

Livonia Councilman Raps College Millage Increase

The Livonia City Council and especially Councilman Edward McNamara feel the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees is taking advantage of a situation by assessing taxpayers an additional half-mill for bonded indebtedness without a vote of the people.

The Board announced the half-mill levy a week ago, effective Sept. 15, after receiving a verbal opinion from its attorney in Lansing that it could take such action without a vote under the provisions of the Constitution and Public Act 188. The opinion stated that the

college came under the charter provision of the new Constitution and as such could legally levy millage to cover the bonded indebtedness without a vote.

The action was taken to provide an additional \$300,000 for operating. The one-mill levy approved by voters four years ago provided that the monies be used for operating and the payment of the bonded indebtedness.

"I fail to see where Schoolcraft College has the right to levy millage without a vote of the people," stormed McNamara in last week's Council meeting, indicating he had first learned of the action in a story in the Observer newspaper.

"I believe this is a rather strange way for the Board to break the news to the areas in the college district. I think it's about time we should inquire

into the matter and find by what authority such an action is possible or to determine whether it is legal."

He asked the Council to pass a resolution requesting the City Attorney to get the answers to three questions.

He asked: (1) To determine under what authority the community college can levy millage without a vote; (2) If there is a limitation to the amount the college board can levy and if so what is it; (3) What actions can be taken under law to require the Community College Board to submit millage request to the vote of the people?

"I don't think that any governmental or school unit should have the right to levy millage without a vote of the people," said McNamara, in explaining his stand, "I feel we should make a test case of this and learn once and for all if the College Board can take this action under the terms of the new Constitution, state statutes or what have you."

"This is a matter that involves every taxpayer in the college district and could conceivably develop into a situation where the taxes could go up and up without the voter having any voice. I don't believe this was the intent of any provision of the new Constitution and neither do I feel that any Public Act will support such actions."

After listening to McNamara, the Council voted approval of the resolution and instructed the City Attorney to get the answers to the questions as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, college officials were silent on McNamara's attack.

It is known that the Trustees anticipated a test case, on the matter and more or less felt that such an action as that of McNamara's would go far in clearing their vote to assess the millage.



NO QUESTION about the popularity of the annual Antique Show in the Livonia Mall. There were antiques of all sizes and prizes and plenty of customers to buy them.

SUNDAY IN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Plymouth Symphony Plans Family Concert

The string section of the Ferndale High School orchestra will join with the Plymouth Symphony for the annual family concert Sunday (Jan. 23) at 4 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

That was the announcement from Conductor Wayne Dunlap who also indicated the Family Concert will be used to bolster the record library at Dunning-Housh Library. Each person attending is asked to bring at least one record, oldtimers please, to be added to the library.

Dunlap emphasizes that a record is a requirement of admission, no charge is made for any of the Symphony performances.

The addition of the strings from Ferndale High, under the supervision of Kenneth Sanford, will give the Symphony a total of 110 strings for the concert.

Narrator Henry Austin, who won plaudits of all who attended the performance in 1961 when he assisted with "Jonathan and the Gingery Snare," will be back for a repeat in one of the highspots of the afternoon program.

The concert was arranged with the family in mind and promises to be one of the most unusual ever conducted by Dunlap.

The program: Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, First movement by Bach. Fantasy on a theme of Thomas Tallis by Vaughan Williams. Members of the Ferndale High string section will join in this number. Jonathan and the Gingery

Meet Your Carrier Boy

Kenneth Pankow, 14, of 13840 Ridgewood, Plymouth, had been an Observer carrier since 1962, handling customers in the vicinity of his home.

Ken is a ninth grader at Junior High East where he enjoys studying in sketching and mathematics. He has ambitions of becoming a designer or a mechanic and enjoys working with models and on engines.

He is active in the Boy Scout movement and is a member of the Little League baseball program, winning a berth with the All-Stars in each of the past two seasons.

Ken is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pankow.

