

# FACTS

Every Voter Should Know  
About The  
Oakland County  
Court House Referendum

NOV. 2

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO  
YOUR COUNTY BUILDING QUESTIONS

- (1)  
Q. What is the date of the election on which we will be permitted to vote on a referendum which would authorize the levying of a voted increase of  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mill on the County's valuation to finance repayment of \$1,500,000 of General Obligation Bonds for the construction of a new county building?
- A. At the General Election which will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 1954.
- (2)  
Q. Will it be necessary to re-submit the referendum on the question of issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Bonds to finance the project?
- A. No. This question was approved by the property owners at the August 3rd election and will not be on the November 2nd ballot.
- (3)  
Q. Who will be permitted to vote on the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mill referendum on November 2nd?
- A. All registered voters, taxpayers and non-taxpayers residing in the County of Oakland.
- (4)  
Q. Is reference to the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mill increase, what does this mean in dollars and cents as reflected on my tax bill?
- A. The figure  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mill represents 50¢ on each \$1,000 of the County's valuation. This would amount to approximately \$1.50 per year on the average home.
- (5)  
Q. If the construction of new homes, industries and other facilities continues at the present rate for the next few years and the County's valuation is hereby greatly increased would the levy of  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mill be discontinued when the \$1,500,000 bond issue and interest are fully paid even though the referendum permits a 20 year spread?
- A. Yes. In fact it is expected the levy of  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mill will retire the entire obligation within the next 10 or 12 years if the County's valuation increases at the same rate as in the past few years.
- (6)  
Q. What does the Board of Supervisors propose to do with the present Court House and other properties located in the downtown district of Pontiac if the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mill question is approved on November 2nd for financing a new county building?
- A. These properties would be offered for sale. Funds derived from such sales would be used to assist in financing the new building.
- (7)  
Q. Is there any cloud on the title of the present Court House property which would prevent the county from giving marketable title in the event of a sale?
- A. No. The Michigan Supreme Court rendered a decision reported in Volume No. 243 of Michigan Reports, pages 279 to 300 to the effect that the reversionary rights once held by Stephen Mack, Trustee for the Pontiac Company, were extinguished. Harry J. Merritt, County Corporation Counsel, has given an opinion that the County has marketable title and can successfully defend any attack thereon.
- (8)  
Q. Suppose the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mill referendum is defeated on November 2nd. Would all avenues of financing the new County Building be closed?
- A. No. Either of the following two possible procedures could be used:  
1. Another election date could be set by the Board of Supervisors and the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mill question re-submitted.  
2. The Board of Supervisors could consider the creation of a Building Authority as provided by Act 31 of Michigan Public Acts of 1946 and finance the construction by the sale of revenue bonds.
- (9)  
Q. If the Board of Supervisors is empowered to create a Building Authority and finance the project by the sale of revenue bonds, why submit the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mill question to the voters on November 2nd?
- A. According to figures submitted by Matthew Carey, Municipal Finance Consultant, an estimated savings ranging from \$1,415,434 to \$1,850,579 could be realized by financing the project by General Obligation Bonds.  
A favorable vote in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mill question would permit financing by General Obligation Bonds bearing an estimated interest rate of 2.19% and callable at any time when funds were available. Estimated retirement period from 10 to 12 years.  
Revenue Bonds would bear an estimated interest rate of 2.82% and the bond issue would require an approximate retirement period of 30 years and so issued that the Authority cannot possibly retire them in less than 25 years.
- (10)  
Q. If the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mill question is approved on November 2nd, when will the voted increase be reflected on my tax bill?
- A. The first levy would be applied on the December Tax Roll of year 1955.

OAKLAND COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BY ITS  
SPECIAL COUNTY BUILDING COMMITTEE  
H. LLOYD CLAWSON  
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## Need Vitamin 'A' For Safer Driving In Winter Months

Plenty of vitamin A is the watchword for safe driving in the fall and winter months ahead, according to the National Dairy Council. If you are even mildly deficient in vitamin A, it could cost you your life.

The mild deficiency, itself, would not kill you, but the impairment of vision which it can cause could make the difference while driving your car, particularly at dusk or at night. In 1953, 53 per cent of all fatal traffic accidents occurred at night.

How does this vitamin A thing work?

Vitamin A is particularly vital for your eyes to perform "dark adaptation" — the speed with which your eyes adjust when you leave bright light to go into dim light or semi-darkness.

Your ability for this function is put to test every time you pass the headlights of an on-coming car. The speed of your reaction to a change from light to darkness is related to vitamin A in your diet.

The process of vision is initiated by the pupils in your eyes. It is present in the photosensitive pigments in the light receptors of the retina. According to a recent technical publication of the National Dairy Council, research has demonstrated that vitamin A actually changes its shape in response to bright light to dim light, making vision possible.

