B'ham, Hills Candidates Answer Election Queries

The Birmingham Eccentric asked each of the candidates for the boards of education in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills several questions pertaining to their respective districts.

In Birmingham the candidates were asked:

(1) Why should school district voters approve or reject the two proposals at the June 8 election?

(2) If you are elected what do you hope to accomplish during your term on the Birmingham Board of Education?

The Bloomfield Hills candidates were asked to state their views on the two bonding propositions—one a $7,000,000 issue for new construction and additions and the other a $625,000 proposal for physical education facilities.

The Eccentric presents these articles as a cooperative community service effort on behalf of the citizens of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

Mrs. Louise Adams

Appointed to the board of education in October 1963, Mrs. Frederick (Louise Adams) is running for the unexpired term of Richard Barnard. She was named to replace Barnard until the election could be held.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Mrs. Adams has lived in the Birmingham area for 17 years. She is presently taking courses in the graduate school of education at the U. of M. Dearborn Center.

The wife of Dr. Frederick Adams, she has five children, Frederick, Jr., 19, Richard, 18, Robert, 15, Sally, 13 and Holly, 11.

SHE IS A past president of the University of Michigan Alumnae Club of Birmingham, a former president of the Bloomfield Village PTA and was active in the Citizens Elementary Curriculum Study.

Mrs. Adams, 43, was also the district representative to the Womens District Golf Association from Orchard Lake Country Club.

She feels the two proposals deserve every voters "conscientious consideration."

"The prediction for an increase of over 800 students alone this fall and for over 3,000 more students at the end of five years is a sobering thought and necessitates building action.

"The 5.6 mills increase is a necessity. A breakdown of this sum is helpful in understanding our problems as 4.3 mills is needed to keep our system operating at the present level and to supply teachers and equipment to operate the new schools and additions.

"The remaining 1.3 mills goes for the program improvements and some additional increases in teachers salaries."

If elected Mrs. Adams said she would "give my conscientious attention to all matters and weigh and evaluate them for the good of the whole school district."

Joseph Anderson

A Birmingham area resident for nearly 14 years, Joseph Anderson lives at 5612 Putnam, Walnut Lake.

Anderson, 37, is a graduate of Berkley High School and works as a manufactures agent for R. E. Muncey, Inc. He is married and has two children, Patti Jo, 6, and Barry, 9.

Active in the Birmingham Umpire Association and the PTA, Anderson is also a volunteer fireman.

ON THE two proposals Anderson said:

"Quality Education is the means by which children attending the Birmingham schools can become competent members of their community and society.

"Birmingham schools have followed a policy of quality education and to continue this policy it is necessary that money be appropriated. Thus it becomes obvious that both the bond issue and the millage program be passed."

"I will do everything to enable a child to become a competent member of the community through program, curriculum and activities conducive to this goal," Anderson said.

Richard L. Halsted

A Birmingham area resident all of his life Richard L. Halsted, 35, presently lives at 4053 Spur Hill.

He is vice president of Halsted-Johnson & Co., an insurance firm with offices in Detroit. He is married and has two children Richard Jr., 10, and Robert, 8.

A graduate of Birmingham High School and Dartmouth College, Halsted also attended the University of Michigan School of Business Administration and the Wayne State University Law School.

He was chairman of the 1963 Citizen Elementary Curriculum Study, Social Studies Committee and was a precinct chairman for the 1964 Citizens for Birmingham Schools. He is also a former member of Pierce and Harland school PTA boards and manager of a Birmingham Little League team.

ON THE ballot proposals he said;

"The real question for voters to answer on the June 8 ballot is a challenging one.

"Do you want the Birmingham schools to maintain their present quality of program, and are you willing to pay a little more to make it possible for Birmingham to develop a truly outstanding school system?

"After careful study of the factual information supporting the building program and the operating millage increase, I'm convinced these two proposals should be adopted if we are to progress forward rather than slip backward.

"The education of our children can only be as good as we want it to be!

