

Schools

(Continued from Page 1, Sec. 1.) It is impossible to raise the salary schedule and meet all our other obligations.

Schools stated that the decision to continue the present millage and realize the increase in money would be a difficult one to make considering present taxes.

If school boards decide to raise the line on operational expenses, they merely would drop their millage requirements to a point where revenue under the state equalization factor would equal the amount of money they now receive under the county's equalization.

IN THOU, the picture presented by Superintendent Stuart K. Baker varied from those of other districts.

"We are fortunate in one regard," Baker stated, "in that the 11 mills sought since 1949 for the new high school bonds will not be levied in 1955."

"We may be forced to ask for a two-mill increase for our operating budget, but this will be formally set off by the retiring of the high school bonds," he added.

"While board members have not discussed budgets under the new equalization procedure, I am sure

they will be sympathetic towards the taxpayers.

EGENE Johnson, administrator in the Bloomfield Hills school district, suggested that the decision of higher taxes might be left up to the district's voters.

"The board has discussed informally in several occasions the potential increase in revenue but has not reached any final thinking on what effect the state variations may have on our district," Johnson said.

Set Holiday Hours For YMCA Branch

A birthday party on Tuesday, Dec. 28, will highlight an active holiday program being planned at the Birmingham YMCA, 409 E. Lincoln. This party is free to all members and will climax a schedule of tournaments, movies, and table games sponsored by the local union.

The building schedule is as follows: Dec. 23—Table games and movies at 1 p.m. in the lounge; Dec. 24—Lobby games and bounce open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Dec. 27—Checker tournament, prizes, 2 p.m.; Dec. 28—Birthday party, 2 p.m.; Dec. 29—Table Tennis and Billiard tournament morning and afternoon.

"But the board may elect to drop our millage needs in line with present revenues and submit a millage increase to the voters if the need for additional money arises," he concluded.

AS STATED in last week's Eccentric, the state equalized figure would raise revenues for county, school and township use by over \$8 million.

The 1954 county equalized valuation stood at \$306,698,754 while the state figure boosted this to \$1,718,425,840.

Pledge Dance Guest

Susan Brennan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brennan, 1235 Yorkshire, spent last weekend in Ann Arbor where she attended the Sigma Chi Pledge dance. She was the guest of Drew Rabel, University of Michigan senior.

Susan's brother, John, arrived home Saturday from Northwest for the holidays.

Obituary Notices

Charlotte Linton, Charter Member

A charter member of the Bloomfield Hills branch of the Woman's National Park and Garden Association, Mrs. Charlotte B. Linton died Sunday at her home, 3772 Davison Lake road, Orionville, for 16 years before moving to Orionville in 1942. She was a member of Christ Church Cranbrook.

Mrs. Linton was born Aug. 1, 1880, in Lafayette, Ind., and graduated from schools there. She attended Purdue university.

Survivors include her husband, George W. J. Linton; a son, Fredrick Rebel of Hartford, Conn.; two daughters, Betty J. Linton of Lansing and Mrs. Anne M. Hitchcock of Detroit; three grandchildren; and a brother, B. Frank Hoffman of Lafayette, Ind.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Bell chapel of the William R. Hamilton company. Addressing services and burial were in Lafayette.

MRS. CLARA POTTER STREPHSON, 71, a Birmingham resident for 44 years, died Dec. 15 in the Masonic home, Alma, where she had been for a year and a half.

Born March 14, 1883, in Davison, she was a member of the OES there.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Hugh Gravin of Birmingham, Mrs. Emil Van Gampner of Detroit, Mrs. David Gravin and Mrs. Robert Trager, both of Ontario; two sons, Earl of Chicago and Robert of Boise, Idaho; a sister, Mrs. William Baylaine of Flint; a brother, Howard Potter of Grand Blanc; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Manley Bailey funeral home with the Rev. Robert Dewey officiating. Burial was in Davison cemetery.

MRS. SARAH REITICH, 94, of 1447 Old Salem court, died Sunday at her residence following a brief illness.

