

Seniors Sought For Housing

Ship Cost May Be Reduced

Charles L. Cook, secretary/director of the Livonia Housing Commission, is surveying the city in search of senior citizens with limited income who are interested in living in a proposed apartment project.

He needs applications before proceeding with plans for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's regional office in Chicago.

If there is sufficient interest from persons 62 or older, the commission may qualify for financing through the Elderly Housing Loan Program. As a non-profit venture with a private sponsor, money can be had for 50 years at 3 per cent.

Donald A. Garrigan, chief of the Housing Assistance Office in Chicago, conferring with Cook and the commissioners, outlined the procedures toward obtaining such a loan. The questionnaire was a step to determine the need and the likelihood of full occupancy.

THE HOUSING can include not only the elderly, but 20 per cent of the units could go to the handicapped below that age.

Maximum income to qualify is set at \$4,600 for one person, \$5,400 a year for a married couple or two persons. However, commissioners said that by the time the units are built, the figures may be raised.

Twice the number of applicants as apartments would be considered evidence of the need, Cook was told. Since Livonia has considered 240 garden type apartments a likely quota, 480 persons would have to show interest.

David L. Jones, assistant director of the Livonia Department of Public Works and president of the commission, said it is likely the proposed project may be split, with 120 units as the first target, the rest later.

be built on the 8.8 acres the commission bought at Purlingbrook and St. Maritas to house senior citizens in both low-level and lower apartments.

Because the cost per unit could not exceed \$14,000, Jones said the units for middle-income people probably would be two-story structures, requiring no elevators. The cost includes land, site improvements, architectural and engineering fees, legal and administrative services, stoves and refrigerators, carpeting and all construction costs.

Two thirds of the units would be efficiency or alcove apartments, the rest one bedroom.

Rents, under the regulations, would be the same for the various units, not set according to income. They would be approx-

imately \$70 to \$120 a month, HUD specified, based on development cost and maintenance expense.

The questionnaires will ask applicants to list their income, not their assets, and the amount of rent they are paying or could pay. They also will obtain other required information.

Cook said the interested elderly can obtain the questionnaires at the housing commission offices in the Water and Sewer Department Building, at 1500 Farmington Road, near Five Mile Road—near Police Headquarters.

Or, for their convenience, interested persons can get the forms through the offices of the various units of the Senior Citizens Organizations.

He listed the retiree units as

Pioneer, Colonial, Friendship, Sunshine and Harmony, indicating their membership rolls total about 1,000 persons.

APPLICANTS for this type of residences have a higher annual income than those who would qualify for the tower type apartments.

The eight-story structures are planned for low income retirees, and each building would have 80 units. The limit for the authorized tower would be \$1,330,000, at an estimated \$17,000 a unit. Bids, however, exceeded the HUD limit, and revisions now are being made in the plans with the intention of asking rebids on the revised plan and alternatives. Applicants for the first tower exceed the required number for the fully

federal-financed structure. The commission had been authorized to proceed with preliminary plans for the two-tower.

Soaring costs of land, labor and materials have had their effect on the retiree residence planning, which has been underway for about five years. The commission, feeling an obligation to serve the community's elderly citizens, is attempting to take advantage of all federal financing, free or otherwise, that is available.

That's why Jones and Cook have asked that qualified retirees interested in senior citizen housing file forms as soon as possible. And why Mayor Harvey W. Moelke is asking the City Council to support the proposal by resolution.

NEW YORK—Some of the present safety considerations which keep the cost of nuclear ships high may not be necessary in the future.

In fact, according to a report delivered recently at the annual meeting of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, nuclear ships could be made economically competitive overnight by eliminating the many design and operational safety requirements.

BUT PROF. GEORGE L. West Jr., of the University of Michigan department of naval architecture and marine engineering, and E. J. Roland, a lieutenant in the U.S. Coast

Guard, cautioned that unique safety requirements of nuclear power should not and could not be abolished.

"Our goal," they said, "should be to reduce these requirements wherever possible, since they are the source of a significant part of nuclear power's present economic disadvantage."

