

State And Local Roundup

New State Capitol Backed By Building Agency

LANSING -- The State Building Commission recommended to Gov. Romney and the Legislature that Michigan construct a new capitol building and retain the present building for other purposes. As of the present building, it recommended a spot about three blocks west of the present building.

The proposed new building would house all legislative offices, committee rooms, Senate and House chambers, the governor's office and his executive staff.

The Joint Capital Outlay Committee Subcommittee of the Legislature has recommended a half-million dollars be spent to get the new building building under way before 1970.

DETROIT -- City Commission Louis C. Miriani was convicted in federal court of four counts of income tax evasion. The former mayor faces up to 20 years in prison and \$40,000 in fines. The government charged he owed \$154,000 in taxes and penalties and failed to report \$281,000 in income.

MELVINDALE -- Police charged Ronald R. Price, 22, of Southgate, with manslaughter in the case of two motor-

LNB Asks Stock Sale

Livonia National Bank shareholders will be asked to approve the sale of 4,000 additional shares of common stock at a special shareholder's meeting.

Current stockholders will have the opportunity to subscribe for the additional shares at a price of \$50 a share, on the basis of one new share for each 12.5 held.

The additional capital will provide a broader equity base for the Livonia bank whose deposits have grown to \$40 million and whose loans total \$31 million, from \$10 million deposits and \$5 million loans only four years earlier.

Its capital account at \$2.2 million on April 30 was up only 100 per cent from the \$1.1 million at the end of 1963, while the bank's size was quadrupling.

According to Elvin D. Dougherty, president of the local bank, preliminary approval has been received from the Administrator of National Banks, William Camp, in Washington, D.C., and the bank's board of directors.

Award Simons Auto Training Certificate

E.W. Simons, 32421 Hees, Livonia, has been awarded an Auto Tech Certificate signifying his completion of the home-study automotive service training program offered by the Autolite-Ford Parts Division of Ford Motor Company.

Simons, an employee at City of Livonia, is one of approximately 12,000 men from Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealerships, independent garages and service stations who have completed the course since Auto Tech was started in 1962.

Clairence G. Whitt III, 21, whose parents live at 31506 Pierce, Garden City, was promoted to Army Sp/5 in Germany, where he is assigned as a demolition specialist in Company A of the 317th Engineer Battalion.

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cyclists who were struck and killed at a traffic light Saturday.

DETROIT -- Some Michigan Bell Telephone Co. employees continued to strike easily in the week after the Communications workers of America voted last weekend to ratify a new contract.

LANSING -- Michigan's gasoline tax, which was raised a penny a gallon Jan. 1, is producing more revenue. It will bring in \$110.7 million for the first quarter of the year, some \$10.9 million more than in the same period of 1967.

The money will be distributed differently as of March 1. The state will get 46 per cent instead of 47, counties 34 per cent instead of 35, and cities 20 per cent instead of 18.

LANSING -- The Senate has passed a bill permitting resorts to sell liquor 12 months of the year instead of the previous 10. The bill applies to resorts with Class C licenses and also permits public golf courses to sell liquor. The bill goes to the House.

The Senate, however, defeated an amended bill to give counties the option of selling liquor on Sunday.

GRAYLING -- Five persons were killed in a three-vehicle smashup late last week near this northern lower peninsula town. Mack McLeod, 28, driver of a pickup truck; Mr. and Mrs. James Forsang, of Los Angeles, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Demo, of Standish, were the victims.

LANSING -- The Senate has passed one of the so-called tenants' rights bills. It would require minimum room temperatures of 70 degrees in winter and prohibit anyone except authorized utility personnel and repair services to disconnect gas, electricity, water or telephone service. If rental properties fail to meet standards, rent money can be withheld and placed

in escrow to insure compliance.

EAST LANSING -- The Michigan State University Board has approved a report calling for efforts to recruit more Negro students, instructors and administrators. The report was made by an assigned "Committee of 16."

ANN ARBOR -- The Chamber of Commerce thinks this university city is well on its way to becoming a convention town. The Michigan Elks with 1,500 conventioners, the National Secretaries state chapter with 70, Delta Kappa Gamma with 500, and Trinity Lutheran Synod with 275, and Great Lakes chapter of Civilians with 200 are among the groups that will meet here in May.

