

Prosecutor Lists His Priorities

Oakland County Prosecutor S. Jerome Bronson has called for enactment of a wide-range of new laws to aid police and prosecutors in combating crime.

In a message to all area legislators, Bronson urged action on 52 specific proposals. "These proposals are critical at this time if we are to strengthen law enforcement and improve the quality of public justice," he said.

BRONSON'S high-priority list of requests include:

1. Re-evaluation of all laws relating to drug abuse and narcotics.
2. Modernizing county corner systems.
3. Up-grading police training.
4. Re-codify Michigan laws to provide adequate safeguards against lawless group activity.
5. Establish area police intelligence units.
6. Provide for police mobilization readiness.
7. Review of laws affecting commitment of criminal sexual psychopaths and alcoholics.
8. Establishment of effective probation control over misdemeanor violators.
9. Mandatory reporting by police agencies of crime statistics to a central agency.
10. Licensing and regulation of private police.
11. Compensation for victims of crime.
12. Criminal penalties for charging illegal excessive interest rates on loans.



DEMOCRATS of the 19th District greeted two top state officials at their annual dinner Sunday. From left are Charles Deamud, head of the Redford Democratic Club, Atty. Gen. Frank J.

Kelley, Aldo Vagnozzi, of Farmington, Oakland-19th district chairman, Livonia Councilman Jerry Raymond, Wayne-19th chairman and Secretary of State James M. Hare.

Dems Were Non-Political

Democrats of the 19th District went swinging Sunday night in a pre-campaign bash at the 24-Karat that raised more enthusiasm than money.

Stars of the show were Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley and Secretary of State James M. Hare. The district's annual dinner

brought together more than 300 of both the Wayne and Oakland 19th for roast prime ribs, entertainment and informal political huddles.

THERE WAS NO speaker's table, and Kelley and Hare used the hand microphone on the

dance floor. Bartender George Halatka had an explanation: "There's no head table. Every table is numbered and you have to find your own. The people who bought tickets first get the best tables. It's all very democratic and free enterprise."

Aldo Vagnozzi, chairman of

the Oakland 19th and Livonia's Jerry Raymond, his opposite number in Wayne, agreed at the start that the speeches would be brief. They were also nonpolitical, almost.

KELLEY: "Since Sander Levin (State Senator Sander M. Levin, new state party chairman) took over, we've had more meetings than the Twelve Apostles."

"It's great and we're going to have a lot of enthusiasm in 1968."

"Most of you saw the movie, 'A Man For All Seasons,' which was about the attorney general for Henry VIII."

"How do you think I feel after five years as attorney general for George (Romney) I?"

HARE SAID Kelley was a tough act to follow and said he wanted "to talk to Frank when we get back to Lansing and find out who his writer is."

Hare called on Ron Mardiros, whom he ousted as a branch manager, to stand up and be recognized by the crowd, a touch of political delicacy that delighted the party.

Legislators at the party included Rep. John Bennett, of Redford Township, and Rep. Arthur J. Law, of Pontiac.

Party leaders included Vice Chairman Kenneth Hyton and Finance Chairman Stuart Hertzberg.

AFTER THE dinner, the party gave way to dancing, a floor show and political talk.

Nonpartisans in the Livonia primary there included Raymond, seeking a new term on the city council; Councilmen Robert Nash, and Jack Salvatore, trying for the mayor's job; and Council President Peter A. Ventura, seeking the same post. Mayor Harvey W. Moelke, city clerk Addison Bacon, and Council candidate Ralph Phillips.

The third political bawling expected sent his regrets. He is former U.S. Rep. Billie S. Farnum, now a deputy chairman for the National Democratic Committee.

public affairs

Apartment Impact Will Be Probed

Hardly a week goes by without city and township officials in the communities served by The Observer Newspapers being asked to rezone property for new apartment projects.

The requests from apartment developers, almost without exception, promote opposition from residents in neighboring single-family homes and school officials, who are concerned about the effect of the apartments on the local school enrollment.

To help provide planning standards and guidelines for municipal officials and make available accurate information on apartments, who lives in them, and their impact on city and school facilities, a study will be made by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The group, a voluntary organization of city, township, county, and school representatives from the six-county region, pointed out that "communities do not presently have at hand for ready reference

adequate information on this subject upon which to properly base their decisions."

THE ORGANIZATION also pointed out that apartments accounted for only 5.8 per cent of new residential units between 1954 and 1959, this figure rose to 35.4 per cent for the 1960-65 period.

In the first half of 1966, multiple - dwellings accounted for 42 per cent of residential construction with nearly 47,000 apartments built in the past six and a half years.

Purpose of the study, to be handled by the Planning Division of the Council of Governments, includes the following points:

To investigate the current growth of multiple dwelling units in the Detroit region; to determine their location, character, and occupancy; to calculate their impact on land use, population densities, and

community facilities and services, including recreational area demands; to estimate the extent and character of short-range multiple-dwellings growth, and to develop planning standards and guidelines for use by all levels of governmental jurisdiction.

THE INFORMATION will be directly related to both short-range and long-range planning programs, the Council of Governments said.

The planners will make an inventory of all apartment units built before July, 1966 and several communities will be examined in detail, as case studies, to evaluate apartment housing.

A technical committee will be formed with members representing school, health, housing and planning agencies, developers, public utilities. This group will aid the staff in the study and in the developing of standards and guidelines.

Lincoln Day

GOP Sets Big Fund Banquets

2nd District Schedules Ray Humphreys



RAYMOND V. HUMPHREYS
Keynote in Plymouth

Raymond V. Humphreys, a member of the Republican National Committee staff, will be keynote speaker for the Lincoln Day dinner of the Wayne County portion of the 2nd Congressional District.

The dinner is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth.

