

Issue Fails By Scant 25 Votes

Clarenceville Voters Reject Millage

With barely 11 per cent of the more than 4,300 registered voters going to the polls, the Clarenceville School District request for an additional four mills for operating was rejected by 25 votes—259-234.

Despite an intensive campaign during the past five weeks by the administration and members of the Board of Education during which they held numerous coffee klatches, met with every possible citizens group

and even had youngsters take the message of the need home to their parents, there was a decided apathy at the polls.

The turnout was one of the smallest in recent years and a school board spokesman admitted it reflected either a lack of interest in the proposal or the fact that the extreme hot, humid weather kept electors away from the voting machines.

Incumbents Raymond Chalken and Martin Wechsler were un-

opposed for reelection and were returned for four-year terms on the Board of Education.

Wechsler polled 406 votes and Chalken 403.

THE ADMINISTRATION and school board were much disturbed by the poor vote and the defeat of the millage proposal by such a narrow margin.

The totals by precincts were: No. 1—85 Yes and 82 No for a plus of three; No. 2—149 Yes

and 179 No for a minus 28 and a total of 218.

With a thought in mind of taking the proposal back to the voters again for consideration, the Board of Education called a special meeting Thursday at 7:15 p.m., prior to the commencement program slated for 8 p.m., to discuss future steps.

BOARD PRESIDENT Dr. Samuel Prisk was disappointed by the vote and issued a state-

ment immediately after learning the unofficial results.

"To say I am disappointed is about as mild a statement as can be made," he said. "This undoubtedly is a voter reaction to the general increase in living costs and real and threatened tax increases at other levels.

"I am extremely sympathetic with the people, particularly the older folks, on curtailed or fixed incomes who really can't afford any tax increase.

"However, we are in the business for youth and must always do our utmost for them. Relief for those hard pressed by low incomes must come from an area other than the schools. It's about time that state and federal governments face facts and find a realistic and equitable means for financing public education.

"A turnout of less than 500 voters is certainly indicative of a great degree of apathy

and perhaps had this not been the case the result would have been different.

"There is no room for vindictiveness or threats because it is not our intention of doing anything to hurt the children. I feel we are compelled to try again as soon as possible through another election, to get voter approval on this money because it is desperately needed.

"If the community says no

a second time—we must make a very thorough and definitive study and analysis and come up with important and necessary programs will have to be dropped or curtailed, but we will try in every way possible to still do the job we are now doing for our young people. Should we have to make severe cuts, let no one be misled. It is the children and their education that must suffer ultimately."

SUPT. DAVID McDOWELL expressed disappointment with the results of the poll, indicating he thought that the millage proposal would be approved—judging from the reception received by speakers before the various groups.

"On behalf of the students," he stated, "We are disappointed that the electorate has failed to see fit to provide the school district with sufficient revenue to (1) meet the needs created by an increasing enrollment; (2) maintain a competitive salary schedule for its personnel; (3) keep pace with the ever-increasing operating costs; (4) retain the high quality educational program and low teacher-pupil ratio now existing in the district.

"In all probability the Board of Education will decide to hold a special election to give voters an opportunity to reverse the vote of June 10.

"In the meantime, the board and administration will be working on a plan to curtail services and educational programs so that they may operate on a balanced budget.

"Each service and educational program will be scrutinized to determine its cost and value to the children and cuts will be made, where in our opinion, it is necessary to maintain a balanced budget.

"Let's make no mistake—the children are the losers when millage issues fail."

2 Detroiters Drown In Plymouth Lake

By HENRY J. TEUSCH

Robert Evans, 53, and Jesse Atterbury, 56, both of Detroit, drowned Sunday in Phoenix Lake in what Wayne County Sheriff's Detectives described as rather bizarre circumstances.

Detectives said the two victims died about 25 feet from the lake's eastern shore. Phoenix Lake is on the south side of Five Mile Rd. in Edward Hines Park, Plymouth Township.

Detectives said the men, accompanied by their wives, Virginia Evans and Pauline Atterbury, 77, arrived at the lake about noon for a pleasant day of fishing.

Later, Evans, who was wearing a bathing suit, decided to go for a short swim, the wives told police.

After he was about 25 feet from shore, he began screaming for help. The wives said they extended their fishing poles to him but they would reach

and drove his car around to where the man was in trouble. Yuchasz told police he swam out and brought Evans back to shore, however, Atterbury was nowhere in sight.

Detectives said that apparently someone in the area called the Sheriff's Department and the Plymouth Township Fire Department, both of whom arrived shortly after Evans was brought back to shore.

Plymouth firemen gave Evans resuscitation but he failed to respond.

Dr. N.R. Cipolla, of 6255 Inokster Rd., Garden City, who was also in the area at the time, pronounced Evans dead

of drowning at 2:15 p.m. after it was evident that he would not respond to the firemen's efforts.

DIVERS FROM the Sheriff's Water Division found Atterbury's body about two hours later. He was pronounced dead at 4:22 p.m.

The bodies were taken to the city morgue in Detroit.

