

Trustees Say "Yes" in Joint Meeting

Did Livonia Let Schoolcraft Down on I-96 Plans?

The future of the route of I-96 freeway through the western side of Livonia is still dimmed by inability of the Schoolcraft College board of Trustees and the Livonia City Council to agree on a location. This came out in a meeting of the groups at the College last week.

Matter of fact, Mayor Harvey Moeke was told by College Trustees that they had a strong feeling the city had left them

Study Reflects School Legal Costs

School attorneys in Detroit and 11 suburban communities, who receive retainer fees, are paid annual amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 per year. They are paid additional fees upon assignment.

These facts are contained in a report recently compiled by the South Redford School District which is seeking to establish a policy for paying legal fees.

Grosse Pointe retains its legal counsel for \$600 yearly while Highland Park pays \$5,000. Detroit's board pays a salary to its counsel who



JERRY BOOTH's loyal followers turned out in droves Saturday to greet the popular TV star. Police estimates placed the crowds of youngsters and their parents at between 10,000 and 12,000. The conveyor of fun and frantic antics

TV Star Jerry Booth Packs Livonia Mall

Literally thousands of youngsters and their parents jammed the Livonia Mall last Saturday to greet Jerry Booth and his CKLW-TV Fun House. The appearance of the popular TV star climaxed an action-packed week at the huge Livonia Mall.

Tuesday, 900 women of the area attended "Ladies Day" at the Mall and enjoyed the free Hollywood full length movie which is a regular feature of the weekly "Ladies Day" sponsored by the Livonia Mall Merchants Association.

Thursday, Karen Kermode, Miss Ireland Livonia, was officially crowned in the enclosed Mall area. Approximately 400 persons attended the ceremony. Mayor Harvey Moeke officially crowned the queen and presented her with the key to the city.

The pretty Irish lass, also received a picture album from Oscar Kahan's Livonia Mall Card Shop, a beautiful bouquet of green carnations from

Child Expert Speaks Here

Over 100 persons attended the record meeting of the Redford Chapter of the Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children to hear Dr. Ralph D. Rabinovitch, director of Hawthorn Center and clinical director of Children's Services at Northville State Hospital.

He spoke on "Understanding and Helping the Emotionally Disturbed Child" using a new brochure from MAEDC as a guide to the audience could follow as he spoke on each phase of the subject.

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Building and Library in that area.

More than that, a student parking lot has entrance and exit from the Highway Road, along the northern side of the campus, a faculty and visitors lot have been installed near the Administration and a Library buildings.

"We would not have made our plans this way," said Trustee Mrs. Jane Moeke,

Allen Park pays a retainer fee of \$1,800; Redford Union, \$4,600; Livonia, \$3,500; Plymouth, none; Garden City, \$1,000; Farmington, \$2,400; Wayne, none; Oak Park, \$2,400; Dearborn, none; Grosse Pointe, \$600; Detroit, salary not specified; and Highland Park, \$3,000.

Most school districts pay special fees for additional litigation and paper work in connection with insuring bonds.

Livonia recently paid a law firm the sum of \$15,000 for assistance in the sale of the 15 million dollar bond issue.

South Redford paid its attorney \$800 for advice in preparing for bargaining elections.

Trustee Don Sharp questioned the amount but indicated he felt there was little the board could do about the expenditure.

The board decided to determine how other boards pay their attorneys and the recent study was the result of their investigation.

Lightening Strikes Home

Three fires broke out in Livonia Monday and one last week in a deserted house on Vasar across from the Livonia Mall.

The deserted house fire was believed to be caused by young children smoking in the attic.

The one house fire late Monday night at 31825 Bretton was caused by lightning striking the house. Bricks from the side of the house, where three young children were sleeping, were tossed 100 feet from the house. The parents were home and rescued their family even though bed covers caught on fire.

Neither Mr. or Mrs. Sam Gruskoff or their children suffered any injury.

Furniture was sent tumbling, and there was extensive damage to the home as a result of the flames.

At the Dehetra home at 20221 Maplewood there were two fires, one in the kitchen, and another blaze six hours later.

