under 10, such as missing persons and neglect and cruelty cases.

You won't spot her easily, because she doesn't have a uniform. She explains:

"A policewoman should never wear a uniform because the work she does does not require that she be identified like the patrolman who directs traffic or knocks on people's doors."

She does have hands and a .38 caliber gun.

"I've never had to use the gun, but I do have to qualify each year in a departmental shoot." She must qualify with both the right and left hands, and from prone, kneeling, and standing positions.

For her trips to the courts, the prosecutor's office, and people's homes, she has the use of an unmarked department car, which is equipped with a radio.

As for self-defense, she says: "We had judo in Detroit, but I've never had karate."

The reference to Detroit is to her 10 years of experience in the Detroit Police Department. While she worked as an accountant with the federal government, she was invited by Miss Eleanor Huston to join the Detroit police force.

She met the qualifications, which were college graduation, two years of work experience, and background in an area working with people. The last one was fulfilled by her teaching experience before she worked in accounting, so decided to give police work a try.

She had six weeks of training at the Training School (now the Police Academy), which included instruction in city ordinances, state laws, and all phases of police work.

She spent 10 years with the Detroit police and then took out 10 years to raise her family. Then she returned to police work with the Livonia department, where she's been for two years.

"During that 10-year interval every law and every interpretation of the law was made to benefit the criminal. Having been away, I felt the impact very much," she said. "The courts and people at

large are sympathetic with the criminal, and rarely do they consider the victim."

She cited a rape case in which the girl was hospitalized and the man went free in six months.

"Right now my big concern is with the neglected child," she reports. She said that a delinquent child is required by law to have a hearing within 24 hours. But a child who suffers neglect or cruelty may wait months for a hearing.

Mrs. Heithar has been disappointed in the court action on the neglect cases which she has investigated and taken to court. She said:

"In the past few months we've had some bad cruelties, where the judge has ordered the children back into the home. This, to me, is inexcusable."

She described in detail her duties in following a case from beginning to end. On a rape that occurs at night, for example, she goes to the scene, takes the victim to the hospital, talks to all the witnesses, and tries to apprehend the man that night.

Then she follows through on the investigation and presents the evidence to the prosecutor to obtain a warrant. Sometimes she arrests the man, and sometimes the men detectives do.

Then she takes the case through Municipal Court, with the arraignment and examination. Then to Circuit Court for the arraignment on information and the trial, where she gets the witnesses and evidence to court and works with the prosecutor in the case.

After a conviction, she works with the probation department to give them as much help as possible with their pre-sentence report.

But that's not the end of it, for she is notified when the man re-enters the community after serving his time. She says:

"Sex criminals do repeat and use the same methods. So I remain a 'fix' on the sex criminals, which I started a year ago with the help of our Identification Bureau and Youth Bureau."

And again, her concern for the victim.

"It's just as important to help the victim, such as getting her psychological help," Mrs. Heithar says she works closely with the social agen-

ties and has good cooperation from Hawthorn Center.

In the non-crime cases, says Mrs. Heithar, people often don't know what to do or where to turn for help. As a result, she's had a number of cases where she has helped get someone committed to a mental institution.

With missing boys and girls, she says, "once they're located, you must decide how serious the problem is in the home. You must analyze whether the young person would respond to counseling. If he would not, you're legally obligated to file a complaint in Juvenile Court for delinquency."

A great deal of cooperation with other police departments is required. For the processing of evidence in scientific laboratories, Livonia uses the Detroit Police Department and the State Police Department. For lie-detecter equipment, Livonia turns to the State Police and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

"We have to keep in close touch with neighboring localities," Mrs. Heithar keeps close ties with Mrs. Sue Regan of Dearborn Heights, Sgt. Vil Mote of Redford Township, and Detective Beverly Scanzelli of the Sheriff's office. "Everybody's cooperative. You have to be to get anything accomplished."

Of her relationships with the men in the Livonia department she says: "I don't find I run into any problems working with them. They are real cooperative and real helpful. The Livonia department is a good police department, and all the men are very good."

Mrs. Heithar says of her career in police work:

"I've been real happy in it. I enjoy the work very much. It's interesting, and because of the way the laws are being interpreted today, it's a challenge to see that the right thing is done."

Public Safety Director Donald R. Nicholson says of his only policewoman, "She's number one, and number two, and number three, and number four!"



OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT preparations are made by members of the Livonia Family & Pioneer Day Camp for a trip to Kensington Park. Four more weeks of Pioneer Day Camp remain. Call the YMCA for information and registration (261-0378).

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## Theft Adds Up To Big Trouble

A Detroit man who is charged with taking an adding machine from the Livonia Sears store has been bound over to Wayne Circuit Court for trial.

Samuel Jones, Jr., 32, of 8350 Dumbarton, waived examination before Livonia Municipal Judge James R. McGinnis, who continued bond at \$1,000.

A Sears security officer said Jones put the \$125 adding machine in a paper bag and walked out of the store. Livonia police say Jones told them he stole it because he didn't have the money to pay his rent.

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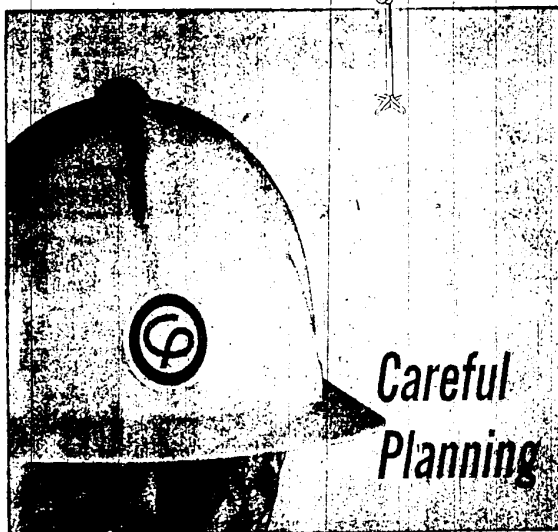
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