

C'ville delays millage question

Faced with a potential budget deficit for the coming year, the Clarenceville school board is willing to wait until July before deciding whether to go to the voters with a request for

additional millage.

A decision to ask for more millage depends on whether the state legislature is willing to grant relief to declining enrollment districts.

A preliminary budget for the 1978-79 school year indicates that under the 1978-79 state aid formula as written, the district's expenditures will exceed revenue by \$256,000.

The projected deficit takes into account a reduction of eight teachers forced by the estimated loss of 231 students in the district.

"By July 1 we should have a good idea of what the state legislature is going to do," Superintendent David McDowell said.

"There is a good possibility that portions of the state aid will be rewritten to give some financial relief to declining enrollment school districts."

"If the act is altered as I think it will be, it is possible the district could operate during the 1978-79 year without going to the people for a millage increase," he added.

McDowell said if the budget esti-

mate is correct, based on a total tax base of \$88 million, "it would take 2.87 new mills to balance the budget."

Should the legislature act to relieve some of the pressure from the declining enrollment districts, the millage need would be less.

McDowell told the school board it could not call a special election later than Aug. 1.

"It would be difficult, however, to run a campaign during July because school personnel would not be available," he added.

"I have no way of knowing when the state legislature will decide on the final state aid act, so it is difficult for me to advise you (the board) on the best procedure."

It was agreed by the board to wait until July before making a decision.

"If we get state aid, we might make it," McDowell added.

C'ville school post to open

There will be a new face on the Clarenceville school board this year with the retirement of 11-year veteran Robert M. Erickson.

Deadline for filing for the June 12 school board election is 4 p.m. Monday, April 10.

Dan Morrison, the second member of the board whose term expires this year, is seeking re-election. He is completing a four-year term.

Erickson, in announcing his decision not to seek re-election said, "I sincerely believe there are others in the dis-

trict who should have the opportunity to help direct the affairs of our public schools as I have been privileged to do for the past 11 years."

"As I leave the board this June, I take great pride in our school system. Our district is blessed with a most able superintendent, David McDowell, a wise, compassionate and strong educator. We have an effective administrative team, some outstanding teachers and a large number of productive and worthy educational programs."

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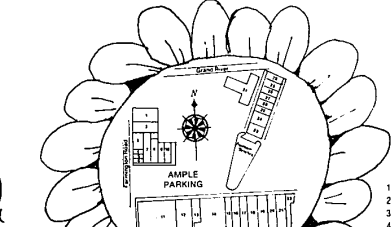
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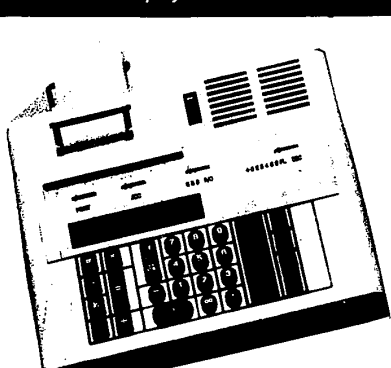
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