

# Dr. Clark Sues Asks Fee In Death Case

By FRED DELANO

The legal affairs of Dr. Ronald E. Clark, the Farmington physician who is accused of manslaughter in the death of a patient, have taken a new turn.

Dr. Clark, who informed the court that he now resides in Ann Arbor although still maintaining an office in Farmington, has started an \$50,000 law suit against the estate of a second patient who died under his care.

His action in Wayne County Circuit Court against the estate of the late Mrs. Hannah Winsper Bowerbank includes a request for payment of \$1,000 for medical services rendered Mrs. Bowerbank and her mother.

Mrs. Bowerbank, 55, who had worked for Dr. Clark for several years, died in her home at 14643 Hubbard, Detroit, on March 30, 1967. Circumstances of her death still are under investigation by Oakland County Prosecutor S. Jerome Bronson.

MEANWHILE, it has been revealed that Dr. Clark signed the death certificate as Mrs. Bowerbank's attending physician he didn't report the death until three months later. No autopsy was performed at the time, and law enforcement officials still are weighing whether to have Mrs. Bowerbank's body exhumed and an autopsy conducted now.

No disposition of this question is anticipated until after Dr. Clark stands trial in June on the manslaughter charge resulting from the death in his office at 30735 Grand River, Farmington Township, last Nov. 3 of Mrs. Grace Neil, 43, of 20225 Rensselaer, Livonia.

Dr. Clark is accused of caus-

ing Mrs. Neil's death by administering an overdose of sodium pentothal, the so-called "truth serum," while treating her for a heart ailment.

Like Mrs. Bowerbank, Mrs. Neil also was employed by Dr. Clark and according to police investigators was at Mrs. Bowerbank's home at the time of the latter's death a year ago.

WAYNE COUNTY Circuit Judge Charles Kaufman has issued an injunction preventing the Bowerbank estate from being closed in probate court pending settlement of Dr. Clark's claims. Only exceptions to the injunction are such payments as taxes, funeral and administrative expenses.

Mrs. Bowerbank's brother, William H. Winsper, of Marshall, is executor.

Dr. Clark, through Atty. Stephen G. Lucky, has petitioned that he be declared the owner, instead of Mrs. Bowerbank's heirs, of:

1. The two Farmington Township lots at 30735 Grand River, on which he places an estimated value of \$20,000.
2. A total of 955 shares of stock in 13 separate companies which he claims are worth \$43,253, plus unspecified dividends which have been paid on the same stocks dating back as far as 1951.
3. Cash amounting to \$5,000.
4. Bank balances of \$400.
5. Jewels worth \$1,200.
6. A coin collection valued at \$5,000.
7. A 1964 Plymouth Fury valued at \$1,200.
8. Medical expenses of \$1,000.

# Ravitz Outlines Rebuilding Plan

By MARGARET MILLER  
Women's Editor

Detroit City Councilman Mel Ravitz would give odds about 50 to 40 against repopulation of last summer's rioting.

"And if we can get through this summer without major incident, and use the 18 months we gain to make some meaningful changes, we have a chance to build a better Detroit," he told a Farmington gathering Wednesday night.

Ravitz, also, sociology professor at Wayne State University, spoke at the First Methodist Church and outlined several steps he feels the city must take toward solution of its race problems.

"WHEN I SAY 'city,'" he emphasized, "I mean, of course, the whole metropolitan area. The idea that the City of Detroit should do it alone and all will be well with those who live outside its borders is sheer nonsense."

Necessary rebuilding steps he listed included:

\*Commitments from employers for many more jobs—"not the 10,000 jobs they've been talking about, but at least twice that number."

\*An end to all discrimination in employment.

\*Better lines of communication on a continuing basis with the people who live in the inner-city.

"WHILE THE SUBURBS are circulating reports that the inner-city Negroes are going to come out here with guns," he said, "the rumor in the ghettos is that we're going to invade them with guns."

He commended Southfield police for urging people to put their faith in law officers and "if you're afraid, don't get a gun; get a dog."

Ravitz deplored the recent rash of gun purchases and said his own great fear is that "some trigger-happy gun-owner may unintentionally start serious trouble."

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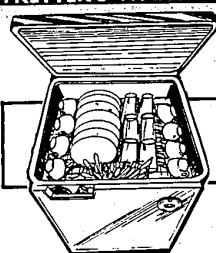
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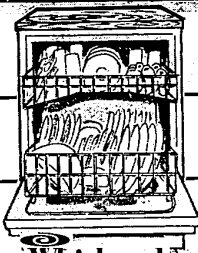
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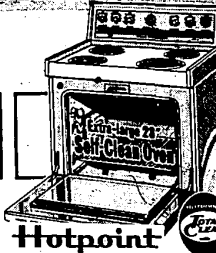
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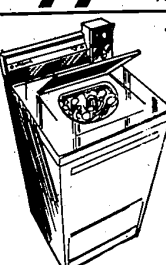
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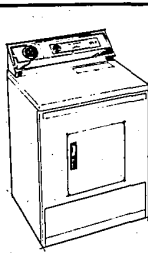


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