

ONE SCHOOL PROPOSAL TO REQUIRE TAX INCREASE

This is the third in a series of articles discussing the proposals to be voted on at the special Farmington School District election to be held on Monday, Nov. 11. This week's article deals with the \$1,000 operating tax increase proposition to be balloted on.

Of the three propositions to be voted on by Farmington School District voters only one will require an increase in levied school taxes being levied and this is Proposal C.

It asks for approval by registered voters for the levying of an additional \$3 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation for a ten-year period from 1964 through 1973 to meet rising operating costs.

In an article last week it was pointed out that Farmington school officials had found it possible to operate from 1959 through the current school year without any local tax levy increases for operating. This was done even though costs for operating were rising steadily and a continuous slip in the valuation behind each child in the district was being experienced due to a lack of a balance of industrial and a commercial growth with residential growth in the community.

ONE OF the practices which local school officials have used and are continuing to use to keep operating costs down is to have a tight reign on operating costs for other than salaries for teachers. The budget shows that 87.5 per cent of the school system's present operating dollar goes for salaries and wages.

Supt. G. V. Harrison stated that there were few if any districts he knew of that spent as little as 12.5 per cent of their operating budget for teaching supplies, heat, light, insurance, building maintenance, etc.

In past years, Farmington school officials have tried to keep the pay scale for teachers close to at least the average pay scale for teachers in the area knowing full well that the success of a good school program depends mainly on the personnel conducted on the program. It has proven to be a real struggle and some good teachers were lost in previous years to higher paying systems. Between 1959 and 1962 it was found impossible to give teachers the kind of increases other area school systems were.

LAST YEAR the School Board determined that it would be absolutely necessary to grant pay increases to personnel or stand chances of losing a good number of well qualified teachers in the system.

It was found possible to put a higher pay schedule into effect for the start of the current school year without asking voter approval on a higher operating tax levy last year only because of the fact that the Farmington School District was declared a "distressed district" by the state.

Although not a pleasing classification for our local school system to get in the state records, it did result in the district getting a substantial amount of additional state aid money. As a result of the "distressed district" classification, the Farmington schools got approximately \$175,000 in additional state aid money last year.

SINCE the state average valuation behind each child continues to rise with our community's valuation behind each child continues to slide, it is reasonably certain we will continue to get this additional "distressed district" state aid money in years to come barring a change of policy by the state legislators.

Presently the Farmington School District is getting approximately 53.3 per cent of its money from state funds, 42.5 per cent from local taxes and 2.2 per cent from miscellaneous sources.

While it was found possible to put a higher pay schedule for personnel into effect in the Farmington system this year without a higher local operating tax levy, the Board of Education has determined that it will be impossible to continue to meet higher operating costs in future years without a higher local tax levy.

THE PRESENT pay scale for teachers in the Farmington system is not the highest for school systems in this area but neither is it the lowest. Supt. Harrison pointed out. The superintendent felt, however, that it was high enough to keep most of the good teaching personnel here and that this was an object for continuing to have a good system. Retaining these good teachers on our higher pay schedule results in higher operating costs yearly,

however, due to the fact that the state yearly pay increases until reaching their maximum pay points, Supt. Harrison was quick to add:

It is desirable to keep good teachers in the local system for long periods, he said, and it also results in higher operating costs annually.

He then gave an idea of how we compare in pay schedules for our teachers with neighboring school systems:

School System	Pay With	Pay With	Bachelors	Bachelors
Berkley	\$4,800	\$7,872		
Birmingham	\$5,100	\$8,590		
Chattanooga	\$4,500	\$7,560		
Farmington	\$4,200	\$7,450		
Lakeland	\$3,500	\$7,000		
Oak Park	\$4,900	\$8,000		

Pontiac \$5,000 \$7,900
Royal Oak \$4,800 \$7,900
Southfield \$4,800 \$7,900
Walled Lake \$4,800 \$7,512
Waterford \$4,800 \$7,512
W. Bloomfield \$4,500 \$7,400
Ypsilanti \$4,500 \$7,400

It is assumed that most of the present teachers will remain on the Farmington staff and get annual increases in pay schedule. To satisfy this pay schedule, a higher local operating tax levy will be necessary, school officials have determined.

SINCE MOST of the school system's operating money is spent for teaching personnel, it is logical to assume that substantial staff curtailments would be necessary if the additional operating levy is rejected.

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Third Human Relations Discussion on Monday

The third in the inter-faith series of panel discussions on human relations being conducted locally will be held on Monday, November 11, at the First Methodist Church of Farmington, 2512 Grand River at Warrenton Street, at 8:30 p.m.

The topics to be discussed will be employment and education, and will cover merit employment for the Negro, discriminatory hiring practices, the effect of Negro students on the standards of schools and unequal educational opportunities.

Get the Whole Family In On Grid Contest

Making entry in the Farmington Enterprise Football Contest a family project is becoming a practice which more and more each week and the report is that the families are having a barrel of fun in making selections on the various games in the week.

Eleanor Szabo of 2605 Metroville, with the help of her husband and three sons, walked off with top prize money in last week's Enterprise contest. In addition to the \$15 first prize money she also won an additional \$3 in merchandise bonus jackpot.

