

## Proposals

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ered by the board of education, but has not been determined.

The operating mileage increase along with the renewal of the present mileage will support current and planned program and curriculum improvements as well as additional teachers and higher teacher salaries.

Thirty-six instructors are needed to bring the school system up to the recommended level of 50 professionals for each 1,000 students. Reduction in class size coupled with salary increases is believed to make the education process more effective and to attract and retain quality teachers.

SUPT. OTIS M. Dickey expressed the spirit in which the election proposals were prepared and the school system's faith in the voters in the following pre-election statement—win, lose or draw.

"In preparing for the school election, the members of the board of education and the staff spent a great deal of time over a period of a year in studying our problems and needs and in presenting them to the public for consideration. Next to the on-going opportunity of serving the children and youth during this time, our most rewarding experiences developed in our associations with a large number of citizens and organizations.

"THE TIME, interest and outstanding contributions of these citizens and organizations have substantially strengthened the efforts of the schools and have been a source of real inspiration for all school officials. We are fortunate to have such great forces of renewed interest and vitalization working in favor of improved educational opportunity. For the benefit of our children and our country, we encourage such interest and effort, and hope they may continue.

"We want to give public expression to our feelings of thanks and appreciation to the hundreds of people who worked in the interest of better schools. Through the generous contributions and support of the local paper, many prominent and important organizations, and a large number of outstanding citizens, we were able to take the full story to the public for decision. The total effort of our citizens was both intensive and extensive and it was an example of citizenship of which all of us may be very proud."

FUNDS AND authority gained through approval of the proposals provide some of the basic tools for modeling a "quality school system." By no stretch of the imagination do they represent an ultimate solution—for these tools will inevitably wear out and require replacement.

But the temporary means will relieve the immediate problems of the school system, encompassing 18 schools and almost 13,000 students.

## Shelter

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by 77 feet long, providing 2,464 square feet of area.

The shelter would have two normal entries and one emergency exit.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED would include triple deck bunks, chairs and tables, food, sanitary facilities, a ventilating system, cooking facilities, water storage, emergency generator unit and gas storage tanks.

With Commissioner Robert Page absent at the time the shelter came up for discussion Monday night, other commissioners expressed a reluctance to act without hearing his opinions. Page was out voting in the special school election.

He has been the main advocate of City action toward civil defense and fallout shelters.

POINTING OUT that the commission recently instructed the city manager to seek a full-time civil defense director, Commissioner Ingraham wanted to wait until they could hear the director's views.

Ingraham said he is not about to spend \$50,000 "until we have a clear liaison with the Federal Government" as to what the people should do about shelters.

"I'm confused," he declared. "I see what one man in the Federal Government says, then I hear what another says."

Ingraham said there has been no leadership or guidance "on the whole problem."

MAYOR FLORENCE H. Willett said she was pleased to note that Kenning's plans contemplated more than one purpose for the proposed shelter.

Commissioner William E. Roberts said he "would like to move slowly on anything that is done."

Commissioner Charles Renfrew asked City Manager L. R. Gare to determine from the Federal Government what procedures would be followed in seeking federal funds.

Kenning pointed out that because of the proposed dual purpose, the Office of Civil Defense might consider paying half of the cost.

Renfrew appeared to be opposed to the City spending \$50,000 but might favor spending half that much.

"IF WE WERE to vote tonight, I would vote no," said Commissioner William H. Burum.

"We have nothing in the budget for this. We have no \$50,000.

"There is no agreement you can find anywhere that \$50,000 would provide a good, or even an adequate, shelter."

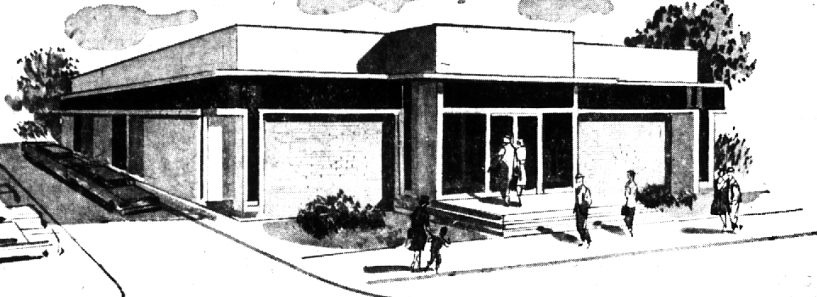
However, he said if the City was to spend money for a shelter it should do so "as a guide for others to follow suit."

"We would be spending the taxpayers' money . . . and would be looked at by the people paying the bills."

Consensus was that Gare obtain information "as soon as possible" relative to procedures, requirements and criteria for federal assistance.



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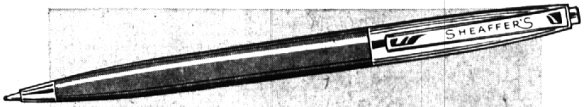
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