Wayne County Consumer Protection agency opens

tection Agency opened its doors Aug. 27 to full operating capacity on the second floor, 356 E. Congress, down-town Detroit across from Traffic Court.

STAFFED BY five lawyers and five investigatorss

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two Bublic educational specialists, and 30 part-time students, the agency will handle consumer disputes in conjunction with the Wayne County prosecutor and the Legal Aid and Defender Association.

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REGISTRATION FOR FALL

MAY 30 THRU JUNE 21

FULL TIME OR PART TIME

Consumers in Wayne County now time efforts will be in the consumer have a place to take their problems and find an answer.

The Wayne County Consumer Profits and the Consu

The agency is funded for \$430,260 for one year under a grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA).

The agency is geared to handle socases a month through investigation, mediation, reconciliation, and litigation of consumer disputes. Civil and criminal legal action will be pursued in behalf of consumers. The service is free to all Wayne County residents.

A CONSUMER with a complaint will meet on a one-to-one basis with someone from the agency to document the particulars.

If the consumer complaint is found

ASSOCIATION.

Two of the staff lawyers are assistant county prosecutors whose full to be legitimate, the agency will try

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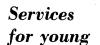
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to negotiate a mutually agreeable set-tlement. If the parties involved cannot reach an agreement, the case will be referred to the mediation council. The mediation council consists of 50 persons, serving voluntarily, from labor, consumer and business commu-nities. Ten teams of five each will de-cide consumer disputes when both par-ties agree to mediation.

the constant disposition which one particle constant of the capital fraud carist, the case will be referred immediately to a prosecuting attorney working with the agency. He will issue a warrant and pursue prosecution. When civil damage claims are justified, staff attorneys will file in behalf of consumers through Common Pleas or Circuit Court. If many consumers complain of the same problem, a class action suit will be condered. The education department of the agency will age as a clearing-bouse for information already available from assorted sources to educate both consumers and merchants about their rights and responsibilities in the marketplace. It will produce new information when and where the need exists.

The department will also keep open nes to the mass media to channel lines to the mass media to channel useful and timely consumer informa-tion.

Director of the agency is Sue Hoover assisted by Ray Adams.
Those present at the opening ceremonies included: William Cahalan, county prosecutor; George Matish, chief counsel. Legal Aid and Defender Association; and Allen Kellman, lawyer and director of the agency.



-P.O.-BOX

This will be the final column dealing with the services offered through Livonia Aide Crisis Center, 33110 Five Mile, and the Westland Aide Crisis Center, 8068 N. Wayne Road.

Center, 8068 N. wayne room.

YOUNG PEOPLES Awareness
Group is an attempt to provide a peer
setting in which young persons can
openly communicate their values, feelmend ideas about a number of ings and ideas about a number of topics such as drugs, parents and sextopics uality.

OPPORTUNITIES are provided to explore a number of areas including people problems resulting in drug abuse, sources of help for these as well as other problem areas.

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The group also works toward clarifying some important life values and improving communication skills, using a combination of values clarification, human potential and empathic listening.

JOB READINESS Group is a process used in preparing individuals who are seeking full or part-time entry into the labor market.

Securing job skills is only one part of the process involved in obtaining employment. The other component consists of specific training in tech-niques of job selection, identification of job leads, applying for and secur-ing jobs, and holding that job once it is secured.

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Subject matter to be covered in this group include selecting a job, identifying job leads, filling out an application, preparing for an interview and following up on a job application.

For those interested in either of the two services, or any other service of fered through the two centers, call Livonia center at 281-3760 or westland center at 282-3760.

Dike to be inspected

Army Secretary Howard H. Cal-laway has directed the U.S. Army Copps of Engineers to meet with state engineers to conduct a joint inspection of emergency dikes along the Lake Erie shoreline. reports Rep. Marvin L Esch (R-An Arbor) whose 2nd Dis-trict includes Livonia and Plymouth.

Esch had met with Callaway to demand an elimination of red tape which he said has promoted concern among local officials and residents in Monroe County over responsibility for dike repairs.

Esch said he had discussed the mat-ter during previous months with Gov. Milliken, Callaway, and the deputy di-rector of Civil Works in Washington, DC to warn of the deteriorating situa-tion due to structural damage in the dikes.

"We can't let red tape interfere with saving people's homes," says Esch. "Because of the technical na-ture of the regulations in the law there has been confusion regarding restoration cost.

"I strongly believe the Army Corps must make repairs to structurally un-sound dikes and provide assistance for self-help.

"I've been fighting for months to cut through the red tape so residents of the affected areas as well as state and local officials can have a clear de-termination of responsibility."

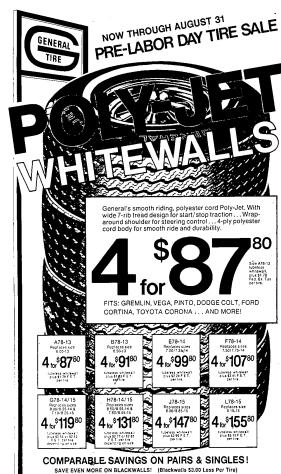






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