

## Spokesmen Explain in Inner City

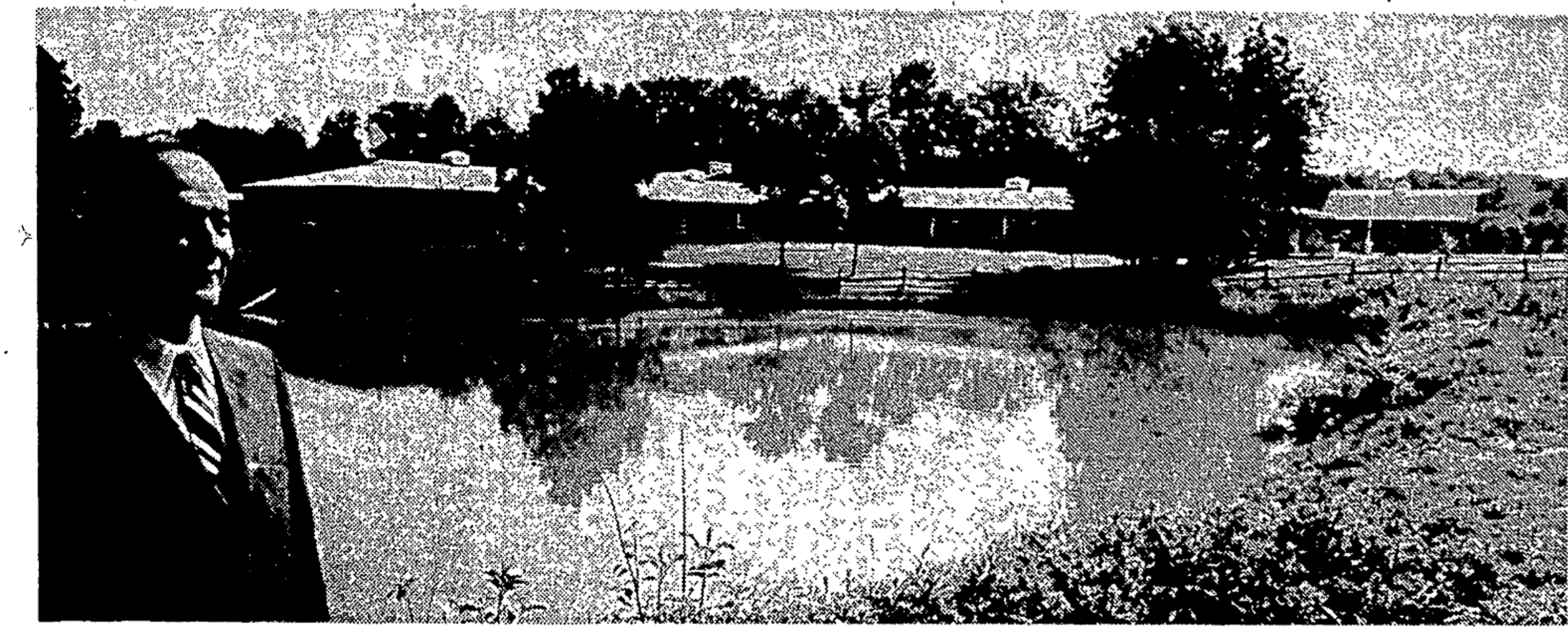
# Why Ghetto Insurance Was Voided

By MIKE NIEMANN  
About 25 inner city homeowners heard the predictable but still frustrating report Tuesday night that fire and property insurance cancellations in their area are due to "sound economics" practiced by the insurance industry.

The homeowners met at the Ambassador's Civic Club, 23 Franklin St. SW, to hear a number of representatives explain the rash of cancellations occurring since the 1967 riots.

It's all very complex, they were told, but basically the problem is one of profit and loss. If an insurance company feels it can insure ghetto homes without jeopardizing its chance for profits, it will do so.

But if the company, after considering its commitments in other areas as well as in the ghetto, feels the threat to profits is too great, it won't insure.



New Care Corp. President Philip de Journo in Pastoral Setting of Springbrook Residence Nursing Home

## DeJourno Named Care Corp. Head

By PETE DEMAAGD  
Philip de Journo, who until a month ago was president of Wurzburg's here, Wednesday became the new president and chief administrative officer of Care Corp.

Care, fast-growing locally-based owner of 12 extended care facilities, Wednesday also announced its entry into a new field, child development centers.

De Journo moves into the organization with more than 20 years experience in business, all of it in the retail field. For the last eight years he was president of Wurzburg's, owned by Sperry & Hutchinson Co. until it was sold this spring to John Butler and Demery Department Stores of Detroit.

ent construction alone will increase overall capacity by 24 per cent. The new child development centers will be in conjunction with the nursing homes. Addition of this operation is in keeping with a Care Corp. philosophy that senior citizens want and should have youngsters about them in their recuperative stages.

## Kent Park Department Purchasing Right Urged

By MAURY DEJONGE  
County administrative staff members Tuesday released a report which recommends against the county Purchasing Department assuming responsibility of purchases for the Kent County Road Commission's park department.

from the recent road commission investigation which culminated in the resignation of Gilbert R. Thomas, commission chairman.

