

## Levy Receives Approval By Margin Of 184 Votes

# Clarenceville OKs 4 Mills For Schools

Given a second and final chance to assure the school system of enough finances to maintain the present high quality of education, voters in the Clarenceville School District Monday passed a referendum for four additional mills for operation.

With impetus provided by support of the Observer News-

papers, Inc. and by work of various parent and administration groups to get more voters to the polls, the issue passed by a margin of 184, it had failed by a scant 25 votes in June when slightly more than 11 per cent of the eligible electors cast ballots.

MORE THAN TWICE as many

turned out Monday with the result that there were 532 'Yes' and 348 'No' votes.

In Precinct 1 at Clarenceville Junior High, it was a favorable margin of 233 to 126. In Precinct 2 at the senior high, it was 299 to 222.

The issue calls for four additional mills for an eight-year

period and assures the school district of \$180,000 more for operating effective with the start of the new school year in September.

Since the administration and the negotiating team from the Clarenceville Education Association have been waiting the outcome of the election before

resuming negotiations, it believed the two will arrange a meeting next week with hopes of reaching an agreement.

Both School Board President Dr. Samuel Prisk and Supt. David McDowell were elated by the outcome of the special election.

The pair was keenly disappointed in the June election

when they blamed apathy of the voters for the failure of the issue. Clarenceville is the only school district in the six communities covered by the Observer newspapers to reject additional millage for the schools.

IN A STATEMENT Monday after receiving the favorable

reports, Dr. Prisk said:

"I am pleased with the results and the number of people who turned out. Since the number was almost double that of the June election, it definitely shows that many people in the Clarenceville school district were not aware of the seriousness of the financial situation. But upon being apprised, they rallied to its support."

"The residents of Clarenceville have always enthusiastically supported the schools and this vote clearly indicates their intent to continue."

"It would like to personally thank voters for their expression of confidence in the Board of Education and administration and their indication that the community is pleased with the educational program."

"We know there are many residents who would have liked to vote 'yes' but were forced to vote against because of financial circumstances. We sympathize with these people and want to assure every voter that only the millage needed will be levied and money will be spent only where necessary to continue to offer our young people all the advantages of a fine educational program."

SUPT. McDOWELL was equally as appreciative in a statement thanking the community for its approval of the millage issue.

He said:

"We wish to give our thanks to the Clarenceville voters for turning out in large numbers to pass this crucial millage issue. It means that:

"1--We can continue to provide the children of the district with excellent educational programs and services.

"2--We will not have to increase our pupil-teacher ratios.

"3--We can now, through negotiations, work out salary schedules with our employees comparable to our neighbors.

"All of the above can be done on a balanced budget."

"We in the school business are also extremely aware that it is becoming increasingly difficult to raise money by increasing property taxes. Therefore, we pledge that we will use discretion with the money you provide and will spend endless hours and energy this coming year to help our legislature locate other sources of revenue for the schools."

"On behalf of the young people of the district, we offer our sincere thanks to all who would like to pass the millage and to all who took the time to go to the polls and vote."



PANEL MEMBERS listen intently as Mrs. Grace Marcus, League of Women Voters' membership chairman, discusses a point at the seminar conducted by Madonna College. The group includes (from left), Mrs. Mary Agnes Davis, seminar leader; Recorder, Rose Jordan; Livonia

Councilman Rudolf Kleinert, Mrs. Elizabeth Bushnell, of Grose Pointe; Mrs. Marcus; Philip Power, publisher of the Observer Newspapers, Inc.; Ed Davis, president of Ed Davis Chrysler dealership, and Mrs. Dorothy Mann, Director of Operation Understanding.

## College Chairman Asks Ruling On Possible Conflict

Harold Fischer, of Plymouth, chairman of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, has asked Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley for an opinion on whether a member of the board may be guilty of a conflict of interest since his wife is a member of the faculty.

Aware of a rift that has split the board and almost resulted in failure to approve the annual budget at the July meeting, Fischer decided to seek the opinion.

