

# Urge Big Turnout in Clarenceville Bond, Village Vote on Monday

A strong effort to pull a heavy turnout to the polls next Monday is being made by Clarenceville school officials as voters prepare to cast ballots on both bonding and millage issues.

Facing electors will be—

- A \$3.5 million bonding proposition designed to finance construction of more than 100 new classrooms, a high school auditorium and other expansion projects; and
- A four-mill tax issue to safeguard against a possible loss of state allocation funds and to upgrade the school district's program.

Neither issue will result in a rise in the district's tax rate.

School Superintendent Louis Schmidt and Board of Education members assured citizens this week.

Polls in Monday's voting will be open at 7 a.m. and will remain open to 8 p.m. All registered voters who are property owners may vote on the bond issue, and all registered voters may vote on the millage issue.

Voters in precinct 1 will vote at the Junior High School, 20210 Middlebelt rd., and those in precinct 2 will cast ballots across the street at the Senior High School.

Biggest factor, according to school officials, in calling for the election is an anticipated increase in school population.

"It is expected that our enrollment next September will result in 177 additional pupils and, therefore, our present facilities will be filled to capacity in the school year 1965-66. It is anticipated there will be at least 175 additional pupils in September, 1966, for whom there'd be no classrooms," school officials told THE OBSERVER.

"The need for more and more classrooms each year will continue even if no new homes are built. There were almost as many children below five years of age in the district May 31, 1964, as were enrolled in Sept. in grades kindergarten through four. While there will be approximately 400 kindergartners beginning their education in September, only 120 seniors will probably be graduated in June. The following two years, the ratios will be approximately 400 to 150."

Added school officials, "There will be no increase in the tax rate necessary to meet payments on bonds for this issue."

Two of the mills are designed as a safeguard and may not be levied, school officials said. There is a possibility that due to the fact that Clarenceville School District is split into portions in both Oakland and Wayne Counties that the state's allocation may be because of a legal question. Since it may

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# Teachers' Salaries Hiked \$300

## Candidates Face Citizen Groups

All of the candidates for the Farmington City Council appeared before a joint meeting of Farmington's Human Relations Council and League of Women Voters Monday night, March 22—with the exception of Virgil Cornwell who sent word his wife was ill.

Also on the program were Farrell Roberts (Rep.), and Edward McNamara (Dem.), candidates for the State Senate in the 14th District. (An account of their exchange appears elsewhere in this paper.) About 130 people showed up at the Anshel Lutheran Church, to hear them.

The statements were to be limited to five minutes apiece, but most of the candidates stretched their time to 10 minutes.

Architect Robert Allen led off for the Council candidates. He outlined a program of civic improvements he would like to see initiated. These included beautification of the city, expanded recreation programs; and suggested annexation of industrial sites in the Township. This last suggestion jolted some of the Townshipites in the audience.

He supported the creation of a human relations council, sponsored by the City Council.

Incumbent Councilman Wilbur Brotherton described the progress the City has made in the time he has been in office. He listed the growth in spending on recreation from \$750 in 1958 to more than \$100,000 this year—including land required at the city park. He also cited the completion of a two-and-a-half year project to revise the City Zoning Ordinances, as progress that has been made recently.

He said human rights is the most difficult problem that the Council or any other political grouping now faces. Any program in this area, he said, must be well thought out and carefully planned.

Henry Forrest, another incumbent, running this time with Robert Rogers, and Ernest Sauter, as a known as FRS "Farmington Residents Speak"—was the next to address the assembly.

He criticized budget estimates, saying they underestimated tax returns so that money was available and not used. He opposed any additional apartments in Farmington; saying they created more demand for services and less tax dollars than private dwellings.

Forrest's running-mate Robert Rogers defended the FRS policy of campaigning as a state

# Big Twp. Robbery

Sometime between 7:30 p.m. on March 18, and 6:30 a.m. on March 19, robbers struck a construction site in Farmington Township, and made off with an expensive cache of tools.

The site was that of the Lewis Deltore Const. Co., at 10 Mile Road and Grand River.

The robbers made off with two Thor Drills, valued at \$660 each; two breakers, valued at \$350 each; and two Ingersoll-Rand Spads valued at \$300 each.

The robbers broke into a construction trailer to gather the haul. They apparently broke the padlock with some sort of a cutter, according to Farmington Township Police.

On the subject of human rights, Sauter and Forrest both said that they at individuals were bound by the Constitution and by state laws, to preserve order.

Candidate Ralph Yoder, the next man to speak, made an implicit criticism of the FRS team, when he urged the voters to concern themselves with individuals and not with states. He called for greater recreational programs and facilities in Farmington.

The League of Women Voters had their "Guide to Farmington" booklets on sale during the evening.

# Farmington Schools Get Highest Budget

Next year's budget expenditures will be the highest in history for the Farmington Public Schools, topping the current year's by over \$1 million.

The total anticipated expenditures of \$6,305,497 top the total revenue by \$519,335. However, this can be justified this year by the amount of \$684,796 in the year's beginning balance.

With expenditures increasing more rapidly than the revenues, these questions will be answered by the Farmington education will depend on improved revenues in the near future. More state aid (a possibility with fiscal reform), money from other sources, or a millage increase could provide a solution.

