

## Sen. Roberts Addresses Mental Health Society

Michigan's Mental Health program was the topic of discussion at last week's meeting of the Oakland County Chapter, Michigan Society for Mental Health.

State Senator Farrell E. Roberts, chairman of the senate's interim study committee on Community Mental Health Services, addressed the public meeting held Wednesday at Devon Gables.

Sen. Roberts said that an effective program of mental health would halve the population of mentally ill in a short time.

After the program eliminated state hospital care in many cases. He said the nearby-home environment in locally operated units seems an important factor in eliminating regression in many cases.

He also said that new concepts in treatment should promote readiness to accept treatment on the same basis as physical rehabilitation, changing and enlightening community attitudes. He feels that legislation for this program is inevitable.

HE DESCRIBED the operation of a psychiatric unit in Bronx, N. Y. as most successful. He noted their voluntary out-patient and

THE MENTAL Health Society has endorsed the principles of community mental health services legislation. The goal of the society is to treat more people more effectively in a shorter time and lessen regular hospital commitments.

Sen. Roberts was introduced by the Rev. John Wigle, program chairman.

Rev. Edward Auerbach, pastor of the Orchard Lake Presbyterian Church and a member of the Oakland County Mental Health Board, gave the invocation.



MEMBERS OF THE Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan Society for Mental Health discussed mutual problems with State Senator Farrell E. Roberts prior to the groups annual meeting last week at Devon Gables. Taking part in the program were: (from left) Emer Hartwig, Royal Oak, John D. MacKay, Rochester, Chapter chairman, Sen. Roberts and the Rev. John Wigle, program chairman.

## Ex-resident's Fraud Trial Postponed

The trial of former Birmingham resident Stewart G. Williamson, who was extradited last spring from California on three counts, has been postponed until the next court term.

Williamson was supposed to go on trial Wednesday but the delay was necessary because of the heavy case-load in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Williamson, alias William Williamson and Bill Williams, formerly of 1307 1/2 Davis, has been charged with larceny by conversion, gross fraud and cheat and obtaining money under false pretenses.

He has been accused of absconding with an estimated \$15,000 invested by Birmingham area residents in a bowling pin company owned by Williamson.

According to Birmingham police, Williamson entered into agreements with several investors to produce special polyethylene plastic bowling pins and sell franchises for their distribution. He sold the franchises, police said, but failed to produce the pins.

## Detroit Man Dies As Car Hits Ditch On Southfield Road

SOUTHFIELD—A 31-year-old Detroit man was killed late Monday night when his car went into a ditch, hit a hole and rolled over several times.

Clifford A. Ayyotte was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident by Southfield coroner De. Dine Moxley.

The accident occurred at about 11:30 p.m., police said, on Southfield Road, about two blocks north of Eight Mile Road.

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## Access Drive OK'd By Commissioners

Birmingham city commissioners, William T. Killen, city engineer, estimated that the drive, which will provide six parking spaces, will cost \$2,600. The property owners are to be assessed 100 per cent for the cost of the project.

No one spoke in opposition to the proposed drive at the commissioner's public hearing.



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## Local Teens Have Own Brand Of Justice for Lawbreakers

By LARRY EVOB City Editor

Birmingham teen-agers take care of their own lawbreakers.

Seven area 16-year-old traffic violators faced a judge and jury of teens Dec. 6 at the Birmingham Teen Traffic Court set in session.

Established in 1957 by the Birmingham Police Dept. and the Board of Education, the court is comprised of members picked from civics classes at Seaholm High School.

**Motel**  
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over 1,000 township residents opposing the restaurant-motel.

IN RECOMMENDING denial of the rezoning, the planning board gave specific reasons for their opinion that the Woodward Avenue property should remain classified for office buildings.

PENALTIES HANDED out at the session ranged from a talk with the Oakland County safety referee to a license suspension.

Court cases are handled entirely by the teens, but Lt. Robert Schulte of the police, James Robert Richards, Seaholm civics teacher are on hand to give adult supervision. A local attorney dominates his time and also sits in on the hearings.

A typical case is handled in this manner: A 16-year-old boy was issued a ticket for driving the wrong way on a one-way street and failing to report an accident.

**Plans**  
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tion ceremony to take place on the east steps of the Capitol Building. History dictates that it can be held elsewhere at discretion of the new governor. Many times weather has forced the ceremonies into the Chamber of the House of Representatives the last time being 1959.

Romney will take the oath on a family Bible, a practice followed through the years by the governors. Members of the administrative board respond by merely raising their right hands and repeating the oath.

They said that during the time that the property in that block on Woodward had had a general business classification, it had been voluntarily developed as office building sites. They pointed out the Gleaner's building and Burton Abstract offices as examples.

"It is obviously a good site for office buildings," the board concluded.

They pointed out that the office buildings, with parking area behind the buildings, served as a good buffer zone to neighboring residential areas.

THE INCREASED traffic problem with erection of the restaurant and motel was also cited as a hazard.

The commission members agreed with a charge previously made by residents opposing the establishments on the basis that "it is almost a greedy plan." They said too much was being crowded into too little space, pointing out that developers were counting on use of someone else's property to provide anticipated parking needs for the project.

FIVE FORMER governors are expected to attend the inaugural. They are: Harry E. Kelly, 1948-47; Wilbur M. Brucker, 1931-32, who is honorary chairman this year; Murray D. Van Wagoner, 1921-22; Williams, 1926-26; and John B. Swainson, 1961-62.

Although it is not considered a part of the day's activities, governors traditionally have begun their Inauguration Day by participating in religious services of their faith.

Romney, a Mormon, will attend services with members of his family on New Year's morning.

CLERGYMEN of all faiths participate in the ceremonies. Since 1947, members of the 46th Infantry Division Band, Grand Rapids, have been the official musicians.

There are fly-over salutes and a 19-gun salute on the Capitol lawn.

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