

# Troy News Briefs

## Zoning Splits Commission

B. Hudson in denying the request. Commissioner Clifford F. Sutermeister, Jr. favored study because the Hoskins property is across from the proposed city DPW building, on a 28.5 acre site. The Dynamic manufacturers, Inc. plant is also across from the Hoskins lot.

SUTERMEISTER stated that Dynamic is a non-conforming use and that the lot is across from the Hoskins property in the city. Mrs. Hoskins claims the property is not saleable as residential. She has owned it three years.

A public hearing, June 27, will review the request of Lawrence Zuk, Hamtramck, to rezone, from acreage to business, 165 frontage feet on John R. at Fourteen and one-half mile road. Commissioners Louis Yanich and Stanley Smith objected because not enough industrial property is located in the

Troy school district. Zuk's property is in the Warren school district.

### Search Started For Troy's Fifth City Manager

Search for Troy's fifth city manager in four and one-half years began last night behind closed doors. Commissioners met to sift applications from eight men seeking the position.

Present Manager David W. Haase's resignation becomes effective Aug. 15. Pressure to abide by the charter and live in the city was refused by him and he gave up the \$10,500 job which he has held since May, 1959.

Commissioners will meet tonight to discuss ordinances regulating private, non-profit swimming pools. The meeting is public.

## Facts

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lower end of the Detroit metropolitan communities—will drop from the floor. Other school districts are raising salaries, and if we are to keep and obtain good teachers, we have to pay salaries which are competitive.

**What is the school district's present total millage?**  
It is 22.48 mills. This consists of 18.98 mills for school operation, plus 3.5 mills for school debt (to pay off bonds issued to construct new schools).

**What will it be if the proposed millage vote is passed?**  
It will be 1.9 additional mills, or a total of 24.38 mills.

**How much money are we spending on school operation?**  
In the school year ending June 30, 1959, we spent \$4,464,763.49 to operate our schools. For the school year ending next June 30, we estimate we will have spent \$4,908,757.27.

**What was the Birmingham district's tax rate in 1954-55?**  
It was 22.98, consisting of 11.98 mills for operation and 11 mills for debt retirement.

**How much additional money will be obtained from this 1.9-mill increase?**  
Equalized school district valuation of \$207,596,374 times 1.9 mills equals \$3,943,935.

**What does this "as equalized" mean?**  
It's a pretty complicated formula. Basically, it means there is a state-determined ratio which equalizes assessed property valuations of all municipalities in a school district. (There are nine different municipalities in the Birmingham school district.) When assessments are equalized, a \$15,000 residence in one municipality (assessed at \$7,500), pays the same number of tax dollars to the school district as a \$15,000 house in a second municipality, which has assessed it for only \$5,000.

**Is there any simpler way I can determine about how much additional school taxes I shall be paying?**  
Yes. The proposed 1.9-mill increase is an 8 per cent increase over last year's total school millage. So multiply your last year's SCHOOL TAX BILL by 8 per cent. This would approximate your new school tax. (Be careful NOT to include in your figuring any county taxes.)

**What were the Birmingham school district's ASSESSED AND EQUALIZED valuations in 1957?**  
The assessed valuation was \$89,868,659, the equalized valuation \$108,978,967.

**What is the district's ASSESSED AND EQUALIZED valuation TODAY?**  
The 1959 assessed valuation is \$130,122,215; 1960 equalized \$207,596,374.

**Why—with all the increases in valuation—can't we get along without an increase in millage?**  
Because the increase in tax valuation from new building of all kinds is offset by the additional cost of educating children enrolling from the new homes built in the school district.

**Are we paying any special millage now?**  
Yes, we are.

**When did we pass it, how much is it, and when does it expire?**  
Can you give us other important comparisons between 1955-56 and 1959-60 figures?

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| Yes, we can:         | 1955-56           | 1959-60            |
| Tax rate             | 19.86 mills       | 22.48 mills        |
| No. of pupils        | 8,761 on Sept. 30 | 12,407 on Sept. 30 |
| Pupils per classroom | Elementary: 31.79 | Elementary: 33.18  |
| Pupil/teacher ratio  | Secondary: 23.55  | Secondary: 21.55   |
|                      | 26                | 26                 |

**What is our bonded debt at the moment?**  
It is \$44,422,000.

**What was this bonded debt last year?**  
\$13,290,000.

**What was it five years ago?**  
Then it was \$2,818,000.

**When do we vote?**  
On June 13, anytime between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

**Where do we vote?**  
There are 13 different school district precincts: Precinct No. 1—Adams school; No. 2—Qarton; No. 3—Baldwin; No. 4—Pierce; No. 5—Franklin; No. 6—Bloomfield Village; No. 7—Walnut Lake; No. 8—Midvale; No. 9—Torry; No. 10—Fembroke; No. 11—Beverly; No. 12—Harlan; No. 13—Greenfield.

**In case I'm not registered to vote, where do I get this done and what's the deadline?**  
You register with the city, village or township clerk of the municipality in which you live. You have until 5 p.m., Friday, June 9, to sign up.



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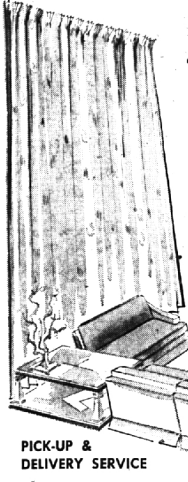
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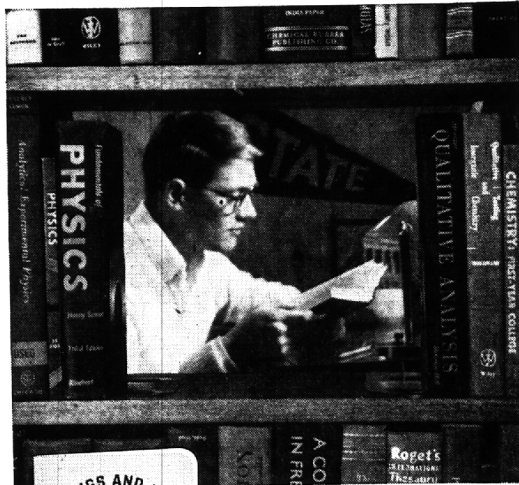
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