

# Get Pro To Run Jail--Vallier

By FRED DELANO

The Plymouth man who is chairman of the Sheriff's Committee of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors says he will recommend the hiring of a "trained penal administrator" to take charge of the county jail.

Arch E. Vallier, who has served as the City of Plymouth's appointed representative to the board for eight years, said he and Sheriff Roman Gribbs are agreed that the first step in eliminating "inhuman" treatment of jail prisoners will be a change in jail administration. The jail, which currently has 1,300 prisoners after being built to house 1,000, has been branded as a "Dark Ages dungeon" in a report issued this week by the Michigan Citizens Research Council.

SHERIFF GRIBBS has praised the report for its honesty, and he has been joined by Vallier, who says "conditions are abominable. . . and the filth and stench are enough to make you vomit."

"I have been in that jail at least 50 times for two hours or more during the last two years on official investigation," said Vallier, "and every time I come out of there, I feel I need a bath."

"You wouldn't believe such filth. . . mattresses which never have been covered which sink with urine and worse. . . garbage strewn in the hallways between cells. . . prisoners being quarantined in the total dark."

Vallier said he and Gribbs both support the theory that a trained jail administrator is needed.

Vallier indicated his committee will meet by mid-October to implement this plan.

"WE HAVE TO GET as much done as we can before the Board of Supervisors goes out of office," said the Plymouth supervisor, referring to the fact that on Jan. 1 governmental reform will abolish the old 135-man board in favor of a new 26-man government.

Vallier declared, "It would take years, and it would cost millions, to bring the jail up to modern penal standards. We would be better off building a new jail. That's the only permanent solution."

Vallier said that he and

Gribbs are in agreement as to steps that are needed, and that he will seek the help of the present board of supervisors to start implementation during October.

This will mean a new budget proposal to be submitted to the ways and means committee, and thence to the full board.

"We have to get as much done as possible before this board goes out of office," said the Plymouth supervisor, "and a lot of it can be done in our remaining three months."

"As the situation stands at the moment, the conditions under which prisoners are being held are absolutely inhumane and sickening."

## Fishing 'Spotty'

Fishing activity has dropped off because of the winter and the sportsmen's eyes on hunting, according to the weekly report of the State Conservation Department district office in Pontiac.

"A few" and "spotty" were the frequently used words in describing the week's catches. Bass were taken on Lakeville Lake and Stony Creek Lake in those amounts. Walleyes were spotty, in the medium to small size range, on the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair near Strawberry Island.

## Teachers Set Outdoors Study

Hartley Thornton, director of outdoor education for the Proud Lake Recreation Area, will conduct an in-service workshop for Clareneville teachers involved in the school district's outdoor education program held in March. The session will be held Oct. 24 at Proud Lake.

## NSH Names Young Adult Psychologist

Stanton Samenov, Ph.D., formerly with the Adolescent Psychology Service at the University of Michigan in a post-doctoral project, has been named the chief psychologist of the Young Adult Unit at Northville State Hospital.

Dr. Samenov received his B.A. degree, with a major in psychology, from Yale University in 1983 and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in April of 1988.

"Our hospital's Young Adult Unit, now two years in operation," commented M. Kemil Gokner, M.D., unit director, "serves patients ranging in age from 17 to 21. Dr. Samenov's contribution to our 60-bed unit indeed will prove to be invaluable."

Dr. Samenov is a resident of Ann Arbor.

## Kuhn Sees Welfare 'Conspiracy'

State Sen. George Kuhn, R-West Bloomfield, says he will introduce two bills aimed at cutting down the size of the welfare payment load in Michigan.

Kuhn was pleased by the decision of Sen. Dr. J. Dennis Beabe, chairman of the Senate Health, Welfare and Social Services Committee, to investigate militant mothers' demands for bigger welfare payments in several cities.

The Republican conservative saw a "possible conspiracy that appears to exist among certain militant groups and organizations demanding increased state aid and special allotments for clothing purposes."

Kuhn said Wayne County's welfare caseload has recently doubled from 8,800 to 10,000 within one year, with an additional 3,000 mothers on aid to dependent children (ADC) payments.

One bill, Kuhn said, would scale down the amount a recipient could collect for each year on the welfare rolls.

The other would provide day care centers or nurseries for children while their mothers work, "a step in the direction of getting people back on their feet."

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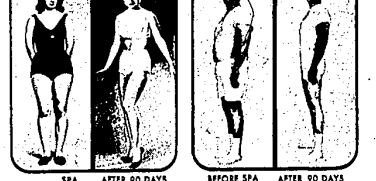
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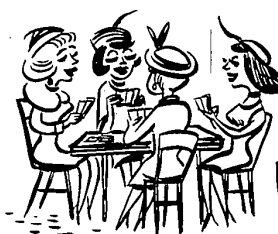
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