

Lawyers Practice 'Art' While Picking A Jury

Have you ever served on a jury and wondered why the lawyers picked you?

There seems to be no cut and dried answer, according to a University of Michigan expert who is studying how trial lawyers select jurors.

Attorneys "display a notable lack of agreement on how to go about picking a juror," says U-M political science Prof. James Eisenstein in his preliminary report. "Picking a jury is not only an art. The artists who practice it have an amazing variety of styles."

One phase of Prof. Eisenstein's study, still in its early stages, involved a mail questionnaire to 933 Michigan attorneys. He got answers from 836, or 84 per cent.

AMONG OTHER things, the questionnaire presented a panel of 24 potential jurors, with their pictures and brief personal data, along with the facts of a hypothetical traffic death case. The attorneys were to suppose first that they represented the plaintiff and then the defendant. They were asked to give their reactions to each of the jurors.

Preliminary analysis has produced some tentative findings, including these:

The attorneys rate a prospective juror's occupation most important in deciding whether or not to choose him for a particular case. Sex was rated a distant second. Age, race, ancestry, and appearance were far behind. This question may well be related to the nature of the litigation.

There appears to be "moral differences" between lawyers who normally represent plaintiffs and those who normally represent defendants in the ways they rank the jurors.

When choosing jurors as plaintiffs' attorneys, over 80 per cent ranked 17 jurors as favorable to the plaintiff's case and seven jurors as unfavorable. When acting as defendant's attorney, the comparable figures were 13 and 11.

But there was substantial disagreement in the attorneys' evaluations of individual jurors. For example, in the case of one juror on the plaintiff's side and another on the defendant's side, "as many lawyers would peremptorily challenge them as they say they definitely want them on the jury."

EISENSTEIN NOTES that "despite some important differences between selecting a jury in a courtroom and actual case and ranking fictitious jurors in a hypothetical case, we can begin, by relying on the latter technique,



REV. JOHN K. HOOPER

Trinity Episcopal Church Calls Hooper As Rector

Trinity Episcopal Church in Farmington has called the Rev. John K. Hooper as its new rector, effective Jan. 1. He comes from St. John's Episcopal Church in Howell, where he served as rector since 1965.

Rev. Hooper succeeds the Rev. Joseph Pelham, who resigned in September to accept a post at Rochester Divinity School at the University of Rochester, New York.

IN A REPORT on the 1970 county legislative program, the following action will be recommended to the state next year:

1. Remove basic amount for foster care reimbursement and provide reimbursement on a 50-50 basis.
2. Transfer and train juvenile court officers from the Department of Social Services to the court administrators.
3. Establish an autonomous State Youth Authority within the Department of Social Services.
4. Amend general property tax law to provide separate equalization factors for real and personal property.
5. Oppose any provision for exemptions, real or personal, unless state reimbursement is made to local governments.
6. Oppose any provision for additional probate judges unless recommended to the Board of Supervisors by the Probate Court.
7. Amend County Home Rule Act to provide option of electing or appointing chief county administrator.
8. Permit the county DPW to operate a refuse disposal system.
9. Restore power of appointment of jury commissioners to the Board of Supervisors.
10. Seek legislation to reimburse the county for grand jury expenses when the grand jury is initiated by the state attorney general.

From 1958 to 1960, the Rev. Hooper served as assistant rector of the St. Clair Shores church. Simultaneously, he served as first vicar. St. Edward the Confessor, in Fraser where he had helped found along with his wife. In 1960, he was named Vicar of St. Dunstan's Church in Davison.

He was called to St. John's Episcopal Church in Howell in 1965 where he served until being called to Trinity in Farmington.

REV. HOOPER has been an active member of a variety of church and civic associations

NLRB Denies Quigley Challenge

FARMINGTON

A ruling by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) this month makes possible organization of a labor union for certain employees of Quigley Industries, Inc., 30966 Grand River, Farmington.

A three-member panel of the NLRB ruled that challenges made by the employer against the results of a labor election were unfounded.

Last June, 28 employees at Quigley Industries conducted an election by secret ballot to be represented by a union.

The results were 13 in favor, 11 against, with two challenged ballots. Last August, the regional director of the NLRB recommended that the two challenges be overruled.

The regional decision was appealed and the NLRB panel upheld that decision and ordered the ballot to be tallied 15 in favor and 11 against.

Employees wishing to organize are production and maintenance (including truckdrivers) and tool and die employees but excluding clerical, professional, guards and supervisors.

Promote Perry

FARMINGTON

Richard W. Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Perry of Farmington, has been promoted to Army sergeant at Ft. Riley, Kan., where he is serving with the 21st Infantry. Sgt. Perry is an infantryman in Company B of the 21st Infantry's 2nd Battalion.

Adams Aboard

FARMINGTON

Navy Ensign Bruce C. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard C. Adams of Farmington, is serving aboard the USS Rupertus in the Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam.

Pick Bates As Historian

FARMINGTON

V.O. Bates has been selected to fill a vacancy on the City of Farmington Historical Preservation Committee.

Bates, a long-time Farmington resident, is a former city councilman, school teacher and principal. He was the unanimous choice of the city council to work with the historical committee.

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County Funds \$10,000 For Drug Prevention

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An appropriation of \$10,000 has been approved for a Drug Abuse Program to be implemented in Oakland County.

The action was taken at the last meeting of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. The \$10,000, pulled out from the 1969 unappropriated surplus, will be spent by the board's Drug Abuse Committee with approval of the Finance Committee.

The appropriation was recommended by Supervisor Robert Pinales, chairman of the Human Resources Committee.

THE BOARD ALSO appropriated \$25,000 from 1969 surplus funds for establishment of three day-care centers in Pontiac for a one-year pilot program.

In other action, the supervisors approved salary increases for county road commissioners from \$12,000 to \$13,500. The road commission chairman was given a pay hike to \$14,500.

The salary recommendations were made by William Mainland, chairman of the personnel practices committee of which Deios Hamlin, Farmington's supervisor, is a member.

The board also voted \$71,200 for alterations and repairs to the Oakland County Hospital as required by the Michigan Department of Health.

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since being ordained. Since 1964, he has been a board member of the National Council on Alcoholism - Greater Flint Area Inc. In addition to serving as a board member for the Michigan Alcohol and Addictions Association for the past few years, he has been named vice president of that association for 1970.

He is currently serving his second term as President of the Livingstone County Community Services Council and is chairman of the Human Growth and Development Curriculum Design Committee of the Howell Public Schools.

He is also currently serving as a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee of the Howell Youth Opportunities and Training Center and a member of the board of directors of the Howell Rotary Club. He is a monthly lecturer at Brighton Hospital for Alcoholics in Brighton, Mich. and a member of the Howell School District Group, Livingston County Project BASIC under Title III.

In 1967, he was named Dean of the Huron Valley Convocation - a post which he held until this year. He is currently a member of the Social Mission Planning Committee of the Diocesan Department of Pro-

Kinber Serves

FARMINGTON

Marine Lance Cpl. Donald H. Kinber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Kinber of 23100 Haggerty, Farmington, is serving with Marine Air Base Squadron 36 which has been assigned to duty in Okinawa following its departure from Vietnam.

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