



Hills Schools Ask Bond Issue

Swimming Pool, Additions Sought

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The Bloomfield Hills School Board voted Tuesday night to add \$70,000 to the amount of the swimming pool bond issue which will be voted on at the June school election.

It delayed taking action on a request by the Bloomfield Hills Education Association that operational millage to provide a raise in teachers' salaries also be included on the June ballot.

The amount of the building and site bond issue remains at \$7,045,000.

The decision to increase the pool bond issue to \$625,000 came on a split vote. David Lee and Mrs. Jean Maritz voted against the additional amount. Voting for it were Earl Givens, Merrill O. Bates, Richard McGraw and Max Miller. Board president Dr. Charles Bowers only votes in case of a tie.

The additional amount would provide five tennis courts and track facilities at each of the junior high schools and a fifth court and lighting for night play at the high school. Their inclusion on the ballot was asked by the school district's recreational committee. The committee had recommended a considerably larger list of improvements, including a \$110,000 skating rink, which was passed by the board.

THE \$7 MILLION building program is proposed by the Bloomfield Hills School Board to provide additional classroom space for an enrollment which is expected to jump in the next four years from

its present figure of 5,200 students to 7,587.

A financial plan for retirement of both the building and swimming pool bonds has been worked out by school board treasurer Max Miller and Irving J. Menucci, assistant school superintendent in charge of business.

It would entail a maximum tax increase of 1.03 mills to retire both bond issues, of which 91 mills applies to retire the building bond issue.

THE MILLER-MENUCCI plan is figured on the bonds selling at a 4 per cent interest rate, and with property valuation in the school district increasing yearly at approximately \$9,500,000.

Figured in dollars and cents, a \$60,000 home in the Bloomfield Township portion of the school district is presently paying \$94.82 a year in taxes to pay off the present school building bonds. Should both bond issues be approved, the tax bill would gradually increase to a maximum of \$112.03 per year. Without the swimming pool bonds, it would increase to \$108.99 per year.

This maximum would not be reached until 1971. At this point, it is anticipated that debt (See ADDITIONS, 6-A)



End of an Era

Although they were able to withstand wind and rainstorms for over a half-century, six homes in the block south of the Birmingham Municipal Building could not weather the effects of a wrecking crew last week. The buildings have all been razed to make way for the construction of the new Hughes-Hatcher-Suffrin men's clothing store.

W. Bloomfield, County Eye Paving Pact

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Paving sections of Walnut Lake Road between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt and Farmington and Drake roads is being considered by the township on a matching funds basis with the Oakland County Road Commission.

At its meeting last week, the township board decided to ask for a cost estimate on the project. The board also accepted the resignation of Christian Powell as a member of the planning commission. Powell tendered his resignation due to pressing business considerations.

A joint meeting of the planning commission for May 5 was set by the board. The progress of a master plan for the township will be reviewed by planning consultant Villan-Leman.

OTHER ACTION by the board included acceptance of Franklin Valley and Franklin Corners water systems, and action of an ordinance setting up engineering and construction standards for sewer and water mains.

The board heard a recommendation from the planning commission that the township purchase tax reverted property on Upper Straits Lake for park purposes, with the suggestion that additional land be acquired adjacent to the property.

At the request of residents of the area that the board delay action in acquiring the property, the board agreed to postpone the matter until its next meeting.

Donald Watkins, speaking on behalf of the residents, (See PACT, 5-A)

LOOKING OVER the handbook which will help workers of Citizens for Birmingham Schools explain the June 8 operating millage and bonding ballot proposals are

(from left) Mrs. John H. Bryant, Horace E. Sheldon and George A. Schmidt. Sheldon is chairman of the citizens committee; Mrs. Bryant and Schmidt are vice chairmen.

School Citizens Committee Starts Training Sessions

The Citizens for Birmingham Schools Committee has begun a series of training sessions in support of the proposed bonding program and millage proposal to be put before school district voters June 8.

Blockworkers in the Midvale and Franklin School areas were among the first to have the benefit of the training session.

Quarion area workers will meet at 1 p.m. today in the school cafeteria to learn the details of the

operating millage proposal and go over the list of new buildings, and additions requested under the bonding issue.

The Birmingham Board of Education is asking voters to approve a \$5.3 million bonding program and 5.6 millage increase for 1964 and a 7.5 mill increase for 1965-68.

THE CITIZENS committee is under the direction of Horace E. Sheldon. Mrs. John H. Bryant and George A. Schmidt are serving as vice chairmen.

Workers at the training sessions were told that the 5.6 mills for 1964 represents 4.2 mills to maintain present educational programs for increased enrollment; 7 mills for curriculum and program improvements; and 7 mills for teacher salary adjustments.

They were also told that, if approved, the bonding proposal would not increase the tax rate because bonds from 1953-54 would be paid



This and That

by George R. Averill

Amanda Jane Moore had reached the age of 95 when she passed on in nearby Romeo a few weeks ago. This ever-loving daughter of a southern slave was accorded fitting tributes by the scores of boys and girls, now grown-up men and women, whom she "mothered" with an affection said to be above the average of many real mothers. A total of 169 youngsters, going back to 1919, were cared for by this devoted spinster, some of them aided by outside gifts, but most of them beneficiaries of the spiritual and financial resources of this dedicated soul. Certainly her life was the manifestation of LOVE... unselfish, self-sacrificing LOVE... that which there is no greater!