Voters Approve 7 Mill Renewal

Voters in the Glencreville District approved a seven mill renewal for operation at a special election Monday. Final returns showed a total of 210 yes votes on the proposal as contrasted with 119 negative ballots.

The millage will be levied every 10 year period from 1968 to 1978 inclusive.

Piggins Wraps Up Grand Jury

Grand Juror Edward S. Piggins is expected to conclude his investigation and make recommendations today (Wednesday) on charges of ticket-fixing practices by Wayne County Sheriff deputies in Nankin Township.

So far the only recommendations released by Judge Piggins are the removal petitions against Nankin Justices Michael Bradley and George Perry.

Bradley was scheduled to appear in Oakland County Circuit Court Monday to answer charges made in Piggins' removal petition, but the hearing was postponed for a week.

Although Piggins has not made any formal statements since the removal petitions, he is expected to issue six indictments.

The only other action taken by Piggins was to cite a witness for contempt.

Piggins was appointed by Gov. George Romney to conduct a grand jury investigation following a disclosure by five patrolmen of tickets being fixed for money.

At first charges were denied but after further investigation Chief Road Patrol Inspector Dan Martin and Road Patrol Sgt. Paul Paciorek were suspended.

Hundreds of fixed tickets were delivered to Piggins by Paciorek, many of which contained the signatures of Paciorek and Martin.

Sheriff Peter Duback has denied knowing anything about ticket-fixing practices in his department.

Change Hours In Livonia License Bureau

The Drivers License Bureau of the Livonia Police Department will operate on a temporary change in schedule for the period of Jan. 28 through Feb. 15, according to an announcement by Capt. Michael Vorgitch.

Due to winter vacations, the bureau will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Jan. 28 through Feb. 15 but will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays during that period.

Capt. Vorgitch indicated the normal schedule will be resumed on Feb. 16 when the hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays with the offices closed on the weekends.



Sister Danatha

Draft Board 102 Summons 40 Men

Forty northwestern Wayne County men were called for induction into the armed services Jan. 12 by Selective Service Syster Local Board No. 102.

Their names were announced this week by Mrs. L. M. Fedell, managing clerk of the board, located in Plymouth.

Those listed are from the area served by the local draft board which covers Plymouth, Livonia, Redford and Canton Townships and Plymouth.

National regulations do not permit boards to release specific street addresses of those called for induction.

Those summoned were: William M. Mayle, Raymond E. Brown, Douglas C. Bostrom, John C. Clark, William L. Tamm, David R. Kelly, William D. Kelly, and Charles E. Bostrom.



CHECK FOR \$1,125 is presented to Sister M. Madonna, Dean of Women at Madonna College, netted \$900 of the total, has a big grin as he by John Marcy (center) president of the Parents' Club, as a New Year's gift. John Gabrys lounge.

Dalmatians in Spotlight at Livonia Mall

Those fire buffs with black spots and wet noses take over the indoor mall of Livonia Mall Shopping Center on Saturday, Jan. 22.

The occasion will be a Show and Obedience Trial staged by members of the Dalmatian Club.

Some 30 Dalmatians, once the favored mascot of America's old-fashioned fire engine companies, will be taking part in the show from 1 to 5 p.m., near the theater section of the climate-controlled shopping center, which is located at Middlebelt and Seven Mile Road.

"This is an unusual and very interesting event. In fact, it's the first of its kind ever staged in the Livonia Mall, and we hope dog fanciers from all old-fashioned fire engine companies will come see these!

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Drivers Lose Licenses

Two Livonia residents have had their drivers licenses suspended and another revoked by Secretary of State James Harbo.

Having licenses suspended for an unsatisfactory driving record are: Howard L. Hanks, 23, 32580 Six Mile, and George E. Manosky, of 15028 Lyons.

The operator's license of Lawrence M. VanMeiter, 26, of 30496 Hathaway, was revoked due to an unsatisfactory driving record.

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