

Double-Taxation Bill Is Repaired

Property owners in Western Wayne County and the Schoolcraft College district will enjoy a slight reduction in their next county tax bill as a result of an amendment tacked onto the property tax bill that passed the House last week.

State Rep. Marvin Stempien (D-Livonia) offered the amendment to exempt property owners who are already supporting a community college from being assessed .18 mill (or 18 cents per \$1,000 state equalized valuation) for the support of Wayne County Community College.

The .18 mill would have been shifted from county property taxes to support the Wayne college under the Senate version of the bill. Had this version become law, Schoolcraft taxpayers in the Wayne County portion of the district would have found themselves paying for two community colleges.

THE HOUSE vote on Stempien's amendment wasn't recorded, and so Observer Newspapers was unable to learn how local representatives voted on it. On final passage of the bill, three Observer and two representatives supported the bill, two opposed it, two did not vote and Rep. James Tierney (D-Garden City) was excused because of illness.

Supporting the bill were Stempien, Rep. Thomas Brown (D-Westland) and Rep. Raymond Baker (R-Farmington).

Rep. Richard Young (D-Dearborn Heights) and James Denebaugh (R-Birmingham) voted against it.

Reps. John Bennett (D-Redford Township) and Joseph Forbes (D-Oak Park) did not vote.

"THE BILL, as it was sent to us by the Senate, would have meant paying a second tax for other community college districts in the county," Stempien said.

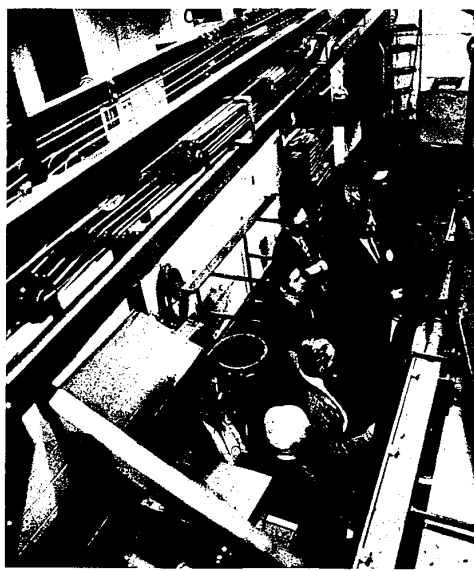
"It would have meant that some taxpayers would be providing millage both for Wayne County Community College and their own community college.

"I was firmly opposed to the inequity," he added.

Under the change, residents of Livonia, Garden City, Northville, Plymouth, and Clarenceville School Districts will not pay the .18 mill tax. Redford Township and many Westland residents will be assessed the .18 mill.

"Although 18 cents property tax reduction for each \$1,000 state equalized valuation may not appear on its face to be much to an individual taxpayer, applied to the entire Schoolcraft District it means almost \$240,000 of lower property taxes.

"I am pleased that what started out as a special interest bill for Wayne County Community College has ended up as one that will benefit not only that college."



IN THE PRESS room, Farmington Rotarians get a close look at the press used to publish the Observer Newspapers. The Rotarians were the first community group to tour the building and then hold their regular business and luncheon meeting in the plant. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

Residents Get Priority--Grote

Schoolcraft College President C. Nelson Grote said that resident students are always given top priority at the college in a recent address to college employe groups.

Speaking on behalf of the millage proposal which will be voted on Sept. 13, Dr. Grote attempted to clear up some questions which have been raised during the millage campaign.

Passage of the millage is of great importance to the college because it would chart its course for the next decade, he said.

"RESIDENTS CAN be proud of their college," Dr. Grote said. "It serves them well in so many ways."

Acknowledging there has been some concern about the school admitting non-resident students, the president said the concerns are unfounded.

"We always give preference to in-district students. Whenever a program becomes more popular than we have staff and facilities to handle, we establish priority lists which enable us to serve all resident students — then non-residents only if space allows."

He pointed out the financial savings to resident students who pay \$10 a credit hour.

white non-residents tuition is \$20.

This difference in the tuition rate allows residents to send two students two years each to the college, plus pay taxes for the nearly 30 years, before their investment equals what non-residents pay in sending two students to the college.

"Obviously, we are not subsidizing non-residents," Dr. Grote said. "They pay their own way."

HE ALSO pointed out that the general operating budget of the college is not solely supported from local tax revenue but is dependent upon a state appropriation of approximately 33 per cent; the college realizes 26 per cent from tuition and fees and 9 per cent from miscellaneous sources. Therefore, only 27 per cent of the 1971-72 cost of operating the college will be from anticipated tax revenue.

Speaking to a third concern raised during the millage campaign, the President said the college has nearly 1,000 students in attendance who receive some form of financial aid.

Many students receive assistance through programs not directly administered or controlled by the college.

Headquarters Set For SC Election Votes

Headquarters for results from the board of trustee and millage elections being voted Sept. 13, will be located in the conference room of the Administration Building on the Schoolcraft College Campus.

Persons wishing to know the results as they develop Monday evening are invited to the conference room beginning at 8 p.m.

Barring complications, unofficial vote totals should be available about 10 p.m.

Faculty Supports 4 SC Candidates

The 22-member faculty senate of the Schoolcraft College Faculty Forum has endorsed four candidates for the Sept. 13 trustee election.

Winning the support of the faculty are Mrs. Rosina Raymond and Rev. Ivan Smith, both candidates for the six-year term of which three are to be elected.

Paul Kadish and George Shirley, candidates for two-year terms with two to be elected, were also listed as "preferred and best qualified."

Two other candidates for two year terms, Mary Dumas and Ron Mardiros, were acknowledged as "well-qualified" by the faculty.

THE FORUM is the faculty bargaining agent and is affiliated with the National Education Association. Nearly 100 faculty members of the approximately 150 college faculty belong to the Forum.

The Senate is composed of faculty officers and committee heads.

"The candidates represent the best balance for the good of the college," faculty President Richard Arlen said. "We recommend the voters give each of these candidates serious consideration."

SC Paper Supports 4 NDCL Backs 4 Candidates

Endorsements of four candidates in the Schoolcraft College trustee election were published in the college newspaper's first edition on Tuesday.

Five candidates are to be elected in the Sept. 13 election.

Based on interviews and responses to questionnaires, the Campus Globe gave endorsements to Mrs. Rosina Raymond and Rev. Ivan Smith, candidates for six-year terms, and George Shirley and Paul Kadish, candidates for two-year terms.

Three persons will be elected for six-year terms and two will be elected for the two-year terms.

The NDCL endorsed Mrs. Rosina Raymond and Rev. Ivan Smith for the two two-year terms.

Selection was made after a nine-member interview committee headed by Ron Hecker, interviewed eight of the candidates. All 17 candidates had been contacted for an interview.

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