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WCCC Redford Branch Closing; Short 15 Students

The Redford Branch of Wayne County Community College will have to close its doors with just 15 students less than the minimum enrollment required to keep it open, according to Rene Rodolosi, coordinator of the Marshall Junior High branch in Redford Township.

The closing of the branch will mean the 110 students already enrolled there will have to be transferred to other centers, the nearest of which is the John Glenn High School center in Westland.

DEADLINE FOR registration has been extended to the same day classes are scheduled to begin, Jan. 14, but at this point the date looks like the day the school will close for good, according to Rodolosi.

To break even financially, a center must have at least six classes with 20 students in each class. The downtown office of WCCC, embarking on an austerity program since the failure of millage to support the institution this fall, now says each of its 43 branches must meet this minimum enrollment to stay open.

"We are extended to 43 units, and will have to consolidate because of serious financial problems since the loss of the millage election," Eugene Strobel, special projects coordinator for the multi-campus school, told Observer Newspapers.

THE REDFORD branch of WCCC opened 1 1/2 years ago. The school offered college-credit courses to anyone in the college district, with a high school degree for \$10 a credit-hour (most classes are about three credits).

A typical state university charges about \$14 a credit for tuition. The combination of an open admission policy, low tuition and classes at night close to home has been popular with working men and women, housewives and others unable to attend a university.

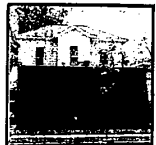
The course credits are transferable to most other colleges in the state, according to Rodolosi. The Redford branch started out offering 35 or 40 different courses, but many of the sections had

to be transferred or "traded" with other branches to meet the minimum 15-student enrollment per class which WCCC felt was necessary to meet the costs of the offering.

Next term will concentrate on basic courses like English, psychology and art that have proven most popular in the past.

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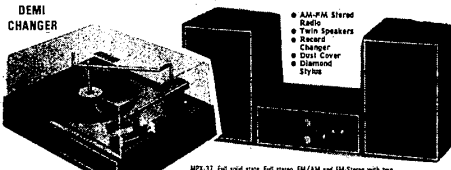


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Oakland Budget Hikes Employees' Pay 5 Pct.

By **JACKIE KLEIN**
Oakland County will operate on a record \$36.5 million budget for 1971, unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners last Thursday. It's a \$5.1 million increase over last year's spending.

The budget calls for a five per cent across-the-board average increase for more than 1,600 county employees and total salaries of \$16.42 million. Salaries increased nearly \$2 million over 1970.

Forty-four new positions are reflected in the spending proposal. The budget sets expected property tax revenue at \$24.45 million, based on 5.16 mills (\$16 per \$1,000) of the state equalized valuation of \$4,728,509. The Tax Allocation Board divides the \$15 per \$1,000 of equalized property tax among the county, schools and townships.

Largest budget increase is in the area of general relief, raised to \$2.51 million, an increase of \$536,000 over 1970.

Reflected in the budget is a \$1.5 million increase in state income tax receipts, brought about by the 1970 census. **FUNDS HAVE** been provided for implementation of the county 1971 capital improvements program, with \$1.73 million allocated for miscellaneous non-tax revenue and building authority payments of \$913,000.

The \$400,000 appropriation for county roads has been increased to \$700,000 to provide funds for a program estimated at \$8.8 million. An appropriation of \$123,000 has been earmarked for the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority to meet the county share of the accelerated program. No money can be spent for the program without the approval of the finance committee of the board.

Twenty-seven job classifications will receive adjustments of more than five per cent. They are mainly in the prosecutor's office to encourage retention of qualified corporation counsel.



CHARLES HEATH, 30935 Perry's Crossing, Farmington, has been appointed assistant manager of Schenley's Affiliated Brands Co.'s central region. He has been a state supervisor since 1953. He previously worked for Kellogg Co.

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New State Laws Sought By Oakland

Four state legislative proposals for 1971 will be given priority consideration by the new Oakland County Board of Commissioners after Jan. 1.

They include a change in home rule legislation which permits the adoption of county charters, authority of the board regarding tax allocations and fixed millage, equalization of tax rates to offset assessment increases, and "circuit-breaker" legislation to allow senior citizens property tax exemptions.

One item already approved for the 1971 legislative program is legislation to permit consideration of the past five years' sales trend of properties to arrive at tax assessments of real property.

Next year's board will consider new legislation controlling throw-away containers. Commissioner Carl O'Brien (D-Farmington) proposed an ordinance in October to outlaw sale of beer and pop in cans or throw-away bottles. O'Brien said that bills have

been introduced in the Legislature to outlaw throw away, but lobbyists from the bottlers and chain organizations have stymied legislation.

ALSO INCLUDED in the 1971 legislative program is opposition to granting additional exemptions, real or personal, unless provisions are made for state reimbursement to local units of government.

The new board will consider legislation to permit the DPW to operate a refuse disposal system, funding of the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMATA), and gas and weight tax formula changes for the county road system.

Other recommendations for the 1971 program are legislation to restore power of appointment of a jury commission to the Board of Commissioners and legislation to provide reimbursement to counties of grand jury expenses when called by the attorney general or state.



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