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Reroute Sewer?

Farmington Township wants to get moving on the 10 Mile sanitary sewer arm and the Village of Quakertown is willing providing the sewer is not routed down the river bed in Quaker Valley. The township Monday night agreed to pay half of a study to see if the village's wish can be met providing the village and other interested parties pay the other half.

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For Your Boy

A number of special programs for youngsters will be offered this summer by Farmington Public Schools, The Farmington YMCA and the Farmington Community Center. By checking several pages inside, you may be able to determine how your boy will spend this summer.

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C'ville's Vote

Clarenceville School District had six candidates to choose from but stuck with two veteran school board members. Voters also backed the board on a transfer of some construction bond funds.

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Close-Knit College

Florence Bradner likes the close-knit, friendly atmosphere of a small college, and as first lady of Schoolcraft she tried to preserve it. Kathy Moran had along that with the wife of the retiring president.

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See today's classified section for details...



Millage Is Defeated; Mrs. Brennan Elected

By MARTHA MAHAN

Millage was defeated and ultra-conservative Mrs. Elizabeth Brennan was elected a Farmington school board trustee as a record 7,300 voters crowded the polls Monday.

They denied by a 1,355 vote margin the proposed 4.5 mill increase (\$4.50 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation) in school taxes for four years. The unofficial total was 2,974 to 4,329.

Mrs. Brennan defeated her nearest rival, Dr. Mervyn B. Ross, by 538 votes in the unofficial tally, leading by 2,887 to Ross' 2,451.

Trailing Ross in order in the unofficial tabulation were David L. Revelighan with 895 votes, Albert A. Darian with 559 and Charles Westen with 336.

THE VOTER turnout topped

by 1,300 ballots the previous record of 5,973 votes cast in June, 1966.

Long lines of voters waited at the polls as much as two hours to cast ballots. Precinct 2 at Dunckel Junior High did not close until 10:10 p.m. Precinct 1 at Farmington Junior High remained open until 9:30 p.m.

The outpouring was credited both to voter feeling over millage and to a spirited campaign over sex education and minority understanding in the schools.

Mrs. Brennan, who opposed both, had said she would look upon the vote cast for her as a gauge of community attitude toward the two controversial proposals.

She carried three of the district's four precincts losing only Precinct 3 at Eagle School to Dr. Ross. Millage

lost in all four precincts.

Dr. Ross commented that the results left him "terribly disturbed about the future of education in Farmington from now on."

"I have been concerned about education ever since I've been here," he said, "and I'm more concerned now. I intend to make a more concerted effort on behalf of people who care about education from now on."

Mrs. Brennan was not immediately available for comment.

THE VICTORY leaves Mrs. Brennan occupying seats on two school boards. Besides the Farmington Board of Education trusteeship, she also serves as secretary-treasurer of Our Lady of Sorrows School Board.

Retiring Board President John M. Washburn III called

the millage defeat "a shame."

"What can you say?" he asked. "I just hope Lansing gets the message."

THE BOARD had warned that millage defeat would force a \$1.5 million reduction in school programs and likely mean drastic cuts in such areas as music, art, physical education, library, drama and athletics.

One unhappy father among those who waited out the late returns at the board of education offices dropped two pennies into a wastebasket and said bitterly: "That's what a Farmington education will be worth from now on."

Mrs. Brennan also has been an active participant in a recall drive against four of the present board members: Richard H. Peters, Gary

Lichtman, Aldo Vagnozzi and Ronald W. Emmitt. The recall movement followed a unanimous board approval of sex education in the schools.

Because of this, there was speculation in some quarters that the six incumbents might unite for a 6-1 voting bloc.

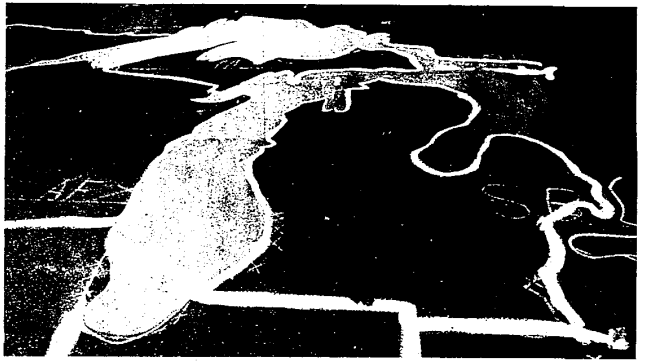
AT THE BOARD meeting which preceded the vote count, Trustee Kenneth F. Perrin read a statement disassociating the board from any suggestion that it has supported any one candidate. He said:

"During the past few days, the Farmington Education Assn. (FEA) has mailed campaign literature for one of the candidates for the school board and has included a letter from the Board of Education supporting millage. To many people this combined mailing has implied that the board of education has endorsed this particular candidate."

