

Would Eliminate All Lines to Livonia; Cut Off Plymouth

Court Ruling Threatens DSR Service Throughout Area

DSR bus services to Livonia, Plymouth, Farmington, Garden City, Nankin Township, Wayne and to all of the giant shopping centers in the area covered by the Observer Newspaper Group could be cut off if an opinion handed down by the State Court of Appeals is allowed to stand. The 21 ruling by the Appeals Court upset an earlier decision by Wayne Circuit Court Judge

Neal Fitzgerald who had ruled that the DSR was entitled to provide service at Seven Mile and Middlebelt Roads to the Livonia Mall.

However, the Appeals Court decision ruled that inasmuch as Detroit and Livonia don't touch, then the DSR can't run buses to Livonia and thus to any of the other shopping centers. These include Livonia

Mall, Wonderland Shopping Center and the Westland Center.

The question hinges on the definition of the words "adjacent and adjoining" as they are used in the home rule charter act.

A provision of the act allows cities, outside bus lines, to extend service to shopping centers beyond their boundaries into sub-

urbs that are "adjacent and adjoining."

Northville Coach Lines, Inc., sued Detroit and the DSR in 1964 when the city extended its bus line to the Livonia Mall, which had just opened there. The line ran through Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Garden City along Middlebelt Road as well as from downtown Detroit up Grand River and down Seven

Mile Road to Middlebelt.

Northville Coach Lines, which also has service in the area, charged that it was subject to the Michigan Public Service Commission and any further bus traffic in the area also should be regulated by the PSC.

Thus it inferred that the DSR should have a permit from the PSC to operate through the area.

However, the DSR, because it is city owned, escapes PSC supervision.

Judge Fitzgerald dismissed the complaint against the DSR and Northville took the case to the Appeals Court.

Lawyers for Northville contended that the "adjacent and adjoining" clause as written in the law by the Legislature meant one and the same thing.

In the Appeals Court decision, Judge John Gillis and Chief Judge E. John Leislin joined in determining that Fitzgerald was wrong. The dissenting opinion was by Judge John Fitzgerald, in relation to the Circuit Judge.

Manuel Zeckman, general counsel for the DSR, contends that the Appeals Court erred in its definition of "adjacent and

adjoining" and plans to go before the State Supreme Court next Tuesday for a stay proceeding hearing on an appeal.

"We believe the Appeals Court erred in its decision," he said. "We will take the stay order to the Supreme Court next Tuesday with the hopes that it will be granted so that the areas involved will not be deprived of service."

"However, if we are unable to get our case before the Supreme Court by next Tuesday, which we believe we will, then the Appeals Court decision will mean that the DSR would have to halt all services to the area until the matter is resolved."

Although Livonia is the only community mentioned in the case, this decision has effects on all DSR bus lines from Taylor through Farmington Township.

"It would mean that we would have to halt all service at Inkster Road in Redford Township to Livonia and Farmington and that we would be unable to serve any of the three large shopping centers. It also would mean that we would have to drop the present line that extends along Middlebelt Road from Garden City to the northern boundary of Livonia."

City officials in all communities involved are watching the developments very closely and have indicated they will join in the suit if the DSR has trouble getting a stay from the Supreme Court.

In Plymouth, the DSR has 32 trips daily—the same buses go through Livonia and Redford Township and involve workers at all of the large industrial plants in all three communities.

For Livonia, it would mean that service would be halted on Seven Mile, Six Mile, Five Mile, Schoolcraft, Plymouth, and Joy Road. It would have similar effect on Garden City and Nankin and to Farmington and Farmington Township.

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Darrell Berry Dies; Top Area Accountant

Services for Darrell Berry, 43, of 20919 Robert Drive, Livonia, prominent accountant and longtime civic, church and service leader, were conducted in the Roseale Gardens Presbyterian Church in charge of Rev. Richard Dunkelberger with burial in Glen Eden Cemetery. The body lay in state at the Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 1700 Middlebelt Road, Livonia.

Congressional District, treasurer of the Parents, Teachers, Students Association of Emerson Junior High.

