

W. Bloomfield Eyes Future With Master Plan

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EDITOR'S NOTE—Over a year ago, the West Bloomfield Township League of Women Voters adopted, as a current agenda item, the study and evaluation of a proposed master plan for the township. These articles are written as part of a public information program, presenting the League's understanding of the comprehensive

planning process and how it can benefit the community. Part I follows:

If each of you were to be asked where you would like to live, the answers would be as different and varied as there are kinds of people. A detached - roof cottage in the South Seas, a cabin deep in the forest, or a penthouse overlooking Park Avenue — these might be your dream homes.

But you would quickly come back to reality and remember that many

economic and social factors control your lives, and where you live depends to a large degree on these things. Because of these things, you want to live in a community that appeals to your ideals and goals for living. These communities must contain the ingredients that together create an atmosphere of physical harmony and cultural development.

COMMUNITY planning for these goals has become an essential part of modern living. That government

itself must play its part, is now a recognized fact; by government at all levels, and by the citizens of every community that understand the need for long-range plans that will shape its future.

The development of a master plan for West Bloomfield Township every community that understand the need for long-range plans that will shape its future.

These ARE but a few of the many questions and ideas that were discussed by township officials, private citizens, land developers and professional and business people during this early formative stage. Experienced planners in Washington, D.C., were consulted and their suggestions were carefully reviewed in relation to local attitudes.

number of professional consultants were interviewed. Examples of comprehensive plans were obtained from many surrounding communities to be referred to as work standards and cost estimates.

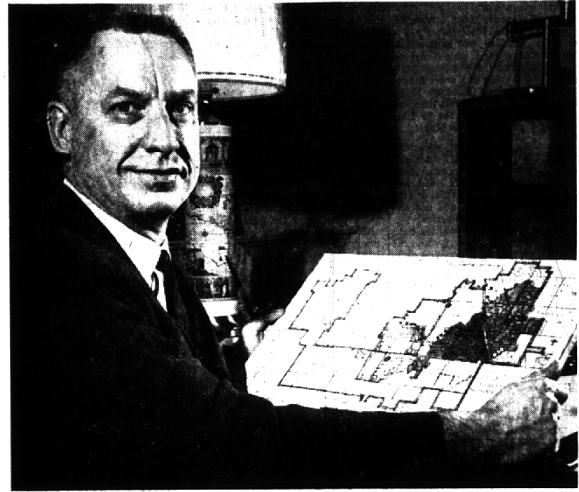
Consideration was given to offers of private funds from individuals genuinely concerned with their community; other means to implement the program were also explored, such as revenue from local taxes and state and federal grants.

COMMITMENT TO this project would require members of the West Bloomfield Township Planning Commission to devote hundreds of man-hours of time in study and decision-making. The commission, township officials and public-spirited citizens who contribute their time to the various boards and organizations were also well aware of the criticisms that would be forthcoming from any proposal that might create real or implied hardships on individuals for the benefit of the community.

Since the plan would involve all of the residents of the township and influence the surrounding area, a courageous attitude by all those concerned would be a necessity.

ALONG WITH A four-man zoning board, established by state statute in 1943, a zoning ordinance was enacted in West Bloomfield Township. Over the years, the ordinance was amended and further developed through constant vigilance and intelligent decision-making.

(See PLAN, 4-A)



DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES
Dr. George Hallock has degrees in music, chemistry, counseling and guidance.

This and That

by George R. Averill

McCloskey Acted As Though He Owns Much of U.S. Gov't

Now you take this Big Mister Matthew H. McCloskey, who built a big multimillion dollar stadium in Washington, D. C., who is alleged to have overpaid an insurance invoice by something like \$35,000, which dough is alleged to have been lodged in the pockets of one Don Reynolds, one Bobby Baker and one Democratic Party's treasury—now, you take this McCloskey and, so far as I am concerned, you can have him for keeps because so much of his exterior bricks became loose and "leaked," as was also said of many windows and other portions of this building.

McCloskey, you should be told. (See THIS & THAT, 8-A)

His Job: Coordinate All Special Services

Fourth in a Series
By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Dr. George Hallock is the newest member of Birmingham's team of top school administrative officials.

