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# County Forms Council To Help Vietnam Vets

The Oakland County Veterans Council has formulated a comprehensive plan to assist the more than 130,000 veterans in the county. The veterans council will become operative this year to help veterans and to organize veterans associations throughout the county.

The plan recently received the unanimous support of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, after the plan was recommended by the board's human resources committee.

THE COUNCIL, considered an essential element of the plan, will be a volunteer body of representatives from agencies, organizations, veterans groups, business, industry and labor who have confirmed their intentions to serve.

Originator of the plan is Arcell Bishop, program writer for the Oakland County

Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO). Assisting Bishop was Vernon B. Edwards, chairman of the Oakland County Veterans Affairs Commission.

The program doesn't require expenditure of any additional funds by the county, but will be carried out by mobilizing existing resources by the Veterans Council and others concerned with the welfare of veterans.

DURING APRIL, 1972, the CEO and Veterans Affairs Commission surveyed veterans in Oakland County and found Vietnam veterans had many unresolved problems related to readjusting to civilian life.

The survey also revealed that veterans who are physically or mentally disabled, non-white, present or former drug users, or educationally disadvantaged have profound problems.

The Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESO)

has indicated Vietnam veterans are encountering severe problems in obtaining employment, and state universities report veterans aren't adequately taking advantage of education benefits of the GI bill.

The 130,000 veterans in Oakland County include: 5,534 WWI veterans; 59,740 WWII vets; 20,654 Korean; 14,526 post Korean; and about 30,000 from the Vietnam War.

PURPOSE of the Veterans Council is to bring a greater level of awareness about veterans' problems to those agencies that can offer help. The Council will then attempt to secure commitments towards employment, educational opportunities, and other essential needs such as housing.

The Council will serve as an advisory to the Veterans Affairs Commission and plan activities to: address the collective concerns of local associations; produce in-

formation for circulation and action; develop a public relations program; identify and mobilize resources; propose legislation.

Short range objectives of the Council include: writing a concept paper on problems and needs of county veterans with recommendations for action; preparing an inexpensive Fact Book outlining the total range of benefits for veterans; holding workshops to train persons to counsel veterans on available benefits; and, sponsoring a county-wide Veterans Conference.

The initial membership of the Council will be: Ignacio Allaro of the Federation of Latin American Organizations; Bishop; Pete Draper and Mike Young of Pontiac-Motor Div; Gerald J. Farrell of American Legion 18th District and a Farmington resident; James Frisem of Disabled Veterans; and, Cleveland Hurst, Oakland University counselor.

Also: Joe Murphy and Charlie Milton of the UAW; Bill Rose, dean of applied science and arts at Oakland Community College; Ernest L. Russel, director of Project Growth; Don Sach, MESO Veterans Representative; Duane Shaw, director of Veterans Affairs Office; and, Mrs. Sarah Anderson, OCC counselor.

And: Donald Yonald, AMVETS - District No. 3; James Mathews, chairman, human resources committee of Oakland County Board of Commissioners; and, Robert McKee of the 761st Tanker Battalion and Allied Veterans Assn.

Pernick comments that the role of labor and the courts on the board are important because they both have a vital stake in the success of mental health programs.

Cook has been a practicing attorney and had served as chairman of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

ALEX CAPSALIS of Benfield Hills was elevated by Pernick from vice-chairman to chairman of the board.

Capsalis is past president of the Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan Society for Mental Health, former chairman of the board of Pontiac General Hospital, serves on the Comprehensive Health Planning Council, and is employed as personnel director for the Bendix Corp. of Southfield.

Reappointed to the mental health board were Mrs. Sander M. Levin of Berkeley and Mrs. William C. Hitchcock of Hazel Park. Both had served on the board for four years.

**New Computer Class Added**

ROCHESTER  
A computer data processing review and 12 computer evening credit-free courses are among the offerings of Oakland University's division of continuing education in Rochester beginning with the winter term, Jan. 22.

**Time To Order Pine Seedlings**

PONTIAC  
Tree seedlings may now be ordered from the Oakland County Soil Conservation District, headquartered at 515 Highland Rd. (M-59), Pontiac.

James Reid, district chairman, says these seedling species are available: red pine, white pine, Scotch pine, Austrian pine, Norway spruce, Colorado blue spruce, white spruce, Douglas fir, white cedar, black walnut, tulip tree and bitter-sweet shrub.

