

Bill Has Only 4 of 13 Votes In Ed Committee

Parochial Backers Hope For Vote



FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS of Sister M. Rebecca, young Chris Baker, 11035 Sunset, Livonia, works a math problem on the overhead projector. Asst. Supt. Ron Rupton, (left) of the Livonia Public Schools, Mrs. Upton and Pat Duggan, of Livonia, state president of the Michigan Jaycees, inspect his work.

Backers of state aid for non-public schools today looked for ways to pry the bill out of the House Education Committee after its chairman said it had only four of 13 votes. The Senate Education Committee already has voted 5 to 1 to shelve the bill for this year. Rep. Clifford H. Smart (R-Walled Lake) said he had pulled his committee. "The bill is not likely to be reported out before March 22 (the deadline)," Smart said.

THE DISCLOSURE came as Smart, chairman of the committee, Rep. William A. Ryan (D-Detroit), minority floor leader and a backer of the bill; and Rep. Ray Baker (R-Farmington), filed questions from 600 at Our Lady of Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middle Belt. The forum was organized by the Committee for Educational Freedom (CEF) to climax a Sunday open house at all the Catholic schools in the area. "We've got problems and they are financial," said Herman Miller, principal of Trinity Lutheran School, Warren, and former assistant Superintendent of Lutheran schools in Michigan.

He said parents of nonpublic school students "pay two tax bills" to support the public and nonpublic schools despite their constitutional freedom to educate their children as they wish.

MILLER SAID the nonpublic teachers are as qualified as public school teachers and, in

some cases, have higher color degrees. "We are not setting up bugaboos," he said. "These are problems that must be solved, not just by nonpublic schools or by public schools but by our whole nation."

"We need freedom—not to get something for nothing, but permission to choose where a child should get his education." Miller said the opposition claims it is protecting nonpublic schools from control by the state.

"We don't want to be protected out of existence," he said. "It is, in fact, going to be an economic necessity for some of the nonpublic schools to close. "We don't have to be ashamed of the nonpublic schools. In colonial times, they were the only ones around. There must remain a choice in education, not a monopoly."

MILLER AND OTHERS said the bill provides \$50 for elementary and \$100 for secondary students. The money would be paid to parents.



SISTER MARY ELEANOR, principal of St. Damian School in Westland, explains the closed-circuit television system used in the Detroit Archdiocesan Schools to Mayor Thomas Brown and Jack Courtney (right), member of the Westland Planning Commission during Sunday's open house program. Looking on are Mr. and Mrs. Herb Greenwood of the St. Damian School Board.

College Examines Staff Problems

Faculty members and administrators of Schoolcraft College participated in a two-day campus-wide conference on March 15 and 16, that was aimed at examining professional staff problems.

Classes were dismissed Friday to permit all staff members to participate. The conference, built on the theme, "Guidelines to Action," was called by the Administrative Council which is composed of five faculty members and five administrators and which is part of the college's internal governing structure.

THE PURPOSE was to "promote mutual understanding

of professional roles and relationships and to analyze and clarify professional staff problems" at the college.

During three, two-hour long, work sessions on Friday morning, Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, instructors and administrators on the 140-member college staff participated in group discussion on 10 topics which had been identified during the conference planning stage as being areas of concern to both administrators and faculty members.

The topics were: professional personnel, institutional research and development, budget, communications, student affairs, negotiations, community

needs and relations, curriculum and instructional development, teaching effectiveness, and evening college.

Gordon Snyder, biology instructor, and Vice-President for Business Affairs W. Kenneth Lindner, chairman of the con-

ference coordinating committee said results of the individual discussion sessions would be compiled and presented to the Administrative Council for action and would be distributed to all members of the professional staff.

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Bell Sets Its Largest Installation In Plymouth

The Western Electric Company is beginning in Plymouth the largest single equipment installation project ever undertaken for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Western Electric, the manufacturing and supply unit for the Bell System, is starting to build a huge switching complex in the newly constructed, "blast resistant" building adjacent to the Michigan Bell central office at 1360 Ann Arbor Road near Sheldon.

For the next year or more, upwards of 200 Western Electric people under the supervision of Melvin A. Green, project supervisor for Western, will be assembling a telephone switching center.

JOHN PEARD, Michigan Bell manager in Plymouth said the new \$12 million facility, known as 4-A office in the telephone business, will provide faster, more efficient long distance service for the southeastern area of the state.

Peard said the Plymouth 4-A office will augment facilities in downtown Detroit in the routing of incoming and outgoing long distance calls.

When completed, the new Plymouth switching system will handle long distance calling for an area that extends from the downriver communities north into Oakland County and from West Detroit exchanges to a point beyond Ann Arbor.

By taking some of the burden off the Detroit 4-A office, the Plymouth switching center will provide customers throughout southeastern Michigan with improved long distance service. The Plymouth 4-A office will become a part of the nationwide communications network.

