

# Senators To Hear Public On Abortion

Specific proposals for liberalized abortion laws have been placed before the state Legislature.

Before they act, the legislators want the general public to voice its opinions.

Public hearings have been scheduled by the Senate Health, Social Services and Retirement Committee for this purpose.

**TWO ARE NEARBY.** One will be held Monday, Jan. 19 in the Plymouth public library at 10 a.m. Another will be held Feb. 7 in the Bloomfield Township public library, Long Lake and Telegraph roads, at 10 a.m.

Others are scheduled in the city-county building in Downtown Detroit Feb. 27 and in Grand Rapids Jan. 16.

Sen. Gilbert E. Bursley (R-Ann Arbor) and John E. McCauley (D-Wyandotte) sponsored the three bills: SB 287, 288 and 374.

The hearings, except for Plymouth, will be conducted by Health Committee Chairman Sen. N. Lorraine Beebe (R-Dearborn Heights), whose 12th District includes Redford Township.

Committee member Sen. Alvin DeGrow (R-Pigeon) will chair the Plymouth session in her absence due to a prior commitment.

Sen. Beebe has championed the cause of liberalized abortion laws with an emotional "I

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had an abortion ... for therapeutic reasons" speech on the Senate floor.

Michigan law presently allows abortions by licensed physicians when the life of the mother is endangered.

All three bills introduced by Sens. Bursley and McCauley would serve to change existing laws to allow licensed physicians to perform abortions in licensed hospitals.

One, SB 374, would exempt such physicians under such circumstances from penalties presently prescribed for acts leading to abortions.

SB 288, ENTITLED "A bill to authorize physicians to perform abortions," would allow such licensed physician in a licensed hospital to perform abortions without restrictions.

It provides, "The question of whether or not to perform the abortion shall be a matter of concern solely between the physician and his

patient and shall be subject to all the privileges of confidentiality as are other matters between a physician and his patient."

The Bursley-McCauley SB 287 is the so-called standard abortion reform law as adopted in Colorado and being given serious consideration in several other states.

SB 287 would allow licensed physicians to perform abortions in licensed hospitals under three conditions and with certain checks upon the physician's decision.

Nowhere does it provide for "consent of the spouse."

**THE CONDITIONS** for which abortions would be legal are as follows:

(a) There is significant risk that continuance of the pregnancy would seriously impair the physical or mental health of the mother.

(b) The pregnancy resulted from rape or incest.

(c) There is significant risk that the child would be born with serious physical or mental defect.

In all cases, the bill requires the written request of the woman. The written agreement of at least two other licensed physicians, one of whom is to be a psychiatrist, would be required.

IN CASES OF ALLEGED rape or incest the county prosecuting attorney would have to be in-



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formed. He would have to immediately determine if probable cause exists to support the allegation. Court procedures are outlined for appeal of his findings and prompt disposition.

A section of SB 287 provides that records of the abortion would be kept at the place of the abortion but that they would be confidential.

Another section provides that an abortion could not be performed after the 19th week of gestation unless there is significant risk to the life of the mother.

The bills have been before the Health, Social Services and Retirement Committee since March 1969.

## Obscenity Expert To Speak Thursday

The man who defended "Fanny Hill" and cleared the legal hurdles for any literature that has "socially redeeming value" will speak at Schoolcraft Community College Thursday, Jan. 15, at 8 p.m.



CHARLES REMBAR  
Fanny Hill Defender

Charles Rembar, attorney, defended publishers of "Lady Chatterley's Lover" first, then "Tropic of Cancer" and "Fanny Hill" before the U.S. Supreme Court beginning in 1959.

Early in 1966 the court made the radical ideas of Charles Rembar the law of the land.

HE HAD THROWN out the traditional defenses and even asserted that the frank novels of sexuality were sexually exciting to most readers. He proceeded to prove, however, that they had literary, social and historical value.

While challenging the court, he wrote a book of his own, "The End of Obscenity," which was published in 1968 and brought praise from reviewers.

The book won a journalism and reporting award as the outstanding book of that year.

Rembar was a boyhood companion of one of America's contemporary novelists who lavishly uses terms once considered obscene.

Norman Mailer, author of "The Naked and the Dead," "Deer Park" and other books.

