

Defeats new program millage

Birmingham elects Hartwig, Dixon

By BARBARA UNDERWOOD
BIRMINGHAM — At a special meeting Tuesday night, members of the board of education agreed that a millage proposition defeated in Monday's election would not be put before the voters again "at this time."

The 1.0-mill levy (\$1 per \$1,000 equalized valuation) for three years, defeated by voters who approved two other millage issues, was earmarked for 11 new programs for the school district.

Donna K. Hartwig and incumbent John B. Dixon were elected to four-year terms on the board of education in Monday's election, defeating Robert B. Mulligan and Sylvia P. Whitmer.

Voters approved the renewal of 10.2 mills (\$10.20 per \$1,000 equalized valuation) for 10 years and a new levy of 1.9 mills (1.90 per \$1,000 equalized valuation) for three years to maintain current programs.

DESPITE an administrative recommendation that the public

not be asked again in the near future for the defeated millage, Dixon urged that "alternate ways of financing" be found for three of the proposed new programs — career education, vocational education and community education.

Dr. Donald Beckenbaugh, superintendent, said those items would be considered along with others at a budget hearing scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday at the administration building, 550 W. Merrill.

"But I don't think we will be able to do one mill's worth of work without the mill," he added.

Board member Dorothy Eicker said she was not averse to having another election to seek the defeated millage.

"At this point I am not ruling it out completely," she said, but the board consensus Tuesday was that no action would be taken at this time for another millage vote.

THE 10.2-MILL renewal passed by 5,767 votes to 1,412, with voters in all 25 precincts favoring the proposition.

The 1.9-mill additional levy was approved in all but Precinct 9 at Torrey School where it was soundly defeated by 101 votes, but approval at Walnut Lake School was by a margin of three votes.

The total vote was 4,283 in favor and 2,879 against the 1.9-mill levy.

Only six precincts approved the 1.0-mill levy which was defeated by a total of 3,842 votes to 3,130.

The margin of victory in those precincts which did approve the proposition ranged from two votes in Precinct 5 at Franklin School to 22 votes in Precinct 14 at Adams School.

VOTERS in the Adams and Pembroke areas, each school with two precincts, approved the 1.0-mill levy, along with Precinct 22 at Greenfield School and Franklin voters.

Mrs. Hartwig was the leading vote-getter in a race which generated virtually no controversy among candidates.

She was elected with 3,573 votes to top Dixon's 3,347 total, Mrs.

Whitmer tallied 2,832 and Mulligan 2,456.

The contest was the first Birmingham Board of Education race for all candidates with the exception of Dixon who was elected to a two-year term in 1972.

MRS. HARTWIG will replace Florence (Jo) Saltzman, board president, who did not seek re-election after serving four years on the board.

Despite the three millage issues and a contest for board terms, only 7,401 or 20.5 percent of the approximately 35,000 voters in the district turned out for the election.

In last year's school election where there was no millage question on the ballot, only 9.7 percent of the voters went to the polls.

Results of the millage races closely paralleled results of a random sample survey of 667 community residents taken in February to assist the board in its decisions about what millage issues to place on the ballot.

SIXTY-TWO percent of those surveyed said they would support a small tax increase to maintain present school programs (1.9 mills in Monday's election).

Of those persons voting on that proposition Monday, 59.8 percent voted for the increase.

Forty-one percent responded in the survey they would support an additional small increase to improve present programs and services (1.0 mill).

In the election 44.9 percent approved the 1.0-mill increase which was defeated by 55.1 percent of those voting on the issue.

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False abortion exam delayed

By SUSAN L. SILK
OAKLAND COUNTY — The preliminary examination into a charge that Dr. Jesse Ketchum received money for abortions under false pretenses has been adjourned for two weeks.

Ketchum, who operates in Oakland County, is charged with asking two women for \$150 each to perform an abortion on them, even though they were not pregnant.

Following a day of testimony, in which three state witnesses spoke, 44th District Court Judge John B. Osgood, adjourned the case until 9 a.m. June 25.

The first witness was a young, married Oakland County woman who testified that she visited Ketchum's Huntington Woods office on May 28.

BASED ON ONE test, Ketchum who lives in Bloomfield Hills

allegedly told the woman she was pregnant, but to call back for the results of a second laboratory test.

Finally Ketchum told the woman that both tests confirmed that she was between six and eight weeks pregnant.

The woman went to her own doctor to confirm Ketchum's report, she told the court, and was told that she was not pregnant.

On June 3, the woman returned to Ketchum's office, accompanied with an undercover policewoman and \$150 supplied by the Oakland County prosecutor.

Ketchum was alone in his office, the woman testified. The doctor took the woman into a room for the surgery explaining that he would use a local anesthetic.

MAKING AN excuse, the woman then left the doctor's office, she testified.

The woman's own doctor also testified for the state. He said the results of the urine test which he performed, which is usually "99 percent" accurate, showed she was not pregnant.

A second, Oakland County woman testified that in early May she went to Ketchum's office for an abortion.