"Despite the fact that we asked for and received an opinion from our legal counsel, Edward Draugelis, prior to the election of this member to the board, I believe the time has come to ask an opinion from the state attorney general," said Fischer.

"As most know, our attorney gave an opinion that there wasn't a conflict of interest even though the member voted for salary increases that directly benefited a member of his family. It is my feeling that there has been a change in the statutes since that time, and I therefore am making the request for the opinion."

Fischer stated he felt such an action was necessary to try to eliminate the rift that has developed between Dr. George Martin, the trustee in question, and James Boswell. Both represent the Livonia district.

IT WAS THE votes of Dr. Martin and Boswell that brought the smug in the adoption of the budget last week. They cast "no" votes with four other members voting "yes". State law requires five votes for approval of the budget, and board members Paul Butnick and Clark Oldenberg were absent on vacations.

Dr. Martin was finally convinced to change his vote after the other four agreed to re-study the budget for possible trims.

Following the approval, Chairman Fischer called an executive meeting at which it is reported numerous charges which Dr. Martin had made against the administration in letters to the trustees, were aired and cleared.

Fischer stated that he made the decision to request the conflict-of-interest opinion following the executive session.

"THE NEGOTIATIONS between the administration team and the Faculty Forum representatives are completely stymied," he said. "It is my feeling that they will remain that way until we have this matter completely straightened out."

In the last meeting between

the two groups, it was reported to me that the Faculty Forum leader informed the state labor board mediator and the administration team that the latest proposal of the administration was not acceptable. That's fine, but the statement came before the proposal had

even been placed on the table. "That is in lieu of what took place at the last meeting and what happened at the executive meeting, I feel it is my duty to ask for this opinion from the attorney general with a request it be made as quickly as possible."

Attitudes, Policy and Action" in the nine-session series. The panelists directed their thinking and suggestions for action on the basis of their position in the community and their role in community affairs.

A final panel on "What Can I Do to Unite More Effectively My Community, My City, Now in 1968" climaxed Madonna College's three-week race seminar in which civic, religious and educational leaders of both races spoke out on "Race, Police Fear

Oakland County Clerk Drowned

Fears that Oakland County Clerk John D. Murphy has drowned accidentally in the northern reaches of Lake Michigan grew Tuesday as a search by the U.S. Coast Guard continued into its third day without results.

Lt. Donald Luedke of the Coast Guard station at Charlevoix said Tuesday morning that a 50-square-mile area of the lake was being covered for the third time, but that the search force had been reduced from three vessels and a helicopter to merely one vessel.

The 54-year-old Murphy, only Democrat ever elected to Oakland County's combined role of clerk and register of deeds, rented a 14-foot aluminum boat from a Beaver Island marina Saturday to go fishing in Lake Michigan.

The Coast Guard began its search at midnight Saturday after being informed Murphy had not returned by dark. The overturned boat later was found near the west shore of Garden Island, one of a nest of seven islands approximately 50 miles west of the Mackinac Bridge.

A CLAWSON RESIDENT and the father of six children, Murphy was elected to his county position for the first time in 1964. His name appears on next Tuesday's primary election ballot unopposed for the second term.

If it becomes officially evident that he has drowned, the Democratic County Committee will select a candidate to run at the Nov. 5 general election for the clerk-register of deeds position.

Murphy had gone to Beaver Island, which lies 30 miles off the entrance to Grand Traverse Bay, following conclusion of a convention of county clerks which ended Wednesday at Marquette.

He was registered at the Erin Motel on the island and on Thursday called his Pontiac office to say he planned to do some fishing and see some land he owned in the area.

Coast Guard officials reported that when the rented boat was located one life jacket was missing.

### Schoolcraft

### Retains

### Draugelis

Plymouth attorney Edward F. Draugelis received a unanimous vote of confidence Wednesday from the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees and will be retained as legal counsel for the 1968-69 college year.

