

Dorati conducts discussion

Antal Dorati, music director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will present a rare evening of conversation beginning at 7:30 p.m., March 6, at the Birmingham Temple, 28511 West Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills.

Dorati, who is responsible for creating the Beethoven festival in Detroit last fall, will discuss the cultural climate of the city. He will be open to questions at the end of the evening.

Dorati has appeared with every major orchestra. With more than 300 recordings to his credit, he has won 19 special awards including the Grand Prix du Disc.

All proceeds from the event will be contributed to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Advance tickets can be obtained by mailing \$2 to the Birmingham Temple Vivace, care of Mrs. Trudy Draker, 12944 Borman, Huntington Woods, 48070.

Health tests are set

Free immunizations and tuberculin skin tests will be given to all Oakland County residents two months old and older from 9 a.m.-noon, March 9 at the First Methodist Church, Warner and Grand River, Farmington.

Appointments are unnecessary but residents are asked to bring any previous immunization records with them. Children must be accompanied by a legal guardian.

C'ville fights budget crunch

Clareville School District is facing the same financial pains as are other school districts. Higher costs and declining enrollment have put the district in a financial bind.

Edward J. Salasz, business manager for the school district, has told the school board that 1978-79 expenses will exceed revenue by \$385,808, nearly eight per cent of its \$5 million budget.

Supt. David McDowell said that by law the district can use its surplus of \$234,565.

He said the board has four alternatives open to it: reduce spending by another \$151,000; convince the state legislature to provide more funds; ask voters for another two mills; or a combination of increased revenue and decreased expenditures.

McDowell said the possibility of working next year with less revenue than this year is unrealistic.

He said that no action was taken at a brief meeting last week because there were only four of seven board members present.

"We have made no attempts to resolve the problem as yet; this is just a preliminary approach. At the March 23 meeting, we will have to face the issue," he said.

The board will be watching the legislature to see if it will act on the declining enrollment problem.

"If the state doesn't do anything to help the schools, we will have to go to the people for additional funds."

If there is a millage vote, it would be part of the scheduled board election June 13.

The two mills per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation would, if a person has a \$40,000 home, mean a tax increase of \$40 per year. The district currently is operating on a 37.9 mills levy.

McDowell said if the board cuts spending, he had no idea in what direction it would go.

"When we got the three mills (extra) this year, we told the voters we wouldn't reduce service. This promise we intend to keep."

He said Clareville's problem is not unique. "Our declining enrollment and financial situation is identical to the problem Livonia has."

He said the need is for increased state funding to aid the declining enrollment districts.

"The school districts need help from the state legislature. We are hoping they will be able to do something about it."



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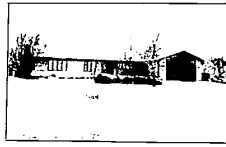
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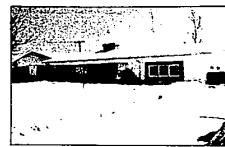
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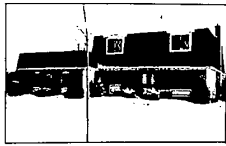
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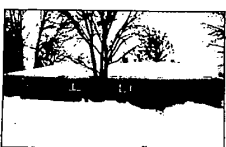
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