

Petitions urge mayor to seek another term

A petition is being circulated in Battle Creek acknowledging "outstanding service to the community" by Mayor Frederick R. Brydges and urging him to reconsider his announced position not to seek another one-year term as mayor.

Spearheading the effort is Peter J. Christ, a local insurance underwriter. He said that approximately 12 persons have asked for a copy of the petition to circulate in various sections of the city.

Christ said the petition urges the City Commission to nominate Brydges and elect him.

Christ said there is no organized group involved in the effort to re-elect Brydges and that no goal has been set for the number of signatures to be obtained.

He said the drive is a "candle mass" for persons who have the opportunity to express his or her desires concerning Mayor Brydges' continued job as a commissioner and mayor and to publicly express gratitude for the progress the city has made under his administration and leadership.

Christ said the idea is non-partisan and is in response to the mayor's announcement Friday that he would not seek re-election as mayor.

Marshall Chamber seeks funds for industrial building

A proposal to earmark up to \$100,000 in Calhoun County funds to help construct an industrial building near Marshall will be considered by the Finance and Control's Committee of county commissioners at 1 p.m. Monday.

The proposal comes from the Marshall Chamber of Commerce as a way to begin gathering an estimated \$100,000 to construct a building of the chamber's industrial park, south of the county's airport, on Old 115-7.

The \$100,000 would come from the industrial development account of the county, which now contains \$25,000.

Fifteen thousand dollars of that has been earmarked for land development for the LeVitt Building Systems, Inc. house manufacturing plant proposed for a site in Lemontownship.

The financing aid for the LeVitt project was approved by the County Board of Commissioners, and the Marshall

Today's Almanac

-LOCAL BRIEFS-

The Mandrake Memorial and Towers Van Zandt will present a concert at 8 p.m. today at the Olivet High School gymnasium. This will be the first concert of the two Paper Records' groups since their recent self-out program at Carnegie Hall, New York City. Tickets will be available at the door.

Anyone interested in veterinary science as a profession is invited to be at Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, April 23, at East Lansing. An open house, called "Veterinarian," will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the veterinary clinic on Wilson Road at Hugo Street.

Mark Hamilton, 3, of Route 2, Springport, was a Sky Command Kite for his entry in the Fantasy Kite Contest, carried each Sunday in the Enquirer and News.

A Western Michigan University student from Battle Creek was honored last week by the WMU Department of Modern and Classical Languages for his outstanding ability in foreign language and literature.

Paul Mercer, son of Russell C. Mercer of 28 Edgewood St., received the Prix de l'Alliance Française award for excellence in French.

The Grandville Valley Country Club will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Memorial Park Cemetery. Mr. Blood had moved in 1968 to Lantana, Fla., to take a position as a golf pro at a club there, and he died at his home there last Tuesday. Survivors not previously reported are a sister, Mrs. Mary McLeister of Battle Creek, and brothers James of Lynnwood Calif., and Floyd of Grand Rapids. Carl A. son, John D., previously listed as a Battle Creek resident, lives in Columbus, N.Y.

LOCAL and AREA OBITUARIES

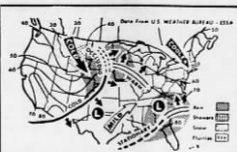
Emerson Jones, 32, of 208 S. Drive N. (Halbert Road), died unexpectedly Saturday at his home.

A native of Smithville, Tenn., Mr. Jones was an assembler at American Fire Apparatus Co. where he had been employed almost 30 years.

Survivors include the widow, the former Jewett Adcock; daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Beverly Ann) Garrett of Battle Creek and Mrs. David (Betty) Frantz of East Leroy; a son, Billy Jones of Battle Creek; brothers, Ed Jones of East Leroy and John and I.C., both of McMinnville, Tenn.; half-siblings, John K. Jones of McMinnville, and Floyd of Hartselle, Ala.; sisters, Mrs. L. L. (Margaret) Walker and Mrs. Donald (Rosa) Nelson, both of Battle Creek; Mrs. Ernest (Hattie) Bain and Mrs. J. J. (Eula) Blue Bain, both of McMinnville.