"It should be made clear," Perrin went on, "that the board of education had no knowledge that this combined mailing was being made, that the board of education did not participate in this mailing, and that the board of education did not endorse any candidate for this election."

Indications that the vote would be heavy became apparent early in the day. Some 400 votes had been cast at Eagle School by 1 p.m. and another 600 at Middlebelt. The 2 p.m. count at Farmington Junior High was nearly 900 votes and numbered 960 at Dunckel.

Gerald A. Freedman, an attorney, suggested to the board that the number of district voting places be increased before another election. He said that 300 voters, still were in line waiting to vote when he left Dunckel at 8:30 p.m. and that 1,900 already had voted. Official closing time was 8 p.m.



A GIANT MICHIGAN decorates the playground of Longacre Elementary School at 34850 Arundel, along with an oversized map of the entire United States. Fifth graders at the

school, taught by Brian Sprague, painted the map as part of their latest geography lesson. (Evert photo)

1,500 Will Graduate

Farmington high schools graduate more than 1,500 seniors this week.

North Farmington and Farmington will give diplomas to a total of 1,139 graduates at ceremonies Thursday and Friday. Our Lady of Mercy honored 300 seniors and Our Lady of Sorrows' 77 at commencements Sunday.

Dr. Wilson is a former national chairman of the Medical Committee for Human Rights and board member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Harrison High, the newest public high school, will graduate its first senior class in June 1972.

FOR SORROWS, Sunday's commencement mingled sadness with joy as the occasion marked the school's last graduation exercise. Sorrows closes at the end of this school year.

The 77 graduates heard an address by an uncle of one of their classmates, the Rev. John McGrail, S.J.

Mrs. Roman Gribbs, wife of Detroit's mayor, spoke at the Our Lady of Mercy commencement for 300 students Sunday. The Gribbs has a daughter as a student there.

A variety of honors assemblies and other events preceded the commencement ceremonies.

Highlight of the Sorrows honors assembly was presentation of a \$10,000 Michigan State University scholarship to Robert Hoard, the class salutatorian. Class valedictorian, with a perfect grade point average, was Anthony Abowd.

A total of 33 scholarships to various universities was presented to Sorrows graduates.

FARMINGTON HIGH hosted a guest speaker at its baccalaureate ceremonies Sunday.

The young people heard Rabbi Richard C. Hertz, senior rabbi of Temple Beth El of Detroit. Dr. Hertz is chairman of the board of overseers of Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion. He also is adjunct professor of Jewish thought at the University of Detroit.

Earlier, North Farmington observed its first year of membership in the National Honor Society by inducting students at an honors assembly.

Farmington High also honored at a ceremony high scholastic achievers and scholarship winners. Both schools also held "swingout" ceremonies.

Minority Understanding Report Is Revised

A revised program to foster minority understanding which softens but "does not change the thrust intent or philosophy" of the earlier proposal was outlined publicly at Monday's Farmington Schools board of education meeting.

The board is expected to act on the recommendations at its June 28 meeting.

THE BOARD ALSO was notified of "official support" accorded the minority understanding report by the Northwest Inter-Faith Center for Racial Justice, an organization of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish churches.

Clifford C. Schrupp, director, called the effort a "positive step toward better human relations."

Main changes from the original document, as reported by Joseph Nicita, director of secondary education and coordinator of the staff committee which drew up the implementation guide, were:

The board of education will publicly state an interest in "locating" (instead of "obtaining") housing for personnel of racial, ethnic and other minority groups. The personnel office would be directed to maintain a list of interested citizens and staff members willing personally to assist in this regard.

An earlier provision that apartment owners, officials of homeowners associations and property managers be asked for written statements of willingness to assist in finding such housing was dropped from the new proposal.

Instead of immediate and overt recruitment of Negro professionals on predominantly Negro campus-

es, the new proposal recommends that the board begin "openly" to recruit minority group professional staff members "when appropriate."

Nicita explained that this was intended to spell out an intention to hire only when positions fell open and after attempts had been made to recall any teachers previously laid off.

An earlier suggestion that recruitment be carried out through advertising in Negro newspapers and through letters to Negro colleges and fraternities was abandoned.

OTHER CHANGES outlined by Nicita were:

Testing of student attitudes toward minorities will be delayed while the committee searches out an "appropriate approach" to make such determination.

Each school will be "encouraged" rather than required to have at least one assembly or program per year for the purpose of promoting human relations.

The district will attempt teacher exchanges whereby teachers from "minority groups" (instead of the previous "Negro") will work in Farmington schools "for a limited period of time." The earlier recommendation had been for the exchanges to last a period of one month.

Nicita explained that in cases where the exchange was working out well, it might be desirable to extend the teaching period beyond one month, or, conversely, to reduce it from that time.

The new recommendation also included operational and secretarial help among those to be recruited from minority groups and specified that, "only qualified personnel" would be hired in all cases.



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