

Schools for Handicapped to Grow, If County Voters Give Approval

If voters approve the Oakland County board of education's proposal to increase the county operating tax limitation by 1/2-mill at school board elections on June 14, there will be an immediate expansion of facilities for education of the handicapped children of Oakland County, according to William J. Emerson, county superintendent of schools.

First projects planned are enlargement of present schools for handicapped children in Royal Oak township and in Pontiac. Also under consideration for early development is another school center for handicapped children in the Farmington-Walled Lake area, Emerson said.

If the proposal is adopted, it will result in \$450,000 in taxes per year for this special education program.

"THIS AMOUNT of money seems to be quite large at first glance. But when you consider that there are 5,800 handicapped children in the county, and that we will need to erect new buildings to care for them, it is easy to see that \$450,000 won't go very far," Emerson explained.

In order for the proposal to be adopted, it must be approved by a simple majority of the voters of the entire county school district.

If the proposal is approved, the 1/2 mill will be levied on the basis of county-wide equalized value.

The improvement of coordination between secondary school and college curriculums will be discussed May 14 by Arthur E. Jensen of Dartmouth College at the final meeting of the Independent Schools Association of Detroit, association president Ben Snyder of Cranbrook school has announced.

The spring meeting will be held at the City and Country club, Bloomfield Hills.

Professor Jensen, a graduate of Brown University and the University of Edinburgh, has recently served on several committees concerned with the comparative performance at college level of independent and public high school graduates.

Prior to Professor Jensen's lecture a cocktail party will be held at the home of Harry D. Hoey, headmaster, Cranbrook school, followed by supper at the City and Country school.

Cranbrook Summer Theatre Staff Members Named

Added to the staff of Cranbrook's Summer Theatre School is William E. Hollingsworth, director of dramatics at Cooley High school, Detroit, and a former member of Wayne University's Dramatics group. Hollingsworth will teach senior speech at Cranbrook and will direct in the senior division and be in charge of weekly productions, according to an announcement made by Carl G. Wonnberger, director.

Fred Bornhoeft of Mackenzie High school, Detroit, and star of several Summer Theatre musicals will become the new technical director of Cranbrook's Summer Theatre, and will offer the new stage course for boys and college men.

Other new appointments on the staff of 38 are Nan Adams of Northwestern University and Bloomfield Hills who will return to the Theatre School after several years absence to assist in the senior division, Camille Sink of the University of Arizona, formerly a student in the Theatre School, Sheila Sklar of the University of Michigan drama division, and Carol Kammer of Pontiac.

Returning to the Theatre School staff are Sara Smith, senior director and instructor in speech, Alice Shaw of Northwestern University, intermediate director and Nancy Alice Wonnberger, director of the senior division.

Dance director and head of the costume department are still to be selected, according to Wonnberger, who with Annetta Wonnberger, co-director will head the Cranbrook project, which opens June 21 for its 13th season.

HE ESTIMATED that approval of the proposal would cost the average property tax payer about \$2 per year. The special millage would be applicable for the next 15 years.

The full 1/2-mill probably will be levied for several years to come. But once we have our over-all program established, the millage may be reduced at the discretion of the county tax allocation board," Emerson said.

In addition to developing training centers, the county school board is preparing plans to provide visiting teachers, and teachers for the homebound, to all school districts. "We plan to have these teachers available for all districts within one to three years. At the present time, 20 townships in the county have no such teachers," Emerson said.

VISITING teachers will provide training for students living in areas that are too far removed from the training centers to attend classes, he added.

"While taxpayers in all school districts within the county would be taxed to help support the program if the proposal is adopted, individual school districts will be able to decline to participate in the program if they so desire," Emerson said.

He added that those districts wishing to take advantage of the program will be able to do so by contracting with the county for the services needed. These services will be given to the local districts without cost to them.

"In this way, the budgets of local school districts will not be overtaxed to provide the very expensive facilities necessary for the education of handicapped children. This will have the result that the education of normal children will not be sacrificed," said Emerson.

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"IT'S AN OFFICIAL INVITATION" to Birmingham Mayor Charles Renfrew to attend the mammoth Scouting Exposition at the State Fairgrounds starting today, Thursday. Tendering the giant-size ticket is Cub Scout Bruce Prentice, 143 Southlawn, a member of Pack B-18. Birmingham troops will be well represented at the Exposition with booths and parts in the stage shows. The exposition will include Scouting groups from the entire metropolitan Detroit area. (Eccentric Photo)

Troy Trio Rates High At Pontiac Speedway

Three Troy drivers were among the top time entries at the Pontiac Speedway, 9516 Highland road, races May 2. Listed in the top five were Dorris Sanders, Wayne Bennett and James Hasselle, all of Troy.

Home for Visit Injured in an Accident

Injured in an accident last fall, Charles J. Arduasi has returned to his home, 1175 Harrow road, on a 30-day pass from Veterans hospital, Dearborn.

Red Cross Quotas Met in Birmingham, Southfield Twp.

The 1954 Red Cross fund and membership drive, although officially closed, may have additional donations as vacationers return to their homes, according to an official spokesman.

Current receipts show a total of \$17,011.36 from Birmingham, where a \$12,500 quota had been assigned.

Also topping its quota of \$2,000 was the Southfield area where a \$2,970.99 return was reported. In Bloomfield Hills, current donations amounted to \$5,486, and

Loads of Water

Birmingham wells yielded 47,511,000 gallons of water during the month of April, according to Fire Chief Vern Griffith. City residents didn't consume quite that much, however, since 1,112,000 gallons were pumped to waste from the West well during maintenance operations. Cost of producing all the water was \$762.08.

Lathrup, \$2,096.25. Both communities failed to make the goal, as did Franklin where returns totaled \$1,547.29.

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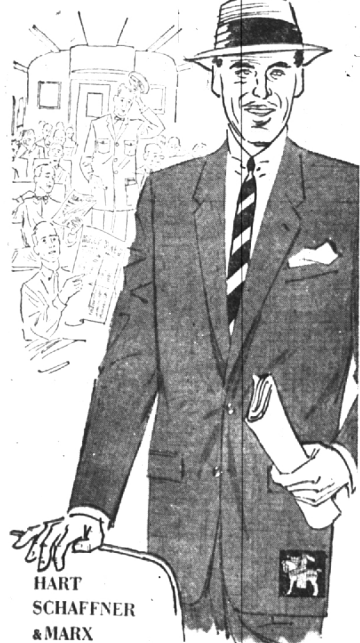
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