

Educators Back Tax Reform Program

A stronger-than-proposed endorsement of a state-wide tax reform program to finance public education was approved unanimously Wednesday by the legislative committee of the Wayne County Association of School Boards.

Meeting in the Henry Ford Nankin Mills School District in Westland, area representatives were Mrs. Sirella Schreiber and Dr. A. Edward Katz of Livonia; Mrs. Anna Vollick of Redford; Thomas Russell Miller of Garden City; Thomas Blacklock of Wayne, which covers most of Westland; and David Goetz, Mark Seaton and James Collins of the host Nankin Mills District.

Before adjourning, the committee agreed to discuss a preferred state aid school formula at its Feb. 15 meeting, to be held in the Livonia School Board office.

The committee, which had an attendance of nearly 35 persons, endorsed a resolution adopted the week before by the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation, which includes members from Garden City, Wayne, Livonia, Nankin Mills, and Redford Union.

However, the legislative committee of the county school boards' association unanimously adopted a resolution which included stronger language which they hope will be noticed by state legislators.

The resolution will be forwarded to this week's meeting of the county association's board of directors for its approval.

Gaining approval, was the motion, made by Dr. Katz of Livonia, that the group "support immediate and complete fiscal reform, including the consideration of a state income tax in order to insure sufficient funds for the state with assurances of adequate support for school districts, including financial equalization of educational opportunities."

Miller of Garden City commented, "That the stronger wording may be self-defeating since other groups (supporting mental health and other state programs) will take the same position."

Although he concurred with comments made by State Representatives James Tierney that night, Miller urged "caution on too strong wording."

However, Donald H. Treadwell of Grosse Ile, said "we are waiting our time if we don't put the resolution in."

Earlier in the meeting, a state-wide tax reform program was unanimously favored through a hand vote, although not everyone voted, but all but several persons favored a state income tax as part of the package.

50 Named to Dean's List For Grades at College

A total of 50 Schoolcraft College students made the Dean's List during the fall semester by compiling grade point averages of 3.5 equivalent to B plus — or higher — in their studies. Vice President for Instruction John H. Brinn has announced.

Nine of the students on the list made straight-A records. They were: Sharon Archer, Mrs. Betty Colenka, Mrs. Joyce Hubbard, Mrs. Rachel Rio, Carol Robinson, and Clifford Thompson, of Livonia; Diane Pallunas, Novi; and Mrs.

Margaret Brady and Russell Vente, of Detroit. Also on the list were: Barbara Mullally, Judith Giannelli, Kathy Schroeder, Kay Dembowski, Frances Barrett, Sharon Bobrowski, John Gershak, Marian Kukhahn, Dennis Oleszkiewicz, Mrs. Janet Salo, Maria Samsonow, Albert Small, Elizabeth Smith, and Jacqueline Whiting, of Livonia.

Luanne C. Gendreau, Christine Mack, Duane Bordine, Leonard Lukomski, and Judy Ray, of Plymouth; Theodore A. Jacques, Karen M. Lutz, Larry North, and Ralph Hay, of Northville; and Richard Mollick, and Ronald Engler, of Wayne.

Mrs. Helga Bootby, Daniel Hackett, and George Bradley, of Garden City; Judy Martin, Farmington; Jerry Killen, Novi; Jeffrey Stevens, Dearborn Heights; and Robert Bissell, Gary Kaiser, Yvonne Bojke, Wesley Wixom, Ronald Robbins, Michael Black, Douglas Fleming, Mrs. Ann Hulett, Mrs. Sheila Saint, and Parris Schluter, of Detroit.

Rep. Tierney, whose district includes Garden City, Plymouth, and most of the north half of Westland, said that he has started the legislative machinery moving on a bill he will introduce in the House soon to provide more state aid to school districts which are levying 20 mills of local property taxes to bring the per-pupil expenditure up to \$600.

Tierney also commented that there "is a selfishness among the comparatively wealthier school districts who didn't want to share funds with the poorer districts."



FARMINGTON'S Universalist Church was finally moved last week from its original spot on Warner St. in the City to a wooded site on Halstead Rd., Farmington. The three mile trip took more than eight hours. The structure, which is 114 years old allegedly played an active role in the underground railway system in Farmington just prior to the Civil War. The church has been closed and waiting to start the journey for more than three months.

foris have been made," Tierney concluded. Also at the meeting were State Rep. Richard Young, whose district includes the northeast corner of Westland; Dr. Julius Barbour, executive director of the Michigan Association of School Boards; and his two new staff members, Raymond Wurzel, former chairman of the House Education Committee; and Jerry Dunn, who served in the same role on the Senate Education Committee.