Congressman Marvin Esch of the 2nd District will also attend the dinner and make brief remarks.

Humphreys is director of the GOP's division of education and training. A former West Virginia state legislator, Humphreys has managed campaigns, directed a merchandising firm, published a newspaper, written pamphlets and made many public addresses.

His World War II service included two years in the South Pacific directing information and education programs under Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Oil Investment

The nation's oil companies have spent an estimated \$7.5 billion finding and developing oil and gas fields off the Louisiana coast in recent years.

Since 1958, crude oil production from offshore Louisiana has quadrupled.



FULTON LEWIS III
19th District Speaker

19th District Speaker Is Fulton Lewis III

News commentator Fulton Lewis III will keynote the Lincoln Day dinner of the Wayne County portion of the 19th Congressional District.

The dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 17 in Roma Hall, Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia. The 7:30 dinner will be preceded by a social hour.

Tickets at \$10 each may be obtained from Republican precinct delegates or by calling the Wayne-19th headquarters on Beech-Daily Rd., or Leonard Hippler (474-8268).

Fulton Lewis III was formerly a research analyst for the House Un-American Activities Committee. Following the death of his father in August 1966, he joined the Mutual Broadcasting System to carry on his father's nightly commentaries.

Congressman Jack McDonald of the 19th District will be among the GOP leaders at the dinner.

State's Top Architecture

Outstanding examples of Michigan architecture are featured in a current photographic exhibition in the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The South Wing special show will close Feb. 11.

State Sets Water Hearing For Area

The first in a series of public hearings to designate the specific water uses to be protected by Michigan's new standards of water quality for inland lakes and streams (including the Rouge River) will be held in Ann Arbor on Feb. 21.

The State Water Resources Commission will conduct the hearing in the Garden Court Room of the Staller-Hilton (Ambassador) Inn beginning at 1:30 p.m., according to Loring F. Oring, WRC executive secretary.

These standards, adopted

Jan. 4, are similar to those adopted last June for interstate waters, including the Great Lakes, although some additional standards are included for application to inland lakes.

Persons attending the hearing will be given an opportunity to express their views on the Commission's proposals. Copies of the proposed water uses to be protected and the inland water quality standards are available upon request from the Water Resources Commission office, 200 Mill, Lansing 48926.

Social Security

Laws Changed To Aid Women

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth in a series of articles by Sam F. Test, Social Security district manager in the Detroit-Northwest Office, telling what the Social Security Amendments of 1967 mean to you and your family.)

Among the changes in the Social Security program recently signed into law by President Johnson are a number of special significance to women.

Chief among them is a change that will make about 175,000 children eligible for monthly payments. It changes the conditions for determining dependency upon a working mother.

Until now, for a child to be considered dependent upon his mother and therefore eligible for monthly payments when she died, retired, or became disabled, she needed to have worked under Social Security for at least one and a half years, unless she was actually supporting the child.

The amendments eliminate this recent work requirement. Beginning with checks in March 1968, benefits are payable to the child of a woman worker who has died, retired, or become entitled to Social Security

disability benefits if she has accumulated enough Social Security credit to be "fully insured," whether or not those credits were for recent work under Social Security.

SOME WIDOWERS who were dependent on a wife at the time of the wife's death, and some husbands who were dependent on a wife at the time of her retirement or disability, may now also get benefits under this provision.

Another very important change in the law makes it possible for the disabled widow, or disabled divorced wife, of a worker to receive disability benefits beginning at age 50. This provision also applies to the disabled widower who was dependent upon his wife at the time of her death.

Under the old law a widow could not get Social Security benefits until she reached 60, unless she had in her care a child who was entitled to payments based on her husband's earnings.

Now a widow whose husband has worked long enough under Social Security can be eligible for monthly benefits as early as age 50 if she is severely "disabled."

A widow is considered "disabled" if she has a mental or physical impairment so severe that it keeps her from performing any gainful activity, and the condition has lasted (or is expected to last) 12 months or longer. Age, education, and work experience, which are considered in the case of the disabled worker, are not considered.

IN GENERAL, you can be eligible for widows' benefits only if your disability started before or within seven years after your husband's death.

However, if you received benefits as a widow with children, you could be eligible for the new benefits if your disability started before the other payments ended, or within seven years after they ended.

Payments can start with the seventh full month of your disability. The first month for which benefits can be paid is March 1968.

If you were divorced from your husband before his death after 20 or more years of marriage, but were receiving support from him at the time of his death (or he was under a court order to provide support), you may also be eligible for the new benefits.

The amount may be as low as 50 per cent of the benefit

the deceased worker would have received, or may be as high as 82.5 per cent, depending on the age at which the widow begins to get benefits.

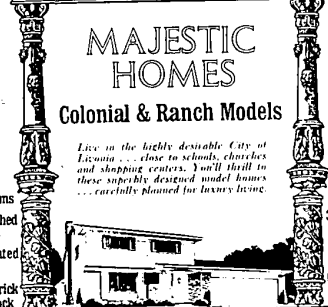
For example, if you became disabled at age 50 and began receiving disability benefits, you would receive 50 per cent of the amount your husband would have received. If you started getting benefits at age 55 it would be 60.75 per cent.

AS UNDER the old law, the full amount of a widow's benefit—payable at 82.5 per cent of your deceased husband's retirement benefit. If you start receiving widow's disability benefits at an earlier age under the new law, the reduced rate will continue after age 62 as well.

This change in the law is expected to make payable \$60 million in the first 12 months to some 65,000 persons who have not been able to work long enough to become eligible for disability benefits on their own work records following the death of a wage earner.

If you believe that you or someone in your family may be eligible under these changes in the law, get in touch with us at our office. The address is 18500 Grand River, Detroit.

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