

Trustees Tell Millage Stands

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
18181

Estate of MILDRED P. BENNETT,
Deceased.

It is Ordered that on September 15, 1971, at 9 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Audrey Lester for the admission to probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and for the granting of administration of said estate to Henry Lester, the executor named therein or to some other suitable person, and to determine who are or were at the time of death the heirs at law of said deceased.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule. Dated: August 12, 1971.

EDWARD ARTHUR MOORE,
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With the issue of whether to raise property taxes for one year to rescue Farmington School District from financial deterioration before Farmington voters on Aug. 23, the Board of Education members are speaking throughout the community.

As the threat looms of axing athletics and art and music, cutting back on reading programs, teaching staff and other personnel, school board majority members are citing the "desperate need of attaining additional funds on a one-year basis," according to Board President Richard H. Peters.

SAID ALDO Vagnozzi, trustee:

"No decision I have had to make during my more than two years on the Farmington Board of Education was more difficult than the one to adopt an austerity budget for the 1971-72 school year which reduced or eliminated programs in 13 vital areas."

"You can't make that kind of a reduction without affecting the quality of

EDITOR:

On Monday, citizens of the Farmington Public School District will be asked to vote "yes" on a millage proposal.

From my vantage point, this is a most vital issue. In June, a 4.5 mill four-year proposal was turned down. The Farmington Board of Education has now come back with a 3.5 mill one-year proposal.

THIS is an unfortunate situation from several standpoints. It is unfortunate that schools must be financed by local millage. It is unfortunate that one of the finest suburban school districts may find itself one of the poorest, and it is unfortunate that those who cannot vote suffer the most of our children.

As vice-president of the Oakland County Intermediate School District Board of Education and a former member of the Farmington Board of Education, I am cognizant of the needs of all 28 districts within our county.

If the 3.5 mill one-year proposal is not passed in Farmington, there will be: no extracurricular band, no orchestra, no drama, reduced counseling services, reduced elementary art and music programs, virtually no library and media service, no field trips, reduced vocational and special education programs, and last, but not least, the elimination of all inter-scholastic athletics.

TO QUOTE Joe Falls, Free Press sports editor in his Aug. 6 column: "You have to believe that the people who live in Farmington are living there because they believe it is a good place to live. If all of these activities are dropped, then the school system won't be as good, and their neighborhood won't be as good."

The Farmington School District has scheduled, for September inception, four monumental new curriculum projects: family life and human relations, substance abuse, a program to foster minority understanding, and an entirely new and updated program in social studies - the first in nearly a decade.

The board of education, school administrators, teachers and a cross-section of this community spent nearly three years developing these programs. An estimated total cost of only \$2,000 has been attached to the substance abuse, family life and human relations, and minority un-

derstanding programs. These fine programs were developed and planned for implementation in response to the needs of the children of the district.

IT IS A sad day when quality of education must go begging. That is what the schools of Farmington find themselves doing, begging to stay alive.

I would like to urge each registered voter in the Farmington School District to get out to vote on Aug. 23.

Don't let yourself be fooled by the rumors flung around so loosely by members of extremist groups. If you have a question, call your school. But, please for education's sake, vote "yes."

GARY L. LICHTMAN
Farmington

EDITOR:

As a member of the Family Life Education committee, serving on both the sexual and minority understanding groups, I feel I must speak out. Enough space has been given to those blasting any group opposed to these programs to please allow me, a citizen not associated with any group, some room.

AS A STARTER, I do not feel the FLE committee was a group of people representing the parents of Farmington school children as stated in my letter to the editor in October 1969.

There have been many articles written asking, "Where were these dissenters when the guidelines were being put together?" Well, I'll ask the same question of those in favor, "Where were you when the guidelines were being put together?"

Having attended nearly every meeting those that opposed far outnumbered those that favored. I might also add, that because of the insistence of those opposed, the FLE committee opened the meetings to the public.

The "KIDS" group states that the Farmington Southfield Vicariate Council is in favor of these programs. As I remember the F.S.V.C. letter to the editor, it said it did not represent all but a majority of the council. If my memory is correct then the same thing that they are accusing the Motorende group of doing, using names of groups to further their cause.

THE SEX education committee talked to about 50 students from the then two

smaller 3.5 mill tax issue in the Farmington district."

The said he was "somewhat reluctant" to vote in favor of placing another millage proposal on the ballot after a previous proposal calling for a 1.5 mill tax hike for a four-year period was soundly defeated June 14. But the majority of board members voted to ask support of a

Board has been diligent in its efforts to win legislative approval for a new method of financing public schools.

"There is no disagreement by members of the school board with the widely held feeling that property taxes have more than reached their limit as a means of financing education," he went on.

The Farmington School

high schools to get their thoughts and views on how and when sex education should be taught. They stated, almost unanimously, that sex education should not start until junior high and then only in segregated classes. The guidelines suggest that classes be integrated from K-12.

In regards to the Minority Understanding programs, one of the steps is for the teachers to exchange places with a teacher from a minority group. It did not get into the guidelines but was suggested many times that this part of the program should be restricted to new or young teachers because the older ones in our schools were too set in their ways.

It has also been stated that these programs will only cost \$2,000. If our school board can initiate all of these programs to where all teachers are capable of teaching them for

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Estate of ROBERT E. CARSELL,
Deceased.

It is Ordered that on September 8, 1971, at 9 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of Deborah E. Carsell for the appointment of an administrator of said estate and to determine who are or were at the time of death the heirs at law of said deceased.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule. Dated: August 4, 1971.

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year millage issue which will go before the voters of the Farmington School District on Monday August 23. The decision is up to you," he challenges voters.

BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Kenneth Perrin said:

"Tens of thousands of dollars have been saved in

construction and maintenance costs through the use of new building techniques and materials. Throughout the past year the schools have cut thousands of dollars of expenses through changes in operations.

"We have reached the point where cutting costs will not save enough money to maintain the school program as we know it. We must choose between a temporary increase in millage or a reduced educational program."

"Our children could lose some of that extra attention, direction and sense of purpose which could mean so much to them in their development. Our staff loses some of its ability to attract the most highly qualified teachers as the quality of the school system declines. Our community loses its ability to attract highly interested citizens as people choose to live in other areas with better school systems."

RONALD G. ENDERS
Farmington

Whose Wishes Are Followed

EDITOR:

When the vote on school millage failed, the Farmington School Board immediately planned to lay off teachers, cut back on special education classes, reduce physical education, cut back on bussing within the township, but will proceed to implement the three new programs that the majority of people don't want. Just whose wishes are they following?

RUTH M. OLIVIER
Farmington



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186, 62

Estate of JAMES MICHAEL WIDEMAN, Charge of Name.
It is Ordered that on September 1, 1971, at 9 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, a hearing be held on the petition of JAMES MICHAEL WIDEMAN to change the name of JAMES MICHAEL WIDEMAN to JAMES MICHAEL SHURT.
Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule. Dated: July 29, 1971.

DONALD E. ADAMS,
Judge of Probate

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