obituaries

EDWIN R. CAMPBELL

Mr. Campbell, 76, of Livonia, died March 13 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, Mr. Campbell was a retired mechan-ical and electrical engineer. Survivors include his daughter, Grace Ann Campbell. Services were March 16 in St. Louis, Missouri. Burial was in Sunset Burial Park, St. Louis, Missouri. Arrange-ments were made by Harry J. Will Fu-neral Home. Livonia. neral Home, Livonia. GREGORY HARMAN

Mr. Harmon, 20, of Livonia, died

Mr. Harmon was a student at Oak-land Community College
Survivors include his sisters, Chris-tine and Elizabeth; grandmother, So-phie Choma.
Services were March 18 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.
Mass was at St. Gerald Catholic Church with the Rev. Maurice Decker official-ing. Burala was in Holy Sepulchre Cem-etery, Southfield.

JOSEPH HAINER

Mr. Hainer, 67, of Rochester, died March 14 in Beaumont Hospital.

Mr. Hainer, a painter, was retired from J.I. Hudson Company.
Survivors include his uncle, Vladimir Hainer and a cousin, Emily Grachel.
Services were March 17 at Heeney-Sundquist Puneral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Edward Belezak of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church officiating, Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Crystal Falls, Mich.

MARIAN (PEGGY) GILLESPIE

Mrs. Gillespie, 53, of West Bloom-field died March 14. eig, died march 14. Mrs. Gillespie was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, Dan-

Services were March 16 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Edward Belzak of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church officiating. Burial was, in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

iel; daughters, Carol Kupouits, Diane Clarke and Joanne Gillespie; son, John; two grandchildren.

JAMES A. HANCOCK

He was a member of the V.F.W., North-ville chapter.

Survivors include his wife; Dorothy, daughters, Judy Maidment, Diane Winters, Joyce and Janet Hancock; sons, James W., Ronald, James A. and Daniel; sisters, Mable Davis and Helen Mettetal; brothers, Barry and Robert; 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

JAMES A. HANCOCK
Mr. Hancock, 63, of Farmington
Hills, died March 15 in Veteran's Hospital, Ann Arbor.
Mr. Hancock was an auto mechanic.
Centerty, Berkley.

Stephanie Lynn and Theresa Marie Greca, twin infants, died March 15. Survivors include their parents, Nee-na and Valentine Greca; grandmother, Mrs. Bobbie Parker, great-grandmoth-er, Mrs. William Smith.

Services and burial was March 18 at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens Cem-etery, Novi with the Rev. Donald Ni-chols of Redford Baptist Church offici-ating. Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

District eyes closing three schools

Three elementary schools in the Walled Lake School District may be closed next year in an effort to reduce a \$2.9 million projected deficit in the district's 1982-83 budget.

The board listed the possibility of closing elementary schools as one of its por priorities for dealing with the projected deficit after a special board study session last week.

Trustee Janet Callahan was the only board member opposing the move.
She said the only solution she'll ac-

ployee concessions.

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Employee wages are established by confract and cannot be changed unless a superintendent. Don Sheldon has saked all 11 district employee unions to accept wage freezes for 1982-83. He is scheduled to report back to the board tonight. If the unions agree to a wage freeze, the district will save approximately \$1.93 million – a figure that still falls roughly \$1 million deficit.

The district does not know how large

the deficit actually will be, according to assistant superintendent for business Harry Carlson. In preparing his pro-jected budget, he figured a 5-percent increase in the district's State Equal-ized Valuation (SEV). But the actual in-crease in SEV could be higher or lower.

CARLSON TOLD the board that the eight governmental units within the Walted Lake School District are figuring a 3.6-percent increase in SEV at the present time. If the 3.6-percent increase proves accurate, the district's 1982-83 revenues will be lower and the deficit will be higher than \$2.9 million. State and county officials disagree over assessments. County officials maintain the county is overassessed

and are attempting to lower the SEV. The state contends Oakland County is underassessed and is threatening to levy an across-the-board factor on the existing assessments.

If the county succeeds in lowering assessments, the district's deficit could soar to the \$4+million mark. If the state succeeds in levying the factor, the district's deficit would be lowered accordingly.

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It appears likely that the assessment
debate will end up in court, further delaying the time it will take the district
to determine the actual deficit.
Consideration of closing schools was
heightened by current economic conditions although the subject has been dis-

tions although the subject has been dis-cussed by the board for at least the

past two years in terms of declining en-rollments.

STUDENT POPULATION in the Walled Lake district has declined steadily since 1976-77, when a total of 1,600 students were enrolled. This year's student population is 9,700, and administrators predict a further decline to less than 9,200 in 1982-83.

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A special citizens committee, headed by former board president Steven Lasher, was appointed by the board earlier this year to study declining enrollment. It is expected to report to the board on its finding tonight.

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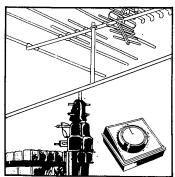
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