Both Hallock and his position, director of pupil services, are new to the school system.

A psychologist, Hallock is responsible for the coordination of all of the special services provided by the schools.

Departments coming under his direction include child accounting, health programs, counseling programs and special education activities.

Under the child accounting program, Hallock is responsible for the annual school census, attendance officers, working permits and enrollment projections.

"We keep track of every youngster between 6 and 16 and through the truant officer make sure they are in school," he said.

COMMENTING on the enrollment projections, Hallock said: "We try to keep ahead of the population explosion in this area."

The schools' health program includes yearly vision and hearing tests, a general health education program and fluoride treatments, Hallock said.

"In our counseling program we try to aid youngsters in grades 7 through 12 in their choice of study."

"We also try to solve minor personal and family problems through this program," he said.

Also falling in the counseling category are the annual testing programs carried on throughout the district.

"We are constantly evaluating the school program and checking the ability of all youngsters from kindergarten through senior high," he said.

A MAJOR responsibility of Hallock is Birmingham's special education activities dealing with mentally retarded and physically handicapped youngsters.

At the present time the Birmingham schools operate five classrooms for mentally retarded youths with about 75 youngsters taking part in the program.

Hallock noted that the class size is limited to 15 children. Two additional classrooms are maintained for emotionally-disturbed youngsters.

"In Birmingham we have no segregated classes for the physically handicapped," Hallock said. "They go to class with the other youngsters but are given special counseling."

THERE ARE currently four blind, five partially-sighted, eight hard of hearing, three cerebral palsy and one partially-poli-driek children students in the Birmingham schools.

Another important aspect of the special education program is

Franklin Home Fire Claims Stanley Hunter

By NITA HARD
Special Writer

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Detroit Woman, 54, Enters Guilty Plea In Fatal Accident

A 54-year-old Detroit woman has pleaded guilty to a charge of negligent homicide stemming from a fatal crash on the I-75 freeway in Troy.

Mrs. Ruth Ann Forney entered the plea before Judge Clark J. Adams in circuit court. She was released on bond and will appear for sentencing Wednesday.

Killed in the mishap on Aug. 16 was Gary D. Storch, 19, of Lake Orion. According to Troy police, Mrs. Forney was traveling in the wrong lane when the head-on collision occurred at the Big Beaver Road exit.

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\$115,000 Gift Goes To Camp, Club

A Royal Oak industrialist, who lives in Bloomfield Hills, has given \$115,000 in personal assets to two charitable youth organizations, Camp Oakland and the Boys' Club of South Oakland County, it was announced today.

The donor is Charles B. DeVlieg, chairman of the board of DeVlieg Machine Co., Fair at 14 Mile, Royal Oak.

DeVlieg lives at 1490 Lockridge, Bloomfield Hills.

DeVlieg's interest in youth resulted in an announcement in September of a program to contribute \$20 to 25 students yearly.

About \$90,000 of the gift announced today is earmarked for Camp Oakland and the remainder for the Boys' Club.

THE BOYS' Club is partially supported by the United Foundation, as is Camp Oakland's program for summer campers.

Camp Oakland's work education program, plus its Boys' Ranch and Girls' Ranch, are also supported by the Juvenile Division of Oakland County Probate Court. The annual program, shared by the court and private individuals and organizations, is watched with interest by court authorities across the nation.

DeVlieg has contributed personally to the Camp Oakland project since it began in 1955.

His 630 employees, through their DeVlieg Association, provide dental care for the children at Camp Oakland and contribute regularly to the residents of Boys' Ranch and Girls' Ranch.

NEW SCALE FOR TEACHERS?
Hills District to Vote Feb. 8 On Tax Increase for Salaries

By DAVE PHILPO
Area News Editor

A 3.3 mill increase in the operating tax to pay for improved salaries for teachers in the Bloomfield Hills School District will be considered by voters in a special election Feb. 8.

If ratified, the new salary schedule will rank among the best in Michigan. The operating tax increase would extend over a 10-year period.

