

# Board of Education Accepts Bond Bids

The Birmingham Board of Education accepted a bid of \$2,415,000 on the school district's building bonds at Tuesday night's meeting. This represents the final sale of a total of \$4,815,000 authorized by voters in November 1961 to finance the current school building program.

The successful bidder was the First of Michigan Corp. with a low interest rate bid of 3.0623 per cent. Other members of the account include John Neveen, Paine Webber, Braun Bosworth and Manley Bennett.

The Northern Bank Note Company of Chicago was awarded the contract to print the bonds on its low bid of \$116.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS said the bid was the lowest since 1954. School Superintendent Otis M. Dickey said, "we are very pleased to enter into an agreement which will make every effort to keep interested financial concerns fully informed about the district in the interest of obtaining the best possible financial advantages."

The board also authorized Dickey to enter into an agreement with the regular monthly meeting to the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The board also authorized Dickey to enter into an agreement with the Federal Government to designate Quanton as a civil defense shelter.



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# Westchester Pupils Play Santa Claus

By DAVE PHILPO  
Staff Writer

Yes, Birmingham, there is a Santa Claus . . .

But the virtue of unselfish giving is not solely embodied in the form of that generous, bewiskered gent who resides at the North Pole.

It also lives within the hearts of children . . . as the fifth and sixth graders of Westchester School are about to prove.

On Saturday, through the efforts of the youngsters, several needy families in the area will receive weaving baskets of food, clothing and toys.

IT ALL began with a suggestion that a Christmas party for the Westchester sixth grade might be nice. The children were not completely satisfied with this.

"Why don't we give each other a small gift, and also bring something for those less fortunate?" offered one youngster.

The idea of giving caught on. Soon, children were bringing two and three large shopping bags of food, clothing and toys and the corners

of the classroom were overflowing with gifts.

THE WORD spread and the fifth grade offered to contribute a turkey to the cause, to be paid for from proceeds of a recent bake sale.

Then arose the problem of finding needy families.

This was solved by Joe Anderson, a custodian at the school, who has played Santa Claus many times in his life. He volunteered to help the children distribute their gifts.

SO, THREE days before Christmas, two youngsters and Anderson, dressed as Santa, will knock on a few doors—and the lives of several families will be made a little brighter.

The realization that they have given freely of their plenty will be enough for the 33 children of the sixth grade and the 32 youngsters of the fifth grade at Westchester.

And no one could be prouder of them than their teachers, Richard Holzer and Douglas Hessler.

# Romneys Rent 'Exec' Home In E. Lansing

Mr. and Mrs. George Romney will make their home in E. Lansing during the governor's tenure of office.

Romney has announced that he has taken a two-year lease on an 11-room, split level home. His aides said the home will be rented by the Romneys at \$400 a month.

Built in 1938, the \$70,000 house contains five bedrooms, four baths a two-car garage and a screened porch. It will be furnished partly with furniture from the couple's home in Bloomfield Hills.

Pending the occupancy of the home at 1045 Rosewood, Mr. and Mrs. Romney will live in a furnished home in the same neighborhood. They will occupy these quarters for about a month.

THE OWNER of the house at 1045 Rosewood is Henry E. Crouse, president of Heatherwood Farm Dairy. He and his family now occupy a new home. The Romneys and the Crouses' son were former Cranbrook School for Boys, Bloomfield Hills.

The Romneys' son Mitt will enroll at E. Lansing High School in the fall but will complete this school year at Cranbrook.

The Romney home in Bloomfield Hills will be occupied by the student and his wife while in Lansing.

THE E. LANSING home may be the last privately owned executive mansion.

If the proposed new state constitution is approved, the state will be required to furnish a residence for the governor. At present, the state's top executive must provide his own residence at his own expense. His \$27,500 salary does not allow for the expense or upkeep of a house.

# Businessman's Pay Violation Leads to Jail

A Southfield businessman was sentenced last week to a year and a day in Federal prison for violation of the Federal wage and hour law.

Henry A. Harwoods, 55, also was ordered by Federal Judge Tate to give \$2,729 in back wages to 42 employees and to pay \$513 in court costs.

Deputy regional attorney for the U. S. Department of Labor Nicholas M. Spoke said Harwoods paid employees less than the \$1 per hour minimum wage then in effect and also failed to pay them time and one-half for overtime.

Harwoods was found guilty last summer, but produced work pallets at a plant in Southfield at 22700 W. 8 Mile Road.

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\$88,517.78. Of this amount, 49.7 per cent represents the 947 possible housing units in Bevelly's use and 50.3 per cent is Southfield's total, for a possible 973 units.

This means that Beverly Hills would have to meet the bill of \$44,493.81, or, at 4.4 per cent in interest over 30 years, a total cost of \$78,564.95.

At the request of Councilman Claude A. Shepard, Wood explained the alternate possibility of connecting with the proposed South Range Interceptor at 12 1/2 Mile Road. This includes a cost of \$60,000 to abandon the present pumping facilities, the building of an arm for \$35,000 in addition to a \$94,000 share of the interceptor cost for a total of \$189,000.

Johnson and Axson, the village engineers, the council and the DPW all agree that this point is prohibitive.

Philip Hampton of J&A pointed out that one "unknown" is the cost of pumping into the 12 Mile Road arm system.

IN OTHER business, Ordinance 67 regarding the assessments for public improvements received a first reading.

Road Commissioner Walter Kouba requested that a new open-end contract with 30-day cancellation clause with the Como Equipment Co. replace the present annual contract, and the council voted to put this into effect.

# Lathrup

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A SECOND payment to Lakeview Excavating, Inc., of \$127,082.29 was approved, leaving a balance of about \$127,000 to be paid on the overall system, excluding contingency funds.

In other storm sewer business, the council was informed that a possible rerouting of the sewer lines might preclude necessity to condemn land for an easement from Santa Barbara to the Evans Ditch in the area of Roseland.

ENGINEER Ray Smit of Ayres, Lewis Norris and May will present cost estimates. The city has been trying to establish ownership of the easement property on which an easement is needed and has considered condemnation proceedings if an agreement cannot be reached.

Tarapata MacMahon Associates, Inc., Bloomfield Hills, has been named as architects for a proposed municipal building, it was announced.

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# Elect Don Martin

Donald Martin of Birmingham has been elected secretary of the Recreation Association of Michigan. He was among 100 recreation professionals from throughout the state who attended the association's annual meeting last weekend at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center.

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