

School Board Urges Electors To Learn Facts Before Voting

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School board members, past and present, I'm sure will agree that one of the most difficult jobs they face is that of communication. To inform the voters sufficiently so that they will support a proposed budget is a real challenge.

We publish comparative charts, articles are written, costs are broken down, state aid is defined, equalization factors are discussed, teaching staff and administration costs are explained and custodial and transportation areas are explored. Information on these areas and more is relayed to residents of the district by news media, public meetings, club meetings and by person to person.

We try every approach we know and yet many voters do

not avail themselves of these true facts. Many go to the polls and vote "no" on the premise alone that "my taxes are too high now."

I'm sure that any Board member would agree taxes are high, but that thinking does not educate children.

An informed voter is an intelligent voter. It is everyone's right to disagree with Board decisions. That is a democratic process. We expect criticism and respect same when it is constructive. Occasionally false information is spread and has at times been quite hard to cope with.

I would be the first to admit that the school board makes mistakes, but in the main the final decisions of seven men from various walks of life should warrant your support.

I have never had everything my way, nor do I believe, have you. So if you, for example, don't approve of an administrator, a teacher, a board member, a half-do, or don't like the Board expenditures, the home economics department, the buildings or the transportation policy; if any one of these is your pet peeve, may I ask if that is really a fair reason to vote a "no" which could well defeat the many areas which you do approve.

At this writing the budget for the coming year is in the process of being prepared. Your seven Board members are very concerned that your (and our) tax dollars will be spent to the best advantage of the children of this district.

At the same time that we are aware of the tax burdens on those with inability to pay, we are aware of the need to improve curriculum and to maintain our physical plant and facilities. A very expensive, yet necessary part of our planning.

Over 80 percent of our budget will be put in teachers' salaries. To obtain and to keep good teachers we must pay at least the going salary. Nationally, salaries for teachers are spiraling upward. If we did not move gradually or annually with these increases, we would find ourselves at the bottom of salary scales with irreparable damage to a system we believe a good one.

Chelsea is not a poor district; we are blessed with more than our share of industry, farms and businesses who pay a large share of our taxes.

I do not know how many mills we are going to request this year. I do know it will of necessity be more than last year.

When the millage is set and a budget presented, I sincerely hope you will ask questions, call on Board members to speak at your meetings, read the papers, and flyers and generally become an informed voter. If you will do this, I'm confident you will support the decision of the seven Board members whom you elected.

There is little to be gained by working so hard only to have to rest the next.

Chelsea School District Cafeteria Menu

Monday, March 6—Savory Beef over biscuits, buttered beans, bread and butter, apple sauce, milk.

Tuesday, March 7—Sloppy Joes, slice of cheese, french fries, cabbage salad, Sunshine cake, milk.

Wednesday, March 8—Roast beef, whipped potatoes, gravy, buttered carrots and peas, bread and butter, fruit compote, milk.

Thursday, March 9—School half day, no lunch.

Friday, March 10—Pizza pie, buttered corn, lettuce salad, rice and pineapple dessert, milk.

Train Kills 2 Brighton Area Women Both Were Employed At Dexter Automatics

Two Brighton women were killed and six other persons—including five children—were injured Friday when an Ann Arbor Railroad train hit a car at a Hamburg township crossing in Livingston county.

State Police at the Brighton State Police Post identified the dead Brighton women as Mrs. Susan C. Larzelere, 20, of 6481 Marcy; and Mrs. Marion L. Hunt, 26, of 6468 Marcy.

Mrs. Hunt's husband, Russell, 28, was reported in critical condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Three Hunt children—Debbie, 6; Jeffery, 3; and Tammy, 2; and two Larzelere children, Dale, 2; and Bonita, 4—were listed in satisfactory condition at St. Joseph Hospital.

State Police said the car carrying the eight people skidded at the Bishop Lake Rd. crossing and hit the front of the engine which was pulling a freight train from Toledo, O., to Frankfort. The accident occurred at about 5:25 p.m., troopers reported.

State Police said the crossing is marked, but had no flashing signals.

Mrs. Hunt had been employed at Dexter Automatic Products since Jan. 3, and Mrs. Larzelere has been employed there for about the past two weeks.

