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500 Mills in Tentative School Budget

Commission Grants BAA Permission; New Plan Outlined

By KEN WEAVER News Editor See related story 4-A The organization that has a sewage plant as its home will stage its annual arts festival in Shain Park in the center of downtown Birmingham.

Clinic Gets Funds; Keep Branch Open

Oakland County Child Guidance Clinic will get its requested \$27,000 additional appropriation to continue operating this year. This decision was made by the county Board of Supervisors, acting on a recommendation by the board's Health and Welfare Committee, at the board's annual budget meeting in Pontiac Tuesday.

The money will make it possible for the clinic to keep open its Birmingham branch, which has been scheduled for closing April 7 due to the lack of funds.

They took under study for one week a proposed county budget of \$17,741, nearly \$1 million less than originally proposed. They will act on the budget next Monday.

Supervisors re-elected DeLoia Hamlin, Farmington representative, to his sixth consecutive term as board chairman. They named Bloomfield Township Supervisor Arno L. Hulet to his second consecutive term as vice chairman.

Hamlin was authorized to name committee "to make an overall study of the program, services and the needs of the clinic." It is to include representatives of the board of supervisors, the county health department, the Mental Health Dept. and other interested groups.

WORKING under the Ways and Means committee, the group is to file a report with that committee by Aug. 15 so that its findings may be available in preparation of the 1962 budget.

No definite amount was placed in the 1962 budget for the clinic. But a contingent fund will be increased to possibly be a proper budget appropriation for the clinic in the 1962 final budget, next fall—if the study committee's report sustains such action.

WAYS AND Means Chairman David Levinson—supervisor from Birmingham—told the board: "Your committee believes that greater governmental control over both the program and finances of the clinic is needed."

"Since the county is expending a very large portion of the total county budget for children's services and related programs ... an increase in the county budget of the program of the child guidance clinic and its future relationship to county agencies through the degree of support of its program ... is needed at this time."

He pointed out that the county's appropriations for children's services — not including the clinic, which is a private, non-profit organization — are increased from \$514,731 for 1955 to \$1,468,338 in 1961.

HIS COMMITTEE determined that about 90 per cent of the clinic's total annual budget is derived from tax funds—state and county.

Levinson posed this question: "Should the county continue to appropriate funds for the clinic as in the past, or should this entire operation be abandoned as one of the county departments?"

The answer, at least for the present, rests with the special study committee. All makes of inner spring mattresses. TRUSS COMPANY, Dist. 'O' and ask for Enterprise 6310.



When Mr. and Mrs. William B. Miller and daughter Carol Ann, 15, returned from a weekend trip to Indiana, they may have thought it was Christmas in April. They left the key to their home at 1445 Bowers, Birmingham, with neighbors. While the Millers were away, festive neighbors decorated the interior of the Miller home with Christmas cards, ribbons and holly. Children also built a snowman. When the Millers returned they didn't give the desired reaction, so the neighbors gathered on the lawn and sang carols. Hot chocolate and cookies were served to the carolers and a joyous time was had by all.

Christmas in April? Mrs. Willett, Burgum Lead City Government

By KEN WEAVER News Editor The woman with the twinkle in her eyes has done it again.

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By LES LANGLIOS City Editor The extent to which Birmingham's accelerated educational program will be carried out this year hinges on the County Allocations Board's reaction to the board of education's recently submitted budget projections for 1961-62.

The tentative budget calls for a 9.50 millage rate, an increase of 1.28 mills over the current year's 8.22 millage rate.

The projected \$6,387,557.07 school budget represents an increase of \$734,246.10 over the '60-'61 budget of \$5,653,310.97.

This increase plus cutbacks on maintenance and capital outlay items would be absorbed by a proposed \$768,254.91 for additional staff members and salary raises.

ENLARGING THE STAFF BY 85 persons (62 of whom would be teachers) would relieve the teaching load and increased salaries would make all personnel qualifications more competitive with comparable communities.

