

Voters Defeat Millage, Approve Bonds

Property owners of the Farmington School District voted by a narrow margin Monday to authorize construction of four new schools, but at the same time soundly defeated a proposal to increase the operating tax levy by five mills for a 10-year period.

Proposition "A" permitting issuance of \$9 million in bonds for construction purposes carried by 171 votes in a turnout of 4,012 qualified electors.

A total of 2,068 "yes" votes

were cast on the bond measure, with 1,897 against it.

The Board of Education's request to increase the limitation on the property tax by five mills (\$5 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as equalized) lost by 598 votes, 2,267 to 1,669.

In the school district's four precincts, the bond measure carried in all except Precinct 1. However, the millage balloting was exactly the reverse and this proposal — identified

as Proposition "B" — was beaten in three of the four precincts.

Only the residents of Precinct 3, bounded by Inkster, Orchard Lake, 12 and 14 Mile Roads and easting balloting at Eagle School, gave "yes" majorities to both topics.

Under terms of the bond issue, the Board of Education plans to build two new elementary schools, a third high school (Harrison) and a fifth junior high school. The need for these facilities

is based on a predicted increase in enrollment of an estimated 1,000 pupils per year.

Belouing the millage campaign were well circulated claims by City Manager John Dinan and City Planning Commissioner James Platt that an upcoming increase in assessments, to be ordered by the County Equalization Board, will result in a cash increase to the schools sufficient to meet added operating costs.

The Board of Education's

own claim was to the effect that despite the anticipated assessment boost it still will fall approximately \$1 million short of its anticipated budget for next year.

Herbert R. Neal, president of the school board, stated after Monday's ballot results were known that "this probably will mean another special election."

He and others of the school administration left little question but what they will go back to the

electorate next spring with a new millage proposal. Any increase passed by mid-summer still would be applicable in the tax statements of December, 1968.

Asked what cutbacks the Board might order in the educational program if voters continue to reject a tax boost, Neal said he would urge a series of "town hall" meetings on the part of voters to determine public sentiment on the matter before the Board makes any decisions.



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Township Approves Consolidation Resolution; Asks Consideration



LOOK WHO LIKES FIRETRUCKS — In fact, the be-whiskered gent standing at the cab of this piece of Farmington fire apparatus is turned even to build them to pass out to boys at Christ-

mas time. Betwixt times he also makes dolls for girls, and from now through Dec. 24 he may be interviewed personally at the Farmington Plaza.

Farmington Township went on record Monday as formally supporting the circulation of petitions calling for the consolidation of city, township and two villages and the setting of an election on the question at the time of the presidential election in Nov., 1968.

The motion, introduced by Trustee Earl Oppertbauer, was passed without a dissenting vote. All the members of the Board, with the exception of Treasurer Elise Avery were present for the vote.

In addition to calling for consolidation petitions, the resolution calls upon the city and the two village councils to "reconsider the same action."

Copies of the resolution will be mailed to the councils.

That "there is a different situation involved in paying for an overall study and contributing funds toward setting up a consolidation election."

CAUSE FOR the township's concern is a judgment issued by Circuit Judge Clarke J. Adams during the 1966 incorporation campaign prohibiting the expenditure of any township funds to change the status of the government.

The judgment applied only in the case of the incorporation campaign.

Consensus of the Board to this problem was that the township's portion of a consolidation filing fee would be raised privately if the court again stopped the expenditure.

In VOTING for the resolution the Board expressed its willingness to appoint one or two of its members to a committee formed by the governmental units who accept the idea. The committee would implement the substance of the resolution.

The Board also agreed to pay its share of the proposed comprehensive study of governmental alternatives. In a unanimous vote, the trustees agreed to a pro-rata division of the cost based on equalized valuation.

Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan reported to the Board that he didn't "feel that there was any problem in the Township supporting a study for the future development and governmental structure. The fact that it includes other areas does not change my opinion," he said.