Except during sleep, your eyes are constantly adjusting to different degrees of light. The switch from bright light to dim, however, calls for an excess of vitamin A.

Fortunately, states the National Dairy Council, there is enough vitamin A in our national food supply so that no one needs to suffer a vitamin A deficiency. But it's important to choose your food wisely. NDC says, if you are to be in tip-top shape.

Rich sources of vitamin A are the dairy foods containing butterfat (milk, butter, cheese, ice cream), egg yolk, liver (especially fish liver oils), and yellow and green leafy vegetables. If your digestion is normal, and your diet adequate, there's no other need for vitamin A — in fact, nutritionists say overdoing with highly potent concentrates may be injurious.

### METHOD GIVEN FOR REPAIRING CONCRETE CRACKS

Here's a one-two-three method for patching cracks in a concrete walk or drive which takes little time and repairs the damage permanently.

First, chip away the crumbling edges, using a cold chisel and hammer. Roughen the bottom of any wide crack not extending through the concrete and undercut the edges so that the bottom of the crack is wider than the top. Soak edges of the crack thoroughly, then remove any excess water. Prepare a paste-like mixture of cement and water and apply it with a stiff brush, working it into all irregular surfaces. Before it hardens, fill the patch with mortar mix.

Mix stiff mortar of one part cement and three parts fine sand. Add water; let the mix stand for 20 minutes, mixing occasionally. Then trowel the mixture into the crack. Smooth with a wood float, and keep the patch covered with damp burlap.

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## Springbrook -- Woodbine News

Mrs. Howard Legg

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Sometime within the next week Mrs. Edgar Jones of Ten Mile Road will be calling at your home on behalf of the United Fund Drive.

Practically everyone does give through their employers but we do need money here in our community, too, so all donations from the local housewives will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Don Harlow of Nine Mile Road is our local coordinator.

Springbrook Drive was well represented at the meeting last week of the water board. Among the interested residents attending were Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mrs. Homer Kendrick, Mrs. Harold G. Kahl, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kleiner, Mrs. Julia St. James, Mrs. Howard Legg, and from Truck Road were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson and Mrs. Fred Bettridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson of Springbrook and their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson, attended the field trials and dog derby at Medina, Ohio, last week.

Mr. Johnson's dog, a German short hair pointer, placed second in the derby and Mr. Johnson's was first.

The W. J. Trueman home at 24376 Springbrook Drive was the scene of a family dinner with 14 guests to honor Mr. Trueman on his birthday Sunday, October 17.

Bruce Paul celebrated a very important birthday last week. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Paul, who live at 22715 Colgate.

Mr. Charles Gerren of Petosky is visiting his great-grandchildren for an indefinite time at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. George Bellairs on Middlebelt Road.

Mrs. Marion Gilmore was hostess Thursday evening, October 14, to a group of her friends for a Xmas ladies attended.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Hill and son, Gary, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Whitehouse and family in Toledo, Ohio, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright's daughter, Janet, celebrated her seventh birthday Saturday, October 16.

A family party, including the grandparents, was held at their home, at 23049 Springbrook Drive on Sunday in her honor.

Mrs. Bernice McArthur was honored by 16 of her friends on Tuesday, October 12, at a baby shower.

The shower was given by Mrs. Mildred Johnson of Springbrook Drive.

Mrs. Arnold Fischer of Springbrook Drive was hostess on October 15 when her friends gathered for a toy demonstration.

Sonny Deaven arrived at his home on Norton last week and with an honorable discharge from the United States Army, where he served two years.

A varied selection of plastics were demonstrated to 19 ladies who attended the party at the home of Mrs. David Misenar at 23450 Springbrook Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bade and their two sons from Casp,

## Completes Duty In Mediterranean

Perrie J. Delmontier, seaman,

USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perrie Delmontier of 32430 W. Eight Mile Road, arrived at Norfolk, Virginia, recently aboard the amphibious force flagship U. S. S. Adirondack after two months' duty in the Mediterranean.

While overseas, the ship visited Athens, Naples, Istanbul, and Golfe Juan on the French Riviera. The crew saw the western fringe of Asia Minor when the Adirondack was in Izmir, Turkey, and had opportunities to make various tours, two of which went to Rome and Paris.

The Adirondack was in the Mediterranean Sea as flagship for the NATO amphibious exercise "Keystone." During this operation she was command headquarters for a simulated assault staged by naval and ground forces from the U. S. Sixth Fleet.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Merrihew were hosts Friday evening at their home on Long Avenue to 25 of their relatives in honor of Marine Corporal Richard Gulse.

Mr. Gulse, who recently returned from service in Korea, is a former Clarencville High School student and is making a career in the Marine Corps.

Following his furlough he will report to Cherry Point, North Carolina. His wife and three sons will accompany him and also make their home at the base.

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