Now that Morisland has held its annual day for the presentation of "Oscars," the public may settle back to the influence of the spoken flickers. (By the way, why doesn't some group get up a sort of "Oscar" contest for those actors and actresses who achieve the most marriage—with special "Oscars" for those who manage to entice the husbands or wives of other actors and actresses? Surely, there (See THIS & THAT, 6-A)

Village Invites Willetts Back

Mr. and Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr., 655 Pilgrim, Birmingham, are going on a trip.

Mrs. Willett, former mayor of Birmingham, and her husband are going to the tiny village of Edwardsburg, Mich., on May 18 to dedicate a city hall.

Edwardsburg is a community of about 900 people near the Indiana border in Southwestern Michigan. Mrs. Willett first came in contact with the town during Michigan Week Mayor's Exchange Day a few years ago.

James M. Winter, president of the village, told Commissioner William H. Burgum in a letter that when they began looking around for a speaker the council had but one person in mind—Mrs. Willett.

Present plans call for the Willetts to lead a parade through the town, attend a banquet and the dedication ceremonies.

Winter has promised Mr. Willett he can drive the village's new fire truck in the parade.

President Cline Quits: New Job, New Locale

BEVERLY HILLS—The village council learned Monday that as of May 1 Beverly Hills will lose its first and only president.

Marvin B. Cline, council president and first citizen of this village since its incorporation in 1958, announced Monday that the Ford

City and incorporate as a separate entity, and has been active ever since.

"THIS WILL be a totally new experience for Mrs. Cline and myself," Cline said, expressing deep regret at leaving Beverly Hills. "We've never lived anywhere except in this locale."

Cline will go to the new plant as assistant plant manager.

The council immediately began making arrangements for Mayor's Exchange Day with Midvale, N.J. In his letter of resignation, addressed to the council, to each village official separately and to all village employees, to the planning commission and the board of appeals, Cline said:

"I WANT to express my appreciation to the people of Beverly Hills who have elected me to the council since the village was incorporated, and to my colleagues on the village council who have chosen me as the village president for this period of time."

"It also wants to thank all of the people who have served the Village of Beverly Hills in various capacities for their excellent cooperation."

"The government of the village is in very capable hands, and we are confident that this will continue to be a wonderful place to live."

MARVIN B. CLINE Motor Co., with whom he is employed, was transferring him to its Mahwah, N. J., assembly plant, effective May 1.

Expression of shock and regret came simultaneously from each council member. Cline was on the first charter commission organized in the village's struggle to get out of the closing net of Southfield

OCL to Vote On County College Issue

Oakland Citizens League members will vote on a board proposal to support the community college issue at their annual dinner at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 13. The event will be at Devon Gables, Telegraph and Long Lake roads, in Bloomfield Township.

Oakland University Chancellor Durward E. Varner will be the speaker, discussing "A New Frontier for Investment."

Also on the agenda is the election of six directors, according to F. Ward Ouradnik, current League president. The new board will elect a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer from its ranks.

Directors of the Oakland Citizens League unanimously recommended membership support for the community college proposal in March. The move followed an in-

(See OCL, 5-A)

Camp Oakland Set For Annual Meeting

A president and a board chairman will be elected by the board of directors of Camp Oakland, Inc., at their annual meeting at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills.

The presidential vacancy was created by the death of Walter Gehrke, Camp Oakland president for 11 terms before his death in December.

The executive committee of the nonprofit corporation is expected to recommend that the board continue Carl O. Barton as president and Oakland Circuit Court Judge Arthur E. Moore as chairman of the board of directors. Barton and Judge Moore were named to the interim posts by the executive committee in January, to serve until the annual meeting.

Barton, a contractor and civil engineer, lives at 588 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Judge Moore, Royal Oak, was one of the founders in 1958 of the Oxford camp for underprivileged children.

MRS. BERT D. MILLS, 906 W. 10th, Bloomfield Hills, chairman of the Camp Oakland Women's Committee, is in charge of arrangements for a brunch to be served at 1 p.m. with the meeting to follow.

Husbands and wives of directors and interested friends of Camp Oakland are being invited to attend.

Plans to call for bids for a new Boys' Ranch at Camp Oakland will also be reported at the May meeting. Guests will hear a report from Camp Oakland Executive William J. Matas and an outline of plans to restore the 300-acre camp's lake to a higher water level. A well has been drilled and pumps are being installed to bring the lake back up.

Mrs. Mills and Robert W. Chittenden, both of Bloomfield Hills, are vice-presidents of Camp Oakland.

MRS. JAMES B. LANTING, 2725 Spring Arbor, Southfield, is secretary.

No Candidates Yet In Hills Election

Although no candidates have officially qualified for the two seats on the Bloomfield Hills School Board up for election June 8, petitions are being circulated for incumbent Merrill O. Bates and PFD Council member Donald C. Hyde. They are expected to be turned in this week.

Earl W. Givens, whose term on the board is expiring, has announced to the Birmingham Eccentric that he will be a candidate for re-election. Other school patrons, who have not yet announced, have indicated that they are considering running.

Other members of the executive committee are Judge Moore, Oakland Probate Judge Norman R. Barrett of Troy and Judge Donald E. Adams of Drayton Plains, Oakland County Juvenile Director James W. Hunt of Pontiac.

I. W. Robertson and Harold P. Klein of Birmingham, Robert A. Dearth of Bloomfield Hills and Royal Oak resident R. E. Greene.

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