ON HIS election he said;

"School board membership is a solemn trust. Taxpayers can expect me to work for facilities which are adequate, but not extravagant; top-quality personnel, but not in excessive numbers; the best teaching materials and equipment available, but only where need is clearly demonstrated.

"Parents can be assured that I will seek to established long-range plans for school boundaries, and to keep the need for busses to an absolute minimum.

"I want to emphasize that money alone is not the answer to excellent schools. I will encourage the most searching re-evaluation of our educational processes possible and seek prompt adoption of sound ideas which result.

E. Ross Hanson

A Birmingham resident for 10 years, E. Ross Hanson is seeking another term on the board of education. He is presently serving as its president.

Hanson, 966 N. Glenhurst, is a personnel planning manager of the Ford Division of the Ford Motor Co. He is married and has three children, Katherine, 12, Evelyn, 11, and Cynthia, 7.

A graduate of Yale University and the Harvard Business School Hanson, 39, has been on the school board since 1960. He is also a member of the recreation board.

His other activities include the United Foundation, Oakland Citizens League and the Harvard Business School and Yale University Alumni fund solicitation.

ON THE two proposals Hanson said:

"Since approval of the bonding and operating millage proposals in the Nov. 1961 election, the Birmingham school board and administration have made substantial progress in our program to develop a quality school system for this community second to none.

"Approval of the new bonding and operating millage proposals is essential if we are to house a rapidly expanding enrollment without compromise to our present fine program.

"Support for these proposals will also make possible significant program improvements designed by our outstanding superintendent of schools," he said.

IN ANSWER to the second question Hanson said;

"During my first term as a member of the Birmingham Board of Education, I was proud to have a part in the adoption of clearly defined objectives and in the direction of the resources of this system in the pursuit of excellence.

"The system is now on the threshold of greatness. I would like to continue to contribute to the attainment of this goal by helping to implement the plans that have been submitted to the voters for ratification."

Edward J. Rambie

A supervisory mechanical engineer for the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Center, Edward J. Rambie lives at 901 Abbey Road.

He is a graduate of Denby High School, Detroit, Wayne State University and Kansas State College. Rambie is married and the father of three children, Gail, 15, Timothy, 12, and Deborah 11.

The 46-year-old Rambie is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church, active in boy scout work and a member of the Adams and Derby PTA's. He has lived in Birmingham for three years and is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

HE FEELS both of the propositions should be approved.

On the operating millage he said:

"The proposal will result in a substantial increase in costs to all taxpayers but is one which must be undertaken. Through this proposal we will be able to cope with the problem of increased enrollments while improving our instruction."

On the bonding issue Rambie said:

"The school board has made a thorough and timely study of the space requirements for new schools and enlargement of existing facilities. Their program for better instruction and updated facilities should receive wholehearted approval of the voters."

ON HIS candidancy Rambie said:

(1) "I believe that the engineering viewpoint that I can bring to be board will assist in solving the problem of our expanding school system.

(2) "I will work to obtain maximum dollar value from our instructional, operating and building programs.

(3) "I hope to exert a concerted effort toward attracting and holding experienced teachers in all departments. The program must continue to be strengthened particularly in regard to the national emphasis on science.

(4) "I pledge an interest in the students and hope to give them the best possible opportunity to develop themselves to their maximum potential for leadership and service in the world of tomorrow."

G. W. Whitehead

A Birmingham resident since 1955, George W. Whitehead lives at 858 Norwich. He is a graduate of Flint Central High School.

Whitehead, 41, is a manufacturer's representative and supervisor for Esquire Sock Division of the Kayser Roth Corp. He is married and has three children in the Birmingham school system, George III, 14, Robert, 10 and Susan, 7.

He was a two-term president of the PTA Council, a former president of the Pembroke PTA, a member of the citizen school advisory committee and community college committee.

Whitehead is also active in the Citizens Action Committee and was co-chairman of the Independent Citizens for Birmingham Schools in 1961.

