

# Suburban School Trustees Confer on Current Problems

Suburban school board delegates who attended the Michigan Association of School Boards convention in Cobo Hall recently were engaged in searching probes of some of the most serious problems education has faced in many years.

Attending a state party, held in association with the Michigan Association of School Administrators, were school trustees from Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City, Nankin Mills, Redford Union, Clarensville, and other suburban boards.

Mrs. Strasse Schreiber, delegate from Livonia, pointed out that the Association has in the past realistically faced the issues confronting Michigan education and has provided leadership to boards in all 83 counties by helping them meet the growing demands of society in general and their communities in particular.

"The American school board is a community-based democratic institution which many less fortunate countries around the world do not have," delegate Schreiber said. "There are many influences in motion today which hope to neutralize the authority of the locally elected community leaders, charged by law, with the responsibility of providing and guiding the education of their children."

Mrs. Geraldine Jolner, a PTA leader and a Livonia trustee concerned with the establishment of sound school board policy expressed the Livonia board's concern over the lack of local involvement in many Federally financed programs which have been recently initiated.

"Many suburban educators and trustees are greatly concerned over recent State and

Federal legislation which tends to limit local authority and control and make elected representatives of the people mere rubber stamp approvers of Washington whims and wishes," Mrs. Jolner asserted.

Dr. A. Edward Katz, board secretary, listed some of the matters of special interest to suburban residents which the convention approved. Passed were resolutions to:

- Influence assessing offices and the state legislature to adopt a code of uniformity in assessing tangible property for tax purposes.
- Oppose legislation which would make it possible for citizens to subtract from their public school tax levies the amount they pay in tuition to non-public schools.
- Request the legislature to provide reimbursement for driver education up to \$40 per pupil.
- Encourage the national school boards association to become directly involved in

# YMCA Opens Livonia Office

The YMCA has taken another step toward opening a branch in Livonia by opening a new office at 12350 Middlebelt Rd.

Guiding the new development for the Livonia "Y" is A. Charles Wise, extension director for the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit.

Wise, with 13 years experience in the YMCA, has spent most of his time in de-centralizing programs and the development of new operations. During the last two years, he has worked in Farmington, developing a new "Y" there.

According to Wise, "The coming months will bring a new dimension to the service of families in Livonia by the YMCA. As indicated by local citizens, a concentration of time will be spent in development of the Indian Guide program, which features primarily the companionship of fathers and sons six to nine years old."

Wise said he was developing a committee of local citizens that can act in the name of the YMCA, and said most policies and directions for program development will be handled by the local "Y" Committee.

Any questions concerning the new development can be directed to Wise at 261-0370 or by writing to him at P. O. Box 112, Livonia. He will also speak to interested groups on the development of the "Y."

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## Plymouth Man Arrested for Redford Theft; Hunt Livonian

Redford Township Police arrested a Plymouth man on a charge of breaking and entering Monday, and are looking for an accomplice, believed hiding out in Livonia.

Charged with entering the Auto-Therm Corp., at 1200 Woodbine, Redford Twp., Sunday night is James Russell Hoffman, 18, 42509 Pinehurst, Plymouth. Hoffman had been questioned by police Sunday night when they found him walking in the area of the factory, but it wasn't until they got a report of the burglary Monday morning that they linked him with the crime. He is also charged with illegal possession of alcohol in Plymouth Municipal Court.

An escapee from the Detroit House of Correction, Jeffrey Kramer, 33725 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, is being sought by police for questioning in the break-in, and a warrant is out for his arrest.

CONTEST WINNER of a new Hoover Sweep-All carpet sweeper was Mrs. Bernard Grzeskowiak, 14740 Romie Lane, Livonia. She was presented her award by Livonia Hardware manager Al Margolin at the store, Five Mile west of Farmington Rd., Saturday.

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