

Argues for 'No' Vote On Additional Millage

To the Editor:
On Monday, March 28, before you vote for a 5-year 7 million dollar tax increase on your property, real and personal, here are some items deserving your very careful consideration:
This school election and others in the past have not been properly publicized, thus resulting in very low voting attendance.

These elections seem to slip up on us. They are really "quiet" little affairs. Remember in 1957, when only 2,264 voters out of 22,600 registered voters increased our school taxes by 6 mills for four years? This was all for operational expenses, and it still runs two more years, through 1961.
Our school people will no doubt, at that time, ask for still more millage in addition to the millage being asked for now. What a "Merry-Go-Round!"
Why? Because they want a small select "Yes" group. It is also confusing to change our voting places. The board of education should advertise these elections far in advance and not wait until the last few days before registration ends. It seems as though a large turn-out of voters is not to be desired.
Last year in the city of Royal Oak, a similar millage increase proposal was badly defeated in the elections, but their schools are still operating as usual.

VOTERS, DON'T let them confuse you! Vote a straight NO on their 7 million dollar 5-year tax "GRAB."

The board of education should show the people the total school tax growth, not just the pupil census growth. It fails to take into consideration the great increase in new industrial and commercial construction, such as shops, motels, restaurants, stores (Demery's) and office buildings being added.
Each year there is at least \$5 million dollars worth of new buildings in Birmingham alone. This new growth brings in new taxes, tax revenue and personal income, of which does not increase school enrollment.

TAXES PAID by property owners with no children, or with children in private or parochial schools, plus the continuous increase in state aid, should give our 476 teachers substantial salary increases in addition to their regular salary increments.

From reliable information, the Oakland county board of equalization will increase the total school district equalized valuation a minimum of 10% from \$150 million to \$200 million.
This new assessment will produce over one million dollars year. This is more extra money than the board of education needs, and even 25% more each year than they are asking for.
The present private and parochial schools, plus the 4 newly-built parochial schools, are equipped to handle at least 5,000 students. The number of students graduating or entering these new parochial schools will certainly slow down our public school growth.

With the present 26-pupil-per-teacher load, it would seem that few if any more teachers are needed. Perhaps more of the supervising staff should teach a class or two and help relieve teachers, as well as familiarize themselves with the teachers' problems.
With all factors considered, if we are going to increase property taxes by \$7,000,000 in 5 years in order to continue to cut the pupil load per teacher, increase and INCREASE salaries, build more schools—larger and fancier—and have our homes and businesses taxed from under us, then where do we go from here? Bankrupt, like many of our larger cities?
Have you been reading about the tax problems of New York, Chicago, Detroit, and many others?

This new millage, not 4 mills but 5.3 after state equalizing in Birmingham and as much as 7.2 in surrounding areas, will apply to real estate and personal property. If this millage proposal is approved, the city of Birmingham's new total tax rate will be \$64 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. A \$15,000 assessment will be \$960. This also applies to personal property taxes.
This new millage will work an extra hardship on the many families of children who attend private or parochial schools because they are already supporting two systems. It will seriously affect all home owners and will work a hardship on merchants, who will have to pay taxes on their homes, their places of business, and also on

their personal property.
PEOPLE ARE getting sick and tired of continually being hounded from all directions for more taxes. This is a good time for the already-over-taxed home owner to say NO. Be not afraid! Our present salary schedule will bring in all the good, competent teachers we need.
Where else but in Birmingham can a young teacher start teaching at \$450 per month and go \$600 per month with an average of 26 pupils per class, in the finest of schools, excellent housing, and also—and most important—a fine class of children to work with? Birmingham is one of Michigan's "choice teaching spots." Check the waiting lists of teachers who want to teach in Birmingham schools.
A HOME OWNER

LEGAL NOTICES
NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENTS BY BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
Lots 16, 22, 32, 47 thru 51 inclusive, from West Harbort Road to Lane Pine Road, in Judson Bradley's Addition to Country Club Estates, Section 21, Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Bloomfield has tentatively declared its intention to make the following described improvements:
Grading and constructing 2 inch bituminous aggregate surface and work incidental thereto, on Harbort Drive from West Harbort Road to Lane Pine Road, in Judson Bradley's Addition to Country Club Estates, Section 21, of Bloomfield Township.
Plans and estimates have been prepared and are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination. The estimate of cost as prepared shows the cost of said project to be \$49,423.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet on March 28, 1960, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at Bloomfield Township Hall, for the purpose of hearing any objections to the petition, the improvements and to the special assessment district therefor.
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NOTICE OF SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

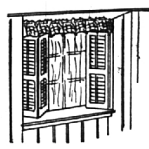
Notice is hereby given that the Annual Southfield Township Meeting will be held at 2:00 o'clock P.M., Saturday, April 2, 1960 in The Detroit Country Day School located at 22305 W. 13 Mile Road for the purpose of transacting any township business that is usually transacted by viva voce vote. (Approval of township budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1960 and ending March 31, 1961.)

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP
FANNIE ADAMS
Twp. Clerk

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Haddock Fillets 1-LB. 39¢
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SAVE 10¢—JANE PARKER Apple Pie . . . 8-INCH SIZE 45¢

AGP'S PURE VEGETABLE SHORTENING dexo 3 LB. CAN 49¢
Premium Oats MOTHER'S . . . 42-OZ. PKG. 51¢
Silver Dust Blue GIANT PKG. 79¢
Fluffy "all" 3 LB. 83¢
Condensed "all" 7-OZ. CAN 75¢
Ajax Cleanser 4 OZ. LABEL . . . 2 21-OZ. CANS 37¢
Liquid Chiffon 15¢ OFF LABEL . . . 14-OZ. CAN 77¢
Personal Ivory 12 CANS 69¢
Ivory Snow 2 12½-OZ. PKGS. 65¢
Liquid Ivory 32-OZ. CAN 65¢
Lestare LAUNDRY BLEACH 10 1-OZ. PKGS. IN CTN. 49¢
Surf "PREMIUM IN PACKAGE" . . . GIANT PKG. 83¢
Fluffo Shortening 3 1/2 LB. 69¢

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A&P BRAND—OUR FINEST QUALITY
Orange Juice 6 6-OZ. CANS 99¢ IN CTN.
FROZEN RITE Parker House Rolls PKG. 24 29¢
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SULTANA BRAND Fruit Cocktail 5 16-OZ. CANS 99¢
Iona Peaches YELLOW GINGO . . . 4 16-OZ. CANS 89¢
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