ANN ARBOR -- University of Michigan President Robben W. Fleming has condemned violence and the threat of violence on university campuses. "The status quo in many ways must be changed in recognition of new times," said the new U-M president, "but I am totally and unambiguously opposed to the use of violence. It is essentially totalitarian."

BENTON HARBOR -- Voters in the 44th House District will hold a primary July 9 and special election Aug. 6 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of State Rep. Lionel Stacey, R-Benton Harbor. Gov. Romney called the special election. A first-term Stacey quit the Legislature to become principal of the problem-ridden Benton Harbor High School.

LANSING -- Gov. Romney has signed two bills to expand Michigan's role in international trade. Both were sponsored by Sen. Gilbert Bursley, R-Ann Arbor.

One will create an international trade branch in the Agriculture Department's marketing section to seek foreign markets. The other will create a division of international commerce in the Commerce Department. It will extend trade assistance to

Michigan businesses and attract foreign investments into the state.

LANSING -- State Rep. Stanley J. Davis, D-Grand Rapids, has offered a concurrent resolution that would compel state colleges to maintain order on campus--or face cut-offs of appropriations.

"Such colleges and universities (lacking discipline) shall be penalized by a reduction in their appropriation in proportion to the number of riotous and undisciplined students on the campuses of our state-supported colleges and universities," the resolution says.

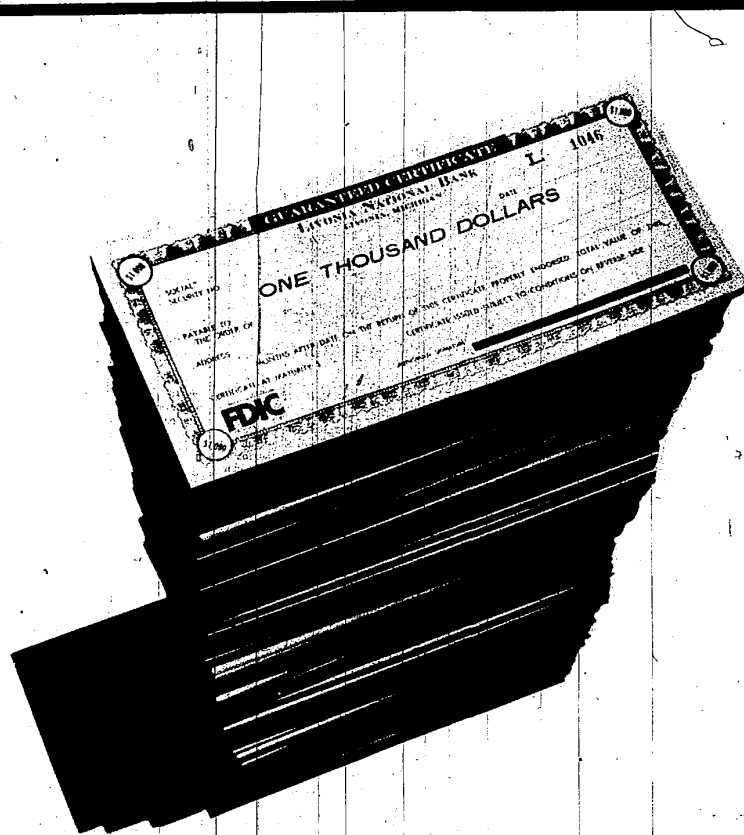
The resolution would also require colleges to expel disorderly students. The resolution is being studied by the House Policy Committee. Both houses would have to approve to make it part of legislative practice.

EAST LANSING -- The Academic Senate of Michigan State University this week will consider a proposal that MSU adopt a grading system that will end the traditional A-B-C-D-E-F markings.

Under a committee proposal, markings would be in these categories: (1) grades from 0 to 4.5 with increments of 0.5; (2) grades of "C+" for "credit" and "Nc" for "no credit" would be given to students taking courses not in their major areas--for example, to a philosophy student taking a chemistry course.

DETROIT -- Black militants and white financiers will learn up to form an integrated corporation this weekend at building low-cost housing in inner city areas where last summer's riots were worst.

By selling stock to the public at \$1 a share, the group hopes to raise \$10 million. Among the leaders are Dr. Carl Gregory, a Wayne State University economist, and black militant Rev. Albert Cleage.



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