

Year-Round School Loss Isn't Fatal

Whether the public wants year-round schools in Northville has not been decisively determined—if one wants to use a recent advisory vote on the issue as a guideline.

Voters responded with 422 "yes" votes and 518 "no" ballots in the plebiscite. The 95-vote difference isn't being construed as conclusive, however, since only 17 1/2% of the district's 5,846 registered voters went to the polls.

School and board officials indicated the matter was far from closed. Administrators said study of the year-round concept will continue. And parents will be surveyed for their views on the idea.

Supt. Raymond Spear said

more backing for the issue would have strengthened the district's position in obtaining financial support for further study of the concept.

Dr. Orlo Robinson and Stanley Johnston, board trustees, said they believed the public would approve the idea when they knew more about it.

Trustee Glenn Diebert said he viewed the narrow outcome as optimistic. And Trustee Eugene Cook said he saw the result as an indicator that the public wants more information on the matter.

The Welsh people are called the "singing nation" because it is as natural for them to sing as it is for most people to talk.

By DENNIS L. PAJOT

Dr. Donald Godbold is leaving Oakland Community College, which he has served for the past two years as provost (in charge) of the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Township.

He's taking a similar position with the Community College of Denver after July 1 as dean of a new campus in the central city that will be added to the college's already-developed suburban campus.

Dr. Godbold is currently out of town and not available for comment. The Oakland Community College (OCC) Board of Trustees was slated to act on his resignation late this

week. A successor hadn't been named at press time.

A NATIVE OF DETROIT'S OCC city, Dr. Godbold came to OCC as Orchard Ridge dean of students in the fall of 1967.

He became the highest level black administrator in the OCC system, founded and guided for two years an innovative project that brought 50 disadvantaged black youths from the city to the school, and saw the Orchard Ridge campus black enrollment increase from 15 to about 400 in his three years there.

In an interview with this reporter just two weeks prior to his resignation, Dr. Godbold

portrayed himself as very much interested in furthering the lot of his ethnic group through fostering increased educational opportunities.

He came to OCC just prior to the Detroit riots of 1967 after three years as a special education teacher and counselor in the Detroit public school system.

He said he left the Detroit system because he felt opportunities were not then equitably available to people of his

race, especially after he had gained his doctoral degree.

"PERHAPS IF TIMES were similar to the way they are now, I could have mounted some kind of protest, created a stir and said, 'look, you're not treating us right — those of us who are aspiring to improve ourselves professionally and get into a position where we can help a large number of people.'"

"But I'm not an activist of that type," he said. "So, with

the credentials, I then began to look around for jobs."

He appeared to be optimistic about blending of his goals and those of OCC when interviewed and gave no hint of an impending departure.

Yet, he did say one of his concerns as provost was: "I'd like the college to become more relevant to the needs of the community. There is more we could do in the area of working with the disadvantaged."



DR. DONALD GODBOLD Brought Blacks to OCC

County Approves New Crime Unit

Expansion of the prosecuting attorney's staff and a new organized crime unit coordinated by the sheriff were given immediate approval at the latest meeting of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

The board also:

- Declared "in principle" its intention to merge the offices of county clerk and registrar of deeds at the end of their present terms.
- Approved \$2,875,000 in capital improvements projects, primarily building improvements at Wayne County General Hospital and the County Jail.
- Passed a resolution urging approval of the Wayne County Community College millage proposition which will be on the Aug. 4 primary election ballot.

The committee has asked the Citizens Research Council of Michigan to conduct a study to identify what operations of the two departments can be consolidated to achieve economies.

THE CAPITAL improvements program calls for: \$1.3 million in improvements and expansions at Wayne County General Hospital, primarily in the obstetrical newborn nursery and adult intensive care operations; and \$1.5 million for ventilation and electrical improvements at the Jail.

Circuit Court jury facilities will be improved at a cost of \$35,000 and detailed plans for renovation of the Old County Building will be prepared at a cost of \$20,000.

The commissioners also passed a \$60,000 in capital improvement funds to match state, federal and foundation funds which are anticipated for construction of a new Cooperative Extension Service Center in the City of Wayne.

