

# County Says Okay To Hospital No To Library

Branch county electors voted Tuesday to enlarge the Community Health Center and at the same time overwhelmingly rejected a proposal which, in effect, would have resulted in a merger of the county, city, village and township libraries.

The hospital proposal carried by a narrow 45-vote margin with 3,786 electors voting "yes" and 3,741 voting "no."

By way of sharp contrast, some 4,705 voted "no" on the library proposal with only 2,651 casting affirmative ballots. This proposal carried in only two precincts—Union township and Coldwater's Third Ward, 1st precinct.

Approval given yesterday to raise \$2,200,000 from bond will finance construction of a 60,000 square-foot addition at the hospital.

The total cost of the hospital expansion, it is estimated, will be \$3,500,000 with \$1,300,000, or almost 38 per cent, coming from Hill-Burton (Federal) funds.

The major share of the remaining cost will be paid from hospital revenues with taxpayers paying not more than a half mill (50 cents per \$1,000 state equalized valuation) during the next 20 years.

The hospital's board of trustees hopes to have the voter-ap-

proved expansion completed in 1969.

Yesterday's vote, by precinct, on the hospital proposal was as follows:

	Yes	No
Algansee	160	188
Batavia	119	162
Bethel	112	120
Bronson twp	121	112
Butler	113	91
California	52	108
Coldwater twp	282	251
Gilead	88	133
Girard	137	156
Kinderhook	71	168
Matteson	146	204
Noble	53	55
Ovid	161	163
Quincy 1st	138	121
Quincy 2nd	238	149
Sherwood	126	147
Union	356	197
Coldwater City		
1st ward	129	214
2nd wd 1st	217	171
2nd wd 2nd	132	113
3rd wd st	266	133
3rd wd 2nd	151	115
4th ward	161	171
Totals	3,786	3,741

## County Goes The Way Of State On Tuesday

Branch county Republicans, with only two notable exceptions, heavily supported party candidates on their state and congressional tickets in Tuesday's biennial general election.

The two exceptions were popular Democratic Secretary of State James M. Hare and Attorney General Frank J. Kelley. Both lost Branch county but both ran far ahead of other candidates on their party ticket.

Gov. George M. Romney headed the GOP ticket in Branch county with a total of 6,572 votes to 2,996 for Zolton A. Ferency.

George Washington, Republican candidate for secretary of state, polled 1,300 less than the

governor to lead Hare in this county, 5,258 to 4,087. Hare apparently picked up many independent as well as some Republican votes in this county.

Former Gov. G. Mennen Williams ran a little ahead of most of the Democratic candidates in this county but not as well as was anticipated. Rep. U.S. Senator Robert P. Griffin out-pollled him in Branch, 6,185 to 3,214 for the full term, and 6,069 to 3,142 for the unexpired term.

Circuit Judge Mark S. Andrews, running unopposed for re-election, drew 5,767 complimentary votes in Branch, and 7,379 in St. Joseph county for a total of 13,146.

In the other non-partisan voting for Supreme Court Justices, Branch county's unofficial returns showed the following counts:

Thomas M. Kavanagh, incumbent, 4,040; Otis M. Smith, incumbent, 2,648; Meyer Warshawsky, 2,322; and Thomas E. Brennan, 3,484.

Tabulation of returns from yesterday's election in Branch county were not completed until just before 4 a.m. today when the last precinct reported.

According to reports, Girard township served yesterday as one of the "spot precincts" used by the NBC network to show early voting trends.

The Branch county vote for other candidates not already mentioned was as follows:

Attorney General — Frank J. Kelly (D), 3,803; Lawrence B. Lindemer (R), 5,430.

Representative in Congress — John V. Martin (D), 3,122; Edward Hutchinson (R), 6,069.

Members of State Board of Education — Leon Fill (D), 3,130; Donald M. D. Thurber (D),

## Johnson Beaten By DeMaso For Senate

State Senator Roger Johnson of Marshall was unseated by his opponent, Rep. Harry De-

seat two years ago from John P. (Joe) Smeekens, who was defeated in the Republican pri-