IN ANSWER to the two questions he said:

"My candidacy to serve on the board of education results from eight years of experience in numerous citizen and PTA committee posts; most recently as president of the PTA Council. This work has given me a broad background on school facts, an understanding of school needs and a serious desire to continue working towards the steady improvement of our schools.

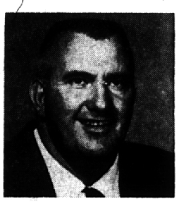
"I am fully aware of the problems we face, such as meeting the challenge of growth and the problems it creates; providing adequate buildings and more importantly — highly qualified staffs — competent teachers — proper teacher-pupil ratio. To meet this challenge will require well-informed voters.

It is in this area that I feel I have the qualifications, and—being a little old-fashioned—feel I have earned through my past experience the right to represent the voters of the Birmingham School District on the Board of Education.

IT IS MY thinking that in the 1961 millage election, we established—with a positive vote—the pattern and educational standards we want for our children in the community.

Therefore, I support the current millage proposals so that we may provide our children with the best possible educational opportunities.

MRS. ADAMS



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2 Proposals In B'ham

Voters at the June 8 Birmingham School District election will be asked to approve two proposals.

The first deals with a $5,300,000 bonding authority for two new buildings, additions on six schools, an administration building and other capital improvements.

The second calls for an additional operating millage of 5.6 mills beyond the current levy for five years and authorization to extend the 1.9 mills which expires next year.

Two Bonding Issues Face Hills' Voters

Voters in the Bloomfield Hills School District will decide the fates of two bonding propositions when they go to the polls on June 8.

Faced by an increase in enrollment during the next four years from its present figure of 5,200 to 7,357, the school board in the first proposition asks for permission to borrow money for additional classrooms and facilities.

PROPOSITION 1

The breakdown on the request to borrow $7,045,000 is as follows:

- A new central administration office building on the site now owned east of the present high school, $192,800.
- A new bus garage on East Hills Junior High School property, to provide garage storage, wash and grease racks, and for bus repair, $94,600.

- AN ELEMENTARY school site for future use, $85,000.
- The first addition to Booth Elementary School, with six new teaching stations, to make a full 3-unit, kindergarten to sixth grade school, with auxiliary spaces, $148,500.
- Third addition to Hickory Grove Elementary School, with four new teaching stations, one kindergarten, library, $173,700.
- Second addition to Conant Elementary School, with six new teaching stations, $148,500.
- Second addition to Pine Lake Elementary, with seven new teaching stations, $137,000.

- A NEW expandable, 2-unit, K-6 elementary school with 12 teaching stations, two kindergartens, library, cafeteria, office, clinic, teachers' study and conference area, on site now owned on Square Lake between Eastways and Squirrel roads—to relieve enrollment pressure on Eastover and Hickory Grove, $633,750.
- Second addition to Bloomfield Hills Junior High School, with four new teaching stations, $112,500.
- First addition to East Hills Junior High, with 16 new teaching stations, $457,000.
- Renovations of old, or original, building at Vaughan Elementary, $100,000.
- Renovations at Wing Lake Elementary, $30,000.
- A NEW SECOND high school for 600 students (designed for later expansion) with 400-seat auditorium, but without a "game" football field, and with all other essential facilities as in present high school building on site now owned on Lahser between Hickory Grove and W. Long Lake, $2,280,950.
- A new, expandable, 2-unit, K-6 elementary school with 13 teaching stations library, on one of two sites now owned, $633,750.
- A third new, 600-pupil, junior high school, complete with all facilities as in the two present junior high school buildings, on a site now owned near Lone Pine and Middlebelt, $1,816,250.

PROPOSITION 2

The school district asks permission to borrow $625,000 for expansion of physical education facilities which would include:

- A 7-lane swimming pool in the proposed new high school, complete with all mechanical equipment and furniture.
- Three tennis courts each as Bloomfield Hills and East Hills junior high schools.

- TRACK FACILITIES at Bloomfield Hills and East Hills junior high schools.