The attorney noted, however,

that "there is a different situation involved in paying for an overall study and contributing funds toward setting up a consolidation election."

IN INTRODUCING his resolution, Oppertbauer asserted that his intention was not to offend the city "it is proposing marriage."

"I say that my resolution does not disagree with the city except that I don't think the council's moratorium goes far enough."

"What I am proposing is a study so that all the people will have all the facts before they have to make a decision. In the meantime we are legally protected," Brennan told the board that if the petitions were filed the signatures would have to equal one per cent of the property owners of the entire area. A minimum of 10 would be needed from each of the governmental units participating.

At the election, the attorney said, the proposal would have to carry by a majority vote in all four governmental units in order to pass.



A BEAR—That's what Roy Willis of 22149 Albion St. brought home from his hunting expedition. He shot the six-foot, 400-pounder Saturday near Rapid River.

Township Loses Its Case, Apartments For 13 Mile

Farmington Township will enter into a consent judgment to allow for an apartment project to be constructed on the pie-shaped piece of property bounded by 13 Mile, Middle Belt and Northwestern Highway.

The parcel of 16 acres is owned by the Davkiew Construction Company.

A proposal for rezoning the land from the existing residential to apartments was turned down by the planning commission some time ago.

Philip Pratt has ruled that the residential zoning is unreasonable and the consent judgment is an agreement worked out by the township and the property owners.

In return for having the multiple zoning, the owners agreed to a series of stipulations not usually required for apartment projects.

These include:

- *There shall be no entrance or exit on 13 Mile Rd.
- *No building shall be built within 150 feet from the center line of 13 Mile Rd.

*Only 120 units may be built on the land currently zoned as family residential.

*Not less than 15 per cent of the total number shall be three bedroom units and not more than 10 per cent one bedroom units. No efficiency apartments are to be constructed.

ALL OF THESE points are new restrictions or stricter than the requirements contained in the existing ordinance.

The property could have been zoned for office or commercial

In addition to multiple, Leman objected to the commercial zone because of the increased traffic.

An office zone would have been acceptable to the township if only one building had been built on the parcel. However, the planners feared that the land would be subdivided for several small office plots which would also create a great deal of traffic.

Thus the consent judgment was worked out and the township board has authorized Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan to enter into it on behalf of the township.

Pick Junior Miss Saturday

Twelve Farmington girls were selected Sunday as finalists in competition for the Farmington Jaycee Junior Miss Pageant.

They were judged at a preliminary tea held in the City National Bank building by Dr. Roderick Smith, superintendent of schools, Mrs. Frank Styr, Custom Bridal Shop, and Fred Delano, of The Enterprise & Observer staff.

Selection of the finalist was based on poise, character, knowledge of current events, scholarship and appearance.

Six finalists are from Farmington High School, five from North Farmington and one from

Our Lady of Sorrows.

Those from Farmington High are Carolyn Sue Benedick, Frances Blechler, Dennis Engerer, Gloria Levy, Julie Wischmeyer and Cindy Harby.

Finalists from North Farmington High include Jan Davis, Sandra Mallette, Kathie Nauman, Janice Young and Jane Greene.

The Sorrows finalist is Kathleen Peterson.

Selection of Farmington's Junior Miss will be made at 8 p.m. Saturday in Farmington Junior High School.

Saturday's winner will be eligible to compete for the title of

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Construction Lags On Power School

Construction work on the new Power Junior High School as well as additions to both Farmington area high schools have fallen far behind schedule, Building and Grounds Director Harry Stultz reported to the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday.

Contractors charged with responsibility for the various projects will be asked to explain their delays to a wrathful

board which is considering drastic steps to force the issue.

Stultz told the Board that at Power work isn't even in the stage yet to permit the heat to be turned on and "men are refusing to come to work because of lack of heat."

The Board scheduled a special meeting for next Monday, Dec. 4, at which time it will turn its attention to considering the long-delayed topic

of 1967-68 salaries of the administrative staff.

