Without little fanfare or financial backing, a group of the Consumers Alliance of Michigan are quietly fighting the battle of the purse. | One outspoken leader of the alliance is Lynn Ehrie of Westland, social studies and consumer and career education teacher at Franklin Junior High School in Wayne. | As chairperson of the alliance's energy committee, Ehrle has been attending public hearings on utility raise requests, appearing on radio

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and television and doing a lot of writing on his findings.

He describes the three year old non-profit, non-partisan alliance as dealing with consumer issues at the state level.

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IN HIS work in the utilities field.
Ehrle has found what he feels are many inequities.
One of these is the money which the companies use "for witness and lawyer fees to build the rate cases." Unfair, Ehrle says because the money for these comes from the consumer and is included in the costs which the

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Ethrie would like to see the state Public Service Commission collect funds from the utility companies for an intervention fund available on a continuing basis.

Admitting that State Atty. Cen. Frank J. Kelley 'has been supportive to a certain extent' in opposing the rate hikes, Ehrie says. 'Kelley has a two hat deal. He represents the Public Service Commission and also the placed in."

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Since the three members of the commission are appointed by the governor and have the final word on rate increases. Either says. "The Consumers Alliance of Michigan holds the governor directly responsible for this sorry series."

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EHRLE DESCRIBES the things EHRLE DESCRIBES the things which the alliance feels have created the 'sorry state' - over \$3 million in rate increases in the past two years, rack_and sex discrimination in certain understand, and the 'April 2' massacre.' On that date betroit Edison asked for a \$3' million rate hike, but have been seen as the contract of the contrac

notes.

He mentions the petition now before the commission to eliminate utility

company advertising.

Ehrle defends the petition pointing out that utilities have a guaranteed rate of return and monopolistic serv-

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His describes what he calls a "damined if we do, damned if we don't, situation the public is caught in."

Consumers have been urged to conserve energy. When less is used, profits decrease, the company makes less money and then goes after a rate increase. Eurle calls the regular rate increase progrades / refills:

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Low turnout elects a new C'ville trustee

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Clarenceville School District voters returned incumbent Robert M. Erick-son to a third term on the board of education and elected Daniel G. Morri-son to replace trustee Melvin O. Kuehn.

source to the control of the control of the control of the 5,856 eligible.

A total of only 284 votes was east, 48 per cent of the 5,856 eligible.

THE VOTE was Erickson, 155, Morrison, 129. Kuehn, 113; and Mary E. Lauter, 112.

The preelection campaign was as lackluster as the voter turnout. None of the four candidates for the two four-year terms either Issued press releases of the control of

valle the best sensol district in the state.

Erickson is an administrator for the College of Lifelong Learning, which offers university extension classes of Wayne State University.

Morrison is an epiploye of the Great American Insurance Co.

Kuehn, 51, a Chrysler Corp. engineer, is serving his first term as trustee.



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There will be a public hearing on the Michigan Bell rate increase request at the Veterans Memorial

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Crom, who received a bachelor of science degree in business administration, was one of 137 seniors to graduate during the school's 94th commencement exercises.



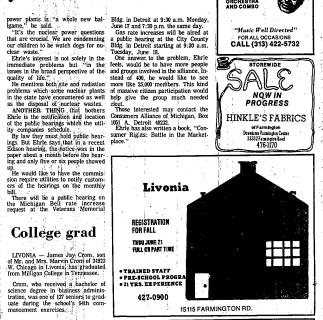


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