

School Bond Issue, Tax Limitation Election Monday

This coming Monday, Nov. 18, voters of the Farmington Public School District will go to the polls to decide on a \$5 million bond issue for new school construction and two separate operating millage proposals. The \$5 million bond issue will be used to build 111 new classrooms and 11 new school sites. The two operating millage proposals are for \$2 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation.

Based on projections made through the start of the 1967 school year, the Board of Education has determined that it will need over \$4.5 million for building and equipping additional classrooms that will be needed from next year through 1967. The balance of the \$5 million is proposed to be used to make improvements on existing older buildings in the school district to obtain additional school sites. This is Proposal A.

One of the two operating millage proposals is nothing more than a request for an extension on a \$2 per \$1,000 special operating millage already being assessed but due to expire at the end of 1964. The Board of Education is asking permission to continue making the special operating millage until the year 1969 for an additional nine-year period from 1965 through 1973. This is Proposal B.

The second millage proposition (Proposal C) asks permission to levy an additional \$3 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation for 1965-1973 to satisfy ever increasing school operating costs. Particularly it is requested to maintain pay schedules for teachers comparable with those in neighboring school systems in order to keep well qualified personnel on the local teaching staff.

THE EXACT legal wording of all three of these proposals as they will appear on the ballot on Monday is given in the required legal notice of this special school election which appears on Page 6-B in this week's issue of *The Enterprise*. Included along with it is another advertisement showing the wording of the four school district voting precincts and where the polling places are in each.

School officials urge voters to review the official wording of the three propositions carefully to make sure they understand what they will be balloting on when they step inside the voting machine booth. They also urge voters to make certain what precinct they live in and where they will vote.

THE BOND issue proposition (Proposal A) will be able to be voted on by taxpayers of the school district only. The two tax limitation or operating millage propositions (Proposals B and C) will be able to be voted on by both property owners and non-property owners in the district. However, these voting regulations regarding such a state law and local school boards have no jurisdiction to change them.

In information given to the public over the past several weeks both in the press and at presentations throughout the school district, school officials have emphasized that approval of both Proposals A and B should require no increases in the present total school tax levy. They have pointed out that

with conservatively estimated valuation increases for the school district coupled with decreasing principal and interest payments on some outstanding bond issues the proposed \$5 million new bond issue can be added without an increase in the present total debt service tax levy. It is logical to understand that Proposal B will require no tax levy increase since it is only a request for an extension of time on the \$2 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation levy presently in effect.

LAST WEEK a table prepared by school officials was presented by The Enterprise to show approximately how much of a tax increase approval of Proposal C will result in for various homeowners. For the family in a home having a market value of \$10,000, the additional school tax cost would be approximately \$12 a year or \$1 a month. The tax increase for a family living in a \$20,000 home would be twice this much or \$2 per month. For the large number of local homeowners who live in \$25,000 homes the additional school tax cost for approval on all three proposals would run a about \$2.50 per month.

If you know the state equalized valuation on your property then it is simple to figure the exact increase in school taxes for you by multiplying the state equalized valuation times .003 (\$3 per \$1,000).

THERE ARE presently approximately 11,800 students enrolled in the Farmington public school system but by the start of the 1964-65 school year in September of the next year all

of the present bond issue money shall have been used up to provide for a capacity of 12,350 pupils. An enrollment of 12,881 is expected in September of 1964 which means that before the 1964-65 school year is ended our present classrooms would be filled beyond capacity.

Projecting ahead and figuring on an increase of 1,100 to 1,200 students each year through the start of the 1967-68 school year, school officials are expecting 16,320 pupils by September of 1967.

It was on the basis of these projections that it was decided to ask for approval of a \$5 million bond issue. Since it takes 33 to 24 months from the time a bond issue is approved until schools can be equipped and ready for use, additional bond issue money must be asked for

now to provide the additional classrooms that will be needed in 1968 and thereafter. The bond issue money is proposed to be spent in the following manner:

- New elementary classrooms \$1,800,000
- Additions at North Farmington High School \$1,200,000
- New Junior High School \$1,450,000
- Improvements at school buildings \$267,000
- Buying additional school sites \$50,000
- Expanding district's administration building \$69,000
- Constructing a district service building \$53,000
- Contingency expenses \$21,000

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Books Needed Badly; Local Bank Set Nov. 26

Mrs. DeWitt Goodrich, Farmington Blood Bank chairman, has already begun to solicit books for the committee are working diligently in an effort to get a record turnout of donors for the coming community blood drive on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the St. Francis Hall on Middlebelt Road between Grand River and Nine Mile roads.

A special appeal is being made to all church groups, officials at small industrial plants and to heads of fraternal and professional groups in the area to work for a large turnout of donors.

THE NEED to build up a blood reserve in the Farmington bank is urgent at this time, Mrs. Goodrich said. Requests

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New Winners Every Week in F'ball Contest

If you haven't been a winner in the Farmington Enterprise Football Contest you are going to be now. There is still two or three more weeks to go and there are new winners every week.

