

Police Seek Clues In Murder Of Six In Family

PETOSKEY--The badly decomposed bodies of a suburban Detroit couple and their four children, were found in an isolated area in northwest Lower Michigan.

Emmett County Sheriff's Department said all six had been shot to death.

The victims were identified as Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Robison of 18700 Delores, La-throp Village; a seven-year-old daughter, Susan; 15-year-olds, Richard, 15; and Kim, 12.

The crime was discovered

when a neighbor complained of a strong odor coming from the six-room rustic cottage in a wooded, shoreline area.

State Police crime lab experts estimated that the deaths occurred about a month ago. According to state police, the Robisons had been vacationing and were expected to travel to Florida. Therefore relatives were not alarmed when they did not hear from the family.

LANSING--Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley, a Democrat, says there is no legal barrier to pre-

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vent two close associates of Gov. George Romney from running for elective offices while holding Romney appointments to state jobs.

Kelley cleared the way for Richard Millman, chairman of the State Civil Service Commis-

sion, to run for Ingham County supervisor. Kelley also said there is no reason why Robert Danoh, Romney's legal advisor, should have to resign to run for the court of appeals.

BENTON HARBOR--Heavy police patrols and a sudden thunder shower brought to an abrupt halt the fourth consecutive night of disorders in this city of 20,000.

The four nights of tensions resulted in glass damage to eight downtown businesses, about 70 arrests, no serious injuries and

no confirmed firebomb damage, although two flames of unknown origin occurred during the disorder. There was no looting.

LANSING--Funnel clouds patrolled the skies in Michigan earlier this week amid thunderstorms which swept the southern Lower Peninsula.

A tornado swooped down on a farm just west of Hillsdale, destroying a barn and slaming a 2-by-4 board through a horse, killing the animal.

Funnel clouds were sighted aloft over Kalamazoo and in

the vicinity of Union City on the border of Calhoun and Branch counties, the weather bureau said, but none apparently touched ground.

MASON--The Ingham County Board of Supervisors will discuss the Sunday sale of liquor at their next meeting Aug. 13, chairman Frank W. Perrin said. Ingham is one of several Michigan counties which have put off the vote until August.

LANSING--A 40-member bipartisan coalition has upheld

Gov. George Romney in the House, defeating an attempt to override his veto of a controversial bill giving emergency riot powers to local officials.

Backers of the bill, who claimed support from more than 50 cities and townships, mustered 80 votes to write it into law over Romney's objection. A majority of the 109-member House, but 13 votes short of the necessary two-thirds majority.

LANSING--Secretary of State James M. Hare has defended the political purge of two subordi-

nates who had refused to support Hubert H. Humphrey for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

James F. McClure, Hare's deputy and No. 2 man in the Department of State, said earlier that Hare asked him to find other work because McClure is supposed to be Eugene McCarthy instead of Humphrey, Hare's choice.

In a statement dictated to his secretary from his home where he is recovering from a heart attack, Hare said:

"The office of secretary of state is both elective and partisan. Being partisan, we are in the business of politics. And to this end, it is vitally important to have persons in the non-classified, political positions 'going down the same path' and supporting the same candidate."

LANSING--Gov. George Romney has asked the Michigan Commission on Crime, Delinquency and Criminal Administration to study the need for new and revised firearms control in Michigan.

Romney called for a "thorough, intensive and comprehensive reexamination of existing and possible new firearms legislation."

Romney said he recently received a report from the State Police indicating that Michigan firearms laws are in need of general revision.

GRAND HAVEN--Six young Michigan residents--including the son of a circuit court judge--have been arraigned in Justice Court as a result of a drug raid.

Four persons were held in lieu of \$10,000 bond each after an LSD-on charges on charges of selling LSD. All demanded examination.

Two others pleaded guilty in Grand Haven Township Justice Court to charges of frequenting a place of illegal business.

Harlin Piercy, 24, son of Muskegon County Circuit Court Judge John H. Piercy, was one of four charged with selling a dangerous drug.

DETROIT--Johannes F. Spreen has officially replaced Ray Girardin as the police commissioner of Detroit.

"The man that really does the job is the man on the street," said Spreen, talking of community-police relations shortly after he was sworn in by City Clerk Thomas Leabaster.

LANSING--A pair of state plans, one to help ease community problems of poverty and discrimination and the other to establish a state-wide system of upgrading teachers now in the classroom, have been approved by the State Board of Education.

For focusing more sharply on police-community relations, poverty and civil rights attitudes, the board is asking that \$300,000, in federal money to be available for the 1968-69 year, to be matched with \$300,000 in state funds.

Michigan colleges and universities would provide the education programs within local communities and through the institutions' extension and continuing education programs.

Board Backs County Tax

The Greater Detroit Board of Commerce has joined labor and metropolitan area church groups in supporting Wayne County Proposition No. 1, which will be on the Aug. 6 primary election ballot.

Proposition 1 would continue present support of county operating services for five more years with a one-mill property levy which, according to county officials, costs the average homeowner 50 cents a month.

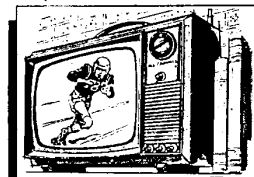
The board of directors of the Board of Commerce, meeting June 18, adopted a resolution endorsing the one-mill levy.

County Proposition No. 1 has also been endorsed by the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches.

The Board of Commerce states in part:

"This proposed millage is not a tax increase, but only the continuation of income which has been in effect for five years to support services which at best are minimal."

Revenue from the one mill helps support Juvenile Court and the rest of the court system in Detroit and Wayne County; Wayne County General Hospital, care and training of retarded and emotionally disturbed children and adults; foster home care for neglected children and orphans; law enforcement; activities of the sheriff and prosecuting attorney; library services for the blind and 4,600 acres of parks.



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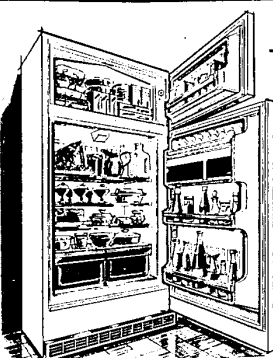
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