

State Tax Tribunal Supported

State Rep. Thomas Brown (D-Westland) has voiced support for a bill which would create a state tax tribunal to review tax appeals and provide relief for the heavily burdened State Tax Commission.

Currently all tax appeals go before the tax commission which is a year behind in the review procedure and has been unable to perform other duties. The commission also is responsible for duties in the field of equalization such as setting assessment standards, current appraisals, manuals, guidelines, procedures and the publication of opinions or decisions.

The bill to create a tax tribunal would offer new avenues of appeal for both taxpayers and taxing agencies, Brown said.

"The state tax tribunal would have jurisdiction over tax decisions, orders and determinations of the state and local governments," he said. "It would supersede the State Board of Tax Appeals, Corporation Tax Board, State Tax Commission and all probate, district, common pleas and circuit courts on tax appeals matters."

"This would relieve the courts of consideration of complicated tax matters," he said. "The tax tribunal would benefit taxpayers and taxing agencies by making available a single forum with special competence to handle tax conflicts."

"I consider it a major improvement in a complex area of taxation in state government."

Brown said it would free the commission from "the enormous task of settling more than 7,000 assessment complaints a year and permit the commission to concentrate on the improvement of both local assessment practices and statewide equal taxation practices."



WILLIAM M. SKILLMAN of 27697 Forestbrook, Farmington Hills, has been elected second vice president of the Automobile Club of Michigan by the organization's board of directors.

I-96 Links Up For Bid

Bids on highway projects in the Observer area will be accepted Dec. 19 in Lansing by the State Highway Department.

The projects include paving of sections of I-96 as an eight-lane divided highway which will widen to ten lanes at the interchange with US 24 (Telegraph Road).

A one-mile section of I-96 east of Inkster Road to just east of Beech Daly is expected to be completed by March 1976 at a projected cost of \$6.5 million. Bids will be accepted on grading, drainage structures, construction of six bridges and paving.

A similar construction of I-96 from east of Beech Daly to the US 24 interchange is expected to be completed by November 1975 at an estimated cost of \$3.8 million. This project will include the construction of two bridges and paving 10 lanes. The interchange is already under construction.

A third section of I-96 from west of Warner Court to east of Inkster Road will cost an estimated \$4.4 million and is projected for completion by February 1976. This project will include construction of a bridge carrying Melvin Avenue over the freeway and ramps leading to Middle Belt Road.

An estimated \$4.7 million will be required to prepare a section of I-96 between Five and Six Mile Roads for construction. This project will include earthwork, grading and drainage structures, construction of a bridge to carry Six Mile over the freeway and paving five lanes on Six Mile in the interchange area.

This section of I-96 will also serve as a north-south leg of I-275 between I-75 near Newport in Monroe County and I-96 near Novi.

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Area Deaths

EVA T. GRUNWALD - Services for Mrs. Grunwald, 79, of 11517 Brady, Redford Township, were held at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church following prayer at the Charles R. Simpson Funeral Home, The Rev. Robert Ryan officiated. Mrs. Grunwald died Dec. 3, she lived in Redford 10 years and was a housewife.

Survivors are three sons, Edward, James and Sgt. Lawrence; daughters, Mrs. Charles R. Simpson, Mrs. William (Agnes) Grunwald and Mrs. Henry (Elsie) Grunwald; grandchildren, George E. and Mary Ann, all of Redford; and Mrs. Marie Young, 24 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ALEXANDER GRANT - Services for Mr. Grant, 78, of 18619 Brady, Redford Township, were held at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church following prayer at the Charles R. Simpson Funeral Home, The Rev. Robert Ryan officiated. Mr. Grant died Dec. 3, he lived in Redford 10 years and was a housewife.

Survivors are his wife, Mary H.; sons, Gordon of East Rapids, A. Charles of Farmington Hills and Donald J. of Plymouth; daughters, Mrs. Jean Toole and Mrs. Catherine Hart and a brother, Donald, all of Redford; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

GEORGE D. GOLICH - Services for Mr. Golich, 69, of 18619 Brady, Redford Township, were held at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church following prayer at the Charles R. Simpson Funeral Home, The Rev. Robert Ryan officiated. Mr. Golich died Nov. 30, he was a housewife.

Survivors are his wife, Mary H.; sons, Gordon of East Rapids, A. Charles of Farmington Hills and Donald J. of Plymouth; daughters, Mrs. Jean Toole and Mrs. Catherine Hart and a brother, Donald, all of Redford; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

ELIZABETH McQUEEN - Services for Mrs. McQueen, 81, of 18619 Brady, Redford Township, were held at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church following prayer at the Charles R. Simpson Funeral Home, The Rev. Robert Ryan officiated. Mrs. McQueen died Nov. 30, she was a housewife.

Survivors are two children, Roseann and William McQueen, and several brothers and sisters.

MAZIE C. ROKK - Services for Mrs. Rokk, 84, of 18619 Brady, Redford Township, were held at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church following prayer at the Charles R. Simpson Funeral Home, The Rev. Robert Ryan officiated. Mrs. Rokk died Dec. 4, she was a housewife and lived in Northville before moving to Farmington Hills in 1950.

Survivors are her husband, Herbert; three sons, Herbert Jr., of West Virginia, John W. of West Bloomfield and Robert E. of Detroit; daughters, Mrs. Mary Lou Koenig of Westland and Mrs. Phyllis Wilbur of Northville; sister, Mrs. Mary Tennant of Northville; and Mrs. Martha Gray of Westland. 24 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

GEORGE J. MAY - Services for Mr. May, 71, who lived on Powers Road in Farmington Township for many years before retiring to Florida, were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Tallahassee, Fla., with arrangements by Healey-Hunter Funeral Home, Redford. Mr. May died Nov. 30 after a short illness while visiting his son, Dan, at Union Lake. He was a former accountant at Kellogg-Hayes-Romulus plant and a member of the Lodge 818 of Pontiac.

Survivors are his wife, Winifred, four sons, Dan of Union Lake, Robert of Seattle, and Joseph and Michael, both of Florida; a brother, Melvin of Detroit; and four grandchildren.

MARY C. BATCHELDER - Services for Mrs. Batchelder, 74, of 23233 Plymouth Drive, Farmington, were at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church following prayer at the Charles R. Simpson Funeral Home, The Rev. Robert Ryan officiated. Mrs. Batchelder died Nov. 30, she was a housewife.

Survivors are her husband, Herbert; three children, Judy, Jim and Lisa; the mother, Mrs. Anna Zelenka; a brother, Andy, and two sisters, Olga Lenardowicz and Dorothy Bennett.

Cuatt Named Firm Associate

Donald R. Cuatt, 26722 Holy Hill, Farmington, has been appointed an associate of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates Inc., a Detroit firm of architects, engineers and planners.

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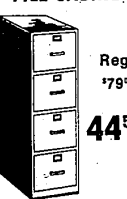
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