The resolution supporting the community college's bid for voter approval of a one-mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation) describes the school as "essential" to the well-being of the people of Wayne County.

It was pointed out that a \$1.5 million state grant to the college probably will be dependent on approval of the millage.

This year the college had 15,000 students attending evening classes at 29 "borrowed" locations throughout the County. The college wishes to add daytime classes and begin developing its own facilities.

Bill OK's Lt. Gov. Seating

The Michigan Senate has passed by a 20-1 vote a proposal which provides for the governor to fill a vacancy in the office of the lieutenant governor.

State Sen. George W. Kuhn (R-West Bloomfield), chief sponsor of the measure, said it is aimed at plugging a loophole in the constitution. Amending the State Constitution requires a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate and voter approval before taking effect.

Kuhn said, "This amendment would also allow the governor to appoint a legislator to the office of lieutenant governor. Currently, the Michigan Constitution prohibits any legislator from being appointed."

Earlier this year the Legislature did pass a bill naming the Senate president pro-tem, Sen. Thomas Schweigert, acting lieutenant governor," Kuhn concluded.

Political Identities Get Cleared Up

One of the hottest races shaping up in this boiling election year is the 26th District Wayne County commissioner contest—and it has already caused some burns.

Incorrect information about two candidates was published in the deadline flurry of announcements.

John J. McCann, Livonia attorney seeking the Democratic nomination, was called a "member of a prominent political family."

Barry Vandermolten is currently also campaign manager for New Democratic Coalition "peace" candidate for the 19th District U.S. Congress seat, Ronald Hecker. He served as campaign manager for liberals John M. LaRue and James Schaeffer in the 1969 Schoolcraft Community College trustee campaign.

Larry Vandermolten is a political science instructor at Schoolcraft and he is vice chairman of the Faculty Forum teaching bargaining

unit, there this year. He lives in Northville.

McCann may benefit by the early error. It was believed he is a brother of Livonia City Councilman Robert McCann and Livonia Municipal Judge James McCann. He is not.

Vandermolten and McCann will face Robert Dwyer, Plymouth "Mr. Democrat" in the Aug. 4 primary.

REPUBLICAN conservatives will be delighted at their choice in the primary.

Former Livonia Mayor Harvey Moelke hopped into the race at the last minute, and his competition will be Dale Welling, the man who managed the 1969 school board campaign for John Stremelski.

The seat is currently held by Carl Pursell, a Republican from Plymouth whose progressiveness on such issues as home rule, mass transportation and regional cooperation didn't always set well with county building traditionalists Pursell is running for the GOP State Senate nomination.



JOHN R. MCCAULEY, 34827 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, has been appointed system sales manager for CEC Controls Co., a division of Conveyer Engineering Co., both located in Detroit. He graduated from Communications University, Scott Field, Ill., and attended the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

Elect Neph, Kinsery To Top Offices

Two Observerland residents have been chosen for top positions in North Detroit chapter of Association for Systems Management.

Eugene Neph, of 17231 Dolores Dr., Livonia, has been elected president. He is employed by College Service Corp.

Lawrence Kinsery, of 30262 Spring River Dr., Southfield, has been named president elect. He is with Detroit Bank and Trust Co.

Other officers are Lawrence Jones, Madison Heights, Kelly Services, vice president; James Sullivan, Tru, Chrysler Financial Corp., secretary; and Bruce Gibson, Lake Orion, Detroit Bank and Trust Co., treasurer.

The chapter meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Holiday Inn, 26555 Telegraph, Southfield.

Prospective members may contact Neph at 13801 W. Eight Mile, Detroit, or call him at 851-0775.

3 Get Degrees From Purdue

Three Observerland residents in a graduation ceremony at Purdue University.

They are David H. Diskin, 22510 Keweenaw, Southfield, master's in mathematical sciences; Stephen W. Harrison, 29049 Kendallwood Dr., Farmington, bachelor's in industrial management; and Timothy E. Underwood, 15619 Liverpool, Livonia, master's in physics.

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