New Classes Scheduled By Wayne

While the regular Winter Term adult registration has ended at Wayne Memorial High School, many additional classes will continue to form and start at neighborhood schools in Westland during the coming weeks.

"No longer," reports Continuing Education Director Nathan Shaw, "do you have to enroll at definite registration periods for classes to be held only at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High Schools."

Courses can be started at any time by local groups of 12 or more, and continue for four, six, eight, or 10 weeks. PTA's, business or social groups may request special, individual classes to meet their particular needs by contacting the Continuing Education Office, PA 8-1880 or PA 2-1500.

Individual tuition is set at 50 cents per hour and may vary from 1.5 to three hours for one or more nights a week. "Complete flexibility of course offerings and fullest use of all school facilities is our goal," explained Dr. Orval Conner, Assistant Superintendent in charge of Curriculum.

"With each area school opening its doors to parents and neighbors everyone is within walking distance of excellent educational or recreational programs."

A sample list of suggested classes is available on request.

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MARCH OF DIMES poster girl "Cindy" and her mother, Mrs. Melvin Styburski, will be special guests tomorrow (Thursday) at 10:30 a.m. at the Redford Township Police Station where she will meet local March of Dimes volunteers. She will describe how she and her child, born with a birth defect, have received help from the National Foundation's March of Dimes.

Philadelphia Police Nab John Merlo

Farmington Township Chief of Police Irving H. Yakes has announced that the department is awaiting confirmation from the Philadelphia police on whether or not the subject arrested Friday in Philadelphia is John Merlo.

Merlo, 25, is alleged to have shot his 18-year-old wife, Sharon, in Farmington Township on Jan. 8.

Yakes added that the Farmington Township force was also awaiting information on whether or not Merlo would be turned over to this department if and when positive identification was made.

Gym On Saturday

Boys and men may play basketball or join in other gym activity by attending the Recreation Department program on Saturdays at Whitman and Bryant Jr. High Schools, with the following schedule:

From 9 to 11 a.m.—7th, 8th and 9th grades; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—10th, 11th, 12th grades and adults.

Also open is the Clarenceville Junior High School from 12 to 2 p.m. for boys of junior high age; and 2 to 3:30 p.m. for those attending high school.

The program concludes on March 18.

Woman Promoted

Marine Private First Class Mary K. Chetkovich, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Peterson of 30581 Minton, Livonia, was meritoriously promoted to her present rank upon graduation from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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Schoolcraft College Awards Scholarships

Scholarships have been awarded to 31 Schoolcraft College students for the winter semester which began Jan. 3. Dean of Students Affairs Edward V. McNally has announced.

The scholarships and their recipients:

Paul Chandler Memorial Fund Scholarship — Karen Alloto, Garden City; Patricia Barry, Plymouth; Kathryn Kluth, Maricun Kuhn, and Susan Van Heule, all of Livonia.

A. Ward McCain Memorial Scholarship: Sharon Archer, Livonia; and Adele Michaud, Garden City.

Slater Foundation Scholarship: John Chapman, Richard Dietiker, Gary Kaiser, and Michael Ziolkowski, all of Detroit.

Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority: Linda Canary, Robert Folsom, Leslie Fulton, and David Oni, all of Livonia; Rosemary Joughin, Northville; Dale Laycock, and Mary Sieber, of Plymouth; William Lovv, Garden City; Gayle Redwood, Nankin Mills Township; Dial Schiffman and Nancy Stegmont, of Farmington.

Schoolcraft College Scholarship: Lucille Martino, and Rawland Storm, of Livonia; and Laurence Wood, Northville.

Garden City Osteopathic Hospital Scholarship: Brenda Menard, Detroit.

Meet Your Carrier

Steve Fredenburg, 13, of 31765 Sheridan, Garden City, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Fredenburg.



STEVE Fredenburg has been a carrier for the Observer Newspapers for the past year, delivering homes from Marguerite to Florence and from Craig to Merriman area.

Steve is a student at Radcliff School, where his favorite subjects are English and social studies. He is Boy Scout with Troop 270, and his hobbies are coin and stamp collecting.

He has won several honors in wrestling: second place, 85-lb. class, 1965 Southern Michigan Junior High Ten-School Tournament; first place, 85-lb. class in both the 1965 Novice Junior High Tournament and the 1966 Inter-city Junior High Tournament.

Franklin Slaters Senior-Faculty Cage Program

The annual faculty-senior boys benefit basketball game will be played at Franklin High on Jan. 25 with the program beginning at 7:30 p.m. The night's events will open with a volleyball game between the women's faculty and the senior girls. It will be followed by the traditional meeting between the male teachers and the seniors.

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