

## Full-Time Lobbyist For County Okayed

Approval to hire a full-time lobbyist for Oakland County was given to the county at Monday night's meeting of the County Board of Supervisors.

At the present time, the county has a part-time lobbyist, John G. Semann, who is also a member of the board of supervisors, on a \$15 per day plus expenses basis. This arrangement—the legality of which was questioned at Monday night's meeting—has cost approximately \$3,500 to \$4,000 a year, according to board chairman Delos Hamlin.

**UNDER THE** new arrangement, the lobbyist will be hired full-time on a contract basis at \$7,500 a year which would come out of the county's contingent fund. Probable choice for the job is Semann, who would have to resign his position on the board in order to take it.

The measure was recommended by the board's ways and means committee and was passed by a vote of 45 to 11, with S. James Clarkson of Southfield leading the opposition.

CLARKSON SAID he thought the lobbyist should be a member of

the board of supervisors because a legislative agent is more effective when he is a member of the body which he represents.

Supervisor David Levinson and County Corporation Counsel Robert P. Allen contended that there was no clear legality to a board member's receiving pay to act as a legislative agent.

Wayne County is the only other in Michigan with a full-time Lansing lobbyist.

### Supervisors Okay Township Project

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**—The Oakland County Board of Supervisors Monday approved plans and specifications for construction of transmission lines for bringing water from Detroit to Bloomfield Township.

The county will sell bonds for the project and do the construction work under the proposed agreement. The project will cost more than \$2 million. Work is expected to be completed by mid-summer, 1964.



GEORGE J. FULKERSON

## Chairman Chosen for Law Day

George J. Fulkerson, a Birmingham attorney, has been appointed Law Day chairman for the Birmingham area by the Oakland County Bar Association.

Law Day, commemorated on May 1 of each year, is designated by the United States Congress as a day celebrating appreciation of the people of the United States for the liberties enjoyed and protected by law.

GEORGE J. Fulkerson resides at 3160 Middlebury Lane, Bloomfield Township. He is a special assistant attorney general for the State of Michigan and is a member of the American, Michigan, and Oakland County Bar Associations.

Fulkerson said, "Law Day affords the community an excellent opportunity for recalculation to the proposition that ours is a nation governed by law. The understanding and preservation of the law concept is essential to the existence of a free society."

## Planning Board Considers Zoning In Beverly Hills

**BEVERLY HILLS**—The Metropolitan Federal Savings and Loan Association received approval from the planning board Thursday for construction of an office at 14 Mile Road and Southfield.

Residents had voiced their objections to portions of the plat at a special meeting Tuesday and again at the planning board meeting Thursday.

At Thursday's meeting, the board denied a request by Thomas Kavanaugh, attorney for McInnes-Desmond Funeral Homes, to rezone five acres of land west of Lahser and north of 13 Mile Road from residential to business.

THE BOARD DECIDED to study further a proposal made by the Alger F. Quast Co. for rezoning property at 13 Mile Road west of Southfield from Business 1 (professional) to Business 2 for the construction of a nursing home. Business 2 allows for hospitals and funeral homes.

## MICHIGAN MIRROR

# Officials Look for Ideas For Fairgrounds Facilities

State Fair officials have a number of ideas for expanding the use of the fairgrounds at Detroit but they are looking for more suggestions.

The state fair authority recently retained Oskar Stonorov, an internationally known architect, to design a site plan for future development of the fairgrounds.

Walter A. Goodman, general manager of the fair, emphasizes the authority will keep the staging of the annual state fair as its basic theme but another objective is to provide facilities to meet the year-round recreational needs of the state.

SOME OF THE suggestions for year-round facilities to be added to the fairgrounds are for ice and hockey, soccer, amateur and semi-professional theater, miniature golf, skiing, an antique car museum and special buildings for use by groups.

The groups for which facilities have been recommended by international club owners include 4-H, Future Farmers of America, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and senior citizens.

## B'ham Board To Speak at Baldwin PTA

The entire Birmingham Board of Education will be guests at the PTA Meeting of Baldwin School at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Baldwin Auditorium.

William Saunders, Baldwin PTA president, will preside and Carl Baird, Baldwin PTA Program Chairman, coordinate.

The Board of Education will speak to a set of questions submitted to them in advance. Richard Bernard, secretary of the Board, will discuss the structure of the board, functions of its staff, time of board meetings and the fact that the public is invited to attend.

George Coombe, vice president of the board, will speak of the board's accomplishments during Dr. Dickerson's superintendency and the activities of the various citizens curriculum study committees.

BENNETT ROOT, treasurer of the board, will discuss planning—five-year progress, bond financing and tax levies, and the date of the next millage request.

Pell Hollinghead will discuss the recruitment of teachers. Mary Beiter will comment on the board's attitude toward the CBDD Plan and its relation to Baldwin School. Kathryn Loomis, president of the board, will discuss the Birmingham School District's liaison with the county and state. E. Ross Hanson will explain how the search for a new superintendent is being conducted.

After the prepared statements, the meeting will be opened to questions and answers from the audience.

This meeting will also feature the election of new PTA officers for the coming year.

Identical bills introduced in the house and senate this year on Kelley's behalf were designed to give an insurance factor to Mrs. Michigan Housewife that when she saves stamps over a long period of time she will receive some measure of value from them.

Both bills died in the committees to which they were assigned. The senate state affairs committee held a hearing on the proposal which drew strong protest to the regulation from spokesmen for the industry. In the house working unit, the bill was lost in the shuffle to consider other measures.

"I AM, OF course, disappointed that this reasonable regulation failed to be adopted by the legislature this year," said Kelley, the state's chief law enforcement officer. "However, I think we have made clear the necessity of regulation of this multi-million dollar industry in the public interest."

Kelley's strong interest in the legislation was prompted by the failure of two stamp companies in Michigan in the past three years. In both cases poor management was blamed primarily for the bankruptcy of the firms but Kelley and others felt if the industry had been regulated the impractical management procedures might have been noted before the firms became insolvent.

In each case, housewives holding stamps issued by the firms were unable to redeem them for merchandise.

RUSSELL STRANGE, Republican representative from Clark, introduced the repeal bill early in the 1963 session.

Although his proposal died in committee, Strange said he thought the committee's decision was a wise one. "They told me they wanted to give it a year to run before making a decision on whether or not it should remain in effect," he said.

Support for the repeal bill appeared to be strong although the measure never got to the floor for debate. Indications were another attempt to eliminate the mandatory one-day closing will be made during coming sessions.

FAILURE OF HIS proposals to regulate the trading stamp industry disappointed Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley but he says he plans to renew the effort during the next legislative session.

## Civil Liberties Group Objects To Bus Proposal

The Michigan chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has come out against the "Fair Bus Bill."

Ernest Mazzy, executive director of the group, said in a telegram to house of representatives members that the bill violates both the federal and state constitutions.

The bill is out of the house education committee and is on the house calendar where it awaits debate.

Locally, the Bloomfield Hills School Board and PTA council have also opposed the bill on the grounds it would be costly and impractical for the district. The proposed bill would require public schools to transport private and parochial school pupils to their schools if the same bus service is provided within a district for public school children.

MAZZY'S TELEGRAM said that furnishing of transportation at public expense to church-regulated schools comprises a direct benefit to such schools and violates constitutional prohibitions.

He noted that the federal constitution's first amendment prohibits any law respecting an establishment of religion and said the new state constitution bans the drawing of money from the treasury to benefit any religion.

The telegram said the position of the ACLU was not based on an anti-religious stand but on a belief that the churches and state must remain separate to protect the religious liberties of all the people.

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