PLANS FOR THE new Plymouth facility were announced last year after studies showed a need for an additional switching center. In recent years, there have been significant annual increases in long distance calling.

Michigan Bell's engineers began developing plans and specifications for the new 4-A office in 1966. These involved the purchase of land and detailed specifications for the building, equipment and the millions of conductor feet of cable that will radiate to other area telephone offices.

Architectural design of the building was by Smith, Hutchinson & Grylls Associates, Inc., of Detroit.

Construction of the three-story building is nearing completion. Workmen are now putting the finishing touches to the windowless structure. The general contractor is Darin and Armstrong, Inc., of Detroit. Orders for the equipment were placed as long as 18 months ago by Michigan Bell

engineers. Western Electric has manufactured the equipment. Some of it already has arrived. Other components will be arriving almost daily.

DURING THE NEXT year, Western Electric installers and foremen from throughout the

midwest will bring 11-foot frames and pieces of intricate switching equipment into the building.

Janitor Kills Six In Ironwood

ERIC PEARSON, 56-year-old janitor of an Ironwood ski lodge has been arrested for the high-powered rifle slaying of six persons and the critical wounding of three others. The shootings occurred Saturday night at two residences and an Ironwood tavern in a two-hour span. Police said the man had been drinking heavily and was incoherent when charged at the tavern where one man was killed and one woman was wounded. Pearson was arraigned Monday and was equipped with the responsibility for the deaths of the people.

A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT was reached Sunday between the United Auto Workers and the Eltra Corp., of Detroit, where 5,800 employees have been off work since March 1. The UAW said the pact would be sent to its members this week for ratification. Both sides agreed not to reveal any terms of the pending contract.

AMERICAN MOTORS COHP. and the United Auto Workers union reached a tentative agreement over the weekend and it is hoped that the new contract will avert a strike of the firm's long distance calls.

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Dr. Clark Trial Goes To Lansing

Oakland County Circuit Judge William J. Beer, Tuesday morning ordered the manslaughter trial of Dr. Ronald E. Clark, 55-year-old Farmington physician, shifted to the Ingham County judicial district in granting the change of venue the judge agreed with the contention of Dr. Clark's court appointed attorney, Philip Rowston, of Pontiac, the election of an impartial jury in an Oakland County court would be impossible because of excessive publicity given the case in the metropolitan area.

Judge Beer said that he himself will hear the case and ordered it to trial in Lansing on Tuesday, April 2.

Dr. Clark was arrested last Nov. 16, following a 10-hour police search by Huron County sheriff's deputies near Port Austin at the top of the Michigan "humb."

HE IS SPECIFICALLY charged with killing his part-time nurse, who also was in his medical care, Mrs. Grace Neil, 43, of 20225 Rensselaer, Livonia.

She died Nov. 3 in Dr. Clark's office at 30735 Grand River Ave., Farmington township. Bronson's warrant was based upon an autopsy which showed Mrs. Neil's death was caused by an overdose of sodium pentothal, allegedly administered by Dr. Clark.

At the time, Bronson stated that several other deaths of patients in Dr. Clark's office during recent years also were under investigation, but no further announcement concerning them ever has been made by the prosecutor.

TO Council John P. Adams, dean of technical-vocational instruction at Schoolcraft College, has been appointed as a member of the Automobile Manufacturers - American Vocational Association Planning Council.

State And Local

14,500 employees. However, neither side could agree on a different contract to cover 3,000 additional workers at the company's Keivintor Division in Grand Rapids. The agreement that was reached called for hourly pay hikes in the first year of 15 cents for all workers plus 20 cents for skilled tradesmen.

THE MICHIGAN HOUSE approved a bill designed to outlaw promotional games offered by gasoline dealers, supermarkets and some other retail outlets. Also approved and sent to the Senate were bills increasing the penalties for poaching game fish, wild turkey, and moose.

WARNING THAT the school situation could turn into a shambles this fall, a group of southeast Michigan school superintendents called Friday for a \$105 million increase in state aid to their area. The educators suggested enactment of a statewide property tax levy and an increase in the cigarette tax as possible methods of collecting the funds. The educators from Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties figure about \$24 million of the governor's proposed increase would go to school districts in their area.

EIGHT MICHIGAN bakeries and six executives accused of price rigging were allowed to change pleas of innocent to not contest in U.S. District Court Friday. Judge Noel P. Fox then ordered pre-sentence investigations for the 14 defendants.

THE LONG and harassing fights that developed last year over the question of slow or fast time for most of the residents of the state will not materialize this year. The issue is more or less mute now and when the last Sunday of April rolls around everyone will push his clock ahead one hour and be done with the whole affair. The only common that will be caused will be the fact that everyone will lose an hour sleep but they will also gain another hour of daylight.

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