Mr. Berry was born in Kansas on Feb. 3, 1923. Surviving are: his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Berry; father, Silas Berry; two sons, Richard and Kenneth; a daughter, Denise; three sisters and two brothers.

Mr. Berry, who had served as accountant for the Observer Newspapers for several years, died of a heart attack in Ann Arbor Hospital Friday while recuperating from a severe case of pneumonia.

He was well-known in church and civic circles in Livonia where he had resided for 11 years. He was a partner in the Accounting Firm of Berry and Burgess. Mr. Berry was a member of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Independent Accountants of Michigan of which he was chairman of the S. E. Chapter and vice president of the state organization.

He was a Republican delegate for many years of the 17th



Darrell Berry

Mrs. Romney, Cavanagh Head Benefit Program

Mrs. Lenore Romney, wife of the Governor, and Mayor Jerry Cavanagh, of the City of Detroit, will be the principal speakers at a benefit dinner for the Community Opportunity Center on

Wednesday, May 25, at Roma Hall.

That was the announcement Monday by Mrs. Edna Bales, chairman of the committee in charge of the affair which has a goal of raising at least \$5,000 for the sheltered workshop for mentally retarded adults in the communities of Livonia, Plymouth, Redford Township and Northville.

The affair is the largest ever to be presented for the workshop.

Tickets, which sell for \$7 per person, are available at: Livonia, Robert Clogg, 31605 W. Chicago; Northville, Clyde Ferguson, 110 Maplewood; Redford, Myles Armour; and Plymouth, William Green, 42032 Brentwood.

Also at the following business places: Garden City, National Bank of Detroit on Ford Road; Plymouth, National Bank of Detroit; Redford, Hammond and Haas Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile Road; Northville, Drugs, 134 E. Main; Livonia, Grinnell Brothers in the Livonia Mall; and Wonderland Center, Good Housekeeping Shop.

The Detroit Trust Picks Architects For Building

Detroit Bank & Trust has selected Levine Alpern and Associates, Detroit, as the architects for its new branch office in Plymouth Township.

The building will be located on the southeast corner of Ann Arbor and Lilley Roads, and will replace a temporary office presently located there. The office will serve residents of southern Plymouth, southern Plymouth Township and western Livonia.

The Plymouth Township office is the 6th branch. Groundbreaking is expected to take place in early summer.

There will be a musical portion of the program will be under the supervision of Wayne Dunlap, Head of the Music Department of Schoolcraft College.

The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Eric J. Bradner, President of Schoolcraft College, has announced that the College will hold its commencement on Sunday, May 1, on the College Mall.

The academic procession will begin promptly at 3 p.m. Dr. William E. Sturton, Vice President of the University of Michigan and Director of the Dearborn campus, will be the principal speaker.

According to Dr. Bradner, approximately 80 students will receive either an Associate De-

Livonia, College Unable to Resolve Snarl

No Decision Over Freeway Route

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees and Livonia Mayor Harvey Moelke and members of the Livonia City Council are just as far apart on the proposed route of a segment of the 196 highway as they were prior to a meeting last week in the Mayor's office.

The Council and the Mayor are adamant that the route should go across Haggerty Road, crossing the front side of the college campus. The Trustees are just as firm that they will not give up that portion of their campus for a freeway.

Moelke and his group absolutely refuse to consider a route that would skirt the eastern boundary of the college property on the grounds that it would separate a section of Livonia from the remainder of the city. They point out that the land involved has been earmarked for a development of custom homes in the higher price range.

The college favors the eastern route on the basis that even though it would take a part of their campus, it would not interfere with plans for the development of Haggerty Road side of the property where at least one and possibly two buildings have been planned.

The Trustees also take a dim look at the thought that the Haggerty Road freeway proposal would eliminate the faculty parking lot, take a big slice of the northern student lot and also make a big dent in the proposed southern student parking lot which is on the planning board but hasn't been completed as yet.

Mayor Moelke called last week's meeting with representatives of the College, the Highway Department and the City Council to try and resolve the differences.

The City was represented by the Mayor and most of the Council, the College by Board President Harold Fischer, College President Dr. Eric Bradner, and Trustee Sam Hudson and the Highway Department by Henrik Stafseth, deputy state highway director.