-CRIMES AND FIRES-

Two men are being sought by police in connection with an alleged strong-arm robbery Friday night at 1st and W. Michigan Avenue. James C. Moore of 27 S. 20th Street said he was struck and robbed of \$10 by two men who escaped on foot.



BATTLE CREEK AREA - Mostly cloudy and warmer today and tonight with chance of evening showers. High today 44 to 28, low tonight in the middle 30s. Mild Monday with chance of showers. Winds east to southeast 10 to 20 miles per hour today. Precipitation probabilities 20 per cent today, 40 per cent tonight.

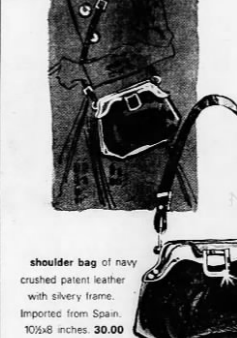
LOWER MICHIGAN - Warmer through tonight and mostly cloudy with possibility of showers this evening. Highs 22 to 60 today. Tonight's lows 22 to 28. Monday's chance of showers, mild. Winds S to SE 10 to 20 m.p.h. today.

Odyssey of a suitcase

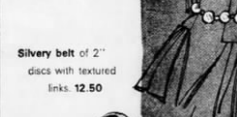
GRAND RAPIDS (AP) - How does a suitcase left at Chicago's O'Hare Airport wind up in a trash can in Lansing, Mich.?

Mr. and Mrs. George Halister, trash collector, telephoned the Hollister saying he found their missing suitcase in a trash bin. Halister's name and address were on a pair of eyeglasses in the case which had a broken lock and apparently had been stolen.

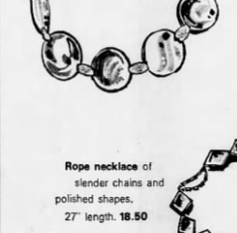
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Groat says he will review capital outlay planning bill

State Rep. Gustave J. Groat Sr., of Battle Creek, plans to review legislation which Budget Director Glenn S. Allen says Groat voted for providing planning money for a mental health facility near Kalamazoo.

Friday Allen said that both Groat and Sen. Harry A. DeBlasto, of Battle Creek, had voted for a capital outlay planning bill which provides money for planning new construction of state buildings.

Allen has said the bill in question included planning funds for a new facility "in

the Kalamazoo region and, I believe, one or two others."

Construction of a new center near Kalamazoo would phase out the P. Custer State Home.

Sen. DeBlasto was in Florida Saturday and not expected to return for comment until Monday.

Allen, a former Kalamazoo mayor, has said he does not desire the "credit or blame" for the decision to close the Custer facility in favor of an alternate mental health facility near Kalamazoo. He said the decision is a legislative one, not within the power of his office.

No ruling in apportionment case

LANSING (UPI) - The State Court of Appeals said Friday that the current apportionment used by Barry County commissioners "probably" is unconstitutional. But the court said for practical reasons it would not rule on the question.

It recommended that with reapportionment as a result of the 1970 census coming soon anyway, the 1970 elections for county commissioner be held using the current alignment of districts.

The court's statements came in a decision issued as the result of a suit by Jack W. O'Connor, who lost a reelection for Barry County commissioner in November 1968. O'Connor then filed suit, alleging that the apportionment

under which the election was conducted was illegal since the districts were unequal in population. The Barry County Circuit Court said the apportionment plan used was illegal but refused to upset the election.

The appeals court noted that three of five apportionment plans had been drawn up for Barry County.

"A cursory examination of the three plans indicates a strong probability that none is constitutional, and to avoid the impractical result that would occur in a finding of unconstitutionality, we decline to review as to constitutionality," the opinion said.

"It is our view that plan number three (the one O'Connor attempted to have thrown out) should apply to the 1970 election of commissioners in Barry County," it said.

-MARRIAGE LICENSES-

Simon Ramirez, 22, of 319 Charlemagne St., and Gracia Martinez, 24, of Battle Creek, Roy Leighton Coville III, 23, of 1148 Harmon Road,

and Linda Sue Mason, 21, of 128 Hanson Drive, Richard Marshall Kelly Jr., 21, and Lois Fiedler McKee, 18, both of Route 1, Bellevue,

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