

Can County Take School Millage Voted?

To inform taxpayers on how the Birmingham schools' operating and building costs are financed and what special features our schools have, The Birmingham Eccentric went to the school board itself for some answers.

Who pays for our schools? Sixty per cent of the operating cost is paid from local property taxes. State aid contributes 38 per cent, much of it from sales tax money. The net state aid per Birmingham child this year is \$168.50. Distribution is based on a complicated formula, giving larger amounts to the poorer districts in the state. New buildings are financed entirely from local property taxes.

What is the difference between local debt service and operating millage? Debt service money is used entirely for building. It is illegal to use such funds for operating expenses. To raise money for new buildings, voters are asked to approve a bond issue. Bonds are then floated and paid for with interest over a 20 or 30 year period. Operating millage is the

local property tax money. Combined with State aid money, it is used for the school's annual expenses—salaries, supplies, maintenance, building maintenance and other such items.

THE BOARD of education could legally use these funds for new buildings, but prefers to spread the cost over a period of years. Thus the burden does not fall on one or two year's tax bills, a more equitable arrangement since buildings last a long time. The school system's books are checked quarterly and a complete audit is prepared at the end of the fiscal year (June 30), by an independent firm of auditors. Any citizen may see the audit.

Some comparative figures:

Bloomfield Hills	Operating Cost per Mill	Pupil
Birmingham	15.98	440.58
Grosse Pointe	13.70	372.21
Oak Park	19.70	418.41
Royal Oak	19.88	319.82
Southfield	16.38	388.49
Hamtramck	10.90	

One mill is equivalent to one dollar tax for each thousand dollars of assessed valuation. Can the county government take away the additional millage we vote schools? No. Any additional operat-

ing millage voted for schools above the 15 mill tax, will go to schools. It cannot be touched by the county.

However, the 15-mill limitation tax, as set up by constitutional amendment in 1922, is a shared tax. Assessed for county, school and township needs, it is paid on an equal basis by each part of the county.

The allocation board meets in May of each year to study, and following hearings, decide the fairest apportionment possible. It reviews the budgets of the 31 county

LEGAL NOTICE

Oliver H. Kirk, Attorney, Wabash Building, Birmingham, Mich.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM J. MCKINNEY, Deceased.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the Court House at said County, on the 31st day of May, A. D. 1960.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Order appointing time for hearing claim.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claim against the above estate shall be the 6th day of September, 1960, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the Court House at the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors of claimants against the above estate are to call bearing in mind and order to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file written claim thereof, with this Court and with the fiduciary of this estate, under oath, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim. It is further ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt, demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. 14, 15, 16

Do you have any unwanted articles of furniture? Turn them into cash with a "quick result" Eccentric classified ad.

The Birmingham Hardware
152 North Woodward MI 4-7524

Gift Suggestions For Dad

- Bar-B-Q Grills... from \$6.98
- Androck Bar-B-Q Set of 3 tools... \$7.98
- Charcoal Scuttle... 4.95
- Coleman Picnic Jug... \$5.98
- Androck Steak Broiler... \$3.50
- Bar-B-Q Mitts... \$1.98
- Pocket Knife... from \$2.10
- Ice Cream Freeze from \$12.95
- Flashlights & Lanterns

Hammock from \$6.98

- Black & Decker Edger & Trimmer... \$29.95
- Seymour Smith Lawn Trimmer... \$24.95
- Wiss Hand Pruners... \$2.95
- Wiss Grass Shears... \$2.75
- Goatskin Garden Gloves... \$1.65
- Cricket Set... \$9.85
- Taylor Auto Compass \$6.95

LEGAL NOTICES

Miller, Canfield, Padlock & Stone, Attys., 318 Wabash Bldg., Birmingham 75,613

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, said County, on the 31st day of May, A. D. 1960.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of HARRY F. MOORE, Deceased.

One mill is equivalent to one dollar tax for each thousand dollars of assessed valuation. Can the county government take away the additional millage we vote schools? No. Any additional operat-

What is a dress?

A dress is a state of mind, a moment of truth, a promise.
A dress is an extension of the woman who wears it, the creative expression of those who make it.

For the woman who wears it a dress is a status symbol, a social commentary, an emotional facade, a self-revelation. A pride of individuality. A proof of taste. A yearning.

For the man who sees her in it a dress is an embellishment. A pitfall. Ambush. Subtlety. Mirage. Camouflage.

For we who sell it a dress is an evolution, a sign of the times, a symphony of lines, a harmony of tones. A drip-dry, hip-tie, Zipshy masterpiece.

A dress is an art-and-a-craft. A frock. A gown. A sheath. A costume. A shirtwaist. A one-piece. A two-piece. A three-piece. No-piece.

For 35 years DAVIDSON'S has looked to a dress for bread and butter, nectar and ambrosia, pie-in-the-sky, a bid for immortality, a star to which can be hitched dreams and schemes.

That's why women of perception know DAVIDSON'S has the most comprehensive, most extensive, most lavish, most elaborate, most satisfying collection of dresses in this entire area.

For a dress, The dress, more dress, "it" dress, "wow" dress, come morning-time, come evening-time, come summer-time, come winter-time, come tomorrow.

come now to . . .

Davidson's
Woodward Avenue • Birmingham, Michigan

HANDY MAN TOOLS

Furrier Mar'ee

"Furs" restyled, repaired, cleaned, lusterized. Reasonable Prices. 1922 Shipman Bldg., Birmingham MI 4-2720

One of these books will make the perfect gift!

FOR FATHER'S DAY... A WEDDING... A GRADUATION... OR "BON VOYAGE"

The Village Bookshelf
790 N. Woodward MI 6-8887 BIRMINGHAM

THIS IS YOUR CAREFREE LEISURE LOOK here or on vacation...clean-cut wrinkle-shunning casuals that keep their trim shape washing after washing.

Left: Boucle sport shirt of orlon acrylic. Grey, gold, white or tan. Sizes S,M,L,XL 7.98

Dacron polyester-cotton play jeans. Olive. 28 to 42 waist. 7.98

Right: Cotton hopsacking sport shirt. Tobacco, gold, olive or white. Sizes S,M,L,XL 5.98

Pro-jeans of slub-texture arnel tri-acetate and rayon. Maroon, brown, olive, gold. 30 to 44 waist. 7.98

Jacobson's
Maple at Bates Birmingham