MAILER, who also writes political articles for magazines, was and was a tongue-in-cheek candidate for mayor of New York last year, said this

"He seems to be a natural lecturer and teacher," said Columbia University English professor noted after hearing a Rembar talk.

"His subject is very relevant to our community," said Prof. Ralph Archley, former chairman of the Schoolcraft Humanities Series who booked Rembar.



**STUDENT-SONS ARE HELPING** their mothers in preparing for the annual gala night dance which the Mothers Club of the University of Detroit High School will present at the school Saturday, Jan. 31. Posing in their work of decorating the gym (from left) Mrs. Alexander Pasiak, and her son, Gary, of 27361 Snye Drive, Farmington; Mrs. Frank Ebner, 29633 Mullone, Farmington; and Mrs. Thomas Foley, 11785 Priscilla, Plymouth.

## Talent Show Set At C'ville

To be announced is the talent show Clarenceville High School faculty and students will present Thursday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 and 8 p.m. in the Evans E. Schmidt Auditorium.

Under the direction of Robert Gaveney, speech and drama teacher at Clarenceville, the show will feature a setting designed to simulate a TV show.

Charles Thompson, athletic director, will present a trampoline act. Teachers Leo Dalbo, Trishie Hill, Miss Sheryl Holey, Miss Barbara Johnson and Mrs. Suzanne Clark will offer an act as yet unnamed.

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## Regional Affairs

### Bowles Backing Crime Probe Unit

By W.W. EDGAR

Because he is a man of action and becomes irritated, at times, at the slow processes of law, Wayne County Circuit Judge George G. Bowles, the prominent Plymouth jurist, spoke out this week on the weaknesses of our present methods of fighting organized crime.

Calling the present one-man grand jury and the 23-man citizens grand jury inadequate, he gave wholehearted support to the recommendation of Gov. Milliken's special committee to establish a State Commission on Investigations.

"I thought it was about time to try to help break the stalemate in the Legislature regarding the future of the one-man grand jury and the strengthening of the current 23-man citizens grand jury," Judge Bowles, himself a grand juror in 1966-67, explained.

"BY GIVING support to the proposal for a special commission on investigation," Judge Bowles continued, "we might get some action. There sure is a great need for it."

In supporting the proposal, Judge Bowles cited the weaknesses of the present grand jury systems.

"It is my belief," he stated in a letter to Gov. Milliken, "that the one-man grand juries in Oakland and Wayne counties did establish the existence of organized crime in the State of Michigan and made important contributions in evidence gathering that led to later state and federal prosecutions. However, organized crime is too sophisticated and powerful, and so sweeping geographically in its operations, that an investigation restricted to a county or contiguous counties is crippled."

He also pointed out other weaknesses in both the one-man and the 23-man citizens grand jury, such as the necessity to depend on other agencies for investigations and the fact that the one year restriction on the one-man jury enables anyone under investigation to

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The Plymouth Mail & Observer	8,700	8,987
The Westland Observer (Week. only)	18,000	17,689
The Garden City Observer (Wed. only)	11,400	11,842
<b>Total Wednesday</b>	<b>105,200</b>	<b>92,199</b>
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MSU Has Courses In Area  
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Many new courses designed to meet the growing needs of both teachers and community members are slated to begin Jan. 12 at 12 Michigan State University centers in the greater Detroit area.

State Auctions Excess Land  
Eleven parcels of excess Department of State Highways land in Wayne County will be offered for sale at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 at the Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly.

Part of the parcels are lots or parts of lots adjacent to Interstate Freeways of their service roads in Detroit, Taylor, Dearborn and Lincoln Park.

Following are general descriptions and minimum opening bids for the parcels:  
• 3,539 square feet of land south of and adjacent to the Edsel Ford Freeway in Detroit, across the service road from 6800 Cooper Ave., \$175.  
• Part of five lots containing 4,190 square feet of land at the southeast corner of Ford Road and Reuter Street in Dearborn, \$2,100.  
• A triangular shaped parcel containing 1,250 square feet of land at the southeast corner of Meyers Road and the service road of the John Lodge Freeway in Detroit, \$1,000.  
• A triangular shaped parcel containing 7,925 square feet