Born Oct. 1, 1860, in Ann Arbor, Mrs. Reitich was the last of the founding members of the Zion Lutheran church in Ann Arbor and its Ladies Aid Society.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Clarence E. Leitch of Birmingham; two granddaughters, Mrs. John I. Wiant of Birmingham and Mrs. Jack A. Gordon of Bloomfield Hills; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Bell chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co. Burial was in Forest Hill cemetery, Ann Arbor.

JAMES B. SHAW, 90, died Dec. 16 at the Masonic home in Alma, a Birmingham resident from 1929 to 1934; he operated a grocery and candy store near Hill school. He was better known in the Village as "Uncle Jim."

Born July 21, 1864, in Dundee, Scotland, he attended the Delhousie university there. Mr. Shaw was a member of the Presbyterian church and Birmingham lodge 44, F & A M. He was a veteran of the Boer war.

Among six surviving nieces and nephews is Dr. John Hassberger of Birmingham.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Manley Bailey funeral home with Dr. W. Glen Harsh officiating. Cremation was in White Chapel cemetery.

Dr. MacGregor, Ferndale Dentist

A dentist with offices in Ferndale for 28 years, Dr. Harold D. MacGregor, D.D.S., died Monday in Florence Crittenton hospital following a brief illness. He lived at 909 Brookwood.

Born in Midland, he would have been 58 years old Dec. 26.

Dr. MacGregor was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1926 and was affiliated with Delta Sigma Delta. He was a member of Christ Church Cranbrook, Red Run Golf club and Michigan State Dental society. During World War I he served with the University of Michigan unit of the Ambulance Corps No. 591.

Survivors include his wife, Florence C. MacGregor; a daughter and son, Leah Elizabeth and Robert Douglas, both at home; two brothers, Dr. John MacGregor of Kalamazoo and Dr. Robert MacGregor of Ann Arbor; and a sister, Mrs. Ralph Hayward of Kalamazoo.

The body will be taken from the Bell chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co., at noon today to Christ Church Cranbrook for services at 2 p.m. The Rev. Robert DeWitt will officiate. Burial will be in White Chapel cemetery.

Woman Killed, Trio Hurt in Auto Accident

Mrs. Mary Shippey, 32, of 2148 Derby, was killed in a Detroit auto crash Friday night.

She was killed as she was returning to her home after picking up her mother, Mrs. H. B. Thompson, who had arrived from Fargo, D., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Shippey's husband, Paul, 39, a son, William, 11, and Mrs. Thompson were injured in the two-car collision at Second and Boston.

DRIVER OF the other car involved, Bert Wyrach of Highland Park, was treated for face cuts. He was held for investigation.

Mrs. Shippey was a native of Marine City. Her family moved to Fargo in 1925, where she attended high school and North Dakota state college. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Letters

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else to sa yso solong. JOHNNY SWEENEY, JR.

Dear Santa—Please bring me for Christmas a Gilbert microscope with carrying case, tiny Schmo bear and monkey, bridge set, parka. BOBBY WORSNOP

Dear Santa—I love you very much. I hope you will have a very happy Christmas. I want you to bring me a pencil app glass. A little bride doll with brown hair. Assembly line, a music alarm clock, a bride dress and some little surprises. ROX FREDERICKS

Dear Santa—I would like a car seat or Bathinette a wagon, a pair of ice Skates a pair of knee length Stocking a horseman Doll a set of dishes, a View Master peels. SU SAN PETERSON

Dear Santa—Dear Santa Claus—I am writing this letter because I have the chicken pox and I won't be able to see you tomorrow with Uncle Jack and Jan and Rob. So I want to tell you what I would love to have you bring my little brother and myself for Christmas. Would you please bring Roger a happy Kitty cut and a monkey and kingle box—for me a locomotive hobby kit, a globe, for Roger a rocking chair spinet piano golden tuba. I'd just suit foot ball boxing gloves

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fishing rods, Archery Set, Ricker pump, train, service station, still, city bicycle, baby stick and Santa if you can bring me all that. I ask for it all under stand that there are other little boy and girl that need just more than 1 do and I promise I will take real good care of all my stuff and I will also be a very good boy and my prayer even night. TIM CHIGHTON (Continued on Page 2, Section 3)

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