Wage provisions and fringe benefits for these employees are not covered in the master agreement between the Board and the Farmington Education Association, and although teachers were given substantial salary hikes this year the administrative pay scale has not yet been determined.

On another front, the Board voted to accept a report from a committee headed by Joseph Nicta, director of secondary education, proposing certain adjustments in the requirements for graduation.

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Clergy Fellowship Supports State Open Housing Bill

Farmington's Clergy Fellowship has issued a strong plea for a state-wide open occupancy law.

In a statement read in churches Sunday, a total of 29 clergymen asserted:

"THE ISSUE of Fair Housing is presently before the Michigan State Legislature. Informed and well-meaning citizens from all walks of life (including the leaders of local government and industry) are rallying to this cause.

"Yet the voice perverts which would defeat this needed legis-

lation. The churches and individual church members cannot remain silent on this important moral issue.

"Discrimination on the basis of race has been held illegal repeatedly by the courts of our land. Equality of opportunity in all aspects of community life is a part of our heritage and has been declared to be the American way. Equality of opportunity in housing has been endorsed by every major religious body in the nation.

"It is time that our ethical pronouncements brought about some performance in actual

life. As clergymen of the Farmington community, we deem it an ethical necessity for us to make our support for the Fair Housing legislation (and related bills) known to our state senator, George Kuba, and our state representative, Raymond Baker." (Both can be reached c/o State Capitol, Lansing.)

IN ADDITION to issuing a call for support of the bill, the clergy announced a meeting for Sunday, Dec. 3, to "mediate upon a course of action" for both the clergy and laity.

The meeting will be at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, 30333 W. 10 Mile Rd., from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Signers of the statement included 11 Catholic priests, five Presbyterian ministers, five Methodist, three Lutheran, two Episcopalians and one Unitarian, Baptist and United Church of Christ clergymen.

Actual signers were: The Rev. Robert N. Sawyer, Jr.; the Rev. Hugh V. Stewart; the Rev. Thomas W. Larson; the Rev. Peter C. Bissette; the Rev. Joseph A. Pelham; the Rev. Ralph C. Rideout; the Rev. Charles J. Fox; the Rev. Eric S. Hammar; and the Rev. Ralph C. Strobe.

Others were the Rev. Hilary R. LaBuda; the Rev. Robert J. Kilcoyne; the Rev. Allan F. Kosack; the Rt. Rev. Thomas P. Beahm; the Rev. Carl H. Schuller; the Rev. David Stone; the Rev. Carl F. Kallitred; the Rev. George W. Ramsey; the Rev. B. Bryce Swiler; and the Rev. William Brewster.

Also signing the statement were the Rev. James P. O'Hagan; the Rev. Albert C. Kolch; the Rev. Roy Syms; the Rev. William D. Mercer; the Rev. W. Leslie Williams; the Rt. Rev. Charles J. Mallory; the Rev. Joseph A. Drogowski; the Rev. Robert M. Eddy; the Rev. Gerald A. Nioki; and the Rev. Bobban Koticki.

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General effect of the new plan, which will become effective for the graduating class of 1970, will be to increase flexibility of junior high school requirements by eliminating graduation credits for ninth grade work.

Four teaching positions on the present staff also were filled with confirmation of contracts at Monday's meeting.

Those hired include Gertrude Hamilton, to teach sixth grade at Kenbrook Elementary; Verla Kennedy, elementary librarian; Thomas Principty, general business and mathematics at East Junior High, and Judith Puder, second grade at Larkshire.



MUSIC, MUSIC—Farmington Junior High is filled with the Sound of Music as the cast prepares for the Dec. 14 opening of the musical. Appearing as the Von Trapp children are, from left, Diane Livingston, Alan Vassiliakos, Gail Halava, Erik Carlson, Claudia Cook, Karen Spljeldet and Kathy Boyd. Tickets for the performances (Dec. 14, 15 and 16) must be purchased via mail order from the schools or the nights of the performances.