

# Board agrees on need for new school

The members of the South Seneca Central School Board of Education Monday evening, took the floor individually to declare their unanimous support for the construction of a new high school, but it was apparent that they are still divided on where it should be built.

Speaking for a delegation from Lodi, Mrs. Robert Voorhees asked each board member "Do you want a new high school building?"

Stanley VanVleet pledged his support for a new building. He gave the 92-95% state financing incentive; the educational advantage of a new school and the increased attraction for new teachers as his reasons for believing that a new school is necessary. Robert Dox, Fred Swick and Robert Akins all concurred with this statement.

Robert Dickerson, who at an earlier meeting had questioned the advisability of building a new school, said that he is now convinced that renovating and adding to the present buildings would be impractical and he is now 100% behind a new high school.

Board president, Elmer Porter stated that he had worked for the merger and the building program in the interest of a better education for the children of the district. He said he thought it was about time we "think more about the kids" and less about what town gets the new school.

District principal Curtiss Maxson emphasized the need for more space by stating that the present permanent buildings are equipped to handle 1525 students, but over 1700 are enrolled. He said that experts estimate that this area will grow faster than most of the

state and the time would come when undesirable, double sessions would be necessary if additional space is not provided. "Every month we postpone and put it off (the building program), the educational program will continue to suffer."

Asked why they decided to support a vote on the Ovid (Elno Kannellin) property and dissolve the Lodi (Richard Farr) site, Messrs Akins, Dickerson, Swick and Dox gave economy of building next to one of the existing plants, and the availability of water as the main reasons. Mr. Swick also stated that there was just too much conflicting information from the engineer, to enable the board to make an intelligent decision on the Lodi site.

Asked if he would prefer that the school be built in Ovid instead of Interlaken, Akins said: "I don't care where it is built as long as

there are facilities available."

Contrary to an item in the Geneva Times, Monday, Mr. Maxson stated that the board did not have an option on the Kannellin property

"as of tonight" but hoped to have one before the Jan. 25 meeting.

To expedite this, a resolution was passed authorizing the school  
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## Ness new supervisor

TRUMANSBURG - Ralph "Bud" Ness was appointed Town of Ulysses Supervisor by the Ulysses Town Board Tuesday night to fill the unexpired term of one year of Clifford Bower who resigned effective December 31. Ness is presently serving on the Village Board as trustee. He has formerly served as Mayor and as trustee.

Bowers resignation was unexpected at the December meeting. The board read a resolution citing the exceptional record, praising him as a friend, as well as a dedicated public servant. The Town

Republican Committee submitted a resolution naming Bower as "Mr. Ulysses" and thanking him for his cooperation in Republican affairs of the town.

In other business, bids for a one-ton dump truck went to Newport Chevrolet in the amount of \$3,885.70. A bid for a 1971 tractor and mower went to S.E. Hansen of Horseheads in the amount of \$4,395.

The Board will consider appointing a zoning committee at the February meeting to completely revise the present Town Zoning Ordinance on recommendation from Zoning officer Arl Robinson.

## Community Council plans annual meeting

TRUMANSBURG - The Annual meeting of the Ulysses Community Council will be held Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of The Epiphany on Elm Street.

The purpose is for the hearing of 1970 annual activity reports from local agencies supported by your United Fund contributions and for these agencies to present budget requests for 1972. The Tompkins County United Fund office usually asks that budget requests be in their office by Mid-March. Therefore, we are requesting that these be submitted simultaneous with the written annual activity report at

the above mentioned annual meeting. The Council requests that at least one representative from each organization be present.

Three new directors will be elected. Should your organization have a member they are desirous of seating on the Council, please phone the chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Charles Stewart 387-9527 or Carl Potter, President 387-3383. It is through your or-

ganization that the Council learns of people who are interested in community improvement and are willing to participate.

According to our bylaws, Member Organizations are required to pay \$1 in dues prior to March 1. These may be paid at the Annual Meeting or mailed to Mrs. David Boyd, Treasurer. Please make checks payable to Ulysses Community Council.

## Little Miss contest open