Go to Page 7-B right now and start making your selections.

Winner of the top money in last week's contest was Roland Steele, 2005 W. Lake Drive, Walked Lake. In addition to the \$15 first prize money he also walked off with an additional \$3 in cash received by having his entry signed by one of the 24 business establishments taking part in the contest.

Close to A. WIT of 51209 Marlblehead, Farmington was second place winner and received a check for \$7. John P. Lapham, 22550 Maple, Farmington received \$3 as third prize and another \$3 as his share of the merchants' bonus jackpot for having his entry signed.

Don't lose out on the jackpot money. Go to one of the participating stores and get your entry signed before Farmington City and Township business owners are: Pennywise Discount Store, Walsley's House of Music, Ken Baldwin Standard Oil Agent, Orling Ford, Clappison & Conroy Insurance, Farmington Souzage Center, Ross Shoes, Town & Country Drugs, Farmington Hobby Shop, Tupper Toys, Gay Way Bar, Professional Park Pharmacy, A & P Super Market (Farmington stores only), First Farmington Clip Joint, White House Valet, Budde's Sport Shops, Grimes Cleaners, North Farmington Realty, Conroy's Super Market, Farmington Lumber Co., Farmington Cleaners, Modern Men's Shop and Heppner's of Farmington.

JCs Sponsoring Pageant for Senior Girls

Continuing its efforts to provide programs of public interest locally, the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Farmington Junior Miss Pageant on Dec. 7 at the Farmington Junior High auditorium.

While new to Farmington, this pageant has been held for several years in other communities across the nation. Earl Whaley, JC chairman for the program, stated:

"This contest, girl currently attending Farmington-High North Farmington High or Our Lady of Sorrows' High, is eligible to enter the local contest. The local winner will automatically be entered in the state judging to be held in Pontiac in January.

JUDGING will be done in the following categories:

1. Mental alertness and scholastic achievement.
2. On the basis of the candidate's personality, sense of values, clarity of expression, poise and appearance, grooming and human relations as observed by judges during a private interview.
3. On the basis of a three-minute talent presentation to be made by each contestant.
4. On the basis of poise and appearance. Each girl will appear on stage in a ballerina length dress, to be judged on grooming and taste, personal appearance, carriage and posture, ease, grace, dignity and composure.

Application forms and rules are available at each of the three area high school offices. The deadline for submitting an application is Friday, Nov. 22 with the cooperation of the Farmington Board of Education and Our Lady of Sorrows School officials.

The invitation has been extended by Palmer Esser, chairman of the citizens council.

GUEST SPEAKER on the evening program will be Don Beck, feature writer for *The Enterprise*. He will review the Farmington school millage proposals to be voted on this coming Monday. Beck, a Farmington resident, headed a group which recently did a detailed research into comparative finance and operational costs in eight school districts in Michigan.

He will share with the group some of the knowledge and experience he obtained in doing this research work.

A question and answer period will follow Beck's talk.

Each of the council's sub-committees will then meet separately to make organizational plans for the rest of the current school year. Citizens will be invited to meet with anyone of the various sub-committees which might be of particular interest to them, Esser said.



Enterprise Open House Set for This Afternoon

Last Thursday we were hosts to our business associates and suppliers at a special open house commemorating the 75th anniversary of The Farmington Enterprise.

This week we want to share our joy over having been able to successfully serve the Farmington community and its children over this extended period of time with our general reading public.

It takes advertisers and material suppliers to make any newspaper go but it is equally as important that the newspaper has a good percentage of the community's citizens as its readers who respect the paper as being able to adequately inform them about what is going on in the community.

Because we have equally as high regard for our readers as we do for our advertisers and close associates we are swinging open the doors of The Enterprise wide this Thursday afternoon for a public open house.

FROM 2 TO 5 P.M. we will do our best to show you what makes the newspaper tick and answer any questions you or other members of your family might have about our operations and why we do the things we do.

Since we are expecting a large number for the open house it will be necessary to follow a schedule and take all wishing to tour our plant through in groups.

We will start our first round of group tours at 2 p.m. sharp and set up groups of about 15 or 20 for tours each half hour thereafter. Each group will have an experienced member of our staff as their guide.

At the conclusion of each tour light refreshments will be served.

Since we want to be absolutely sure that no one gets hurt, we will insist that all boys and girls under 16 years of age be accompanied by one of their parents.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our open house this afternoon.

City Planners Split On Apt. House Re-Zoning; Table Fleming Request

The Farmington City Planning Commission, by a split vote of 4 to 3, voted to recommend to the City Council approval of a re-zoning request to allow the construction of a 156-unit co-operative type apartment house development on a 1.2-acre parcel of land south of Nine Mile Road.

At the same Monday night, November 11, meeting, the Planning Commission tabled until their next regular meeting, 30 days away, a decision on a similar re-zoning request while the City Attorney checks into charges of "conflict of interest" concerning members of the Commission.