The woman testified that Ketchum's tests indicated she was pregnant. Telling Ketchum she would "think about" an abortion the woman testified that she went to two other doctors for confirming tests.

Before receiving the other test results, the woman testified, she gave Ketchum \$150 and had the surgery performed.

THE NEXT day, both doctors reported that she was not pregnant, the woman testified.

The preliminary examination

into the charge that Ketchum also distributed a medical abortion license has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday (June 18) before 44th District Court Judge Francis X. O'Brien.

Both charges against Ketchum were brought by Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson on Thursday (June 6). The doctor remains free on \$6,000 bond pending the outcome of the preliminary examinations.

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The proposals contained in the application, which was accepted for filing by the Comptroller of the Currency on May 30, 1974, are for the formation of a national banking association to have its main office at 2470 Telegraph Road, City of Southfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan; to have the following preferred title: Manufacturers Bank of Southfield, N.A., or alternative titles of: Manufacturers Southfield Bank, N.A., or Manufacturers National Bank of Southfield; and to have an initial capitalization of 15,000 shares of common capital stock of a par value of \$100 per share, to be issued for a total consideration of \$3,500,000 at a price of \$234 per share. The Agent designated by the persons submitting such application to represent and appear before the Comptroller of the Currency on their behalf is Jay H. Bunker, 161 W. Fort Street in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

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Generic bill bans advertising by price

By REP. JOSEPH FORBES

(D-Oak Park) — I was pleased by final legislative approval of a bill I introduced to allow pharmacists to substitute lower price generic (chemically equivalent) drugs for the brand name drug on a prescription.

The bill was passed by the senate by a 31 to 4 vote, with amendments. Those amendments were, in turn, accepted by the house 11 to 27, and the bill was sent to the governor. I have been informed that the bill will be signed by the governor.

Under the bill (H.B. 4145), a pharmacist receiving a prescription for a brand name drug product could substitute an available lower cost generically equivalent drug upon the customer's request. The physician could, however, specify on the prescription that there be no substitution by writing "dispense as written" or the initials "D.A.W."

The bill also requires a drugist to make a list of the current selling price of the 100 most prescribed drugs readily available at each counter over which listed drugs are sold.

In addition, pharmacies would be prohibited from publishing notices or advertisements which compare prices for specified prescription drugs and professional or non-professional services to those of other drug stores. Present law prohibits a pharmacist from dispensing any drug other than the one specifically listed on the prescription.

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN that brand name prescription drugs regularly cost as much as 300 percent more than their generic equivalents and that disparities between the highest and lowest priced drugs range from 5 percent to 1000 percent. The consumer is hopelessly trapped between an urgent need for a pres-

cription and a lack of open price competition.

Substitution of generic equivalents is sanctioned by the federal government. Department of Health, Education and Welfare studies on prescription drugs have resulted in similar recommendations which could lead to generic substitution for all prescriptions purchased under federal medical programs.

The bill passed by the Michigan Legislature would save Michigan consumers millions of dollars every year through lower prescription drug prices since it would promote much needed competition in the drug industry. Further, price posting at drug stores would create a cost-consciousness in prescription buyers and force prices toward their generic levels.

Pharmacists could reduce their inventories of prescription drugs since it would not be necessary to stock every brand name of a given generic drug. Pharmacists who price their drugs with a flat fee mark-up (as opposed to a percentage mark-up) would have increased incentive to decrease their inventories of higher-priced drugs because their profit margins would not hinge upon the cost of the drug prescribed.

THE HOUSE ALSO has devoted its attention to improvements in the court system. Of particular interest to Oakland County was a bill which authorized increased numbers of probate judges in several heavily populated counties.

The bill, recently signed by the governor, permits the state commissioners in Oakland, Kent and Genesee counties to approve the addition of one probate judge to their present three.

John Campbell files as 64th Democrat

FARMINGTON — John Campbell of Farmington has filed as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the state representative in the 64th congressional district.

Campbell, 38, was the Democratic nominee for the same post in the 1972 general election. The district includes the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and the southern third of Southfield.

"Over the last 12 years the 64th district has not received vigorous representation in Lansing from the Republican Party," he said.

"I believe it is time for this district to have a representative who has no outside commitments and who can devote his effort solely to communicating with areas involved."

Campbell graduated in 1958 with a B.A. from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine and he also received an M.A. from the University of Louisville.

He received grants for further study at Michigan State University, Stanford University and the University of Dayton.

Currently he is employed as the chairman of the social studies department at Detroit Country Day School in Birmingham. He has taught history and government for the past ten years.

Campbell has been the Demo-

cratic precinct delegate since 1966 and served as a trustee of the Farmington Democratic Club.

In 1967 he was elected chairman of the New Farmington Human Relations Council and served as chairman of that organization in 1969. He also served as head of Michigan Citizens for Participatory Politics.

Campbell has resided at 23701 Cass, in Farmington for the past ten years. He and his wife Judy have three children, Anne, Susan, and Alec.

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