Local accounting executive L. William Seidman, chairman of Care's Executive Committee, pointed out that a with de Journo as president, Dr. Browne and the executive committee can "concentrate efforts on the growth and development of Care."

Handicapped Center Gains In Wyoming  
Granting Grand Valley Association of Physically Handicapped, Inc. permission to build a center, to be located in the city, on city-owned property might establish a "precedent," Wyoming Commission Walter Krus said at Monday's Committee of the Whole.

The report was distributed to the Finance Committee, and Chairman Robert Blandford deferred action for a week pending study of the report in excess of \$4 million and the firm's stock, which went public in late November, has climbed from \$8 a share to about \$19 a share.

Basic conclusion of the report is that the staff "believes the road commission purchasing department is operated efficiently."

De Journo is on the advisory board of St. Mary's Hospital and a director of Union Bank & Trust Co. He has been active with the Greater Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce and is a past vice president and has been a director of Davenport College of Business, Urban League, Kent County Center Society, United Community Services and Downtown Rotary Club.

His feelings, however, were not shared by retiring board member Mrs. Fred (Mara) Keeler. Although she seconded VanTuinen's resolution, so it could be brought up for a vote, she said:

In the report, signed by Controller Leonard V. Andrus, Deputy Controller Frank Evans and Purchasing Agent Kenneth Deming, the staff reported, "It is the unanimous opinion that there is insufficient reason to change the park purchasing to the county Purchasing Department at this time."

William H. Vanderhoof, production administrator of Davenport Associates, Inc. has recommended placing a seal over the excavated ground around the building to prevent excessive water from expanding the clay.

De Journo sees the expansion and diversification of Care as a challenge, then adds with that wide grin, "I'll also be nice to wake up in the morning and not have to worry about what the weather is going to do to business that day."

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## Board Bows to Members-elect, Delays Decision on New School

By JESSIE HARDING  
At the end of a nearly four-hour Board of Education meeting Tuesday, a vote on the proposed 3,000-student Southeast High School was delayed until at least July 8 and perhaps even longer.

He added, "I present this resolution with mixed emotions, realizing that all the people who have taken time to call me have requested positive action today. However, the staff has assured me a delay of one month would not affect the opening date of the school. . . . I would suggest a July 1, 1969 deadline for presentation at a special meeting of the new board, and final action could be taken at the regular meeting July 8."

Education possible for all Grand Rapids children. The children should be our primary concern. . . .

additional five miles. But if I had the opportunity to vote on the master plan today, I'd vote 'yes' (for the master plan).

Instead, in a move that the sponsor said caught even some board members by surprise, a delaying resolution was introduced by board member Raymond VanTuinen.

In his opening statement, VanTuinen referred to himself as "an outgoing member who is sold on the basic merits of the master plan."

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VanTuinen said, "These are expressions the present board would heartily endorse as long as they were all compatible and consistent to the best education for all students, so maybe in reality we are not so far apart."

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statements of huge insurance companies. He did point out that some large businesses also have insurance trouble.

He said he had been in a number of homes where conditions were so poor, "I wouldn't insure them myself if I sold insurance."

## Packaging Corp. Plant Charged With Pollution

The Packaging Corp. of America plant at 500 Market Ave. SW has been charged in a warrant issued by Asst. City Atty. Frank S. Spies with discharging smoke contaminants which exceed legal density limits.

automobiles parked two blocks away at Market Ave. and Wealthy St. SW, Olson added.

Richard Olson, the city's air pollution inspector, said smoke from the corporation's coal furnaces Monday could be seen two miles away by another city inspector.

Olson said the factory has had numerous breakdowns of its furnace control devices, and its pollution collection devices are not adequate to meet the city code.

## State Chiropractic Group Backs Suit

Charging that Michigan Blue Cross-Blue Shield has "discriminated against us," a Ferndale chiropractor Tuesday won support from the Michigan Chiropractic Association for his lawsuit against the insurance coltline.

prepared to see it through the entire court process, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

Richard Klinder told some 500 chiropractors at the association's convention at the Pantlin Hotel that he had filed suit in the day against Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

He said he filed the suit not as a physician but as a policy-holder of Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

Convention delegates passed a resolution supporting the suit.

Chiropractic is a system of treating illnesses, based on the theory that interference with proper nerve function causes disease. Chiropractors mainly perform their services by manipulating bones to restore them to correct positions. They do not use drugs or perform surgery.

## Rep. Ford to Talk After Hollyhock Lane Parade

Rep. Gerald R. Ford of Grand Rapids will be guest speaker following the 35th annual Hollyhock Lane parade July 4 sponsored by the Calvin-Giddings Patriotic Association.

participate wearing patriotic hats and waving flags provided by the association.

Stewart Lapham, 3231 Michael Ave. SW, said the only building suitable for his group's meetings is the Pinery Park shelterhouse.

U.S. Funds Help Finance Bridge Building in Kent  
Bridge construction in Kent County, primarily replacement of outmoded spans, will be financed in part by \$186,382 in federal secondary highway funds.