

# School Board Amends \$4 Million June Budget

**SOUTHFIELD** — An amended budget estimate for the Southfield public schools for 1960-61 was adopted by the school board at Monday's meeting. Budgeted total is \$4,011,865.

A June 13 estimate of \$4,025,635 was reduced \$13,770 when school administrators estimated a saving could be realized by having custodial personnel work alternate Saturdays, thus reducing the amount of overtime.

Other changes included a reduction of \$19,992 in regular teachers' salaries over June 18 estimates. Reduction is due to use of many new teachers at beginner's rates. An item of \$8,000 over present contracts was left to provide for replacements during the balance of the year, at possible higher salaries.

**AMOUNT** for teaching supplies and textbooks was increased \$30,819, to meet needs of accelerated programs at Birney, Lederle and Southfield high schools.

Maintenance of buildings was increased \$10,000 to cover cost of a new roof at Lathrup school, not foreseen earlier. Capital outlay for grounds was increased \$1,500 to cover special assessment taxes paid in August.

Capital outlay for equipment was increased \$5,000 to allow for purchase of typewriters. Increases in special education of \$2,000 were noted, but will probably be recovered.

**Glencoe WNEGA Names Committee To Beautify Area**

**GILBERT LAKE** — Mrs. John Kluck of Blanford court was hostess last Thursday evening to members of the Glencoe estates branch WNEGA. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Robert Wood and Mrs. Eric Hoogberg.

Mrs. Bruce Ely, a member of the garden club, gave an illustrated talk on dried arrangements.

A NEW COMMITTEE on horticulture has been appointed to help beautify the subdivision with Mrs. David Miller as chairman. Working with her are Mrs. Hal Smurthwaite, Mrs. John Kluck, Mrs. Eric Hoogberg and Mrs. Gordon Appleby. The first project will be landscaping the cul-de-sacs.

The garden club recently had a telephone bridge party to raise funds for the landscaping and the association will contribute funds for the project.

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**EAST LANSING** — Four area girls are among these Michigan State university candidates, one of whom will reign as Queen of homecoming activities. Finalists are, left to right, standing: Mary Elyon Davey; Susan Deem, Lathrup; Mary Berles; Janice Kokoszka; Sandra Gay Firth. Bloomfield Hills high graduate; Taylor and Jill Veenhuis. Seated, from left, are Susan A. Mitchell; Ruthann Heinrich of Birmingham and Linda Rae Brethen, Southfield.

**Find \$9,000 Loot In Parked Car, Local Beauties Among Candidates For MSU Queen**

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** — Two Kansas City women have waived examination before Justice Elmer C. Dieterle and were ordered held in lieu of \$10,000 bond. They were to be arraigned Monday in Circuit court. They are accused of shoplifting \$9,000 in merchandise from Oakland and Detroit department stores.

Store detectives picked up Kathleen Jones, 30, and Betty Stringer, 29, at Northland on Saturday. They were accused of stuffing \$500 worth of merchandise into two handbags. Police said their car contained an additional \$8,500 worth of goods. It was parked on the Northland lot.

**ACCORDING TO** Det. Lt. Walter Calkin of Redford State police, two arrived from Kansas City last week and had accumulated a list of debts from Detroit area and Bloomington, Ill. stores. Most of the stolen goods were minicoats, expensive dresses and mink trimmed coats.

**Witness Claims Ritter Was Also 'Secret Bookie'**

**WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWN-SHIP** — A witness testified that fugitive William Ritter, former Royal Oak nursing home operator, was a "secret bookie" and a heavy gambler. The hearing was held in Federal referee in bankruptcy Joseph C. Murphy.

The witness, Harold Weaver, 28, of Red Oak, testified that he won \$4,100 this year placing bets with Ritter. Weaver is a cook and former partner in the Jones Tower drive-in near the Ritters' Tower Park nursing home in Royal Oak.

Ritter is accused of bilking 30 persons out of what may total \$500,000. The hearing was demanded by three creditors who hold more than \$100,000 in promissory notes made by the Ritters.

They were told by previous court that they were building a second nursing home. The hearing was held to enable Receiver Arthur Schuler to begin unwinding the financial dealings.

Mitchell Herman, an owner in the drive-in restaurant, said he knew Ritter liked to gamble.

**Southfield B of E To Sell Land**

**SOUTHFIELD** — Bids to purchase a lot owned by the school system will be advertised with that of bids opening set for Oct. 31 at a special meeting of the board of education. A minimum limit of \$2,000 was set for purchase price.

The lot, number 165 in Roseland Woods subdivision number one, is located on the south boundary of Lederle school. Owners of the adjoining lot to be sold, the school system will retain the easement rights. Original price was \$7500.

The board also authorized A. W. Stephens, school land agent, to negotiate for purchase of approximately 1.4 acres of land at \$4,000 on Berg road, between Eight and Nine mile roads in sec. 35. The land is one of six parcels, of which the school system owns four.

Levy Larson, 21551 Sherman boulevard, Southfield stated earlier that 100 per cent of the property owners in Section 35 were opposed to proposed industrial zoning of the area under Southfield's master plan. Board member W.H. Oliver said the board did not consider it their province to make a stand on the zoning question. The board concurred.

**Registrations Still Available In Dance Classes**

**LATHRUP** — The Lathrup recreation commission urges adults interested in beginning ballroom dancing classes to register with Mrs. John B. Inator, 25651 Meadorbrook way, Lathrup.

Classes will be conducted by George and Ginny Russell on Wednesday evenings from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Lathrup school, which should be sent with the registration.

**OPENINGS ARE** still available for the commission's creative dancing classes. Pre-schoolers are scheduled for 9 to 9:30 a.m. and teenage girls from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Lathrup school.

Both classes are held Saturdays. Mrs. Robert Pullar, 27649 Shagbark, Southfield is taking registrations.

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