

How To Avoid Distractions

A college students' conversation overheard in front of a Schoolcraft College building prior to last Wednesday's concert:

She: "What's going on in there?"

He: "I don't know, but I think it's a concert."

She: "How come those women have those long skirts?"

He: "I guess that's sort of what they do."

She: "Maybe that's to keep you listening to the music."

List Events For Week

The Southeast Michigan Tourist Association has listed several events for the next days:

- July 20
Flea Market, Woodward 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Detroit.
- Band Concert, Kennedy Square, 3 p.m., Detroit.
- July 21
Speakeasy Caper, Sids on the Seaway, Algonac
- July 22
Gallery Tour, Art Institute, 1:15 p.m., Detroit.
- Meadow Brook School of Music Chorus, Oakland University, 8:30 p.m., Rochester.
- July 23
Lecture tour, "The Romantic Period," Art Institute, 11:30 a.m., Detroit.
- Gallery Tour, Art Institute, 1:15 p.m., Detroit.



A LAWN CHAIR and bug repellent are all you need to enjoy the weekly community band concerts in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Here Rev. Arnold Kehl, a retired minister, shows how to relax and enjoy a Plymouth summer.



KIDS HAVE a way of finding a good garbage pail for Plymouth concerts. The lady's hand makes a fine handle; the bandshell is in the background.

Three Reps Oppose New Capitol Plan

Three area members of the House of Representatives took part in a losing battle over the passage of a \$51.6 million outlay for a new state capitol last week.

The appropriation cleared the House last week and was sent to Governor William Milliken for his signature.

Rep. James Tierney (D-Plymouth, Garden City), Richard A. Young (D-Deerborn, portion of Livonia) and Raymond Baker (R-Farmington) opposed the measure.

The new capitol, which some estimate may cost as much as

\$80 million, will be built on a four-square block site three city blocks west of the existing capitol, which is 90 years old.

"I didn't think they needed to tear this building down; we could keep this as a legislative hall," Tierney said Monday.

"We could spend \$5 million for additional office space; I can't agree to spend over \$50 million in these rough times when people can't even get a loan on an addition to their homes," Tierney added.

The Garden City Democrat also said he didn't like any of the designs for the new building. "One looked like an upside-down pyramid. Besides, I love the old building."

Raymond Baker said Monday there were too many "unknowns" in the new capitol. "I'm not opposed to the new building as such but when it was explained that this could go from \$40 mil-

lion to \$80 million I couldn't agree. The spread in cost was too great to be responsible."

Baker emphasized he saw the need for new office space for the Legislature.

REP. VINCENT J. Pettipiece (D-Westland) voted for the bill. He said Monday that once the new capitol's backers agreed to open up the design choice to House and Senate members he agreed to the appropriation.

"If you were here you could see we need a new capitol building. We average two fires a year on the third floor. If this building ever goes, the dome will act like a chimney stack. And it rains in the governor's office. And then there's the falling plaster," Pettipiece said.

He added that he too felt the historic value of the old capitol but "we have to look to the future."

UNDER the compromise negotiated by a Senate-House conference committee, a 20-member committee of legislators and citizens, headed by the governor, will recommend the final design for the new capitol.

A reluctant block of votes in the House, led by Rep. Jack Faxon (D-Detroit) forced the change after the first plan failed to get enough House support.

The Governor, a strong backer of the new building, is expected to sign the bill this week. The plans call for about 1,325 million square feet of floor space; site acquisition is near complete with only 10 of 72 parcels left to purchase.

AMONG objections were those raised over the eight-man Capitol Outlay Committee, which had done all the planning so far. Too much was done secretly, the buildings opponents say, pointing to A. N. Langfus, state building director.

He has come under fire for accepting a 1967 trip around the world sponsored by the Capitol's architectural firm Smith, Hinchman and Grylls.

Now some lawmakers have asked for an architectural competition after initial designs met with frowns as both the public and legislators found them unattractive.