The school board made three revisions in the schedule recommended to them last month by the teachers salary study committee. They include:

- Regulation of the incentive increment, setting it at 5 per cent of salary at each step.
- A delay in incentive pay for one year to allow an evaluation committee to recommend criteria for the rating of teachers.
- An extension of the "track" for master's degrees from 12 to 14 years to provide for a more regular progression.

When the incentive schedule takes effect in one year, a teacher with three years experience will be eligible for the extra pay. It is estimated that from 80 to 85 per cent of the teachers in the district will qualify for the merit pay.

The new salary schedule would make it possible for teachers with 14 years experience to earn \$10,315.16 dollars and cents, the tax increase would amount to \$104 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the Troy portion of the district and \$2.11 per \$1,000 in Bloomfield Township.

In Bloomfield Hills the increase would be \$5.01 and \$5.34 in the West Bloomfield portion of the district.

The total tax rate would be increased to 27.51 mills.

IF THE NEW schedule is approved, the payroll in 1965-66 will be increased to \$2,063,389, as compared to an estimated \$1,918,923 under the present schedule, according to Asst. Supt. of Schools Irving E. Meneucci.

He added that it is possible that the district will need 30 new teachers each year. Their salaries and funds for substitute teachers, supplemental pay and driver education would boost the total to \$2,735,548.

Estimating a growth in the tax base of about \$10 million, Meneucci said the 3.3 mills would return between \$36,250 and \$401,850 over the next three years.

The new scale for a bachelor's degree would range from \$5,300 to \$8,650 over a 12-year period; bachelor's plus 20 hours, \$5,450-\$8,800; regular master's degree, \$5,600-\$10,000; and master's plus 30 hours, \$6,100-\$10,300.

Teachers would receive from \$6,000 to \$12,500 for a doctor's degree.

EACH INCENTIVE track would be five per cent higher than the experience-plus-seniority pay.

Salary improvements and regular annual increases would cost about \$31,000 more next year, then from \$236,000 to \$410,000 annually from 1965-69 when the incentive tracks are in operation.

Board members originally considered a 3-mill increase, but added .3 of a mill to provide for increasing the pay of other personnel.

Democrats Name G. A. Googasian County Chairman

George A. Googasian of Pontiac was elected chairman of the Oakland County Democratic Party for a two-year term at an executive committee meeting Dec. 1.

Googasian replaces as chairman Sander M. Levin who was elected last month to the state senate from the 15th district.

Googasian, 28, is an attorney in the Pontiac law firm of Howlett, Hartman and Beier. He has been active in both civic and political affairs. He served in the past year on the Pontiac Schools Study Committee and the Speakers Bureau of the United Fund.

He was chairman of the Pontiac Democratic Club in 1962 and chairman of the Democratic Business and Professional Club of Pontiac in 1963. He is currently a member of the 19th congressional district executive committee.

Santa's Workshop

VICE CHAIRMEN elected to serve with Googasian were Willis Brewer of Sylvan Lake; Mrs. William Clark, 540 Cranbrook Cross Road, Bloomfield Township; and Harold Julian Berkley.

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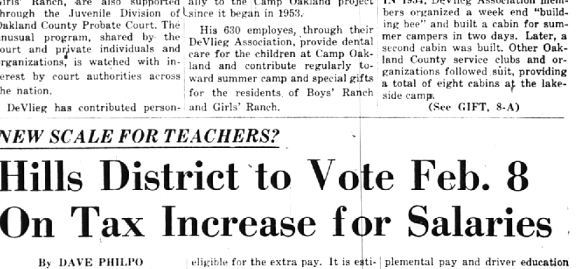
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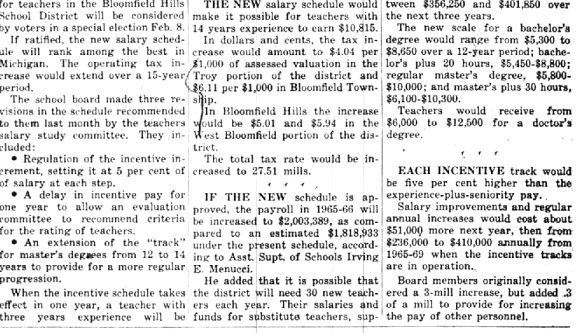
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