The average salary increase proposed is \$195 per staff member by \$200 minimum for beginning teachers and an under \$100 for all other teachers.

The additional staff members are most significant for the advancement of quality education," said Otis M. Dickey, superintendent of Birmingham Schools.

They are needed to provide for increased enrollments, to establish the senior class at Groves High school, to expand offerings, to reduce ratios and to make progress in eliminating deferrals to good instruction and in the proper use of professional personnel.

"This CONSTITUTES the overriding consideration in our budget development procedures," said Dickey. "If it comes to having one or the other," said Dickey, "we will add to the staff rather than provide raises."

And it could come to just that. Should the allocation board reduce the 9.50 millage and limit the school system to the current 8.22 millage, an adjusted proposed budget of \$6,126,821.07 would leave an increase of only \$475,510.10 over the past year's budget.

Although the lower millage is less than the 8.22 millage, the \$475,510.10 budget increase would be derived from estimated increases of only \$475,510.10 over the past year's budget.

THE OPINION SURVEY, to be conducted by Community Research Associates of Lansing, will begin Monday and continue throughout the week.

A corps of trained interviewers will conduct random sampling of 700 Birmingham families in an attempt to obtain a cross-section of the community's evaluations and aspirations of the school system.

The questionnaire, which has been narrowed to a 30-minute interview, is designed to extract community attitudes on every important aspect of the school system, said Ralph Smith, director of the research firm.

Such a scientific survey requires that only the families selected at random be interviewed, emphasized Administrative Assistant Walter Piel.

THE SUCCESS of the survey, therefore, depends on the interviewees' ability to contact the selected families.

"Knowing how our community feels about its schools is most important to us as we plan together for the children and young men of our community," said School Superintendent Otis M. Dickey. "We therefore solicit the cooperation of all citizens in answering the questions freely and in making themselves available for all calls which are necessary. It is only in this way that our survey can accurately reflect to us the views of White Cane and the blind owner."

This and That

by George R. Averill Birch Society's Ideas Under Fire

Perhaps you have read recently various articles of the "John Birch Society," an organization started and apparently manipulated by a former New England retired candy manufacturer, one Robert H. Welch Jr.

This is outfit, more especially Welch, has attracted severe criticism since it was reported that he once stated that such figures as Eisenhower, Dulles, and other high federal figures were "supporters of Communism."

Welch declared that his society was organized to fight Communism only. To do so, it appears he is arming a variety of federal agencies that bear the label of "welfare," and he is opposed to practically all international agreements our nation has.

He is no doubt, in favor of the Birch Society also is said to oppose legislation supporting much of the details of the society's membership are some members of the U. S. Congress, plus reputable businessmen in many states.

AS WITH MANY widespread organizations, often people will join them without knowing very much about how they really operate. In such cases, of course, some people have unwittingly lent their names, and probably some money, to a cause they might otherwise oppose.

This newspaper, like hundreds of others in the United States, does not profess to know the details of the John Birch Society's overall operations ... but when such an organization's leader labels honest, patriotic Americans as "pro-Communist," then we would advise that it be shunned by all thinking Americans.

There's an old saying that "a small blade of grass waving isn't very much ... except that it does show in what direction the wind is blowing."

The family had overslept, and the lady of the house awoke with a start to the clanking of cans down the street. She remembered that the garbage had not been put out so she raced down to her front door, struggled into her robe, hair curlers, and looking at her watch, yelled, "Who-oo! Am I too late for the garbage?"

Behind the accommodating collector, "No, ma'am, jump right in."

BUYING OR SELLING ... CHECK THE CLASSIFIED COLUMNS Classified ads are a home-maker's real budget-stretcher! Here you'll find a place to rent or buy, money-saving plans for appliances and furniture, a good car buy, dozens of other bargains for the home and family. Get dollars for the belongings you no longer use! They're worth money to someone who needs them. So let the town know what you have to offer with a low-cost, fast-action classified ad!

