## Mike Barnard tackles Manistee

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the river:

"We got a mile from the Hodenpyl
Dam and the flood gates were open.
The river was dropping, ice was breakning loose and floating downstream.

"We paddled to a big ice jam, but
there was no channel through it. Five
minutes after we got to shore, an ice
flow the size of four cars came up to
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"If we would've been in the river, it
would've carried us under and that
would've been it.
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would've been it.
"You have 10 to 20 minutes to get
out in winter because the water is so
cold. You'd just become immobilized."
The canoe never flipped, but had one
close call when it got caught on a log
sideways in a current.

"We had plastic bags to keep our equipment dry, a survival kit and wa-ter-proof matches. We were prepared for the cold," he said.

pole for pushing out of shallow water, food, and "all the equipment we tried to imagine might be necessary."

## Health clinic will relocate

The Oakland County Health Division plans to relocate the Farmington Child Health Conference and its monthly out-reach immunization clinic in the west wing of Shlawasses School at 30415 Shlawassee bengining Jan. 10.
The site change will increase the space available for community health services in a facility designed specifically for children. The clinic was previously located at the First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River.

## Board approves balanced budget

for the 1979-80 year was unanimously approved by the Walled Lake Board of Education Monday.

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Although the approval of the annual budget usually takes place in October, officials with the Walled Lake School Datrict held off submitting a final budget in alopes that a request for three additional mills in operating fands would be approved by the voters in a special Rovember 12 millage election. The millage request was shot down by a 58-42 margin, however, and officials thee went about the task of preparing a balanced budget without the additional funds that would have been provided with a successful millage election.

about the proposed financial plan were raised prior to board approval of the document at Monday's public and the document at Monday's public properties. Trustee Janet Callahan proposed that the amount of money repet for teacher workshops be trimmed in half from \$2,000 and reallocated to the reading support program.

Superintendent Don Sheldon responded that workshops and in-service sessions for teachers and administrators have already been trimmed "to what we consider minimal levels."

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Trustee Kenneth Tucker questioned the amount of money budgeted for administrative mileage expenses, noting that there has been a significant increase over 1978-79 levels.

Sheldon said the increase was due to a contractual change in the method for reimbursing administrative mileage expenses.

what that expense will actually be."

The balanced budget of \$20.65 million represents the first balanced budget in the Walled Lake School District in three years.

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both the 1977-78 and 1978-79 budgets, but the district was able to make up the difference by digging dato its fund equity (savings) account.

But Harry Carlson, assistant superintendent for business, said the fund equity stands at approximately 4751,000. He recommended that it not be depleted further this year.

"Dowery company, whether it's public or private, needs some working capital it can fall back on," Carlson told the board.

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"If we attempt to deplete our fund equity any further, I'm just afraid we won't have anything to fall back on. It's just a bad way to do business."

CARLSON ALSO told the board that auditors recommend a fund equity of roughly 10 percent of the general budg-et. Under those guidelines, the district would have to maintain a fund equity of approximately \$2 million to meet the recommendations of the auditor. Carlson said that \$15.54 million in revenues will come from local sources

this year, including property tax reve-nues of \$15.005 million. Last year, the school district realized \$13.268 million in local revenue sourc-es, including \$12.623 million in property taxes.

But while local revenues have in-creased, there has been a decrease in state aid revenues.

Last year, the district received \$5.89 million from state sources, while this year the district expects to receive just 49.9 million in state aid — a decrease of approximately \$1 million.

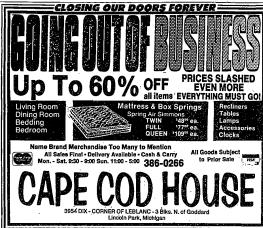
The revenue sources listed as "other" include \$110,000 in county special education funding and \$42,000 in county vocational education funding.

On the expenditure side of the ledger, 53.74 percent of the 1979-80 budget has been earmarked for instruction while 45.05 percent will go for support services and 1.21 percent to community services (community educa-

About \$15.6 million of the \$20.647. million budget will go into salaries — or 75.8 percent of the total 1979-80 budget.













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