

College Finds Delay Costly; Bids Climb

Low bids totaling \$2,701,136 for construction of a 97,000 square foot physical education plant at Schoolcraft College have been received and await a decision by the college board of trustees to award a construction contract.

The decision of the board, scheduled within the next four weeks, is contingent on the sale of a \$3.7 million bond issue by mid-June. A portion of the proceeds of the issue will be used to supplement the college's share of the construction cost.

The project attracted a total of 31 bidders to the public opening at the college on Wednesday, May 15.

HYATT CONSTRUCTION CO., Wayne, was lowest among eight bidders on the general construction contract, with a price of \$1,732,000. Bidding ranged up to \$3,346,677 among the general contractors.

Gillies Mechanical Contractors Inc., Livonia, was apparent low bidder among 11 con-

tractors who bid on the plumbing, heating, and air-conditioning work, with a price of \$611,800. Next low bidder was John F. McCarthy Co., Dearborn, with a price of \$610,000. Bids ranged up to \$682,200.

Fred W. Moore Electrical, Inc., Pontiac, was apparent low bidder among 12 electrical contractors, with a price of \$297,256. The bids ranged up to \$389,169.

The total of the low bids was about \$170,000 below the pre-bidding estimate of project architect Eberle M. Smith As-

sociates, Inc., Detroit. But the bids were \$149,340 higher than those opened last September before the project stalled for lack of local funding.

ASSUMING AN AWARD OF construction controls next month, the project could get under way during the summer after striking construction trades return to work. An 18-month construction period is expected for the project, which could make the plant available for instructional use at the start of the winter term in January, 1970.

As designed by the architects, the plant will provide a main gymnasium which will seat about 2,500; an auxiliary gymnasium; a swimming pool with diving area and balcony seating for 400; a wrestling and corrective exercise room, handball courts, gymnastics room, classrooms, faculty offices, and other facilities for a complete physical education program.

THE COLLEGE has been conducting a limited physical education program in leased facilities in the college district since Schoolcraft opened in August, 1964. This year, and again in the fall, the college is housing the physical education program in the Northville Community Center, a lease with the Northville school district.

Cost will be shared by the college and the state, including a \$1,178,500 total appropriation from the state. More than \$1 million of the college's share was provided for in a \$3 million bond issue sold in November, 1966.

The funds were banked last fall when construction bids exceeded available funds. Continuing increases in building costs make necessary the use of about \$600,000 from the \$3.7 million bond issue which college trustees expect to sell next month.

When completed, the physical education plant will be the ninth building on the growing campus on Haggerty Road. Scheduled for completion late this summer is a 32-classroom Liberal Arts building.

Win Honda At Spring Festival

The Livonia Jaycees again is sponsor of the Spring Festival at Sheldon Center, which opens today and runs to June 2.

Thrill rides, kid's rides, and all the associated fun will be available for all age groups. Some prize winner will get his choice of a Honda Sport 65, a color TV set or a \$300 shopping spree.

Tickets and free Merry-go-round passes are available from any Jaycee and Sheldon Center Merchants.

The Sheldon Center is at the corner of Plymouth and Farmington Roads.

Garden City Girl Named

Phi Beta Kappa

Norma J. Titter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bentley, 30709 John Hawk St., Garden City, is among 158 students to be initiated into Michigan State University's newly established Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

Seventy-three members were selected from the College of Arts and Letters, 41 from the College of Natural Science, 26 from the College of Social Science and four from Justin Morrill College.

Selection was based solely on superior academic achievement.

Students were chosen from winter term graduates and those who will graduate spring term.

Miss Titter is a social science major.



FIVE LIVONIA BROTHERS, all afflicted with the dread disease, join with co-chairmen of the area Muscular Dystrophy Fund raising campaign in kicking off the drive. Shown: (from left) Rick

Cencer, Mrs. Willis Fenn, Tim Cencer, Mrs. Robert Champe and Dave Cencer. Kneeling are: (from left) Ronnie and Kenny Cencer.

Builders Resist Craft Unions' Wage Demands

A survey made Monday revealed that practically every building project in the Detroit area is strikebound or shut down because of a lockup by builders.

Gilbert B. Silverman, president of the Builders Association of Metropolitan Detroit, said: "The whole building industry in this area is united to resist the unreasonable demands being made upon it by the unions. We have been forced against the wall; we have no alternative but to say 'no' to these latest demands for pay increases."

SILVERMAN ADDED that he felt that the position of the residential builders, who have upward of \$50 million worth of single-home and apartment-house construction under way in the area, is essentially in the public interest.

He put it this way: "These increased labor costs, if approved by us, would surely put most of the construction firms in the area out of business, many permanently. 'There is no profit in home building where you build houses for the rich to buy, pay for and live in. The little man and his wife, with the average weekly paycheck, are the people that are the backbone of the home-building business. They always have been and always will be, unless we are forced to price ourselves into oblivion.'"

SILVERMAN CITED the demands of the carpenters' union as an example. They ask a continuation of the 35-hour week, vacations, holidays, pensions and insurance based on the shorter work week.

The package would mean an increase over present carpenter scales in the area of \$100-75 a week, not counting overtime which would be piling up on every building job.

The employers' proposal of increases, starting May 1, for the carpenters is a raise of \$58.08 a week based on 40 hours. This ups the payments into pension, vacation, holiday and insurance funds. The present weekly wage of carpenters is \$208.86.

BESIDES THE BAMF, the employer groups resisting the union demands in the building trades are the Associated General Contractors, Inc., Carpenter Contractors Association and the Michigan Carpenter Contractors Association.

