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Section Four

Brief Items From The School Board

Trustee Joseph R. Julin told Ann Arbor youth in Mrs. Lyndon nation's capital. 0—0
the Ann Arbor Board of Education last night every effort should be made to remind Ann Arbor residents that one-half of their school taxes will be collected in the summer of 1968, along with the city taxes. Previously, all school monies were collected in December. One-half of the total payments will be due between July 1 and Aug. 31, 1968, to facilitate operating costs. The remaining portion will be collected, per usual, in December.

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The school board unanimously approved three personnel changes recommended by Acting Supt. W. Scott Westerman Jr. The resignation of Mrs. Ruth Kennedy, an elementary school librarian, was accepted, and two teachers were added to the staff—Mrs. Sandra Riggs (half-time to Dixboro School) and Mrs. Norma Green (half-time to Northside School).

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The film, "We're On Our Way," depicting the Thurston Nature Center and the work of

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Two Ann Arbor High School student council members will be attending the AATA's office. Preliminary procedures and relationships with the communication media will be discussed.

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Donald Newsted, president of the Ann Arbor Teachers' Association, declared that the AATO would support the proposed bonding referendum.

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All nine trustees attended the

Defend Thurston Pond Plan

Editor, The News:

A proposal to make the Thurston School pond into a nature study area is opposed by a group...

They say the water is stagnant, polluted, insect-breeding, and a safety hazard.

This reputedly stagnant pond bothers neither ducks, birds, frogs, muskrats, salamanders, turtles nor most Homo sapiens which live in the area.

The City Health Department and the County Sanitation Department say this reputedly polluted pond ISN'T.

Insects and mosquitoes are indeed plentiful and can be counted

on to multiply as the summer progresses. Those mosquitoes bred in the clear-water pond will be far outnumbered by those bred in the ample nearby woods and lawns.

In comparison with the Georgetown Boulevard expressway the safety of the pond falls.

The deprived Thurston School children with their already oversized playground would further be deprived of their nature center by this small group...

The desirable features of the Nature Sanctuary far outweigh any undesirable aspects that may accompany it.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Boers