Little came out of the session at which both groups stood firm on their original stands.

However, Stafseth indicated he still hoped some agreement could be reached.

"Failure to reach agreement on routing of the street between Schoolcraft and Eight Mile Road is the only thing blocking completion of 1275 around Detroit," Stafseth said.

The State Highway Department has proposed that the segment veer east from Haggerty, Livonia's western border at Five Mile and return to Haggerty at Eight Mile Road with an interchange at Seven Mile.

Mayor Moelke presented a plan that would have the freeway go along Haggerty Road with entrances and exits from service roads on each side of the College Campus and exits at Six and Seven Mile Roads.

The College has opposed the Moelke and City of Livonia plan on the basis that it would create an access problem for students and would run between the college and Hawthorne Center at Seven Mile Road.

Both the City and College Board have veto rights in the routing of the proposed highway.

Actually there are three proposed routes. In addition to the two mentioned above, there is a route that would veer from Five Mile Road to Newburg and follow that road north and then swerve back to join Eight Mile Road at Haggerty.

This route has been given slight consideration by the Council and hasn't figured at all in the snarl between the College and the City of Livonia.

Stafseth told the groups that the Livonia proposal along Haggerty Road would cost \$12.8 million whereas that along the easterly boundary of the college would cost only \$4.3 million.

He indicated on the basis of cost that the Highway Department favored the easterly route.

The Livonia City Council officially passed a resolution backing the Haggerty Road route in its meeting on April 13.

The resolution, after officially advising the Highway Department of its decision, states: "The Council does not state that it is understanding that the proposed construc-



DEAN W. KINSMAN, 21739 Albion, Farmington, recently received \$6,000 and a new Mercury automobile from Ford Motor Company, the maximum award under the company's suggestion program. Presenting the award is Donald Bastian, (left) general manager of Ford's Automotive Assembly Division. Kinsman joined Ford in 1929 and now is a toolmaker at the Pilot Plant in Allen Park.

Pupils Given Drafting Try

Eleven Franklin High School students were among 25 students honored recently at the 12th annual contest banquet of the American Society of Body Engineers, announced Robert Zang and David Gilles, instructors in drafting at Franklin.

The contest was sponsored by the educational division of the society to cultivate a greater interest in automotive body drafting careers.

This year the problem was to make a drawing that would duplicate a plastic bracket currently used on the tailgate of a Jeep.

At the banquet each student was presented with a certificate of merit, a cash prize and a complete set of drafting instruments.

Winners of the contest were Eddie Tate, Stephen Haddon, Mark Chard, Al Daum, Chris Pekarek, Tony Halkow, John Petrillo, Chuck Shubel, James Monkiewicz, Robert Seymour and Gary Rogalski.

Redford Man Promoted At Evans

Richard K. Tobin, Director of Sales of Evans Products Company's Railway Equipment Division in Plymouth has announced the promotion of George M. Nampa to Manager, Hydra-Cushion Underframe Sales and Service for Evans.

Evans and the Vaughn Equipment Company, Chicago, are co-owners of Hydra-Cushion Incorporated.



George M. Nampa

porated, manufacturers of the underframes which are used to protect freight cars and their contents from damaging shocks due to impact.

Nampa was formerly Sales Engineer at Evans assigned to Hydra-Cushion Underframes.

Nampa worked with Evans Products Company's engineering department for seven years at Plymouth.

Before joining Evans, Nampa served a year with Ford Motor Company engineering staff in Dearborn and eight years in design engineering with North American Aviation, Inc., Los Angeles.

He attended Michigan State University and Purdue University where he studied mechanical engineering. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II. Mr. Nampa, and their two daughters, live in Redford Township.

Make High Marks

William A. Kitzmiller, Albion College senior, was among 217 students named to the Dean's Honor List for high grades achieved during the first semester. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Kitzmiller of 25547 Lyndon, Redford Township.

Class Plans Reunion

The class of 1941 of Fordson High will hold a reunion at Roma Hall in Livonia on Sept. 23. All class members, who are interested and desiring additional information, are asked to call Mary Lou Bengen at KE 5-7972 or Eunice O'Keefe at KE 5-3673.



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