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LATHRUP—Approval from the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission to Jan. 17, cleared the way for Lathrup to sell \$250,000 in sanitary bonds to finance its sanitary sewer collector system.

Lathrup filed application on Jan. 5. Residents will vote on April 3 to approve a \$410,000 general obligation bond issue to pay for the storm water portion of their sewer program.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Residents Write Views on Bond Vote In Bloomfield Hills School District

To the Editor:

Next Monday, Jan. 30, the citizens of the Bloomfield Hills School District will have the responsibility and privilege of casting their ballots in support of our local public schools.

On that day qualified voters will be asked to approve a bond issue to provide funds urgently needed to construct the additional classrooms and provide the building sites required to accommodate a rapidly increasing student enrollment.

In casting our vote we will be exercising a traditional local responsibility which has been accepted by every American citizen from the time our country gained its independence.

SINCE Revolutionary times, the direction and support of the public schools has been a purely local responsibility—with citizens of the school district taxing themselves to provide the classrooms and teachers for their children's education and thoughtfully electing a school board to administer the business affairs of the local school system.

The true democratic process has no more perfect expression than in this demonstration of concern by every citizen for the proper education of the youth of the community.

And perhaps never before in our history has the support of education by every citizen been more important than it is today.

For this reason I urge every qualified voter to cast a vote in support of the bond issue next Monday.

ACCORDING TO law a qualified voter is one who is a citizen of the United States, 21 years of age, who has resided in Michigan for six months and in the School District for 30 days, is registered, and a property owner.

It is a citizen's responsibility to cast a vote in support of the bond issue. A vote without an understanding of the pros and cons of the issue is a mockery to democracy and to the community of which he is a part.

THE PROS and cons of the issue to be voted on next Monday are:

clearly outlined in the detailed bond proposal brochure mailed two weeks ago to each resident in the Bloomfield Hills School District by the School Board.

Briefly stated the facts are these:

(1) Enrollment in the Bloomfield Hills Schools already exceeds capacity.

(2) Enrollment has been increasing at the rate of over 400 pupils each year for the past eight years.

(3) Enrollment is conservatively estimated by experts, to increase by 1500 to 2500 pupils within the next four years.

(4) Additional classrooms are needed to relieve present overcrowding and provide room for the large increase in enrollment during the next four years.

(5) Construction must be started now in order to have the facilities ready for occupancy by the fall of 1962.

(6) Failure to provide these additional classrooms now will result in extremely overcrowded classrooms, elimination of special college preparatory courses, poorer education and, within two years, elimination of kindergarten and half day sessions for all other grades which effectively cuts the school year in half.

(7) To provide these needed facilities will increase your taxes only about \$2 to \$3 a month for one year only. Thereafter, your school tax will drop below your current tax.

I EARNESTLY urge every citizen to read and ponder the detailed analysis of these facts as presented in the School Board Proposal Brochure.

Once the facts are fully understood, an confident that every qualified voter will vote next Monday and will vote "YES" in support of the proposal—and in so doing will be casting a vote for better education in our community and in our country.

Jackson C. Turnaciff
2462 Bratton
Pontiac

To the Editor:
On Monday, Jan. 30, the property owners of the School District of Bloomfield Hills will be asked by their school board to approve a bond issue. This increase will be used to build new schools, to construct additions on existing schools and to acquire future building sites before the cost of vacant land becomes exorbitant.

For one year, and one year only, this proposal will increase the tax rate of the present 7.4 percent, after which the

tax will drop to current levels.

AT THE present rate of growth, our schools will be seriously overcrowded by the fall term of this year. This suggests half-day sessions, elimination of kindergarten, a loss of accreditation for our secondary schools, plus over-all inadequate education.

The tremendous problems of our changing world can only be met by a well educated citizenry. Our school board, our administration, our PTO organizations have done an excellent job in informing us and this issue. Let us support them and our boys and girls on Monday, Jan. 30 with a "YES" vote.

MR. AND MRS. SYDNEY W. JENTZEN
2825 Wallace Road
Bloomfield Hills

To the Editor:
Four hundred and four children are a lot of children, but that is the Annual School Population increase in Bloomfield Hills.

