

Three Groups Study Future Development

Community College Issues Up Again

Community colleges for Wayne County moved into the spotlight again this week as at least three different groups began to tackle the problem of educating a growing college-age group.

State Representative Vincent J. Pettipren (D-Westland) has called upon his House Committee on Colleges and Universities to mount a more offensive on behalf of public education.

Redford Township's two school districts are thinking about holding a joint meeting to chart a future course of action.

They want to determine whether to make another attempt to join the Schoolcraft College District or side in with a Wayne County district, yet to be established.

Wayne County's Intermediate School Board has proposed two plans:

- 1-The City of Detroit to have its own district; the remaining 37 school districts to create a separate district.
- 2-Detroit and nine northern districts (including South Redford) to create a community college district, after Detroit solves its fiscal problems. The other 28 school districts in the southern part of Wayne County to create a community college district.

Pettipren said he had been spurred into taking

action by the May 9 defeat of the Wayne County Community College proposal which would have established five new community colleges.

"The Houses has authorized our committee to schedule area-wide public hearings in Wayne County and elsewhere in the state to present facts, gather information and to prepare advisory materials concerning financial and educational needs and related problems of junior and community colleges," he said.

Pettipren indicated hearings would be conducted in Detroit.

South Redford School Supt. Merlin D. Roe told his school board that proposed plans for the districts, which omit Detroit, call for elections about the middle of the 1966-67 school term.

"The petitions to annex South Redford and Redford Union to Schoolcraft College, submitted to the State Board of Education are still valid," Roe advised but added no action will be taken unless Schoolcraft's board of trustees requests it.

The Redford petitions were shelved by the State Board in political maneuvering prior to the Wayne County Community College election.

The county vote was taken at the same time as a Detroit vote for 2 1/2 mills for schools, was defeated along with the college millage of 1.25, turned down 105,980 to 94,804.

Five districts now comprise the Schoolcraft District. They are: Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Garden City and Clareneville.

Police From Five Areas Chase Reckless Driver

A pursuit of a reckless driver in the City of Farmington involved police from five communities and the Wayne County Sheriff's Patrol early Monday morning.

June 27 and ended with the driver fleeing on foot after crashing into a telephone pole at the rear of a gas station in the City of Farmington.

Farmington Rd. Patrolman Thomas A. Danly of the Farmington City Police spotted the cars and joined the chase.

The vehicle turned east on Grand River and when the driver saw a police car coming west on Grand River turned into the gasoline station at Mayfield and Grand River. When Daniels arrived at the scene he found the car empty.

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INDUSTRIAL ARTS THIRD PLACE



THIRD PLACE winners in the Plymouth National Trouble Shooting contest, each winning a college scholarship and valuable prizes, trophies, tools and equipment for themselves and their school are the team from Bentley High School, Robert Rockwell, (left) and Marshall Belleperche. They competed in the Industrial division and received congratulations from John Moore, National Trouble Shooting Coordinator.

D'Adamo Rezoning Rejected By City

The controversial rezoning building plans for the proposed project of Gerald D'Adamo who wants an apartment project on a 1.38 acre site on Venoq rear Cherry Hill Road was apparently closed Monday night.

The Garden City Council voted 3-2 to turn down the rezoning request which had bounced back from the planning commission to the city council over the past year.

A motion to grant the rezoning request was favored only by Mayor Edwin Frech, Jr. and Councilman Wilson Taylor. Opposed were Councilmen Robert Wildish, Douglas Waddell, and Ed Feast.

Applause from several citizens in the audience followed the council's action.

City Attorney Ronald Mack also submitted a written opinion, asked for a month ago, which said that the City Council can legally reconsider any previous action.

Feast commented during the discussion that he is opposed to any apartment building in the midst of a single-family home neighborhood.

It was also brought out that the developer had submitted a new application which gives the specific

Police from the City of Farmington, Garden City, Dearborn Heights and the Wayne County Sheriff's patrol started to hunt for the driver.

Daniels and an auxiliary policeman found the driver, John J. Sokach, 39, of 28465 John Hawk, Garden City, in the back seat of a car parked behind the River Glen Apartments. Sokach had received a cut on his left cheek from the accident.

Following the completion of an accident report, Sokach was turned over to the Garden City and Dearborn Heights Police where he will be charged and held in action by both the Livonia and City of Farmington Police Departments.

Fourth High School Vote Considered

Westland voters residing in the Livonia School District may be asked this fall to vote on the question of borrowing funds to build a fourth high school.

Voters rejected the same proposal last January when they were asked to approve borrowing \$9,000,000 of which \$7,000,000 would have gone for the school and \$2,000,000 for various capital improvements.

Dr. Donald Friedricks, director of secondary education, met recently with the Board of Education and reviewed the enrollment projections for sending high school students through 1970.

It was decided not to put the matter on the ballot until fall.

Supt. Benton Yates and his staff were asked to continue planning the school with architect Robert Wadley and to present a recommendation for informing the public of the need for the building.

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