Police said that Evans was a big man and possibly Atterbury had difficulty bringing him back to shore. The wives said that their husbands were good swimmers and they couldn't understand how it happened.

Spokesmen for the Plymouth

Township Fire Department said the lake is mucky on that side and this may have given the men trouble, especially since they didn't know the waters.

The spokesman added that the two drownings were the first in about five years when an eight-year-old boy drowned in approximately the same place.

The spokesman added that Phoenix Lake is the only lake in the township where any drownings have occurred. He said there have been no such accidents in Whiteoak Lake, which is south of Phoenix in Edward Hines Park near Schoolcraft Road.



ERNEST NUNLEY, (second from right), receives \$4,800 in U.S. Savings Bonds from Harrison T. Price, (right), Manager of Chevrolet Motor Division's Livonia plant, for Nunley's suggestion to install electrical control switches on a bumper press operation. This suggestion prevented excessive die damage to a high volume bumper press line. Present for the award is Mel Troyer (left), master mechanic. Nunley resides with his family at 33639 John Hawk, Garden City.

Mich. Bell Receives Rate Change Approval

increase some rates and lower others.

The changes were authorized by the State Public Service Commission, which said the rates and services will either offer customers savings or a wider calling range at lower rates.

Keeping a phone number unlisted, previously a free service, will cost \$1.

Michigan Bell Telephone Co. on July 1 will introduce a variety of new, optional services.

Among the new services is a statewide "nickie-a-minute" service.

This will allow all residence and business customers to dial a long distance call anywhere within the state for five cents a minute after 10 p.m.

To qualify for the rate, customers must pay a basic charge of \$2 a month.

Under this service system, as an example, a Detroit subscriber could call Marquette or any other place in Michigan and talk one minute for a nickel, two minutes for a dime and 10 minutes for 50 cents.

See Hope For Paper Strike Settlement

DETROIT — Although Labor Mediator Dr. Nathan Feinsinger still expressed optimism about an early settlement of the Metropolitan Detroit newspaper strike, now in its 20th day, a snag developed in Monday's meeting when the ITU (printers' union) made it known that it was seeking an economic package of \$89 over 36 months.

Dr. Feinsinger was quoted as saying the proposal was "unrealistic" but thought matters could be resolved when the parties sat down at the bargaining tables again.

Authoritative sources indicate that the Publishers of the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News intend to offer a single package to all unions remaining without contracts.

The Teamsters, who started the strike Nov. 15, received a \$30 a week wage increase spread over three years. The hike begins to take effect with the resumption of publication.

Some unions are said to be willing to accept the \$30 increase only if it comes with a 30-month increase. Others reportedly are holding out for \$33.

A source close to the publishers said there was an indication the association would offer the striking and non-striking unions a \$34 package spread over 36 months on the basis of \$12, \$11 and \$11. There was no confirmation of the report.

FUNERAL SERVICES for Tommy Devine, publicist for the Detroit Free Press, were conducted Tuesday morning in St. Owens Church in Bloomfield Township.

Devine, a former United Press International sports editor in Ohio and Illinois and long-time sportswriter for the

DETROIT Free Press, died Saturday, of complications one week after undergoing major surgery.

Tommy covered sports for newspapers in Columbus and Dayton, O., before joining the UPI in Columbus. After a stint in the Army during World War II, he joined the UPI sports staff in Chicago, shifted to the Free Press and then became sports editor of the Miami, Fla., News. He left the News to take his position with the IBC.

LANSING — Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley has ruled that qualified persons can register for the voting rolls on Sundays—if they can find a city or township clerk who voluntarily will open the office.

LANSING — Income tax credits for donations to colleges and universities was among a flood of bills headed for the governor's desk after receiving legislative approval.

LANSING — Rep. Arnel Engstrom, R-Traverse City, chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, shocked House members last week when he said he would retire this year after his 14th term.

Only two days earlier, Sen. Frank Beale announced his intention to retire this year with two years yet to run on his present term.

Wonderland Picks New PR Director

Wonderland Center has appointed a 27-year-old advertising executive from Park Township as its director of promotions.

He is Harvey Blavin, who has served with the Young and Rubicam Agency and the Burton, Lachusa Scholigan Agency.

Blavin has taken over promotional duties formerly performed by Ernest Epps, The Wonderland Merchants Council said Epps will remain in charge of advertising.

"Blavin is an energetic young man with some excellent ideas and with an interesting background in the advertising and promotional fields," said Council Vice-President William Marcus.

BLAVIN GRADUATED from Wayne State University in 1962 and went with Young and Rubicam, working on the Chrysler and Imperial accounts. In 1963, he served six months with the Army at Fort Knox.

He returned to Young and Rubicam in 1964 and was promoted in 1965 to account executive for the Chrysler Imperial program in Cleveland. He went to New York for the same account in 1966.

He returned to Detroit in March of 1967 to become account executive for Burton, Lachusa Scholigan Agency, handling the National Bank of Detroit account.

"My first objective will be to give Wonderland a positive new image as a place that's fun to visit, profitable to shop in and convenient to reach," he said.

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