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C'ville Budget Shows Teacher, Pupil Cuts

A loss in students, a cut in the teaching staff and a tax base that could change depending on the outcome tax appeals all have reflected in the allocation budget Clarenceville school trustees have submitted to Wayne County.

The budget was passed by the board at its April 5 meeting and will come up for a public hearing in the school district in May.

An enrollment loss of 190 students is accompanied by the cut of six teachers from staff, according to Edward Saliz, business manager. Clarenceville's enrollment next year will be 3,550. (A

recent Observer story erroneously stated Clarenceville's school population was 36,050).

While it does not show any pay hikes, the budget does take into account increments due eligible personnel, Saliz said. These averaged out to be about \$550 per eligible teacher, he added.

Actual salary figures for the '73-74 school year will be settled during negotiations later this year, he added.

Saliz estimates that the district will spend about \$3,933,225 by the end of the current year. The budget for '73-74 is \$3,960,849 - or \$27,624 higher, he said.

Increases were noted for the following items: transportation, up \$4,150 because of the increased cost of equipment and parts; fixed charges, up \$16,000 because of higher taxes; medical service premiums; capital outlay, an increase of \$8,700 because of the necessity to purchase new equipment for the high school math and science programs.

An increase in the student activity account was "necessary because of the loss of revenue for athletic programs combined with increased participation of girls in athletics."

Saliz said the district's state equalized valuation (SEV) factor was adjusted from the 1972-73 figure of \$67,501,616 to an estimated \$74,000,000.

The \$74-million figure may be a "trifle high," he admitted. A factor the district must keep in mind, he said, is the number of tax assessment appeals against the district now pending in court.

One of these is a large suit filed by Sears, Roebuck for a \$1-million reduction.

Last year the districts lost \$68,415 when the State Tax Commission allowed a reduction in the assessment of a large apartment complex in the Livonia sector of the district and a trailer court in the Farmington Township portion.

The allocation budget also shows reduced revenues from federal programs because the district will be losing \$37,000 it received for a special reading program.

Group Names New Members

Induction ceremonies were held recently by the Clarenceville chapter of the National Junior Society.

New members are Karen Basch, Peter Bednar, Rhonda Besserman, Julie Billing, Eva Bradley, Carol Brown, Kathy Buoncompagno, Roberta Chaiken, Craig Chestnut, Tom Cornell, Lisa Cook, Holly Drette, Georgia Ester, Laura Fisher, Julie Galfie, David Gersten, Leslie Goldman, Leonard Goren, Andrea Greenfield, Brad Heller, Anne Hunt, Karen Vance.

Edgewood PTO Meets

A musical program will be featured when Clarenceville's Edgewood Parent Teacher Organization meets on Wednesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the school.

Vocal students will be under the direction of Miss Geraldine Ricker with instrumental band students under the baton of Mrs. Alice Lund.

Symphony Will Host Puppets

DETROIT Puppets and musical marionettes will be combined for the Young People's Concert performance at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, in Ford Auditorium.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will be visited by the famous Heiken Puppet Theater, which will perform in excerpts from Greg's "Peer Gynt" and Mussorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain." Also on the program will be Mozart's Overture to the "Marriage of Figaro" and Chabrier's "Espana."

Tickets are available at the auditorium box office only.



BRUCE LUPP, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Lupp of Livonia, is touring this month with the Interlachen Arts Academy Orchestra. He is first bassoonist. The group will present 10 concerts in eight days, April 9-16, in Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

Ziem Elected Senior Judge

PONTIAC Judge Frederick C. Ziem has been re-elected presiding judge through the end of 1973 of the state's Sixth Judicial Circuit, which covers Oakland County.

Circuit Judge William P. Hampton was re-elected alternate presiding judge.

Ziem will be the official spokesman for Oakland Circuit Court, will be in charge of administrative functions of the circuit, and will preside over regular meetings of the judges.

He will also sign orders for other judges when they are unavailable and determine reassignment of cases from one judge to another when necessary.

Ziem graduated from the University of Michigan in 1938, was elected Oakland prosecuting attorney for four consecutive terms beginning in 1953, was elected circuit judge in 1959 and re-elected in 1966.

Hampton received his law degree from Wayne State University Law School and was elected to the Michigan Legislature in 1964, being re-elected in 1966 and 1968. He served as Republican floor leader from 1967-70.

Gov. Milliken appointed Hampton to a vacancy on the Oakland circuit bench in December 1970 and he was elected in November 1972.

U.S. Pianist Makes Debut

DETROIT Garrick Ohlsson, accomplished young American pianist, will make his debut appearance with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a concert at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 12.

He will play Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor.

Tickets are on sale at the box office, Hudson's and Grinnell's. A limited number of tickets will be sold to students and senior citizens at reduced rates, beginning at 7:45 on concert nights.

Easter Full Moon Seen April 17

A full moon that sets the date for Easter, some of the brightest stars and the zodiacal light mark April's astronomical displays, notes University of Michigan Hazel M. Losh.

The full moon, occurring on April 17, determines the date for Easter, Prof. Losh explains, because over 1,600 years ago church leaders decided that Easter should fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring (vernal equinox).

Easter falls on April 22 this year, but it can fall on any day within a 35-day period between the first day of spring to April 25.

April's stars includes 10 of the 20 brightest in the whole sky, the Michigan astronomer says. "Toward the west are the remnants of the brilliant assemblage that adorned the southern skies of mid-winter, such as Betelgeuse and Rigel in the constellation Orion."

Sirius, the brightest star of the heavens, can be found in the southeast in the constellation Canis Major. Near the meridian are the stars Procyon, Castor, and Pollux, with the former residing in the constellation Gemini and the latter two in Gemini.

Rising in the southeast along the zodiac soon after sunset is Virgo, a constellation which contains Spica, the "Queen Star of the Spring."

Prof. Losh points out that the lustrous zodiacal light may be seen in the west at dusk. Broadest near the horizon, this softly luminous triangle tapers toward the zenith. The strange glow is believed to be caused by sunlight reflected by interplanetary dust. Early April will provide the best opportunities for spotting the zodiacal light, she observes.

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