The physical education facilities would cost an estimated $602,500 and capitalized interest at 4 per cent, legal fees and other costs would boost the total to $625,000.

'Meet Candidate' Dates Scheduled

The PTO Council of the Bloomfield Hills Schools will sponsor two "Meet Your Candidates" nights this year.

The first will be held June 2 at East Hills Junior High School with arrangements being made by the Donald Wards and the moderator for the evening, Hugh Carney.

The second will be held June 4 at Bloomfield Hills Junior High with the Brad Radikes in charge of arrangements and Vince Sandercock as moderator. Both meetings will begin at 8 p.m.

Four Vie For Two Seats In Bloomfield

Merrill O. Bates

A veteran of 11 years on the board of education, Merrill O. Bates, 1250 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Township, has served as president and secretary and is now vice president

Bates attended public schools in Massachusetts and earned a B. D. degree from the University of California in 1934. He was a social worker in Chicago for three years, was a minister in Unitarian churches for 13 years and was active in business until his retirement in 1952.

He has served on the Board of Oakland County School Board Members Association for eight years (two years as president). He also is a director of the Michigan School Board Members Association and is a director on the board of the Oakland Citizens League.

BATES' POSITION on the bond issues:

(1) "This issue is a huge one in any language. The request is based upon a report submitted by our expert team from MSU.

"They have been correct in their findings during the past nine years. The passage of this issue at this time will allow the board to make careful study of the educational needs of buildings which will serve in the years to come.

"The board and administration have given you quality education. I beg of you to support this issue which will maintain and make possible the continued improvement of the fine scholastic standard already achieved."

(2) "I realize that there are many lakes in this area but none are, at present, open to school use. I know that these lakes are usable by a small minority of our residents.

"I, THEREFORE, feel that a swimming pool at one of our schools would make possible a great opportunity athletically, as well as give great enjoyment, not only to the student but also to adults. The pool would be open evenings for controlled community use.

"I need not point out that comparable communities have pools which are in constant use, are thoroughly enjoyed and are not a serious financial burden.

Swimming, unlike many sports, is almost a lifetime recreation and health benefit.

"It is my sincere hope that this issue will be supported by the voters."

Mrs. Chamberlain

Mrs. Carter A. (Amylee) Chamberlain, 38, of 4451 Chamberlain Drive, Bloomfield Township, holds a law degree from Southern Methodist University.

An active PTO member, Mrs. Chamberlain served on a special study committee of the Bloomfield Hills School District for the League of Women Voters and was an LWV observer at school board meetings.

She also is a member of the American Bar Association, past chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee of Detroit's Women's City Club, cofounder of the Keep Detroit Beautiful Committee and a member of the Countryside branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association.

HER HUSBAND is vice president and a director of Burnham Stoepel & Co., Detroit. The Chamberlains have two children, both of whom attend schools in the Hills district.

Mrs. Chamberlain's views on the bonding proposals:

(1) "The present population of Bloomfield Hills schools is 5,000 students and expected to double in the next 10 years. We are now at the halfway mark in the ultimate development. This is a turning point and our decisions must be reached by a forward looking board concerned with the quality of education, strong administration, and mature and informed voters.

"The additional facilities and classrooms are needed to cope with the expansion of our school system due to population growth.

However, I believe that before any construction proceeds, a thorough study should be made to assure that every taxpayer receives maximum value for his dollar. By such a study, taxpayers could be assured that nonfunctional items in schools are eliminated and that educational dollars are going to provide the necessary facilities without waste."

(2) "I BELIEVE that there is a definite need to move ahead in providing recreational facilities in our schools, but only after serious studies have been made to determine where such proposed facilities should be placed and the type necessary to promote maximum utilization.

"Unless the facilities are designed to promote maximum utilization, they can become an expensive burden to the school system.

"An intelligent and informed decision must be made by the taxpayers to determine if this is the time our school system should expand our recreational facilities. We are all aware that the resources or tax dollars of every community are limited and priorities must be determined."

