

Bond Issue, Incumbent Favored in School Poll

Wayne Community School District voters indicated in a recent public opinion poll that they will approve a \$13.75 million building program and dump two of the three incumbents running for re-election to the board of education in next Monday's vote.

The poll, which reached an estimated 100 persons, was held by the Citizens Advisory Committee for Progress, composed of citizens active and interested in PTA's and schools.

According to William Necker, committee chairman, 63 per cent of those contacted favored a \$12.45 million bond issue for new schools and additions to existing schools with 15 per cent opposed and 10 per cent having no opinion.

The \$3.3 million proposal for five junior high school swimming pools was not as popular but it was favored by 40 per cent of those polled with 23 opposed and a large portion of 35 per cent undecided.

On the advisory question concerning a state-wide lot-

Council President Urges Citizens Unit

A Citizen Advisory Committee to draft a community improvement program to make Westland eligible for numerous federal grants was proposed this week by City Council President Virgil Gagnon.

Gagnon and other city officials returned last weekend from Washington, D.C., after a three-day municipal officials conference sponsored by Congressman William D. Ford.

A "Workable Program for Community Improvement" is required before any community can be eligible for any federal grants or loans. Gagnon said that federal funds would be available for the following local programs:

Planning for police department; study of the city court system; training of

called had no opinion with four per cent in that category for the one-year term.

Necker, an attorney with the Wayne school district, stressed the impartiality and fairness of the poll in view of his public endorsement of board candidates Spurlin and Becker.

Necker said that none of the pollsters were residents of the Wayne school district and the names of those called were picked at random from the list of registered voters with calls made in each voting precinct in the district.

The CAP chairman also commented that while most of the persons called were cooperative, the committee callers found many of the citizens were uninformed on the bond issues for the building program as well as the school board candidates.

On the four-year term candidates, 10 per cent of those

probation officers; centralized jail facilities for use by several communities; and for buying of open land to be used for public recreation purposes.

Gagnon also pointed out that in the past he has always questioned the benefits gained from workshops attended by city officials and that the local representatives should report to the citizens on those advantages gained at the educational workshops.

"These workshops," Gagnon said, "are highly beneficial to those attending and I feel Westland should be able to benefit by the knowledge gained through these sessions."

Pending legislative approval of the programs listed above, the city can start now to plan ahead for municipal facilities, the council head said.

"One of the grants for suburban assistance would have the federal government supplying half or more of the cost of any new library," Gagnon continued.

Another grant, termed "Greenspan," has the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture extending benefits of conservation to non-farm employees by aiding public agencies in buying land for public recreation. The program may cover up to half or more the cost of the land acquired.

"Another grant, pending congressional approval which could be of tremendous benefit to one city is encouraging each municipality to prepare a workable program showing quality planning for our police department which would enable them to be eligible for a federal grant for the purpose of research, police programming, administrative study of our court system, training of probation officers and court reforms," Gagnon said.

"This advance information gained at these workshops gives the cities an opportunity to start planning, thus being prepared to apply for this grant as soon as approval is given to this legislative proposal."

Host Tennis Tournament

The Westland Jaycees are looking for tennis fans from Westland, Garden City and Livonia to compete in its annual tennis singles tournament to be held this weekend at John Glenn High School's courts.

The second annual tournament will start at 9 a.m. Saturday with the finals to begin at 1 p.m. Sunday.

There will be trophies for the winner and runners-up in each of the three divisions — boys, 16 and under, boys, 17 and 18, and girls, 18 and under.

Each division winner and runner-up will also be eligible to compete in the annual Jaycees state tennis tournament, to be held June 22-24 in Plymouth.

A Westland Jaycees spokesman said that while there are no entry fees, all entries must be submitted by Friday. Entry forms may be obtained from the high school tennis coaches in the communities involved. The information may also be telephoned to Conrad Masterson, (261-2058) who will also answer any questions about the tournament.

Board to Meet

Because of the annual board of education election next Monday, the Wayne Community School District's school board will meet at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday instead of its regularly-scheduled time on Monday.



JACKSON MAYOR Mary Bennett was the guest of honor last week at the traditional Mayors Exchange Day banquet held in Garden City for the visiting official. Mrs. Bennett received numerous gifts at the event, chaired by Michigan Week Chairman James Plakas (center). With them is State Supreme Court Justice Theodore Souris, guest speaker at the banquet.

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Planners To Hold Hearings

The Westland Planning Commission will hold public hearings tonight, Wednesday, on a rezoning request and site plans for three separate apartment projects.

The rezoning is sought by Killingbeck Nursing Home, 38420 Cherry Hill Rd., whose owner wants to have adjacent property changed from single family residential to commercial to allow for an addition to the nursing home.

Also on the agenda are site plans for an apartment complex on the east side of Newburgh and 330 feet north of Glenwood; on the south side of Ann Arbor Trail at Merriman Road; and on Merriman about 500 feet south of Ann Arbor Trail.

Besides the four public

hearings, the commission will act on a rezoning request which would, if approved, allow apartments at 2336 Ann Arbor Trail, near Inkster, and a special approval request for Spirit House Church which wants to build a structure on the northwest corner of Eton and Irene.

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