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In Oakland County . . . County Seeks 1/2-Mill For Court Tower Wing

Oakland county voters will decide Aug. 2 on a special tax proposed to finance a multi-story office wing on the county's court tower now underway on the Telegraph road service center site.

Oakland supervisors voted 72 to 0 this week to request a 50-cent per \$1,000 of equalized assessed valuation for 1960 through 1963. The millage is expected to raise about \$4 million.

The remainder of a two-part question on the ballot involves a legal procedure raising the statutory 15-mill limit by the same amount.

THE RAISE would be included in December tax bills, if approved. The supervisors' special building committee, headed by Royal Oak city commissioner John B. Osgood, will use volunteer service to campaign for the tax proposal's approval. The campaign hopes to get help from Ford Motor company and the county AFL-CIO.

Voters in the county have twice refused millage to support a special sinking fund for the county building. A \$3 million court tower, now underway on the site, has been financed by the county through surpluses.

ACCORDING to county board of auditors Vice Chairman John C. Austin, the court tower will house 64 courts, judges' offices, the prosecuting attorney, the county clerk and other administrative functions now in the county court house.

Austin said the proposed wing would hold offices of the treasurer, Friend of the Court, civil department, county auditors and other departments now "scattered all over Pontiac."

Clerk-Register Office Sought By Royal Oak Man

John E. Kronenberg, Democrat, has announced his candidacy and filed for the office of Oakland county clerk-register of deeds. The 37-year old manager of the Royal Oak-Berkley branch of the Michigan Secretary of State's office was Democratic nominee in 1958 for the same office.

He is a graduate of the Henry Ford trade school and attended Wayne State university for two years. Married and father of three children, he lives in Royal Oak.

He is an active member of Royal Oak masonic lodge, F & AM; the Kiwanis; American Legion and the Royal Oak safety council.

County Voter Total Grows By Over 1,000

The number of registered voters in Oakland county increased by 1,129 from April, 1958 to April, 1959, according to tallies assembled by the elections division of the Michigan department of state. During the same time, state registrations have dropped 34,822 with a total for 1959 of 2,454,804.

Registered voters in Bloomfield township totaled 10,275; in Southfield township, 5,440 and in West Bloomfield township, 6,725. City registrations added up to 13,030 for Birmingham; 1,389 for Bloomfield Hills; 1,978 for Latrup; 1,419 for Southfield and 673 for Troy.

Secretary of State James M. Hays reports automation will bring in Michigan's election results more quickly this year. Four city citizens will vote on machines instead of paper ballots.

THERE ARE now 9,231 voting machines in the state. Since the 1958 election, paper ballot precincts have decreased by 252. According to law, precincts must switch from paper ballots to machines or divide the precincts when a precinct has more than 800 registered voters.

Celebrate 'Ann Hare Day'

Oakland county Democratic women attended an "Ann Hare Day" luncheon June 7. Mrs. James M. Hays, wife of one of the Democratic candidates for governor, discussed three "strictly political" areas at Northwood inn, Berkley.

On education, she said she favors "more teachers . . . emphasis science". On mental health, "Oakland county can be proud of its out-patient facilities, especially its child guidance clinics."

Regarding safety she said, "don't let the driver education program languish."

County Eyes Authority's Parks Money

With an eye toward keeping part of the quarter-mill tax which goes toward parks, Oakland county supervisors want to audit the 1961 budget of the Huron-Clinton metropolitan authority, formed in 1940 by vote of the people.

At that time, voters in Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Washtenaw and Wayne counties also gave the authority its right to 25 cents per \$1,000 of equalized valuation.

Under the new increase in state equalized valuations, the quarter-mill tax would bring \$262,000 in Oakland county this year. The

Seniors Set For Diplomas At Hills Rites

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Receiving their diplomas at commencement exercises at 8 p.m. tonight at Bloomfield Hills high school will be:

Robert Aziz, James Aitken, Linda Robertson, Cecile Anderson, Barrie Armstrong, Dave Arnold, Karvo Austin, Beverly Balfour, Bona Blum, John Hensell, Phyllis Bensieck, Philip Berk, Robert Blomquist, Hattie Blunt, Larry Hoeh, Jack Bohr, Frank Borzani, Michael Houghlin, Ward Brown, George Harmanster, William Hayes, John Harnett, Fred Byrom, Charles Cannon, Robert Case, Karna Carter, Beverly Clark, Patrick Clark, John Colburn, Jessie Conover, Shirley Condon, Gernie Coats, Nancy Cowen, Carol Coy, Douglas Croteau, Karen Davlier, Janice DeLande, Joanne Deer, Julie Davlier, Sandra DeVoy, Barbara Dewey, Roy Easton, John Durkin, Robert Ebbert, Katzy Enebar, Robert Eoff, James Evans, Brian Ewald, Lois Farrell, Richard Ford, Elizabeth France, Holly Freese, Barbara French, Susan Fry, Lenore Gallo, Madeline Giana, James Gerbasi, Bruce Germsa, Susan Virginia, Virginia Geoffrey, Linda Granoff, Robert Haefliger, Lynne Holloway, David Herrold, Deborah Herman, Margaret Higgins, Jack Kahlberg, Sandra Kemp, Kitty Kern, Nicholas Kray, Robert Klotzweh, Jack Kober, Sandra Kovach, Richard Kuhl, Gretchen Kucwka, William Lacey, Robert Leach, Donna Langship, Ivar Letros, Alan Lewis, Edward Lewis.

Cost of Gas For Heating Looms Upward

Consumers power company requested a rate increase from the Michigan public service commission June 8. A. H. Aymond, Jr., chairman of the group consists of Michigan, Virginia, Geoffrey, Linda Granoff, Robert Haefliger, Lynne Holloway, David Herrold, Deborah Herman, Margaret Higgins, Jack Kahlberg, Sandra Kemp, Kitty Kern, Nicholas Kray, Robert Klotzweh, Jack Kober, Sandra Kovach, Richard Kuhl, Gretchen Kucwka, William Lacey, Robert Leach, Donna Langship, Ivar Letros, Alan Lewis, Edward Lewis.

A portion of the cost of supplying natural gas for home heating in South Oakland and much of outstate Michigan "is dependent on proceedings pending before the Federal power commission involving the rate of pipeline companies," Aymond said.

THE COMPANY "is resisting the pipeline increases where we believe it to be justified," according to the board chairman. The public service commission will act for public hearings as a first step in determining rates.

Aymond said the cost of pipeline gas; the company's wages, taxes and loan interests costs to finance expansion are all increasing. Hourly-rated employees recently settled a 41-day strike with the company.

Smith, Andrew Snivley, Sandy Soroka, Barbara Stacey, Ray Stacey, Robert Stacey, Dave Stanton, Nick Stone, Steve Stevens, Martha Stutzman, Bill Thomsen, (Home, Elmer, Edward) Bell, Thorburn, Dick Tiele, Ken Trevenner, Nancy Trivediger.

Steve VanWay, Jean Vogt, Tom Waggoner, James Walden, Gordon T. Walker, Gordon M. Walker, Tom Walton, John Waker, Bonnie Weeks, Bruce Wellington, Gordon West, James Watson, Jeffrey Wheeler, Andrew White, Kimberly Whitteyer, Michael Whitteyer.

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