Dexter Automatic honored their former employees with a two-minute silent prayer.

County Library Adds 'Red Balloon' to List Available for Loan

The Washtenaw County Library has added the delightful film, "Red Balloon," to its permanent collection of films available to any county resident.

"Red Balloon" has been described by critic Judith Christ as "a lovely, lyrical, soaked-in-Parisian-atmosphere tale of a lonely little boy who finds an immense balloon with a mind of its own."

This popular film, as well as 95 other 16-mm color films is available for overnight loan, plus a 16-mm projector and an 8-mm projector. In addition, the Washtenaw County Library collection includes 46 8-mm silent films, many of which are the forever-funny Charlie Chaplin classics.

To reserve any of the films, call 665-0683 or visit the county library in the basement of the Ann Arbor Public Library at 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor.

Girl Scout Leaders Plan Coming Events

The Chelsea Girl Scout Neighborhood Association held a meeting Monday, Feb. 27 in the Junior high home economics room with 18 members present.

It was announced that the annual Girl Scout cookie sale will take place March 3-18.

The Girl Scout Father-Daughter Program plans were presented and discussed. The program will take place March 17 from 7-8 p.m. in the junior high gymnasium.

The nominating committee announced the filling of two positions: Becky Tibb as Brownie troop organizer and Shirley Chapman as Junior, cadet and senior troop organizer.

The next meeting will be April 24.

TOUGH ON TRIBE

Mickey Lolich had beaten the Cleveland Indians seven straight times when they turned the tables on him in September, 1966.

For And About Teenagers



THE WEEK'S LETTER: "I need help from someone other than my friends and parents. I can't make them understand my problem. Last year I met a boy. We dated one time. I fell in love with him and he said he loved me. I went to a dance and he danced with me all night. He said he would see me the next Saturday. Then, all at once, he stopped talking to me. Sure, I danced with the other guys. I didn't feel right, but what could I do? I still love him, and one of my friends told me. Could you give me some reason to talk to him again? He is going with another friend of mine but he says he doesn't love her. He tells his cousin that he loves me, but he's shy. I think that is what is the matter with him. He acts so sweet and kind. Would you tell me how to act so he will call me again or so he can talk to me like he did when he first talked to me last year? Would you tell me why he says he loves me even though he stopped talking to me?"

OUR REPLY: You have carried a one-date "crush" for a long time. Don't you think it is time you faced up to the facts? If this boy liked you at all, he would show it. There is nothing shy or bashful about a boy who will tell a girl he has just met that he is in love with her. It's a mighty good line.

If you have a teenage problem you want to discuss, or an observation, in mine, address your letter to FOR AND ABOUT TEENAGERS, COMMUNITY AND SUBURBAN PRESS SERVICE, FRANKFORT, KY.

Last Measles Clinic Slated

The last in a series of free measles clinics offered by the Washtenaw County Health department and the county medical society will be held in Ann Arbor High school Saturday, March 4 from 9-11:30 a.m.

The health department and the medical society have invited parents anywhere in the county who have missed previous clinics to bring their children to Ann Arbor High on March 4.

Belle McKinney, co-ordinator for the clinics, said this week that "We have plenty of room for the Ann Arbor clinic and plenty of help. We are hoping for a large turn-out."

She reported that more than 2,000 county children have received vaccinations at the clinics to date.

EVIDENCE BY TAPE

London — Francis Ford was granted a divorce on grounds of his wife's talking. The 51-year-old man produced a 91-minute tape recording of his wife ranting that she had taken the pledge not to drink. Ford was heard to say "I wish you had taken the pledge not to talk."

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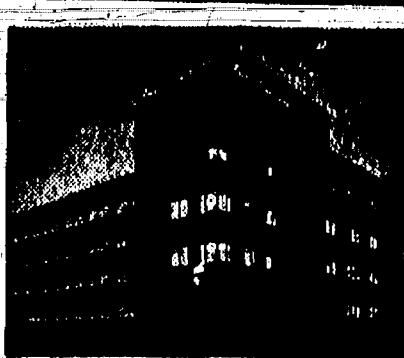
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