

10-Cent Deposit Gets Cool Look

By KATHY MORAN
Another pollution control proposal has been brought to the public's eye in the Legislature.

This time it is a recommendation to charge a 10-cent deposit on all beverage containers in order to induce people to turn in their containers rather than pitch

them on a road, a field or even the trash can.

State Reps. Ray Baker (R-Farmington) and Marvin Stempien (D-Livonia) say the proposal has some merit.

C'ville Club Hosts AAU Swim Meet

Clarencville Cohoes will host all AAU clubs in Michigan at the Michigan AAU Age-Group Swim Championship meet for boys and girls in age groups 11-and-12 and 10-and-under Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 27 and 28. Clarencville's pool is located in the high school at 20155 Middle Belt, Livonia.

The 1971 champions will be awarded AAU medals in each of the competitive events for all recognized distances.

Mrs. Marie Santo, meet director, explained that "we are promising all swimmers a professionally-run meet."

Although swim club parents with training and experience will be handling most of the jobs, the key positions of referee and head starter will be taken over by Roy Pouliot, well known east side Detroit coach and Gary Kinkad, former star from U-M.

Preliminaries will be run each day starting at 9 a.m., and the fastest six will be entered in the finals that same night beginning at 6.

but it falls short of solving the littering and pollution problem in Michigan.

"It is a step in the right direction," Stempien said. "But it certainly is not enough. The problem of littering is much bigger than that."

A ranking Republican in conservation circles, Baker said that although littering is a "real serious problem," it is a matter of old tires, cars, and other pollutants as well.

As for the 10-cent deposit, Baker thought it a little high and could discourage people

from buying because of the extra cost.

The recommendation was made by a House committee which has been studying the throwaway problem for a year. It concluded that any deposit below 10 cents would not entice consumers to return the container.

"PEOPLE like throwaways and I don't blame them—they're convenient," Baker said.

He added that he has been behind an effort to put anti-litter warnings on the bottles so they won't be thrown onto a highway or farmer's field

where they can cause damage to equipment or animals or the environment.

"We have good littering laws now, but they are sort of unenforceable," he said.

Both Baker and Stempien agreed that the littering law is hard to enforce because it is difficult to bring a person to court and because there are not enough policemen to concentrate on enforcing it.

They agreed with another proposal by the House committee which would make the driver of a car responsible for any littering from the vehicle.

Very often the policeman will pull over a car for littering but is unable to specifically identify one of the passengers as the litterer.

"THE PROBLEM is the packaging that is available today—it all ends up in the same place," Stempien said.

Even if a citizen puts the packages or bottles in a trash container, it ends up as a problem for the city or area to dispose of it, he said.

"We have to devise a system of containers compatible with human nature," Stempien said of the rubbish disposal and packaging problem.

Baker said he could "see nothing wrong" with another of the committee's recommendations which would revoke the licenses from a hunter or fisherman for littering.

Depending upon the severity of the littering, Baker said he thought it would be fair to revoke a license for carelessly leaving a pile of rubbish.

The five-man committee that investigated the bottle problem is chaired by Rep. Thomas Anderson (D-Southgate). They will draw their recommendations into a bill to be submitted for the Legislature's consideration.

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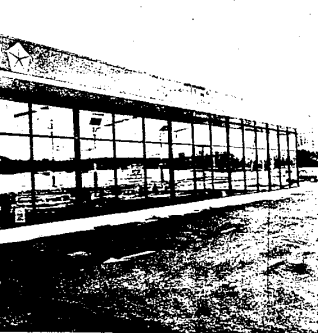
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Livonia Firm Walled Lake Power Subdues Stevenson

Stevenson High's basketball team made a strong run at Walled Lake Central, but all there was to show at the end was a 78-70 setback.

The Livonians, who were dethroned by Pontiac Northern as the Inter-Lakes Conference champs this season, were able to close within two points of Walled Lake.

Jim Storey, of Central, went on a hot spree and turned the game into a safe win.

Storey had 27 points while Ted Exarhos scored 22 points, Dale Haberman 21 and Ron Hoekstra 14 for Stevenson.

Exarhos also had 11 rebounds and Haberman grabbed 10 off the boards.

Walled Lake stormed into a 43-37 halftime lead as Storey and Louis Hysni each made 12 points in the first two quarters to counter a 17 point first half by Haberman.

Exarhos and Hoekstra helped bring Stevenson back at the end, but it wasn't enough.

Falcons Hit Low Against Northern

Farmington High's offense was in low gear — just 44 points on 17 baskets and 10 free throws.

All of which left the Falcons on the short end of a 62-44 score as Inter-Lakes League champion Pontiac Northern streaked to its ninth win without a loss in league play.

The Falcons managed 10 points in the first period, just five in the second, then 14 in the third and 15 in the fourth as they were outscored in every period.

Pontiac Northern, a strong defensive team, was at its best in containing Bob Chapman, Farmington's top scorer who has been averaging 25 points per game. Chapman was held to eight points in three baskets and two free throws.

Dan Lekovich had 12 points for the Falcons and Dennis Hagen 10, the only other men in double figures.

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