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SCHOOL BOND ISSUE PASSES

Southern Bloomfield Residents Approve \$75,000 Issue For Building

Architectural plans for the new \$75,000 school in Bloomfield district No. 5, the south central section of Bloomfield Township, are to be decided upon at a meeting of the school board within a few days, the board announces today.

The bond issue to finance the new school passed by a three-to-one vote at the election held Monday in that district after one of the most heated battles in the history of the section. Work on the school is expected to start immediately after the selection of plans, and the building is expected to be ready for use in another year.

The state of the old school District No. 5, on Lusher road, has been the source of much embarrassment to the president of the district for some time past, they say. Many of the residents of the section have sent their children to Birmingham or Bloomfield Schools and paid tuition rather than have their children attend in the school here.

The new school, which is to be on the east side of Lusher road, some 450 feet north of west Maple road, will be the first unit of what is hoped to be a beautiful and artistic school building out there. The site, seven acres in extent, is on a knoll overlooking the Oakland Hills golf course. The property was bought last year by the board for \$16,000 cash. A winding drive will circle the school. Members of the board expect it to be one of the most beautiful schools in these parts when it is finished.

The first unit, which is to be built with the money raised from the bond issue approved Monday, will consist of the necessary classrooms and office rooms. A gymnasium-auditorium will be added to it eventually, as well as other accessory rooms, according to present plans.

SPEAR IS RELIC OF BARBARISM AUTHOR SAYS

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gan will be taking a long step downward if it allows the use of that murderer of fish life," Latta Leaves, Director for Vermont writes. "The spear is an outlaw food results have followed its elimination everywhere." George N. Mansfield, Superintendent of Fisheries for Indiana, writes me: "It is unlawful to take fish with a spear or to possess a spear anywhere in this state, even for use in a private pond. We hope you keep spears out of Michigan." W. H. Fell, New York editor, says: "When the spear was used we found it terribly destructive to game fish life even when only speckers and carp could be speared legally. No spear is permitted in our state." James P. Gould, director for Minnesota, writes: "Every true sportsman in Minnesota hates the spear and never fights to rid ourselves of the small hold which it still has on this state." From New Hampshire comes the word, "You are taking the right step in outlawing the spear entirely, and the same opinion comes from state after state."

Have Devastated Lakes

In times past hundreds of Michigan's lakes and streams were made barren by the spear. In the hounding days Houghton lake was speared by almost everyone before it knew what a fishing was. Only a few years ago the tragically occurred again and the legislature was asked to intervene. Over a period of ten years we have been fighting the spear, and the time has come when we should outlaw it absolutely. For every person who wants to use the spear there are a hundred real sportsmen who do not. Yet it is the exception, the one who wants to slaughter, who is raising a stir at Lansing, who is getting in petitions. It is time for all other people and not be handed over to a comparatively few fish murderers who have no thought for future generations. These desperadoes make the most common, both in the state legislature and in the matter of petitions. It is because the hundred are inactive while the few are active for personal pleasure, but all the other people behind his propaganda. The Conservation Department of the State of Michigan wants to hear from those who think a great deal about the spear, as well as main social and civic, as well as sportsman, give us the value and cooperation of its written opinion. Only in this way can the Conservation Department serve the people of the state as it is intended to serve them. Without this cooperation it is not fair to say that it is responsible for what may appear to be its shortcomings. The present Conservation Commission is not a political organization and there is not a politician in its personnel. It has no favors or prejudices. It wants to serve the people and women of the commonwealth to the best of its ability and in order to do this it must have closer contact with them. Isak Walton Chapter and sportsmen, clubs, and sportsmen, their recommendations, their help. Why not Rotary clubs, Kiwanis, Elks, and other organizations? Why should the most vital all question of conservation, be of active interest only to those who use the rod and gun?

