

Citizens Lobby Asks For Help

OAK PARK Douglas Ross, director of the Michigan Citizens' Lobby, asked for volunteers "in behalf of the average citizen" when he was guest speaker at this month's Urban Report.

He appeared at the series, presented as a public service by Oakland Community College's Southeast Campus System and the Friends of the Oak Park Library, to tell how the lobby can exert influence by mobilizing public action.

"Citizens' Lobby is a non-profit watchdog organization which serves the same purpose on the state level as Common Cause serves nationally."

The group came into the news most recently when it charged, in cooperation with the Michigan Attorney General's office, that 27 of 35 tested auto dealers in the Detroit area were either "incompetent or dishonest."

Members of the group took specially prepared cars, with a single common law certified by technicians at the Detroit Testing Laboratory, to the dealers in a test survey.

Protesters from the lobby and the attorney general's office announced late last week that their findings would be used in an attempt to pass

legislation to regulate and license auto repair mechanics.

The lobby is also concerning itself currently with junkets taken by state officials and prescription drug prices.

The group won its first victory in behalf of the average citizen when it put a stop to prohibiting lame duck politicians from taking trips at public expense.

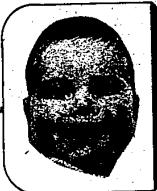
Another area of concern, with studies under way now by local chapters of the state's League of Women Voters, is a proposed attempt to eliminate sales tax on food.

Ross says he expects the lobby's credibility will be determined "within the next three or four months" when legislation concerning the control of auto mechanics; prescription drug prices; and junkets by state officials, will all "be up for the test."

Membership into the lobby is free.

"What we're looking for is a commitment of time for you to circulate a petition, make a call—or get involved in a lobby. Tell us what you are interested in, we'll give you a project and work together as we go along," he said.

Ross can be contacted in care of Michigan Citizens' Lobby, 1592 Vernon Rd., Trenton, 48133.



New Voices

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bessert of Hartland, Mich., announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Kimberly Jean, on Nov. 24 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Kimberly's father is the Hartland School District superintendent, and her mother is the former Sandy Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Adams St. of Plymouth. Her maternal grandmother is Mrs. Ernest Bessert of Fowlerville.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Harm of Oakley Avenue, Livonia, announce the birth of their second son, Mark Andrew, on Sept. 13. Mark has a brother, Michael William. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly of Winchester, N.H., and Mr. and Mrs. William E. Harm of St. Clair Shores, and he has a great-grandmother, Mrs. William C. Harm of Harsen's Island, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert L. Bowling of Adams Street, Plymouth, announce the birth of their first child, a

son, Ryan Logan, on Nov. 12 in St. Mary Hospital.

The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elston Ellis of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bowling of Marion, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mariccia of Garfield Avenue, Redford Township, announce the birth of their first child, a son, Peter James, on Sept. 17 in Outer Drive Hospital.

Peter is the fourth grandchild for Mrs. Peter Gosbey of Milford and the first for Mr. and Mrs. James Mariccia of Allen Park.

Carnival Set For Dec. 16

A Children's Chanukah Carnival will be staged by Degania Chapter, Pioneer Women, Sunday, Dec. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Labor Zionist Institute, 2835 Middle Belt, Farmington.

The event is open to the public. Tickets may be obtained by contacting the Greater Detroit Council of Pioneer Women, 2855 Middle Belt, Farmington.

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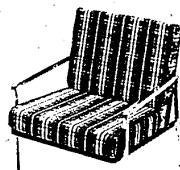
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A CHAMPAGNE PREVIEW will start off an art auction planned by the Adat Shamom Sisterhood, on Sunday, Dec. 16, in the synagogue, 29901 Middle Belt, Farmington, at 7 p.m. Two of the committeewomen working for the event are, (from left) Mrs. Sanford Pollak and Mrs. Fred Gold, both of Farmington Hills. Administration donation is \$1.50 at the door.



MR. AND MRS. EDWARD M. LITWIN

It's The Golden Year For Litwins

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Litwin of Westland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 25. An open house in their honor was held for relatives and friends.

The Litwins lived in Livonia for six years before

moving to Westland where they have lived for the past five years. Mr. Litwin was 25-year employee of DSR.

They have a daughter, Rita M. Smith of Citrus Heights, Calif., a son, Lawrence E. of Plymouth, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Spinach Salad Star Of Buffet

By ELLY

Here is a recipe for a tossed salad that caused more raves than any other dish at an Observer Newspapers employe get-together.

There was such a great demand for the recipe that a most-wanted bulletin was posted. Some persons had sat staring at the empty bowl, waiting for the owner to claim it so they could ask for the recipe.

Finally Ray Williams of the production department acknowledged his wife, Maxine, as responsible for the much acclaimed spinach salad.

It could be the highlight of your holiday entertaining.

MARIA'S SPINACH SALAD
2 lb. spinach or bibb lettuce broken into bite-size pieces
1 can Chinese noodles (the finer ones are best)

1 can sliced water chestnuts
2 hard-boiled eggs
2 tomatoes, diced
7 pieces of bacon, fried crisp and crumbled

Note: This salad dressing is so exceptional, it's excellent on all tossed salads.

¾ c. sugar
1 c. salad oil
1 medium onion, grated
½ c. red wine vinegar
1 T. Worcestershire sauce
1 t. salt
½ c. catsup

Mix salad ingredients well and toss with greens. Add dressing at very last along with the noodles so spinach and noodles do not wilt. It serves 10 easily.

Elected To Post

Frieda Smolinsky Leemon of 31775 Ridgeway Drive, Farmington Hills, has been elected to a two-year term as national vice president of Pioneer Women.

Mrs. Leemon was elected during the national biennial convention in Concord, N.Y.

Her activities in Pioneer Women include presidency of the Dimona Chapter and Greater Detroit Council of Pioneer Women, chairmanship of the midwest area fund-raising and national chairman of fund-raising for the past two years.

In 1970, Mrs. Leemon received the Shalom award from the State of Israel in recognition of her achievements.

A native of Detroit, Mrs. Leemon attended United Hebrew High School and graduated from Wayne State University.



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