

Want \$500,000 Bond Issue for High School

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been obliged to put up with many disadvantages and there can be no more postponement without lowering efficiency. It is a condition and not a theory which confronts the voters.

Need More Classrooms

The first great need is for additional class rooms. All rooms intended for this purpose were in use up to capacity two years ago. Many temporary rooms have been provided by sacrificing space needed for study halls, library and other purposes; but now it is no longer possible to provide more rooms of even a temporary character because every inch of space is in use. The lunch room is inadequate and must be enlarged at once, in order to take care of all the pupils who find it necessary to get their lunch at the school. The office space for conducting the business affairs of the school must be increased immediately. Before very long the gymnasium facilities, which are at present greatly overtaxed, must be added to. If they are not the physical health of the boys and girls and their physical well being will be unfavorably affected.

Auditorium Inadequate

The school auditorium is much too small to hold the entire student body. The laboratories, the study halls and the bookstore are all inadequate for a school of the present size. A temporary overflow has been provided for the library but this is not only insufficient, but it is sorely needed for other purposes. Last year one of the four study halls was cut up for class two evils which involved serious complications. This was a choice between lengthening the school day has been lengthened in order that the plant might be further utilized to capacity. This, of course, was a makeshift and its continuance is not to be thought of.

The conclusions forced upon the Board of Education of the High school are that the school must have more and enlarged buildings at once. Even if building is started immediately the efficiency of the school may be retarded before buildings can be completed. The members of the board feel an obligation to maintain the splendid traditions and educational standards of the school and at the same time to deal as conservatively as they can with the money which is turned over to them from taxation.

Building Plans Ready

From what has been said above, the needs of the school are immediate and from the facts presented this must be apparent to everybody. The plans for immediate building operations have been practically decided upon and the general plans for further enlargement are still under discussion. The Board of Education will call upon the citizens of the township on Saturday, September 30, 1922 to vote to authorize an issue, as needed, in order to meet the demands of the High school, of bonds in the sum of \$500,000. The maturity of these bonds will be arranged so that the entire issue will be retired in 20 years. They will bear interest at 4½%, which will be payable semi-annually.

Will Not Increase Taxes

The present bonded indebtedness of the school is about \$80,000. Every

thoughtful citizen, in approaching a problem like the one presented, naturally says to himself: "Is this proposed bond issue likely to increase my taxes?" Of course, we are none of us seers or prophets. It is the deliberate and honest judgment of the members of the Board of Education that, if a bond issue of half a million dollars be voted, taxes will not be increased, for the reason that the bonds can be paid off out of increased current revenue in the same way in which the land was paid for which was acquired in the spring of 1921. This prediction, of course, is based on the supposition that the School district, during the next ten or twenty years, is likely to grow in the same proportion in which it has grown during the last ten years. *It should be kept in mind that the voting of this bond issue will not increase at all the tax rate. The Board of Education has absolutely no thought at present of suggesting any increase in the tax rate.*

Seek Good of Children

The board has tried hard to approach the question of the future needs of the school with a broad vision. It feels that the work of the high school must go on, and that it must go on along wide and comprehensive lines. It feels that, for the children who live in our School District, the very best is none too good. Its policy will be always to provide a sufficient force of thoroughly efficient well paid men and women as teachers, to furnish sufficient land and sufficient buildings to keep the school in the very front rank of modern High schools, judged from the standard of the best modern educational thought. It looks to the voters for support in dealing with this problem, and it looks to them with no feeling of apprehension, because it believes that the very large majority of the thoughtful fathers and mothers who live in our School District will unite in a policy of giving to our high school children the best that can be had.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL.

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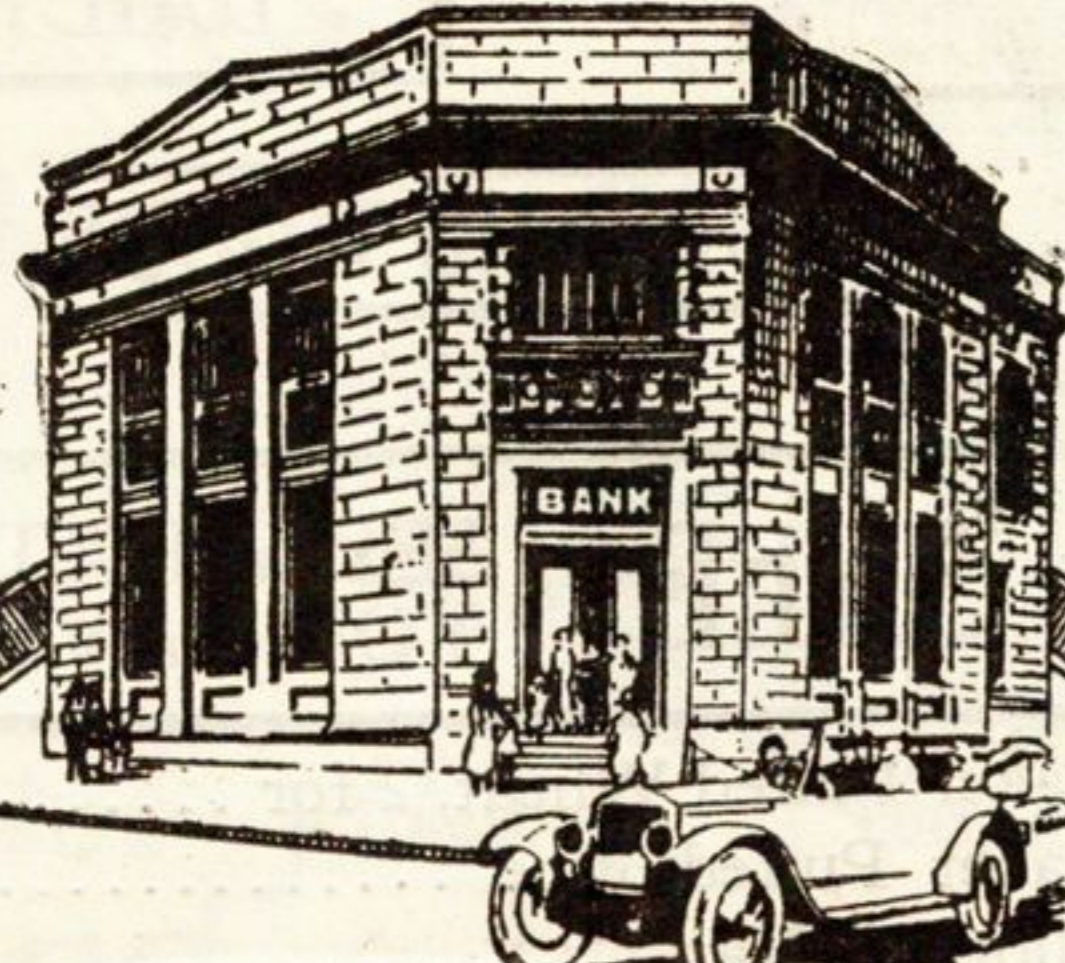
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