Order blanks may also be obtained from the Cooperative Extension Service office, 1025 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

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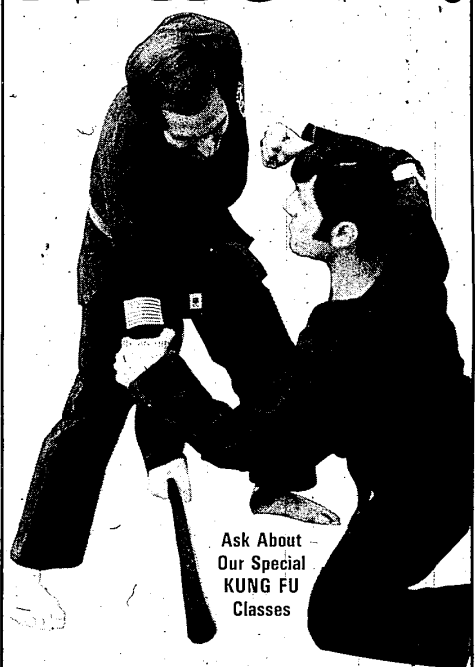
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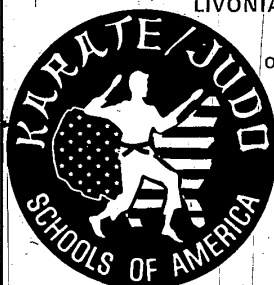
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## Mental Health Board Gets 3 New Members

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Two members have resigned from the Oakland County Community Mental Health Services Board.

## Kelley To Explain Rental Bill

SOUTHFIELD  
The Apartment Assn. of Michigan (AAM) will meet in Southfield Jan. 17 to discuss legislation dealing with security deposits on rental properties in the state.

The meeting will begin at 5 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m., in the Raleigh House at 10 Mile and Telegraph Rds. Speakers will include Attorney General Frank Kelley and Edwin M. Bladen, assistant attorney general assigned to consumer protection.

Bladen helped prepare House Bill 9578, which has passed the Legislature and has been signed by the governor.

Features of the bill include: permitting landlords to collect six weeks rent as security deposit; allowing collection of the entire deposit in a lump sum; and permitting landlords to post bond instead of escrowing the deposit.

Under the bill's provisions, landlords won't be required to pay interest on deposits and won't have to litigate to use the deposits.

The AAM is an affiliate of the Builders Assn. of Southeastern Michigan (BASM) 804 One Northland Plaza, Southfield.

Ivan Frankel, BASM president, says apartment builders and managers who will participate in the Jan. 17 meeting include Bernard Stollman, Robert Cobb and Mike Hechtman.

## Voted MYP

Wayne State University senior Bob Solomon was voted the most valuable player in the 1972 Bulldog Classic hosted by Ferris State, making the all-tournament team. He led the team in rebounding (25) and tying for the scoring lead (52 points).

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At the time these vacancies were filled, it was also announced the board's membership would be increased by one.

RESIGNING were Oakland Probate Judge Donald E. Adams and Kenneth Morris, director of Region 1-B of the UAW.

Appointed to fill the vacancies were Mrs. Marion Hark of Highland, and Wayne Anable of Pontiac.

The vacancies were filled in December by Lawrence Pernick of Southfield, then Democratic chairman of the Oakland Board of Commissioners.

Pernick also appointed Julian A. Cook Jr. of Oak Park to the added position on the board. Cook was an unsuccessful candidate last November for Oakland Circuit Judge.

JUDGE ADAMS had served as chairman of the health board and was a

## WSU Business Classes Stated

OAK PARK  
A number of courses for persons in business will be offered, starting Jan. 22, in Oak Park High School by Wayne State University's Applied Management and Technology Center.

Most classes meet from 7-9 one night each week for 12 weeks, but a growing number are held on Saturday mornings.

Enrollment forms, complete schedule of classes, and the catalog are available at suburban high schools. Persons may enroll at any time before classes start, but cannot enroll at the high school.

Oak Park High is located at 13701 Oak Park Blvd. Tuition fee is \$50 per course. Courses have also been scheduled at AMTC headquarters at 2878 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Allen Park High School, 18401 Champaign, and South Lake High School, 9199 Nine Mile and Greater Mack Pkys. in St. Clair Shores.

Oak Park classes include private campground operation, marketing, accounting, nursing home administration, creative thinking and problem solving, federal income tax law, metallurgy, blueprint reading, management, personnel, credit, inventory control, building construction, labor management relations, purchasing, design, and National Electrical Code.

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