Grocery Scales Must Be Accurate:

Guard Housewives' Dollar

American women have a valuable ally in their efforts to stretch housekeeping dollars and be sure of getting full net weight on every supermarket purchase, according to Senior Lieut. Robert C. Baumgartner of the Livonia Police Department.

Baumgartner calls housewives' attempts to obtain a seal of approval on every grocery-store scale—a seal that guarantees the scale has been tested and found accurate by

the Weights and Measures Department of the City of Livonia.

"LOSSES THROUGH weighing or measuring mistakes in your city could easily exceed losses by robbery," Baumgartner said.

"Did you know that the packaging industry in America is almost as huge as the automobile industry?" he queried. "That there are millions of weighings and measuring of things we buy; that even a

tiny error in underweight can cost a sizeable amount of money? "

"A mistake of just one ounce on a product sold for \$1 per pound is a little over 6 cents, but if repeated 100 times a day for a 300-day year, the total loss to housewives in a community the size of Livonia would be \$156,000.

"If an individual housewife loses just 1/2 or 1/4 ounce per pound on each purchase she makes, her estimated losses for the year, based on statistics for a family of four, would amount to about \$150."

BAUMGARTNER'S Livonia staff includes Cpl. Fred Benson and Cpl. Richard Czekiewicz, who each year check some 2,000 package items to see that they are properly weighed and labeled.

Contents range from meats and ice cream to fertilizer and bottled aspirin. The field force also checks weighing devices in grocery stores and food processing plants, and all liquid measuring devices where any commercial transactions are performed.

Weights and Measures Week commemorates the anniversary of the signing of the first standards adopted by Congress March 2, 1799.

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Livonia Arts Council Calendar

FEBRUARY
 WED. 28 — Meeting — 8:30 p.m.; Greater Livonia Council of Arts.
 WED. 28 — Founders Day Dinner — P. T. A. Council.
 WED. 28 — Concert — Edward Kingins, Tenor, Schoolcraft College.

MARCH
 SAT. 2 — Children's Play — "Greensleeve's Magic", 11-1-3; Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, Bentley High School Auditorium.
 TUE. 5 — Movie Classic Series, 7:15 u.m.; St. Ignace High School.
 FRI. 8 — Piccolo Opera Co.—Schoolcraft College.
 SAT. 9 — Children's Play — "Greensleeve's Magic", 11-1-3; Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, Franklin High School Auditorium.
 MON. 11 — Meeting — 7:30 p.m.; Metropolitan Creative Art Guild.
 THU. 14 — Meeting — 8:00 p.m.; Livonia Artist Club.
 THU. 14 — Meeting — 7:00 p.m. Jr. Guild; 8:00 p.m. Sr. Guild; Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, Guild Playhouse, 15138 Beach Road.
 FRI. 15-16 — Concert — Dist. IV Choral Festival, Eastern Michigan University.
 SAT. 16 — Children's Play — "Greensleeve's Magic", 11-1-3; Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, Redford Union Auditorium.

Traffic Takes Slight Dip The 'Big Mac'

ST. IGNACE — The Mackinac Bridge finished 1967 with a flourish, but traffic and revenue for the year were down slightly from 1966.

December traffic and revenue were the highest ever for the month since the bridge was opened 10 years ago. Traffic was up 11.3 per cent and revenue increased 11.2 per cent.

Traffic for the year was down 1.3 per cent, from 1,416,202 to 1,400,292 vehicles, and revenue was down eight-tenths of a per cent, from \$6,203,091 to \$6,152,705.

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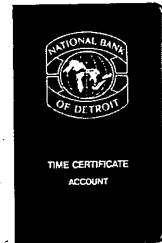
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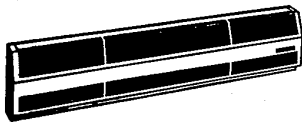
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| 133.72562 | 133.72566 | 133.725621 | 133.725661 |



It has been determined that under some conditions these heaters can be unsafe. If you own such a heater, contact the Manager of the nearest Sears retail store or catalog office. If it does not seem to be operating properly, shut it off immediately! Sears will arrange replacement of these units at no charge to the owner.

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