

# How They Voted On School Funds

School millage elections in Michigan during the first three months of 1970 resulted in 55 approved issues of 92 proposed, according to a report issued by the Michigan Education Association.

During the same period, school construction bonding elections were turned down more often than not, with only four of 17 gaining approval.

The 60% approval rate on millage issues this year compares to 63% for all of 1968 and 62% for all of 1969, and construction bond approvals at 24% compare to 55% for 1968 and 33% for 1969.

U.S. Rep. Marvin L. Esch (R-Ann Arbor) has called for a thorough review of the troubles surrounding negotiations of a new Teamsters contract with a view to possible changes in existing labor law or passage of new laws.

Esch said, "I would have hoped that more could be done to prevent the violence that has occurred and to ease the painful economic suffering of so many employees and employers. I know secretary of Labor George Shultz and the Labor Department are working very hard on this matter with the resources available to them. The question before us is whether we need new tools to handle such situations."

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# Fishing Derby Set for Saturday

Saturday is the big day for the eighth annual Tom Sawyer-Bucky Thatcher Fishing Derby and Sport Display sponsored by the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department and the Western Wayne Career Center, Livonia.

A fishing contest for youngsters, with prizes, costume contests, outdoor skills demonstrations and equipment displays will be featured. Everything will take place Saturday, May 23, at Newburgh Lake, on Hines Drive just west of Newburgh Road. First fishing contest begins at 9 a.m., the second at 12:30 p.m.

Entrants must bring their own equipment and live bait. Contests will be held for those 11 years of age and under and for those 12 and over. Prizes will be given for the longest and heaviest fish in all categories except largemouth and smallmouth bass, which are not in season.

The winners, the most authentic Tom Sawyer and Bucky Thatcher costumes will also win prizes.

THE PROGRAM begins with a flag-raising ceremony put on by the young Marines, who also donated one of two

16-foot inflatable canoes which will be top prizes. A lounge chair will be the top prize.

Prominent athletes will be on hand. Instruction will be given in bait, spin and trolling.

Displays and demonstrations will be available for model airplanes, camping equipment, terrain vehicles, canoes, canyons, volleyball and basketball, tenting, scuba diving and model airplanes.

Two model airplane contests will give a demonstration of model airplane contests.

Chairman of the program is Henry Hank Christensen, Western Wayne Career Center, Livonia, who also donated one of two

LANSING The State Board of Education has taken a statement praising Detroit's school desegregation plan and efforts to achieve racial integration in public schools.

Board Treasurer James F. O'Neil (R-Livonia) was recorded as voting against the statement.

The statement said: "The State Board of Education on April 22, 1969, adopted a joint policy statement with the Michigan Civil Rights Commission which directed local school boards to consider the factor of racial balance, along with other educational considerations, in making decisions about selections of new school sites, expansion of present facilities, reorganization of school attendance districts

and the transfer of pupils to overcrowded facilities.

"Each of the statements according to the State Board of Education policy statement, presents an opportunity for integration.

"THE RECENT DECISIONS of the school districts address themselves to the issue of racial isolation in schools is encouraging. It is an effort to provide equality of educational opportunity, the Detroit Board of Education address itself to the many-faceted problem of racial segregation and the barriers which these conditions create. The Detroit plan, with its strengths and weaknesses, is an effort to solve the problem.

"The path to equality of educational opportunity is neither smooth nor free of trials and merely assigning students to different schools in an effort to bring about racial balance in those schools will be a meaningless gesture unless additional services and improved programs to assure a balanced and quality educational attainment as well as a balanced racial composition.

"Unless this factor is given top priority, school districts addressing themselves to racial integration simply by providing racial balance can probably expect increased rather than decreased tensions. Consequently, the Detroit Board of Education decision will not automatically make the Detroit school system better.

"However, with the support of students, teachers, and parents, and with the recognition that the decision hopefully represents a step toward quality education for all students, such decisions can be considered fundamental.

"ACTIONS TAKEN by Michigan school districts to reduce the harmful educational effects of racial isolation and to provide with the equal educational opportunity position of the State Board of Education.

"Once such actions are taken by duly constituted authorities, public support is vital to their success.

"The State Board of Education urges public support of constructive and constructive efforts to achieve racial integration in the schools."

Quick Dessert

For a quick dessert, send 2 fresh Anjou, Bose or Cointreau pears into one cup pineapple juice. Add one cup miniature marshmallows and one-half cup shredded coconut. Serve in sherbet glasses with vanilla wafers.

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