

Women Will Fight It

Abortion Laws Outdated--Sen. Beebe

Calling Michigan's present abortion law "antiquated," State Sen. N. Lorraine Beebe warned a mixed audience that "women are now organized for a reform in the law." Beebe, 42, of Dearborn Heights, received a warm reception last week when she

35 Classes Are Offered

The Birmingham Community House has announced a schedule of 35 separate classes during its winter term.

Registrations for the courses are now being taken in the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Community House is continuing its policy of sponsoring courses with Oakland University and Oakland Community College and bringing instructors to the center to present college level material.

spoke to the Men's Club of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington.

Mrs. Beebe has become a recognized champion of abortion law liberalization in Michigan since a speech in the Senate floor in which she admitted having therapeutic abortion in a Chicago hospital some years ago. The abortion law changes she advocated, however, were the bills of other senators.



MICHIGAN law presently allows abortion by licensed physicians when the life of the mother is endangered.

Three bills for liberalized abortion laws have been introduced before the state legislature.

All three bills, introduced by Sen. Gilbert E. Bursley (R-Ann Arbor) and John E. McCauley (D-Wyandotte), would serve to change existing laws to allow licensed physicians to perform abortions in licensed hospitals.

The third bill would allow licensed physicians to perform abortions under specific conditions and with certain checks upon the physician's decision.

The third bill is the so-called standard abortion reform law as adopted in Colorado and being given serious consideration in several other states.

SPEAKING in Farmington Mrs. Beebe said, "For the first time, abortion is not a word to be left in a dark closet."

of the woman for self-determination, her right to determine whether she has an abortion."

SHE CONTINUED, "Abortion is equated with illegitimacy, but the request for it comes from every segment of our society."

"Women who seek an abortion have two things in common—they are determined to get an abortion and they are willing to pay for it. And there are those in the underworld who very quickly make themselves available for this purpose. We have persons who prey on these women and make millions of dollars."

Citing Michigan's abortion law adopted in 1846 as "antiquated," Sen. Beebe said:

"When that law was passed, medical technicians and skills were very inefficient. Only in an extreme emergency would an abortion be performed."

WHILE discussing the three bills for abortion amendment presently in committee, Sen. Beebe emphasized a portion of one bill allowing for abortion in the possibility of the fetus developing into a handicapped or deformed child.

Currier And Ives Prints On Display

An exhibit of Currier and Ives prints, one that has been viewed in cities across the country, will be shown in Detroit through March 1.

The collection of 75 pictures are on display at the Detroit Historical Museum, Woodward at Kirby, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except Monday. There is no admission charge.

The show includes original prints from the "Civil War series" and from the "Life of a Fireman" series, as well as pictures depicting the life of rural America 100 years ago. The pictures are from the collection owned by the Nationwide Insurance Companies, and are being presented in Detroit under the sponsorship

of the Detroit Historical Museum.

Because photography was just starting as an effective and practical means of graphic communications, there are relatively few dramatic photos of the United States 100 years ago. Currier and Ives performed an important service for posterity by preserving most of the era's major events through pictures.

Despite the biased approach of some of the prints, Nathaniel Currier and James Merritt Ives were hidebound Yankees. The Civil War pictures are valuable records of the period, particularly as they depict the glory, carnage, terror, and—being presented in disfigurement of the Civil War.

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The local recipients were among nearly 79,000 employees who received a total of \$92 million across the nation.

The Livonia plants are the Chevrolet Spring & Bumper plant and the GM Parts Division plant.

Result of the distribution was that another 22,000 employees became GM stockholders.

THE AMOUNT credited represents a return equivalent to \$1.46 for every dollar saved by participating employees during 1969 according to James M. Roche, GM chairman.

GM common stock, government bonds and cash valued at \$6.9 million will be distributed immediately to 60,450 employees and consists of:

- 366,700 shares of GM common stock with a market value of \$39.2 million, which is based on the closing market price on Dec. 31, 1969.
- U.S. government bonds with a current value of \$23.1 million.
- Approximately \$3.6 million in cash.

This distribution results from employee savings of \$40 million and corporation contributions of \$20 million—or \$1 from GM for every \$2 of employee savings—plus dividends and interest earned between Jan. 1, 1964 and Dec. 31, 1969.

An additional 18,350 employees elected to leave their assets of \$26.1 million in trust under the program. These assets left in trust will continue to earn dividends and interest until the participants retire or otherwise terminate employment.

However, these employees may withdraw the securities, both government bonds and GM stock—purchased with

their own savings without affecting their right to receive at the conclusion of their employment the securities attributable to General Motors' contributions.

"CURRENTLY, 92% of our salaries—saving 8% of their salaries—are participating in this excellent opportunity to save regularly and thereby support the government and at the same time become GM shareholders," Roche said.

Since the inception of the program in 1955, employees have saved about \$1,002 million. This sum, together with the GM contribution, has been used to purchase \$516 million in government bonds and 18.6 million shares of General Motors' common stock.

GM salaried employees having one year or more of continuous employment are eligible to participate in the program on a voluntary basis, with savings permitted up to 10% of their salary.

1-For-4 Dividend At NBD

A 25% stock dividend has been declared by the board of National Bank of Detroit, subject to approval by shareholders at the annual meeting March 9.

At the same time, the board indicated its intention, if conditions warrant, to pay cash dividends on the increased shares at an annual rate of \$2 per share. This would be equivalent to a rate of \$2.50 on the shares presently outstanding and would represent an increase from the present annual cash dividend rate of \$2.20 per share.

Under the plan, each shareholder would receive one additional share of stock for each four shares presently held. The distribution would be made to shareholders of record as of the close of business March 16.

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