Draugelis will be paid \$100 per month for his services, to be used as a credit against itemized billing at the rate of \$25 per hour, (the minimum rate by the Michigan Bar Association). During the past school year, he earned \$3,600 from Schoolcraft College.

### Schoolcraft Names

### Agent Of Record

Ralph C. Lee, Livonia insurance agent, was appointed agent of record for the Schoolcraft College employee group insurance plan for the fiscal year 1968-69 by the College Board of Trustees.

## Panelists Stress Racial Problems

PHILIP POWER, Observer publisher, cited the importance of responsible reporting and complete newspaper coverage in uniting the community. He also urged citizens to "get involved and speak out."

Mrs. George Bushnell, Grose Pointe civic leader, encouraged listeners to let their voices as citizens be heard. "One person can change and effect a climate," she said.

Mrs. Dorothy Mann, Operation Understanding director, spoke of the benefits of volunteer work among ghetto children.

Mrs. Grace Marcus, membership chairman of the League of Women Voters outlined some definite civic projects in the areas of voting, court watching and working together with church members from the inner city.

Livonia Councilman Rudolf Kleinert suggested that citizens get into government "and politics." "Even if you're not a leader," he said, "you can get in and help someone else lead."

Ed Davis, president of Ed Davis, Inc., concluded the speakers' presentations with his own formula for uniting the community when he advised listeners to "make yourself a part of what's happening."

It was not only the speakers who had occasion to be heard at the seminar but also a number of participants who voiced their opinions when they were asked to comment about the three-week course in race relations which they had just finished.

CHUCK CATLETT, MSW student, 659 Burroughs, Plymouth, attended the seminar because race is a special-interest area with him. "It was the best thing I've done all summer," Chuck said. "I've been mystified by the whole area of black power and was especially interested in Rev. Cleage."

For Mrs. Gladys Tilton, 607 Blunk, Plymouth, attending the seminar was important to her as a teacher and as a parent. "I feel that I cannot allow my students to pass through my classroom without an understanding of the world they'll live and work in. I want to know from firsthand sources the feelings of Negroes so that I can convey this understanding to my students and to my children," she added.

For Mary Durgan, 3316 Oregon, Livonia, this was a second classroom encounter with race this summer. Having just finished the University of Detroit's workshop on human relations, she attended Madonna College's seminar to become more aware of the problems of the community.

Giving further comment about the seminar, Miss Durgan said that "Livonia is fortunate to have an institution such as Madonna College."

ENTHUSIASM WAS RADIATED by coeds Pat Gentile of

Redford Township, a freshman at Schoolcraft, and Linda Kessel, 25351 Cathedral, Redford Township, a junior at Eastern.

"This is the only college course I really enjoyed," Pat said. "Maybe it's because I'm very interested in what's going on in the world."

"It's the only course that I didn't cut classes in," Linda added. "I came in with some

prejudices; but since I'm in student government I wanted to get a chance to take back some fresh ideas because a lot of kids are scared of black power. I feel that I now have the proper realization that black people just want to take their places in society."

David Dohn, 34733 Bayview, Westland, came to find out if he understands the problems as he thinks he does, "I came,"

he further suggested, "not just to hear but to observe the observations and reactions of the people here. They represent the interested white community."

Mrs. Millie Warner, 37960 Howell, Livonia, came because she said, "I live in the middle of prejudice." She had listened to white people talk all the time she added and "now I listened to Negroes, as well."

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## Bob Ameen Joins Staff In Livonia

Publisher Philip H. Power today announced the appointment of a veteran Illinois newspaperman to the staff of the Livonia Observer.

He is Robert Ameen, 41, who worked previously on the Illinois State Journal in Springfield, Ill., and on the Quincy, Ill., Herald.

Ameen served two years in the United States Army, is married and has two children.

Ameen succeeds Dwight Jarrell, who left Livonia to take an editorial job on the Seattle, Wash., Times.

Ameen is known nationally for his association, that of a billiard expert. He has won several state championships, placed third in the United States tournament, and is ranked among the top 10 players in the country.