DEWEY FLEMING, a local developer, is seeking the second re-zoning request for a parcel of land 1.2 acres in size, located just north of Freedom Drive and east of the Atlas Loma subdivision. Fleming retained Architect John Allen for the drafting of his preliminary plans for the proposed development, a three-story apartment building and another two-story apartment house containing 12 units which he wants to have built on the triangular parcel of property adjacent to the Allen Aquatic Swim Club.

Since Allen is a member of the Planning Commission, it was charged by fellow Commissioner Carl P. Boehnke, who makes his home at 34027 Alta Loma Drive, that a "conflict of interest" exists and he should not be allowed to vote on the proposed re-zoning.

ALLEN, HOWEVER, has submitted a letter which was read at the Planning Commission's last meeting stating he has no such conflict.

SEE PLANNING SPLIT Column 3, Page 6-A.

Goodfellows Begin Annual Charity Work

The Farmington Goodfellows are on the move already and preparing plans for their annual campaign to make sure no kiddie goes without a Merry Christmas.

Chairmen of the various committees were named this week by the Goodfellows and each will be joined by other volunteers soon to complete the details for the 1963 Goodfellow program.

DICK BACHMICH of the Farmington Exchange Club announced this week that Rex Jernigan will be the Goodfellow chairman. Serving with Jernigan will be Dick Tupper on the investigations committee, G. V. Harrison and Bert Herzog on the food committee, Dr. John Richardson and Cecil Roberts on the Goodfellow Paper Sale, and Chuck Schalks on the packing committee.

All of the service clubs in the community annually join with the Farmington Exchange Club to sell the special Goodfellow Edition of the Farmington Enterprise put out each year to raise money for needy families. Farmington business and professional men will be stationed on street corners throughout the community on Friday, December 13, this year to sell the Annual Goodfellow Paper.

Persons who know of needy families in the Farmington area are requested to contact the Goodfellows at GR. 4-9969.

Interest Picking Up to Form Women Voters League Here

An enthusiastic interest in the formation of a Farmington Area League of Women Voters Chapter was evidenced last Tuesday evening at a pre-organizational meeting held in Adams Hall at the Universalist-Unitarian Church.

Despite inclement weather conditions, 36 women attended the meeting to hear how the League would organize a new function to promote responsibility in politics at all levels through an informed and active participation of citizens in government.

MRS. RUTH LICHTERMAN, a past president of the Michigan League of Women Voters, was guest speaker and was introduced to the group by Margaret McIrvine.

Mrs. Lichterman presented the principles, policies and purpose of the League on a local, state and national level. She stressed the fact that the League always functions on a non-partisan basis.

The common purpose of League members is to gather facts, study issues and provide information and when this objective is adhered to public apathy is overcome and citizens are acquainted with governmental affairs. Mrs. Lichterman commented:

"At the first meeting, Norma Peters was selected as temporary chairman of various voter committees which were formed."

A SECOND meeting had been scheduled for this coming Tuesday, Nov. 19, but has now been changed since members of the State Board of the League of Women Voters will be attending the Michigan Municipal League Convention at this time, it is explained.

The meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5, in Adams Hall at the Universalist-Unitarian Church at 23604 Water Street, one block north of Grand River Ave. just west of Farmington Road.

All women of the area interested in good government are invited to attend the pre-meeting or any programs held in the future. League meetings are always open to the public.

For additional information contact Mrs. Lynn Wassburn at GR. 6-0082.

To Have Open House At Municipal Bldg.

Plans are now being made for public open houses at the new City of Farmington Municipal Building on Liberty Street the first week in December. City Manager John Dinan announced Tuesday:

"The new municipal building will be open for public inspection on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m. until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Authorize Lighting Of School Bus Lot

The central school bus parking lot just north of the service and administration building for the Farmington School District will soon be well lighted.

Board of Education action was taken Monday night approving the installation of five large pole lights in the bus parking area by the Detroit Edison Co. as recommended by the administration building.

It was estimated that the cost for this lighting would run only about \$22,000.

Asst. Custodial Supt. Named

The appointment of Leslie Tinson, a member of the Farmington school systems custodial staff, to the newly created position of assistant superintendent in charge of building and grounds was officially approved by the Board of Education Monday night.

He will work directly under Ralph Vert who is superintendent in charge of building and grounds at this time.

Tinson was one of two or three candidates for the job and was highly recommended for the job by the school system's administrative staff.

Over the past several weeks now Tinson has been in charge of the custodial and maintenance staffs in the school district during the absence of Vert who has been on vacation.

"The starting salary for Tinson in his new position was set at \$5,600 annually."

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DEDICATION CEREMONIES were conducted at the new East Junior High School on Sunday, November 10, with a full house of parents on hand to witness the program. Pictured above are officials who took part in the program (L to R): School Board President Leland Clifford, School Board Vice President, Richard