Second place winner was 45-year-old Thomas Shear, 3226 Red River, a teen-ager at North Farmington High. In addition to the \$7 prize, Shear also picked up an additional \$3 in merchandise bonus jackpot money.

WINNER OF the \$3 third prize was Gene Dreyer, 2190 Nottingham.

The weekly contest is still going strong and you can still be a big cash winner. Turn to Page 4 and start making your selections of teams you think will win in this weekend's contests.

Remember your entries must be in or postmarked by noon Saturday. Since the post office will be closed on Monday we would hope that you will be able to drop your entry off in person this week rather than mailing it.

Don't forget to have your entry signed by one of the participating business establishments to qualify for the added bonus jackpot money.

Participating businesses are: Pennywise Discount Store, Wesley's House of Music, Ken Balden Standard Oil Agent, O'Green Ford, Clappison & Co. Insurance, Farmington Sausage Center, Ross Shoes, Town & Country Dodge, Farmington Hobby Shop, Towne Toggery, Way Bar, Traditional Park Pharmacy, A & P Super Market (Farmington stores only), First Farmington Savings & Loan, Farmington Club, Joint White House, Bud's Sport Shoes, Grimes Cleaners, North Farmington Realty, Conroy's Super Market, Farmington Lumber Co., Farmington Cleaners, Modern Men's Shop and Hepler's of Farmington.

Will Be Slight Delay in Getting DSR Services

City Manager John Dinan reported at the Council meeting Monday night that there was a proposed schedule of DSR bus runs and routes ready for consideration by them was unexpectedly delayed.

He stated that he had received word that official approval on the extension of DSR bus service to Farmington would first have to be given a final stamp of approval by both the bus system's general manager and the DSR Commission.

The city manager said that he was given assurances that there should be no problem in getting this approval. It is expected that the approval will be given within the next few days and the matter immediately turned over to the operations department to work out a proposed route and scheduling details for consideration by the City of Farmington.

INDICATIONS were that the DSR would likely be able to have a proposal ready for consideration by councilmen at their next regular meeting two weeks hence.

Just how long it might take to start runs after routes and schedules agreeable to both DSR and city officials was not indicated.

Disappointment with bus service presently being provided the community by the Great Lakes Transit Lines has been expressed for some time now by both community officials and the general citizenry.



School District Athletic Director John K. Cotton. The Raider coach is holding the traveling trophy which goes to the winning team each year in the local football classic. The Raiders, who won the season last year from the Falcons, 70, retained possession of the trophy. (More pictures on Page 8A)

North Farmington Downs FHS In Annual Gridiron Battle, 18-6

The Raiders of North Farmington High School scored a hard-fought 18-6 victory over their neighborhood rivals, Farmington High School, last Friday afternoon on the Falcon gridiron, 18-6. Extending celebrations above to Raider Coach Ron Holland (center) are North Farmington High School Principal Harold Humble (L) and Farmington School District Athletic Director John K. Cotton.

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wide-open final stanza of play, one coming after the Raiders scored a Falcon punt deep in Farmington territory.

JIM ACITELLI, star halfback for the Raiders, plunged over the Falcon line and scored several plays after North Farmington halfback Lindsay Leche, had a recovered blocked punt.

Lee, who, who notched the first Raider touchdown in the second quarter on a 12-yard rollout play around left end, scored again in the fourth period after another sustained drive which followed a successful execution of the on-side kick.

QUARBERACK Martilla's second score came on a rollout play covering eight yards around the right side of the Falcon line.

Edison and Tom Mitchell kept his teammates from being shut out by gathering in a pass from halfback Ron Cleveland late in the final period in a play that carried the Raiders to the second pass attempted by the Falcons and their only completion.

The weather was unaided to much passing since part of the game was played in freezing rain and hail.

North Farmington had better luck with their passing as Martilla completed two of four attempts for 25 yards, the Raiders 25 yards in the air.

The big ground gainer of the day was Acitelli who carried the ball 17 times to account for 205 yards. The total North Farmington rushing offensive was 195 yards compared with 135 yards gained on the ground by Farmington.

LEE MARTILLA gained 49 yards in nine carries for the Raiders while Keith Hitch netted 19 yards in 5 trips and Bob Thomas carried six times for 13 yards. Bob Hutch and Andy Laving both carried on one occasion gaining two and eight yards, respectively.

The leading ground gainer for the Falcons was junior halfback Roy Leach who hit the line 16 times for a net gain of 75 yards.

See GRID BATTLE Column 6, Page 6A

Board Approves Purchase Of Property Adjacent To Township Hall Bldg.

The Farmington Township Board approved the purchase of nearly an acre of land in the southeast corner of the property where the new Township Hall is situated on 11 Mile Road just west of Orchard Lake Road.

Township Supervisor Curt Hall made the announcement of the agreement by the property owner to sell the 900' x 400' parcel for the price of \$7,800 at the special meeting held by the Board on Monday night, November 4.

