

# Some Aid Cuts Big

## How Busing Threat Hit Schools

**AN OBSERVER ROUNDUP** of school districts within busing ranges of Detroit schools have experienced enrollment declines from two to nine per cent this fall — costing one district as much as \$430,000 in state aid.

The drop in student enrollment affects each district financially because state aid is figured on the number of students in each district. But the state aid formula also takes into account each district's ability to

finance education with local revenue. For example, Wayne - Westland schools experienced a 2.12 per cent decline in enrollments, but the cost to the district will be approximately \$430,000. On the other hand, Redford Union experienced a 7.35 per cent decline in enrollments but the cost to the district is estimated at \$300,000 in state aid.

Northville, Novi and Belleville are also a factor. Redford Union expects to lose \$300,000 after suffering a decline of 696 students over last year's enrollment of 9,472. This year's final count is 8,777 students.

South Redford's loss of 705 students won't hit the district as hard financially as Redford Union despite the fact that it reflects a 9.26 per cent drop. The reason for this is South Redford receives most of its state aid from the "grandfather clause" which assures districts that state aid won't drop drastically because of changes in the state aid formula.

With an enrollment of 6,906 students this year compared to 7,611, South Redford still expects to lose \$150,000. The district won't hit financially is Wayne - Westland where enrollments dropped 518 from last year to a 1972-73 count of 23,822. It will cost the district \$430,000.

Garden City's final student count is 12,976 this year, down 385 or 2.88 per cent from last year. State aid will be down \$275,000.

Farmington schools could lose as much as \$316,818 after enrollment declined 2.9 per cent or 492 students from last year's figure of 16,810. The official count is 16,318.

The Livonia's decline of 1,156 students represents a three per cent drop from last year. This district's official count is 37,474.

Livonia expects to lose \$120,000 in state aid, but because it will be able to eliminate some teachers' positions, the actual loss is expected to be around \$70,000 to \$80,000.

### AREA DEATHS

**VIRGINIA L. LABO** — Services for Mrs. Labo, 48, of 25404 Shive Drive, Farmington Township, were held Oct. 7 at St. Clare Catholic Church, Farmington, following prayer at the Holy Kinship Home, Southfield. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

**Mrs. Labo** died Oct. 4 at Med-Center Nursing Home, Southfield, after a lengthy illness. Survivors are her husband, Thomas B. Labo, a son, her mother, Mrs. Marie B. Love, and a brother, Jack M. Love.

**FRANK E. COLLINS** — Services for Mr. Collins, 85, father of Richard F. Collins of Livonia, were held Oct. 4 at the Mary J. Will Funeral Home with the Rev. William A. McCauley of St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Livonia, officiating.

Mr. Collins, who lived in Grand Rapids, died Oct. 2 at the Riverdale Nursing Home, Grand Haven. Death resulted from pneumonia. He had been in several months. He was a retired salesman for Page and Gode.

Survivors are his wife, Anna, two sons, Richard F. of Livonia and Arthur G. of Grand Rapids; a daughter, Mrs. Gerald Omsstead of Grand Rapids; a sister, Mrs. Harold Drow of Detroit, and grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**WILLIAM FRANK WOOD** — Services for Mr. Wood, 71, of 13984 Garfield, Redford Township, were held Oct. 4 in the Henry J. Will Funeral Home with the Rev. Joseph J. Bamber of Faith Lutheran Church, Livonia, officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

Mr. Wood died suddenly at Redford Community Hospital Sept. 30 following a heart attack. He had lived in Redford 20 years.

Mr. Wood was a retired sales representative and public relations officer for Charles Dugless Cadillac, Inc. He was a member of the Detroit Automotive Dealers Assn. and of the Western Golf and Country Club.

Survivors are his wife, Crescen, and a daughter, Eileen Wood of Detroit.

**JOHN ARCH DICKINSON SR.** — Services for Mr. Dickinson, 10, father of Mrs. Ian (Helen) Towart of Redford, were held Oct. 5 in Heene/Sandberg Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Robert Beckley of St. Columba Episcopal Church of Detroit officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Mr. Dickinson, who lived at 7633 Phelo, Detroit, died Oct. 4 at Wilson Nursing Home, Detroit, after an extended illness. He was a retired salesman-executive for International Ax Co.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel, and a grandson, Michael L. Hretland of Redford. A son, John Jr. of Redford, died in August 1968.

**DEWEY SAMPSON JOHNSON** — Services for Mr. Johnson, 74, of 20200 Purlingbrook, Livonia, were held Oct. 6 in Heene/Sandberg Funeral Home, Farmington, with Rev. Ed Burnett of Forest Park Baptist Church of Southfield officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

Mr. Johnson, a 25-year resident of Livonia, died Oct. 3 at his home after an extended illness. A retired supervisor for American Motors Corp., Mr. Johnson also had worked as a Farmington postal employee.