Golf Column Starts Today in Eccentric

Beginning this week, The Eccentric offers a new column for golf enthusiasts.

This new feature, "Tea Talk" by versatile Sports Editor Joe Cadarius, will bring our readers each week the top news of area golf activities. Leading professionals will comment along with Cadarius.

This week's "Tea Talk" — on page 8-E — gives our readers a detailed, but simple, explanation of "The Art of Driving."

TAM O'SHANTER Professional Warren Orlick, 1960 Professional Golfers Association's pro-of-the-year, gives down-to-earth tips on how to get your tee shot into the air and on its way toward the desired target.

Next week, Al Watrous, pro at Oakland Hills Country Club, will detail the next step to becoming a better golfer.

Union and in February to the binding together of these states into a new nation — the Confederate States of America.

Resistance could well be anticipated, Fox knew. The Confederate States demanded that the federal troops at Sumter be withdrawn, since the fort, they said, was no longer within the United States.

AS FOX'S fleet was sailing southward next day, Confederate General Pierre Gustave Toussaint Beauregard, the famous Louisiana Creole, received an important order at his office in Charleston.

Because of the attempt to supply Sumter, Beauregard would demand immediate evacuation of the fort. And, said the order from Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, if the demand were refused, Beauregard would open fire.

THUS IT was that decades of bitter differences between the North and Southern states had led to war, just as they had in December and January to the secession of seven states from the

Lions Launch White Cane Week Sunday

Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills Lions Clubs will observe White Cane Week April 16-22 with the traditional sale of miniature white canes and distribution of educational material.

Some 80 Birmingham and 40 Hills members will sell the familiar lapel pins throughout next week. Proceeds of the sale will go to the Senior Day School for the Blind in Rochester.

White Cane chairman are Herbert B. Binns, president of Birmingham Lions Club, and George W. White Cane and the blind owner.

LAST YEAR the Lions Clubs of Michigan raised approximately \$70,000 for their various treasuries through White Cane sales.

The important feature of the white cane program is the distribution of educational material. This material serves to acquaint school children and adults with the blind user, and the rules governing conduct in the presence of a White Cane and the blind owner.

Dykstra Becomes President of Ford

By JOE CADARIU Business Editor John Dykstra, of Bloomfield Township, Wednesday was elected president of Ford Motor Co. He succeeds Henry Ford II, who resigned group vice president in 1957.

DYKSTRA was appointed vice president-manufacturing in 1958. This was the position he held until Tuesday's election as president. He also has been on the board of directors since 1954.

DYKSTRA, WHO was elected by the company's board of directors, will primarily be responsible for the operation of the giant auto plant.

Ford's responsibility will be general management of the company with emphasis on corporate policy and planning. Ford had been president since Jan. 3 when Robert McNamara resigned to become the nation's secretary of defense.

Dykstra joined Ford in 1947, serving originally as general production assistant to the vice president of manufacturing.

Beresford Elected Hills Mayor

James A. Beresford was elected mayor of Bloomfield Hills by the city commission at its meeting Tuesday.

Beresford has been a commissioner continuously since 1952 and became mayor in 1953 when Walter O. Briggs, Jr., resigned. He was also elected mayor in 1956 and 1959.

Beresford, vice president of the Booth newspapers, succeeds Henry A. Woolfenden, who remains as a commissioner.

The city commission elected John S. Bugas mayor pro tem. Bugas has been a commissioner since 1953. He is a vice president of Ford Motor Co.

ELECTION OF board of review members was held on Tuesday, when the board will meet.

Bob Stadler was reappointed city clerk and treasurer and Elmer Kophart, city manager, was appointed city assessor.

Stadler notified city commissioners that the city has advertised for bids on construction of sewers in Section 9 and 10, which is Ridgegate and the south end of the city. Bloomfield Hills has been divided into six sections, and bids for construction of sewers will be received separately for each of the six.

Opening of the first bids is set for May 2 at the city office.