

# Stadium Plan Draws Local Dissent

With one Observerland commissioner opposed, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners has approved a land acquisition to speed construction of a domed sports stadium on the Detroit riverfront.

The vote was 20 to 4. James McCartney of Westland favored the plan, John McCann of Livonia was opposed, and Richard Manning of Redford was out of town on other county business.

Under the plan, the Wayne County Stadium Authority will purchase 72 acres of property west of Cobo Hall. The stadium will be located on 37 acres. The authority hopes to sell the remaining property to private developers for related facilities.

MCCANN, WHOSE district covers Plymouth and Canton, gave two reasons for his negative vote.

"First, I am opposed to the five per cent tax on transient

rooms at Wayne County hotels and motels, which is expected to bring in \$2 million of the stadium revenue. It discriminates against the hotels and motels outside of the downtown area.

"Second, I am opposed to the 50-50 split agreement on the concessions while we must provide the help and have no control over the prices.

"The finance plan," he continued, "is based on the prospect of \$1.85 in sales from each attendant at any of the activities, and I don't think that is realistic.

"Why should we get only a 50-50 split and have to provide the help, too?"

ON THE HOTEL-MOTEL tax, McCann stated that he agreed with Ralph Lorenz, owner of the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth, who entered the original complaint in writing, that the tax was discriminatory.

"What is true of the

Mayflower Hotel," McCann stated, "is also true of the motels on Eight Mile Road just across the road from Oakland County.

"This five per cent may be their margin of profit and it would be unfair competition, especially since new establishments are being built in some of the areas."

THE TOTAL PURCHASE price is \$15 million. The authority will buy \$12 million worth and the City of Detroit will spend \$3 million from Civic Center revenue bond proceeds for a portion of the 72 acres.

Detroit Common Council informally approved the city portion of the purchase plan March 3, with formal approval scheduled at the next weekly formal council meeting March 7.

Purchase of the property by the authority will permit sale of the \$125-million revenue bond issue in April in order to

take advantage of current low interest rates. The bonds are expected to be sold at 6 1/2 per cent interest or less, resulting in a savings of more than \$40 million over the life of the bond issue.

Sale of the bonds originally was based on an interest rate of 7 1/2 per cent.

Purchase of the land by the authority will be accomplished without raising the amount of the bond issue by reducing the annual amount going into the stadium reserve fund from \$1,757,000 to \$1,480,000.

DEBATE AMONG the commissioners centered on a report by the County Board of Auditors that the lower reserve fund "is insufficient for a project of the magnitude of the stadium." However, the auditors' report also noted that sale of excess stadium land would add to the reserve and stated "the timing and probable proceeds from such sales would be critical in providing adequate reserves."



DR. ROBERT H. COWDEN of 35580 Oakdale, Livonia, has been appointed program director for the fine and applied arts for Wayne State University's division of urban extension. He was a member of the music department faculty and director of the lyric theater division and taught the TV extension course in history of music.

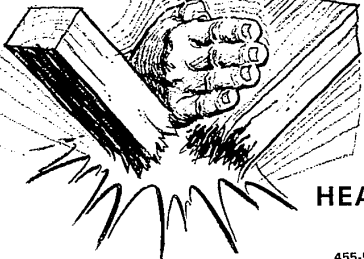


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snowy-drizzly day last week. Clothing, toys, school supplies and food went to Indian children in Muskegon, Manistee, Mason, Oceana and Berrien counties under a project of the Indian Affairs Committee of the Western Wayne County Conservation Assn.

At the same time, Doug Pierson of Indian Enterprise announced that the Livonia man largely responsible for the collection would be given an honorary Indian name and adopted into the Ottawa tribe.

The ceremony for Hank Chruscial, 19345 Brentwood, is tentatively scheduled for July 1 in the Mason County fairgrounds, Ludington. His Indian name hasn't been selected yet.

The Chruscial said they will make another gift to Holy Childhood Indian Mission School at Harbor Springs later in March, in time for Easter.

Among last week's gifts were 58 boxes of new toys, 1,000 loose leaf notebooks, 20 boxes of shoes, 80 boxes of new clothes, 10 boxes of good used clothes, five boxes of shoes, 140 dolls, 20 doll carriages and strollers, six pinball machines, 68 cans of food (donated by a woman from Farmington) parts to com-

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