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C'ville Ups Levy 2 Mills

The Clarenceville School Board is notifying towns in its district this week that it is raising property taxes by two mills to an operating rate of 33.80 authorized by the district's voters in January 1969.

Supt. David B. McDowell, who recommended the increase to the board last week, said the move was necessary because of the unclear financial picture caused by slow-moving state aid and unsettled negotiations with school employees.

"It is extremely unfortunate that the Board of Education is compelled to set the tax rate when so little information is available regarding revenue and expenditures," McDowell said, referring to the state law which requires school districts to set their tax rates by Sept. 1.

THE 33.80 OPERATING millage ceiling was approved by the voters in January 1969, but only one mill of that three-mill increase authorization was levied by the school board last year.

McDowell admitted that President Nixon's wage-price freeze had an adverse effect on this tax increase. "If the freeze had been on a year and had been a real freeze, we probably would have levied a one mill increase," McDowell said.

"We don't want to cut back on any programs and we definitely want to keep the

district's solvency," McDowell said. "We can definitely run a balanced budget with this (two mill increase)," he said. Last year's budget for the fiscal year ending June 30 was \$3.5 million subject to audit,

Indian Mission Gets More Gifts

Indian children at the Holy Childhood Mission got a truckload of friendship from

Obseverland today. Hank Chrusciel, who heads the committee on Indian affairs for the Western Wayne County Conservation Assn., drove the truckload of toys, clothes, school supplies and food to the school at Harbor Springs in the northwest part of Michigan's lower peninsula. He had stored the goods in the garage of his home at 19345 Brentwood, Livonia, where he, his family and friends had worked to restore, repair and package items that needed it.

USUALLY, Chrusciel makes the trip in such holiday

OU Slates Reading, Writing

If you enjoy reading or writing, Oakland University's division of continuing education offers a variety of new evening courses which begin the week of Sept. 27.

Magazine writing, for publication on Wednesdays, instructed by John J. I. Barnes, promotion writing supervisor of The Detroit News, is for beginners who want to write for local church publications, hobby magazines or literary journals. Barnes demonstrates how to develop ideas, analyze a publication and slant stories to editorial needs and market articles.

"Reading fiction: the hobby of cultivated Americans" for those interested in sharing their interest and pleasure in short stories, novels or plays, meets on Thursdays. Hanica C. Ullmann leads the discussion and critical appraisals of authors' works selected by class members.

BARCLAY PALMER, chairman of the English department, Roper City and Country School, instructs "modern immortality," which requires thoughtful reading and non-sharing for a discussion of human values, on Mondays.

"When spirits return" explores the multi-various uses of the supernatural in world-famous literature. John P. Cutts, chairman of the university's department of English, illustrates how man's fascination with the spirit world never fades, in this unusual course, on Tuesdays. David Green, assistant Sunday news editor, The Detroit News, repeats his popular courses, "creative writing for novices" and "writing workshop" for those with some creative writing experience, both on Thursdays.

according to McDowell, and a rough-guess estimated four per cent increase is seen for the coming year.

THE EXACT BUDGET will probably not be known for some time. The biggest single

factor is contract negotiations between the schools and the teachers whose contract expired Tuesday (Aug. 31). Although contracts with non-teaching school employees do not expire this year, their salaries are also open to negotiation.

Salaries for school employees amount to approximately 65 per cent of the school district expenditures. On the revenue side, the picture is clouded by the state aid to school districts which has not yet been announced. Last year this amounted to nearly \$1.2 million — a little over one-third the total revenues.

"Right now we're projecting we'll get a little more," McDowell said, "but that's what we thought last year, too."

McDowell said that another reason that made raising the taxes necessary was the increase in "fixed costs" such as lights, heating, phones, insurance and so on.

"We're grateful to our people for showing support by approving millage requests. We don't like to have to increase taxes, but

from Dearborn came gifts of food, clothing and toys from Den 4 of Cub Pack 1117. Several area stores also made donations.

A major problem, said Chrusciel, was packing all the gifts in the 20-foot truck.

C'ville Gets New Head For Cafeteria

Clarenceville School District has a new cafeteria supervisor. Mrs. Renes Donaldson of Dearborn has replaced Mrs. Mary Ellen Wolf of Farmington.

Mrs. Wolf and her husband, Lawrence, and family will be moving soon to Ohio where he has been transferred by his company.

For the past 11 years, Mrs. Donaldson has been cafeteria supervisor at Divine Child Catholic School in Dearborn.

She is a member of the American School Food Services Assn. and has attended many food workshops and shows.

Her husband, Robert, is a tool engineer at Burroughs Corp.

we're determined to maintain programs and stay in the black," McDowell said.



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