The first blaze firemen theorized was caused when a bottle of turpentine on top of an interior exploded. According to the firemen, the first fire must have done some damage to wiring causing it to short, and start a blaze. There was considerable damage done to the home as a result of both fires and it is believed two French poodles were killed in the fire. The residents were not at home during the second fire.

Plymouth Symphony Makes Plans for 20th Anniversary

Planiest Barbara Holmquest and Composer Grant Beglarian along with original members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will be honored on Saturday, April 2, when the symphony celebrates its 20th anniversary at 8 p.m. in the Plymouth High auditorium.

Miss Holmquest, of Ann Arbor, will have a featured role in presenting a solo "Scherzando" with the orchestra and Beglarian will be highlighted as the composer of a 20th anniversary composition which he was commissioned to have ready for the celebration but which will be performed at a later concert.

It was hoped to have Paul

of Plymouth, "had we been aware of the fact that the City wouldn't consider the eastern route. We could have changed the complex of the campus prior to the start of construction. I feel the city has let us down by not telling us then of their objections."

Harold Fischer, of Plymouth, chairman of the Trustees, echoed Mrs. Moeke's sentiments when he said "It appears to us that the City of Livonia likes Schoolcraft College when it is its advantage but we are just



WHAT TO DO about Highway I-96 has the attention of City of Livonia officials and a Schoolcraft College Board. In background (from left) are: Council President Rudy Klein-

part of a five-member college district when it is to a disadvantage."

Mayor Moeke, who headed a delegation that included Council President Rudy Klein-

er, City Engineer William Strasser and Planner Don Hall, dealt the allegations and said the city had already indicated objections to a route east of the college well in advance of the start of construction on the campus. "It was our feeling all along that the college knew of our objections," he said. "We never

hid our feelings and they most certainly were well advertised and publicized at the various hearings by the Highway Department."

"Matter of fact the plans for the proposed highway routes were in the hands of our Planner Dan McCullough, who has left to take a post in Albany, N.Y., and I can't understand why the college didn't have the same plans."

Moeke said the City will not go along with any route other than that along Haggerty Road since an easterly route would



er, Mayor Harvey Moeke and City Engineer William Strasser explaining proposals for the Haggerty Road route. In the foreground are members of the College Board.

cut off a proposed subdivision from the remainder of the city. He had two sets of plans for proposed changes in the Haggerty Road that he thought would eliminate the objections of the college board.

"We have always stood firm on the urban type of highway rather than rural" he said, "We would insist on an urban type in this case and we would insist on service roads on either side with two crossovers into the college property."

"We feel this will give students ingress both from Six and Seven Mile Roads. The crossovers would be at half mile intervals and we would also insist on exits no more than mile intervals."

"We realize that the college board has the right to refuse to go along with these suggestions. If so, then the Highway Department has indicated it will end the highway at Five Mile Road and pick it up again at Eight Mile Road. I don't believe anyone wants this kind of a situation."

College Business Manager Kenneth Lindner presented figures to show that the Haggerty Road route would cost Schoolcraft a total of \$619,000 for necessary changes in addition to another \$100,000 for additional land acquisition.

"More than that," he pointed out, "it would eliminate the faculty and visitors parking lots and cut off almost a third of the present student lot. And it would have the Administration Building in the rear end of the campus instead of the front."

"Added to that, the Board would have to change all of its plans for the location of new buildings-involving additional costs of planning. We don't have that kind of money available."

After considerable more pros and cons, the meeting ended with both groups agreeing to take a hard look at the proposals and to come back to another meeting after the Livonia election.

Human Relations Group Invites Candidates

The Livonia Citizens for Better Human Relations will sponsor a "Meet the Candidates" night Sunday, March 27, at 9 p.m. at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard Road in Livonia.

The candidates for office in Livonia's April 4 election have been invited to give their views on various subjects relating to human relations in Livonia. Some of the problems of the aged in a suburban community, the status of minority group citizens, questions concerning city structure and growth, and other topics will be discussed.

Membership in the Livonia Citizens for Better Human Relations is open to anyone who lives or works in Livonia. The public is invited to the March 27 meeting.

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