THE BOARD's action to approve the purchase now will allow for a future entrance route to the Township Hall from Orchard Lake Road and provide needed land for future building expansion.

The entry route into the Township offices at present is from 11 Mile Road and it is felt by Township officials an outlet directly onto Orchard Lake Road would be a desirable feature for future development plans.

The owners of the property, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald K. Davis of 28327 Orchard Lake Road, indicated to Township officials that they desired to relocate earlier this year, paving the way for the real estate transaction.

The wooded site upon which the Township Hall building is situated now can be developed in the future on all sides of the present building without hindrance to the Township's future development plans.

Township officials had sought the Davis property at the time the new building site was decided upon but were unable to come to any suitable agreement at that time. A local Farmington realtor approached the property for the Township prior to their entering into the land purchase agreement.

Release Final U-F Campaign Figures Here

Mrs. Donald Schlack, 1963 Torch Drive Chairman, and her co-chairman Mrs. Bayard Tupper, today announced the amounts collected to date in this year's Torch Drive Campaign in Farmington.

The participating collectors have collected \$15,592.22 which is \$451.23 over their quota of \$15,141.

Residential amounts collected by each chairman are as follows: Area A1, Mrs. Robert Love, \$799.65; Area A2, Mrs. John O'Brien, \$2,874.33; Area A3, Mrs. Warren Bopp, \$1,899.44; Area A4, Mrs. John Matbot, \$1,869.44; Area A5, Mrs. Russell Clark, \$975; Area A6, Mrs. Robert Clark, \$990; Area A7, Mrs. Donald Davidson, \$1,510.41; Area A8, Mrs. Kenneth Hall, \$475.88; Area A9, Mrs. James Trueman, \$468.84; Area A10, Mrs. Clayton, \$2,000; Area A11, Mrs. Robert Dennis, \$234.91; Area A12, Mrs. Roger Walker, \$1,593.33; Area A13, Mrs. John Smith, \$1,000; Area A14, Mrs. Robert Tougas, \$233.51; Area A15, Mrs. Lynn Federspiel, \$370.

MR. JAMES THORNE of Detroit City National Bank, Farmington, this year's Community Business Chairman, reports that \$1,294.50 has been collected to date, and he is continuing their solicitation until they have reached their quota. Even though, theoretically, the drive ends on Nov. 7 they do not intend to quit.

Mrs. Schlack wishes especially to commend Mrs. Tupper and her Area chairman covering the area of Farmington and the south portion of the Township for their quick completion of solicitation, and also thank all the 700 volunteers who worked on the Torch Drive this year. Also a vote of thanks goes to the people of Farmington for their generous contributions this year as in the past.

City Names New Sergeant For Public Safety Dept.

Officer Robert F. Deadman was promoted to the rank of sergeant by the Oakland County City Public Safety Department by action taken at the regular City Council meeting Monday night, November 4.

Following the recommendation of City Manager John Dinan on the basis of Officer Deadman's performance record during the seven years he has been with the Public Safety Department.

Written and oral examinations were given to all eligible officers in the department earlier this year following the resignation of Sgt. Richard Walker who left his post to go into private business.

Sgt. DEADMAN, who is 28 years old, placed first on the written test and was graded the highest on the oral interview of all those who completed the examination.

Sgt. Deadman is a member of the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee and is currently serving on the case work committee and the general committee. He has served on the citizens' committee since 1961.

The new Sergeant for the Public Safety Department, having served in that capacity for the past 24 years, is also a member of the Oakland County Juvenile Committee.

Officer Deadman comes from a police family. His father, George, was a sergeant with the Detroit Police Department.

Sgt. Deadman makes his home on Maple avenue in Farmington with his wife, Virginia, and their three children, Susan, 7, Ronald, 5, and David, 4.



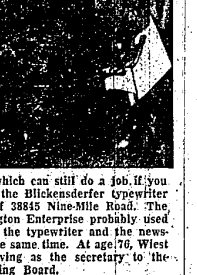
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Okay Bond Sale For Road Job

The City Council was in closed Monday night official approval had been given by the State Municipal Finance Commission for the sale of \$14,000 worth of special assessment bonds to defray part of the cost for the paving of Nine Mile Road from Farmington to Gill roads.

The opening of bids on the bonds and the sale of them has been set for Monday, Nov. 18.

Work on the improvement project done jointly by the City of Farmington and Oakland County has already been completed.



A RELIC OF THE PAST which can still do a job. You have plenty of patience in the Blinkseder operator owned by Howard West of 3845 Nine-Mile Road. The first Editor of the Farmington Enterprise probably used a similar model since both the typewriter and the newspaper date back to about the same time. At age 76, West is still active himself, serving as the secretary to the Farmington Township Zoning Board.

The largest rezoning request approved involving slightly over 7 acres of land on the south of Interstate 75, between the street from Oxford to Colwell. Unanimous approval to rezoning the property from RA-4 (residential) to RC (multiple occupancy) to permit the construction of 87 apartment units on this land was given.

Board members asked, however, that a more detailed site development plan be kept from joining residential parcels. It also places controls on public riding, stables, boarding stables and nursery and greenhouse operations in residential areas.

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