

Some Gain, Some Lose Under School Aid Plan

An Observer Roundup

All Observerland school districts except South Redford and Southfield will be rewarded for their high education tax effort under a bill which was reported out of the Senate Appropriations Committee last week. Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) moved that the bill be reported out for debate on the Senate floor. Pursell is the only local senator on the powerful committee.

If approved, the bill will reward districts with high millage levies by assuring them \$38 per pupil per mill for the first 22 mills levied. The state will supplement local revenue.

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School District	Operating Millage	Pupils	SEV 72-73	Per Pupil Figures			
				State Aid 72-73	State Aid 73-74*	State/Local 72-73	State/Local 73-74*
Oakville	33.83	36,050	\$18,693	\$344	\$424	\$977	\$1,073
Plymouth	29.83	16,425	29,687	313	380	930	1,010
Garden C.	30.00	12,998	19,386	507	607	818	925
Livonia	28.90	37,478	22,374	286	343	932	1,002
Flymouth	27.05	11,126	28,374	190	211	957	999
R. Union	35.65	0,775	15,922	396	485	964	1,069
Southfield	27.53	15,511	37,191	48	17	1,072	1,101
S. Redford	26.10	6,965	38,102	34	0	1,028	1,069
Westland	36.60	23,927	15,106	412	503	965	1,073

* projected **overestimated

THIS CHART indicates how state aid will increase to local districts if Senate bill 110 passes both houses without major change. Only Southfield and South Redford would lose under the bill, which favors high tax rate districts. State aid and local revenue figures are based on an increase of 7.5 per cent in state equalized valuation. SEV in South Redford would increase by that amount and could be as little as three-quarters per cent.

Bingo Delay Passes House

LANSING — The Michigan House of Representatives has approved 91-12, a bill sponsored by Harold Scott (D-Genesee County) which would move back the legalization of bingo from April 1 to June 30 and permit raffle ticket drawings at bingo betting events.

Observerland representatives split 7-1 in support. Voting against the bill was John Bennett (D-Redford).

Supporting were: Raymond Baker (R-Farmington), Thomas Brown (D-Westland), Robert Geake (R-Northville), whose district includes east of Southfield; William Keith (D-Garden City); John Markes (D-Westland); and Raymond Smith (R-Ann Arbor), whose district includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Robert Traxler (D-Bay City), who sponsored the original bingo bill that would have legalized bingo on April 1, opposed Scott's bill, saying that a raffle would be in competition with the state lottery.

The bill must be passed by the State Senate and signed by the governor before becoming law.

Incumbents Go After SC Seats

An appointee is one of two Schoolcraft trustees who will seek terms on the college board in the June 11 election.

Mrs. Nancie Blatt, of Livonia, who was appointed to fill the last six months of Mary Dumas' term, said she will seek a six-year term on the board. Mrs. Dumas had to vacate the seat in January after her election to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Paul Kadish, who was first elected to the board in 1971, also said he will seek a six-year term. Three six-year terms and one two-year term will be filled in the election.

Erv Brown of Livonia, who was appointed to the board in August of 1971, has said he won't seek election.

Another appointee, Floyd Kehrl of Northville, replied "I can't say yet" when asked if he would run in the June election. Kehrl joined the board in January after appointed to fill former chair-

man R. Robert Geake's vacancy when Geake was elected to the State House of Representatives.

Brown, a former Livonia school board member, was appointed to fill George Martin's vacancy after he resigned too late for the seat to be filled during a 1971 election.

"I feel I have spent a good number of years on the college board and Livonia school board, and it's time I hung up the pencil," Brown said.

Since he might retire in four years, Brown said he'd like to be "foot loose and fancy free" when his retirement comes. Brown is supervisor of the product cost section in Ford Motor Co.'s automotive assembly division.

Mrs. Blatt, a substitute teacher in Livonia, said she wants to stay on the board and see programs, like those in community services, expand.

"I've enjoyed the few months I've been on the board," Mrs. Blatt said, adding that the best way to serve the college is to stay on the board.

After nearly two years on the board, Kadish says he has seen some progress and hopes to continue helping areas improve, such as the relationship between administrators, faculty members and students.

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