Council Lists Safety Hints For Camping

Looking for a relatively inexpensive way to spend your vacation this summer?

Try camping. It can be fun, exciting, and safe.

The Greater Detroit Safety Council says most of the accident hazards on camping vacations result from a simple cause: The family is faced with a change from the routine of living at home.

NEW things that have to be done, old ones done under new circumstances, and unaccustomed exercise can make you forget the safe procedures you'd normally follow almost unconsciously," explains Gerald E. Montgomery, executive director of the Greater Detroit Safety Council.

Montgomery suggests that before you head out for your two weeks of life in the open you get an idea of what's ahead by reading some of the outdoor magazines or handbooks on camping and talking to friends who take camping vacations.

"Find out what equipment you need, what clothing to take along, and what new techniques you might have to learn for outdoor living," Montgomery adds.

"Most of this just calls for common sense," Montgomery says. "A camping family can be safe in most areas if they merely exercise good judgment and follow the advice of experts."

HERE are some basic tips from the Safety Council:

- Stay within the limits of your experience and ability.
- Don't over-exert yourself. If you're tired, you are more likely to get careless and violate safety rules.
- Take along all the equipment you will need, but don't take along unnecessary items. You'll only get irritated at having to lug them around, and irritation can lead to carelessness.
- Children, especially those on their first trip, will want to roam around and explore. Keep an eye on them, set limits on their wanderings and know where they are at all times.

Kuhn's Bank Bill Passes Senate

A bill governing state chartered bank operations sponsored by State Senator George Kuhn (R-West Bloomfield) passed the Senate recently.

Kuhn's district includes Livonia and Plymouth.

The bill, which awaits the governor's signature, is "the first major legislation in banking in Michigan since 1937 and is designed to prevent situations such as the failure of Public Bank of Detroit in 1966," Kuhn said.

Kuhn explained that the proposed law empowers the State Banking Commissioner to issue a "cease and desist" order against any bank for unsafe or unsound practice. Kuhn also said that the bill, which runs some 144 pages, will give greater protection to depositors.

OTHER new powers in the bill include that the State Bank Commissioner will serve at the pleasure of the Governor, instead of on a fixed term basis. It adds procedures similar to the Federal Bank Supervisory Act of 1966 and permits the Commissioner to act outside the Courts in issuing compliance orders.

To protect such acts by the Commissioner, the bank would have to appeal through the courts, thus airing questionable practices which might be involved.

"When the Public Bank failed and was sold to the Bank of the Commonwealth, former Bank Commissioner Charles Slay was almost powerless to arrest the bank's decline, although he worked hard behind the scenes to save it. Public Bank depositors were protected under the Federal Depositors Insurance Corporation from losses on their savings, but some 3,000 shareholders saw their investments wiped out," Kuhn said.

"THE BILL ALSO increases fees banks must pay for state audit and raises the minimum

amount of capital needed to start a new bank. Under present law, a bank can be formed with \$25,000 capital, while the new bill increases this amount to \$100,000," said Kuhn.

"All in all, I think this new code will do much to improve the climate of control and regulatory problems of the banking industry in Michigan," he said.

"The new law has had widespread support of the banking industry and affected state agencies, and took some four years of study to develop," Kuhn added.

Rep Eyes Service Academy

Congressman Jack McDonald (R-Livonia, Redford, Farmington) has proposed that a National Service Academy be established to provide a "continuing reserve" of young technicians for an all-volunteer army.

McDonald told the House such an agency would also provide experienced personnel for local, state, and federal agencies and would give young people incentive to serve either in a military or non-military capacity.

He said he plans shortly to announce the appointment of an advisory panel to develop a detailed plan for the academy. McDonald pointed out that at present the military establishment must train technicians for some 2.5 million jobs and that because turnover is so high "we are faced with a tremendous constant demand for new people to fill these positions."

On the civilian governmental level, he added, technically qualified manpower is required for some 6.5 million jobs.

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