More of the \$1 million increase will be spent on personnel to meet the needs of the 1,000 additional students who will be enrolled in Farmington School shortly. Forty-five more people will be employed at this period of growth.

Eighty-five per cent of the budget will go for salaries and wages of teaching and non-teaching personnel. This includes a \$300 base raise in pay for all teaching personnel.

School district income is derived from three sources—per cent local, 54 per cent state

and 2 per cent county and federal.

Building of the proposed 1965-66 budget has been a year-long job. In December, building principals submitted their projected needs and a proposed budget was drawn up. By January, this preliminary request will be made to the Oakland County Allocations Board in April.

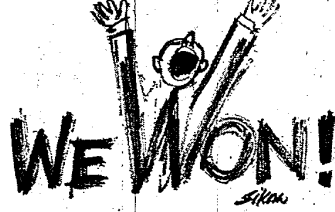
By next month, the Oakland County Allocations Board will have received the district's valuation. Then, when they know the amount of state aid and allocated millage the district will receive, they present these figures to the Farmington district.

A public hearing is held, usually in June, before the final 1965-66 budget can be approved by the Farmington Board of Education.

# Farmington Forum Meets

The Farmington Forum will have a discussion of state rights—on 8 p.m., Thursday, March 25, at the Unitarian Church of Farmington. Among the panelists is the controversial Detroit Councilman Thomas L. Paine. The church is located one short block north of Grand River Ave., and one block east of Farmington Road. Coffee will be served.

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# N. Farmington Parents Discuss Modern Math

"Modern Mathematics". What is it? What are the advantages? These questions will be answered at the North Farmington High School Parents' Association meeting on March 30 at 8 p.m.

Dr. David Wells, Oakland County director of Mathematics will be the principal speaker, giving parents a better understanding of Farmington's new approach to math, which will begin with the school term 1965-66.

Industry's approach towards the new math will be discussed by Dr. Jack Elliott, a computer program analyst of Bendix Research Corp.

All North Farmington parents and friends are urged to attend to learn the basic concepts of the newest subject in school programming that concerns education today.

# APPOINTED BY GOP

Oakland County GOP Chairman, Dale A. Feet, has announced the appointment of Dr. Lowell Edmund of Rochester as the chairman of the GOP's Education Committee.

# Twp. Attorney Brennan Gets Vote of Confidence

Farmington Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan, long the target of accusations of conflict of interest, was given a ringing endorsement by the Township Board, on Monday, March 22. The action followed a statement by Trustees Earl Oppenheuser and Byron Walter, that they had investigated the charge and had reached the conclusion that it is unfounded.

The charge had burst into the open at the last Board meeting, when Joseph H. Larson, an attorney who lives in Farmington Township, rose to announce that he had initiated a suit against the Township, to force it to put Trustee Thomas Duke's Village Green to a vote. He then made the charge against Brennan who has done some legal work for Duke. Brennan had previously denied that a petition drive demanding a vote on the Duke project had an insufficient number of valid signatures.

As a result of the Larson charge that Brennan had violated the Bar Association's Code of Ethics, Brennan has threatened Larson with a libel suit.

Not only did Oppenheuser

# Police and Fire Get One Phone In Farmington

Effective April 1, the Farmington Department of Public Safety will initiate a change which should add to its ability to react to emergencies.

At present, the Fire and Police Department have separate phone numbers. Beginning April 1, the Fire Department number will be eliminated, and 374-1212, the present number of the Police Department will handle all emergencies—both Police and Fire.

At present, the Fire Department has only one incoming line. The Police have several. Another line will be added effective April 1.

# Farmington Schools Grant Raises to All

By JOY STINSON

Across the board raises for grade teachers will receive a all Farmington Public School teaching personnel were approved by the Board of Education at their regular meeting last Monday evening.

A base improvement of \$300 was adopted for beginning teachers with either A.B. or M.A. degrees. Those with more experience will receive similar percentage increases.

These pay raises will cost the school system \$73,570.81 more than the \$200 improvement originally discussed. It is anticipated that \$65,000 of this will be met through additional estimated state aid. The remaining \$8,570.81 will be met by reducing the proposed operating budget expenditure for instructional supply and equipment by this amount.

Pay rate for a beginning teacher with an A.B. degree raises from \$4,500 to \$5,200. A beginning teacher with an M.A. degree will go from \$5,200 to \$5,500. New education specialists' degree teachers will be raised from \$5,500 to \$5,800.

The flat \$200 increment above the regular teachers' salary schedule for special education and consultant services was changed to a 4.5 per cent applied in accordance with the approved experience credit.

Top pay of \$8,200 will now come at 11 years to teachers with A.B. degrees. Masters degree teachers will be raised from \$8,200 to \$8,500.

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# Praise Johnson On Civil Rights

The Farmington Human Relations Council, and the Human Relations Councils in 13 other Oakland County Communities have sent a telegram to President Johnson, and their elected congressional officials commending the President on his forthright actions in the field of civil rights. Referring to the upcoming voting rights bill, the telegram read: "We urge our representatives in both houses of Congress to pass the legislation with utmost speed, working as suggested by the President, nights and weekends if necessary."

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