Next Monday, Jan. 30, our intelligent and well-sighted school board is giving us the opportunity to approve a bond issue that will provide sites for new schools which are available and at reasonable costs.

IN ADDITION, this bond issue will include additions to three elementary schools and the crowded high school, a new junior high school and a new elementary school.

The total cost of this planning is surprisingly low to the individual taxpayer because it is spread over a 30-year period, allowing new and future residents to pay their share.

NINETY PERCENT of the graduates from BHHS attend college and we intend to maintain this high scholastic level. We are 100 percent behind a school board who believes in classrooms rather than swimming pools — good teachers rather than lights on the athletic field. Support them Jan. 30.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE SMITH
1490 Kirkway Drive
Bloomfield Hills

To the Editor:
Bloomfield Hills District voters are offered a school expansion program on Jan. 30 well designed for their obvious needs. Remarkably this \$4,135,000 plan calls for a boost in school taxes lasting just one year — "Yes" for progressive educational facilities.

40% of P. HAWKINS
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(respectively). Certainly this is one tax bill that should be easy to swallow.

I HOPE WE seize this opportunity now to build while construction costs are rock bottom. Any delay that carries this program into Michigan's horrible boom-period will be costly indeed. And the price of delay is acquiring projected school site may well be a 50 to 100 percent rise in land costs plus the probability of less suitable alternative sites.

The rewards of passing Bloomfield's new school bond issue, Jan. 30 will be found not only in the classroom but in real savings to individual taxpayers through their voted choice of the proper time and place to locate their alternative sites.

DR. JAMES A. READ
610 N. Woodward
Birmingham

To the Editor:
Through the medium of your excellent paper, I would like to take this opportunity to urge all the voters in the Bloomfield Hills School District to vote in the Jan. 30 election and, furthermore, to vote "Yes" on the bond issue.

I believe we have an excellent school system as well as a most capable administration and I know I speak for many when I say that we feel very fortunate to live in an area that offers such fine educational facilities for our children.

TO PERPETUATE this fine system, we must have a majority of "Yes" votes. We have everything to gain by approving this bond issue. Some of the reasons for your "Yes" vote are:

1. Low Cost — About \$200 a month increase in school taxes and this is only for one (1) year. After that, the tax load will be lower than the current rate we pay now.

2. More Classrooms Are Needed Now — Let's face it. This area is growing at a tremendous rate. We don't want crowded classrooms of half-day school sessions.

3. Delay Is Dangerous — The schools are already over-crowded and every year will bring over 400 new students. The school year later, will probably be increased and the needed sites may not be available in the future.

4. Our property valuation will remain high if the area continues to offer the high caliber of educational facilities it now has.

Do you prefer to Monday, Jan. 30. Vote "Yes" for continuing progressive educational facilities.

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W. B'field Resident Appearing in Play

WEST BLOOMFIELD—John F. Kessler, 6660 W. Dartmouth Road, Bloomfield Farms, is presently appearing in "The Lady's Not for Burning" at the Vanguard Playhouse.

Kessler plays the role of Justice Tappercorn in the three-act comedy by Christopher Fry.

KESSLER APPEARED on stage with Sidney Blackmer and John Forsythe in "All My Sons." His radio and television credits include "March of Time," "Gangbusters" and "The Lone Ranger." He is the author of WJR's "Make Way for Youth" and was the author-narrator of the CONELRAD "No Second Chance."

"The Lady's Not for Burning" will continue nightly, except Monday, through Feb. 4.

Got Any News?

Your correspondent would like to hear from you. Here are the correspondents and the areas they cover:

If you live in Beverly Hills: (Covering the Village of Beverly Hills and the South Berkshires) CALL: Mary Wilde, MI 4-9504

If you live in Bloomfield township, south of Maple: (Covering all of Bloomfield township, from Maple road south) CALL: Martin Patrick, MA 6-3029

If you live in Bloomfield township, north of Maple: (Covering all of Bloomfield township, from Maple road north, east to Woodward) CALL: Carol Darling, MA 6-6348

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