

# District gets mixed reviews on split tax plan

If all the units of government within the Walled Lake School District were to adopt split collections of school taxes, the district could save \$207,400 in interest payments.

But not all communities in the district are enthusiastic about twice-a-year school tax collection.

The district includes the western half of West Bloomfield and the northwest portion of Farmington Hills along with Walled Lake, Novi Township, Wixom, Wolverine Lake, Commerce Township, Orchard Lake and White Lake Township.

Superintendent Don Sheldon said Farmington Hills likes the idea, while

Walled Lake and Commerce have indicated they will consider the request further.

Orchard Lake and Wixom have said they're not interested, Sheldon said. No response has been received from West Bloomfield.

Novi already has split collection of school taxes.

The split tax collection provides for annual school property taxes to be divided in two with half the money payable in September and the other half payable in February.

Presently, most residents pay their school taxes in one lump sum in February.

WITH YEARLY COLLECTIONS, school districts do not receive tax revenues until the school year is half over.

As a result, most school districts borrow money against anticipated property tax revenues to pay bills during the first half of the fiscal year, usually July to January.

The district must borrow \$4.35 mil-

lion in order to meet its Sept. 7 payroll, said Harry Carlson, assistant superintendent for business.

The loan should enable the district to pay its bills through November. By then, state aid payments and the first property tax revenue will start arriving.

The Walled Lake school board last week awarded the bid on interest rates for the \$4.35 million loan to Community National Bank of Pontiac.

If all units of government within the district were to adopt the split tax col-

lection policy, the need to borrow money at the start of the school year could be eliminated, Sheldon said.

And the \$207,400 in interest payments on the 7.33 percent loan also could be eliminated.

Orchard Lake and Wixom object to split collection because they don't want to hire more people to collect school taxes twice as often, Sheldon said.

But Sheldon added that he was encouraged by the willingness of Walled Lake and Commerce to study the concept further.

## Tops in Top Club

Louis I. Zuckerman of Farmington Hills has been accorded the highest honor that New York Life Insurance Co. can bestow on one of its 11,000 agents. He has been named national president of the company's Top Club for 1979-1980.



## Detroit Bible College adds to teaching staff

Dr. Robert Woodburn of Washington D.C. will assume the duties of vice president for academic affairs at the Detroit Bible College in Farmington Hills.

He received his bachelor's degree from Dickinson College, a T.H.M. degree from Dallas Theological Semi-

nary, and master's and a doctoral degree from American University, Washington D.C.

Two new members have been appointed to the faculty as well.

Dr. John Orme of Guatemala City will assume the Charles Shaw Chair of Missions.

## New partner

Price Waterhouse & Co., a leading international accounting firm, announced today the admission of Robert B. Lewis of Farmington Hills to the partnership. Lewis is a CPA and president of the Adrian College Alumni Board of Directors.



## Schools plan to revise sex education program

An advisory committee of parents, clergy, educators and health professionals will be organized in January to study revision of the high school sex education program in Farmington public

schools to include family planning.

"There has been a family life, education program since 1971 in Farmington. It has had community support," said Lawrence Freedman, as-

stant superintendent of instruction.

"In keeping with the changes in society and the adoption of state guidelines, we recommend implementation of course units in family

planning in September 1980."

Freedman said the intent is to prepare a program with community input, evaluation and comment before such a program would be con-

sidered by the board of education for adoption or rejection.

The board last week

unanimously approved the decision to proceed with plans for an advisory committee to be appointed next January.

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"Terry Sever, past president of the Farmington Jaycees and recognized as the Outstanding Citizen of Farmington in 1978, is running for the Farmington Hills City Council. I would encourage the citizens of Farmington to support this outstanding young man for he has clearly demonstrated his leadership qualities and ability to get a job done. He would certainly be a strong addition to the Farmington Hills City Council.

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