LEONARD H. HARTZICK, Circuit Court Commissioner, Oakland County, July 12th, 1927 13-15

MRS. HALGREN TELLS VIEWS

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missioners J. H. McBride, W. W. Henry, and Scott Hirsy, Commissioner Hulbert, who is away on a vacation, was absent and did not vote.

Monday night's tie vote completes the seventh week of the deadlock that has existed in the commission on this major problem.

"In order to clarify my position on this fire hall question, I wish to set forth in more detail my opinion," said Mrs. Halgren. "I believe that this commission was elected to carry out the wishes of the majority of Birmingham's citizens. Unless we place the fire hall on the civic center, as was intended when the people voted the bonds for both the fire hall and the civic center nearly a year ago, we must call a special election and ask the people if they have changed their minds. Personally, I am opposed to a special election on this matter; we have but one more special election allowed before next March, and we should not use it up on the fire hall problem. We may need another special election for some improvements to our water works, or to some other equally important civic problem—even including the possibility of a recall election."

Majority Favors Center

"Any other plan than that of carrying out the wishes of the people would be an insult to the intelligence of a great majority of local voters," continued Commissioner Halgren. "As things stand today we know that the great majority of Birmingham citizens favor locating the fire hall on the civic center, which they voted nearly a year ago to acquire. All evidence to the contrary shows that Birmingham desires its civic center for a fire hall. The four commissioners of the village who have opposed locating the fire hall on the civic center, in my opinion, abusing the trust of the people."

"Birmingham now owns eight lots on the civic center, any two of which are capable of providing room for the proposed fire hall, which means that we are actually having four sites for the fire hall, none of which have cost more than \$25,000. Therefore, any one of the sites which we now own has cost less than the \$25,000 proposed site on Hamilton avenue, which some of you are trying to place the fire hall on. Commissioner McBride has publicly stated that, by obtaining the Hamilton avenue site, the village would save \$10,000 to \$15,000; I would like to know how he figures."

"Another thing which I wish to mention is that William G. Olsen, fire chief, has informed me that he never told anyone that the fire hall on the Hamilton avenue site over the civic center. As a matter of fact, some time ago I had a meeting with the fire chief on the location of the fire hall on the civic center; the chief and I signed orders of that meeting show that the entire 24 voted unanimously in favor of the civic center site."

Commissioner McBride has said that President Ellery, Commissioner Newell and myself are in favor of putting the fire hall on the civic center worth \$200,000. That is not true for, as I have previously stated, we own two lots in the civic center upon which we propose to put the fire hall do not cost over \$25,000 each, and the \$25,000 Hamilton avenue site."

Asks Double Cost

"Civic centers are comparatively new projects in this country, yet I have learned that Ford, Mich.; Lakeland, Fla.; and Portland, Ore., are planning fire halls, and even police stations, upon the civic center."

"Why should four of our commissioners favor only the Curtis property on the Hamilton avenue site? Why have we not had other sites presented to this commission by the people? The value of the Curtis property owned by Mrs. Halgren, referring to Commissioners McBride, Henry, Hirsy, and Hulbert. "The value of \$25,000 placed on the Curtis property was based on a proposed plan to locate the fire hall on the Grand Trunk right-of-way; from past experience we know this new highway may be a long time in the making if it ever does. We all know that the Curtis property sold a year ago for \$100,000, and we are now asked to pay nearly twice the price of a year ago."

"I believe that our delay in locating and building the new fire hall is a serious handicap to the citizens of Birmingham," concluded Commissioner Halgren. "From reliable sources I have been told that every day we delay the completion of the new fire hall it is costing our taxpayers \$20 in insurance premiums, a sum that would be estimated when the project is completed."

President Ellery, after the taking of the vote on the project, issued the following statement to the entire assemblage: "It appears that there is a well-defined plan on the part of four members of this village commission to oppose the location of every organization on the civic center. The blame for the delay on this matter is entirely theirs, and I wish it to be understood by all that—should the people's mandate to locate the fire hall which they voted to be defeated by these four men—I will have completely washed my own hands of any defendant responsibility in the matter."

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