Survivors are his wife, Alton, two sons, Roy D. of Bowling Green, Ohio, and Donald E. of Aurora, one daughter, Mrs. Charles (Hazel) Supton of Livonia; three brothers, Raymond H. of Jackson, Wis.; Richard C. of Lodi, Calif.; and Samuel R. of Dallas, and 10 grandchildren.

**SYLVIA E. TRAYNOR** — Services for Mrs. Traynor, 88, of 26484 Lakewood Drive, Farmington, were held Oct. 6 in Thayer Funeral Home with the Rev. John Howell and Howard Siga of First United Methodist Church of Farmington officiating. Burial was at Accacia Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Traynor, a housewife and 18-year resident of Farmington, died Oct. 3 after a two-month illness.

Survivors are her husband, Wilbur P., a son, Gerald W.; four sisters, Mrs. Eva Koba of Mt. Clemens, Mrs. Myrtle Nichols of Oakton, Mrs. Gladys Wood of Black Lake, and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones of Cass City; a brother, John Schenk of Romeo, and four grandchildren.

**FRANK J. PIERCE JR.** — Services for Mr. Pierce, 74, lifetime resident of Plymouth until he retired to Arizona three years ago, were held in Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Alexander Howell officiating as reader. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Pierce died Oct. 3 at Cottonwood, Ariz., of heart failure after an illness of six months.

He was a member of the Plymouth Historical Society, the Plymouth Grange and the First Church of Christ Scientist. He worked as a chemist for Ford Motor Co. for 45 years retiring in 1963.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Daniel (Laral) Julian of Flagstaff, Ariz.; two sisters, Mrs. Clifford (Carol) Tait of Plymouth and Mrs. (Gurney) Jewell of Meosta; and three grandchildren.

**THEODORE C. BOX** — Services for Mr. Box, 66, original owner of the Box Inn in Plymouth and widely known in the community, were held Oct. 7 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Henry J. Walsh officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Box died Oct. 4 at his home in Dexter where he moved in 1956. He had been ill six months.

A real estate agent, he was charter member No. 2 of Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780.

Survivors are his wife, Adele; two daughters, Mrs. Hertsell (Linda) Andrews of California and Rachel Box who lived with her parents; and two sons, Theodore P. of Ypsilanti and Jesse H. of Wooster, Ohio.

**JANET IRENE SMITH** — Services for Mrs. Smith, 50, of Northville, former school superintendent with Redford Union Schools, were held Oct. 7 at Catherine's Funeral Home, Northville, with Miss Elizabeth Elz officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Smith died suddenly Oct. 3 at her home, 43725 Oostac.

Mrs. Smith was formerly on the staff of the Wayne County Child Development Center and a special fund has been established in her name for the center's children with severe learning problems.

She was a member of the American Psychological Assn., the Michigan Psychological Assn., the Michigan Society of Consulting Psychologists, Council for Exceptional Children and Michigan Assn. for Retarded Children.

She received her higher education at the University of Toledo, University of Michigan and University of Wisconsin.

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21050 Rampart, Southfield; Dennis J. Nicol, 35936 Joy, Livonia; William R. Swider, 7427 Hillsboro, Plymouth; and Romney R. Sexton, 33145 N. Manor, Farmington.

Certificates were given to Frank A. Anderson, 10058 Spies, Plymouth; Kenna Lee Bandli, 25730 Shawwassee, Southfield; George S. Clark, 27000 W. 14 Mile, Franklin; Joseph W. Cunningham, 26778 Northwestern, Southfield; Michael F. Fenberg, 25307 Franklin Pointe, Southfield; Mark A. Gordon, 20265 Ledgestone, Southfield; and Stephen L. Gutman, 27675 Pierce, Southfield.

The Dodge Motor Division and the Merchants Association are pooling their efforts to host the 1973 fashion fair at Westland Shopping Center, Oct. 25-29.

### '73 Car Line

The 1973 Dodge models will be introduced, and there will be a series of contests with suitable prizes of gift certificates that will be good at all member stores.

Also passing the examination were Bernard W. Jackson, 44136 S. Umlerland, Plymouth; Larry E. Levey,

The district opened a new elementary school this year and a portion of a new high school to absorb the 800 pupil increase. Plymouth expects to get \$175 per pupil in basic state aid and \$211 in all-around state aid. The total enrollment hit 93,513 this year and will continue to grow as Canton Township develops.

Thomas L. Harris has been a funeral director since 1947. But the Harris tradition of fine service at moderate cost started in 1910 under his father and grandfather. Tom's education at Wheaton College and Wayne University provided his professional qualifications.



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