W. E. Givens, Jr.

W. Earl Givens, Jr., 45, of 3857 Lakeland Lane, Bloomfield Township, is completing his first four-year term on the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education.

Givens, who works in heavy truck product planning for Ford Motor Co., was graduated from American and Northwestern universities with a bachelor's degree in education and has done post-graduate work in business administration and transportation engineering.

He is a life member of the National Education Association; served two years on the Vaughan PTO Board; was an organizer and first president of the Pine Lake School PTO; and was PTO Council president in 1959-60.

IN ADDITION, Givens has served as national president of Private Carriers Conference of the American Trucking Association and is a past president of the Michigan Safety and Personal Association.

He is married and has two sons, one of which attends Bloomfield Hills Junior High School.

Givens' position on the two bonding proposals:

(1) "I feel the board of education has, in the past few years, very capably carried forward and implemented a very sound foundation plan, outlined in 1957-58.

"Recent re-evaluation of the original plan by consultants to the board underlined the original projections, changing only in the degree to which population forecasts have changed. To me, this is a continuation of an already established and agreed to plan.

"THE PRESENT board has chosen to extend the term of the issue from an earlier 10 years indebtedness to a 30-year term, in order to more equitably distribute the cost of the facilities to those users who will benefit from the program.

"To meet our district growth, to retain or advance our present fine school system and to provide continuing educational opportunity, I feel passage of this issue is a fiscal necessity."

(2) "This bonding proposal is co-ordinated with the fundamental building program to give the voters a chance to clearly express their desires on this portion of the overall plan.

"In a community which presents uniquely both the pleasures and hazards of aquatic sports to practically every child, I would be derelict not to continue my support of this proposal.

"IT IS BOTH educationally sound in strengthening our physical education program and is an appropriate safety training and recreational improvement to our district. I continue to support the fullest possible use of the properties the public has entrusted to the board of education.

"The improvement in these properties by adding both education and recreational capability, as proposed in the issue, is to me, fundamental to the principle of fullest use."

Donald S. Hyde

Donald C. Hyde, 47, of 953 S. Reading Road, Bloomfield Township, is regional manager of Steel Magazine, Penton Publishing Co.

He is a past president of Eastover School PTO; is past chairman of Eastover School Magic Square Playground Committee; and has been a member of the PTO Council since 1962. He also is chairman of the Bloomfield Hills Teachers Grant Fund and is an active member of Big Brothers of America.

Hyde attended Cleveland, O., public schools and received his college training at Miami University and Western Reserve University. He is married and has four children, three of which attend Bloomfield Hills schools.

HIS POSITION on the two bonding propositions:

(1) "No manufacturer of a quality product can produce with inadequate facilities.

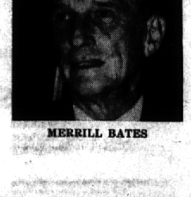
"Student enrollment has grown from 283 (1948) to 5,222 (today) and is projected to 10,000 (1970). Crowded classrooms are the early symptoms of a sick system. Thanks to skillful planning in the past we have maintained a healthy average of 25 to 30 students per classroom.

"The additional property tax (about $18 for a $40,000 residential property) must be the finest investment we can make in tomorrow's society."

(2) "A progressive school system would not suppress its mathematics department, for example. To do so would be to choke off the scholastic development of every one of our high school graduates. Our school system would be in trouble with every important college in the land.

"OUR PHYSICAL education department cannot function to the optimum without facilities for swimming, track and the other outdoor activities.

"Our society is getting a shorter work week whether we like it or not. By developing our youngsters' athletic skills we will have greater assurance of how they will spend their leisure time."



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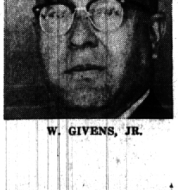

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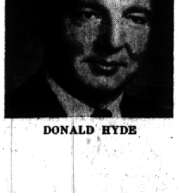

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