"The two primary problems," Silverman concluded, "are the union money demands and the length of the work week. These are standing in the way of any agreement between employers and the carpenters' union."

Appoint Baughman Service Manager

John W. Baughman has been appointed manager of the Ford Motor Company Service Research Center succeeding Carl G. Roth, promoted to assistant quality control manager of the Automotive Assembly Division.

GM Executive Named Head Of UF Drive

A General Motors Corp. vice president, Calvin J. Werner, of Birmingham, was named general chairman of the 1968 Torch Drive.



CALVIN WERNER

High School Mechanics To Compete

Teams from 32 Southeastern Michigan schools, including five Western Wayne County High schools, will compete for chances at college scholarships in the annual Plymouth Trouble Shooting contest Saturday at Henry Ford Community College.

The area schools competing include Plymouth, John Glenn, Garden City East, Thurston, and Franklin High schools.

The two winning teams and their instructors will represent Southeastern Michigan at the National Trouble Shooting Finals in Indianapolis June 18-20. At Indianapolis they will compete with teams from other regional centers across the country for \$100,000 in scholarships and prizes.

Competition will be in two divisions, Industrial and Vocational Arts. There will be two students to a team, each working on a new car supplied by area Plymouth dealers. But each car will have been deliberately tampered with. Winners will be the first teams to solve all the problems and restore their cars to perfect order.

The appointment of Werner, general manager of the Cadillac Motor Car Division, was announced by United Foundation President Wendell W. Anderson Jr.

Anderson said the UF officers chose Werner to direct the world's foremost unified fund campaign "because of his outstanding leadership qualifications and his wholehearted efforts on behalf of the 1967 Torch Drive."

AT A PRESS conference called to announce the appointment, Anderson joined the new general chairman in paying tribute to Robert B. Sample, president of Wyandotte Chemicals Corp., who led the 1967 Torch Drive team to success despite an array of obstacles.

"According to the final report," Anderson said, "Sample's campaign raised \$27,573,109, an amount no other community has been able to approach in a single drive."

Sample set a record for fund raising that will be difficult to equal," declared Werner, who served as the General Motors group chairman for the 1967 campaign's automotive and suppliers unit.

THE NEW campaign general chairman said his first concern will be to select leadership for the Torch Drive's solicitation and promotion units.

He estimated that more than 150,000 volunteers will be needed to carry the campaign message to contributors in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. Approximately 60,000 of these will be housewives needed to ring doorbells in the residential solicitation. Others will call on fellow workers in factories, offices and stores.

Vietnam War Takes Life Of SP4 Honeycutt

Army Spec. 4 Donald E. Honeycutt, brother of Howard Honeycutt of 1610 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, and Cecil Honeycutt of 1301 Beck Rd., Plymouth, was killed in action May 11 in Vietnam.

The 25-year-old soldier is survived by his wife, Joyce in Utica, and a sister, Mrs. Donald Hunken, of 3377 Lacrosse, Westland.

Area Units Share In Highway Funds

LANING -- The State Highway Commission has started distributing first quarter Motor Vehicle Highway Fund collections to Michigan counties, cities and villages.

Henrik E. Stafseth, State Highway director, said that highway fund receipts during January, February and March totaled over \$110 million, an increase of over \$10 million compared to the same period of 1967.

Wayne County's share is \$7,189,285. Distribution to municipalities include: Garden City, \$138,716; Farmington, \$25,716; Livonia, \$266,800; Plymouth, \$30,659; Westland, \$229,496; and Northville, \$15,942.

fees. After deductions for collection costs and the State Highways Commission's share, the money is distributed to the state, counties and 524 incorporated cities and villages for use on state and local highways and roads.

Under the formula, the Highway Commission will receive \$51,284,185, counties \$37,992,389, and cities and villages \$21,468,394.

Stafseth said first quarter collections include only two months of the cent-a-gallon increase in the state gasoline tax enacted last year.

Distribution is based on one month under the old formula of 47 per cent to the state, 35 per cent to the counties and 18 per cent to the cities and villages, and two months under the new formula of 46, 34, and 20 per cent respectively.

Gov. Romney To Sign Open Housing Into Law

LANING -- Gov. Romney will give Michigan an open housing law this week following Senate agreement to the House version.

Romney declined to discuss the measure, which is tougher than the new federal law, but an aide said:

"There's no real doubt about what the governor will do. The bill did not get immediate effect and will thus become effective 90 days after final adjournment of the Legislature."

HOUSE MEMBERS overrode conservative opposition to hang 21 major amendments on the bill which had been passed by the Senate. Conservatives fought to make the state act identical with

the federal law. Federal law exempts buildings accommodating four or fewer families and in which the owner lives. It also exempts single family houses sold without the services of a licensed real estate dealer.

Michigan's new law exempts buildings in which not more than two families live, including the owner and a single-family houses in which rooms are rented.

AREA SENATORS, George W. Kuhn (R-Birmingham) and N. Lorraine Beebe (D-Dearborn) both voted against the original open housing bill and the final version enacted by the House.

Sen. William Faust (D-Westland) was absent.

Earlier area legislators split on the issue in the House. Voting for it in the House were Reps. John Bennett (D-Redford) and Vincent J. Pettipiece (D-Westland). Reps. James Tierney (D-Garden City) and Ray Baker (R-Farmington) voted against it and Rep. Louis E. Schmidt (R-Livonia) did not vote.

Schmidt had been called to Saginaw two days earlier by the sudden illness of his mother. He said later that the major objections had been met with the provisions that the claimant must bear some responsibility for his charges and that cases can be taken directly to court rather than going through the administrative machinery of the Civil Rights Commission.

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