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"GOOD SAMARITANS" OF COUNTY REPORT ON YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

County Welfare Board Asked To Make Several Changes For Uplift Of Oakland's Juveniles

87 DIVORCES GRANTED

Miss Reese And Mrs. Lyons Put In Busy Year; Interview 2,396 Persons In County

Beneath the apparent austerity and solemnity of the judicial system of Oakland county, there exists an institution that typifies "the good Samaritan." Though Judges Gillespie and Covert may be called upon to review and sentence human beings who have, wittingly or unwittingly, violated the code of society, these men, together with Probate Judge Stockwell, stand squarely behind two women who—toiling day in and day out with less strenuous and misdemeanors of life—seek to administer aid and bandage the wounds of misunderstanding men, women, and children.

The two women referred to are Anne Reese and Jeanette Lyons, who bear respectively the titles of "Friend of the Court," and "Assistant Friend of the Court," or another capacity both women are known as "Probation Officer," and "Assistant Probation Officer," respectively.

This article will set forth the activities of these two women, as included in their annual report to the Oakland County Welfare Board. This report will be submitted to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors when they convene in special session in Pontiac next Monday. The report which follows, shows the work done by Miss Reese and Mrs. Lyons from October of 1923 to October of this year.

CIRCUIT COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Report of Friend of the Court From October 1923 to October 1924. To The Honorable Oakland County Welfare Board:

The office of the Friend of the Court has now completed its second year. The personnel of our office has been increased from one investigator with a part time stenographer to two investigators known as the Friend of the Court, Assistant Friend of the Court and two stenographers. It must be kept in mind, however, that these same workers devote half of their time to the Juvenile Court.

At the close of October 1, 1923, we had 63 uninvestigated cases.

From October 1, 1923, to October 1, 1924, 162 divorces have been filed. Investigations have been made in 187 cases.

Leaving uninvestigated 38 cases.
Number of divorces granted 87.
Number of divorce cases closed 6.
Number of divorce cases closed 6.
1 child placed for adoption, 2 children attained the age of 16 years, 2 couples remarried.
Number of interviews 2396.
Number of calls made 1164.
Number of Court hearings attended 230.
Number of Special cases referred for investigation 19.

These include investigations for out of town courts, and investigations, at the Judges' request, of divorce cases in which there are no children.

It is interesting to know that 50 couples became reconciled and withdrew their divorce suits. They have not all proved successful adjustments however, and some have already returned to the divorce Court.

We now have under supervision 126 families. A brief history of the plaintiff and defendant was made

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Boy Scout Council Of Birmingham Is Formed Saturday

To assume responsibility for all of the Boy Scout work in the village, a Birmingham Council of the Boy Scouts of America was formed at a meeting in the community house, Saturday. Officers were elected and provision made for the examination of scout applicants in town. The development of the scout work is the outcome of the new scout troop formed in the schools, under the direction of Howard Crull, a member of the high school faculty, sponsored by the P.-T. A. Council.

Members of the council are for the most part men who previously have taken an active part in scout activities. Robert Hulbert, vice-president; Dr. R. H. Mann was elected president; J. J. Martindale, secretary-treasurer, and Lloyd Stanley, commissioner. In addition to the officers the committee consists of W. W. Raymond, J. F. Wenzl, Ralph Coryell, W. W. Spreen, Thomas H. Cobb, C. C. Vinsonn, D. D. Carr, J. J. Gafill, A. C. Utter and Dr. A. W. Newitt. The council will hold its meetings on the second Monday of each month. The scout troop meets once a week with an additional meeting one Saturday each month, for a hike.

The two scout troops now organized are Troop B 3, the new troop and Troop B 1, a troop that has been under the direction of Rev. W. C. Measgrained here for a number of years. Knight of the Presbyterian church. Through this new council these two troops will be able to expand and carry on their work under the National Scout Council without working through Detroit. Mr. McKnight's troop has the full membership of 33 and the new troop already has a membership of twenty which would indicate that within a short time another troop would become necessary. From a census taken in the schools Supt. Vliet reports that more than 300 boys here would be eligible for scout work.

Men To Form Local Volley Ball Team

Eight societies sent representatives to a meeting Tuesday noon at Taft Hall for the organization of a volley ball league here. Officers were elected and a tentative schedule worked out for a series of volley ball tournaments here this winter.

Russell McBride, David Anderson and Victor Peck were appointed as a schedule committee to confer with Supt. of Schools Clarence Vliet on the dates possible to use the gymnasium of the Adams school. They will make a report at another meeting next Tuesday noon in Taft Hall. The matter of opening a gymnasium to the team was taken up by the school board at its meeting Monday evening and it was found possible to give it the use of the Adams gymnasium for practice and tournaments.

Joseph R. Daly, a representative at the meeting from the Business Men's "Y," was elected president of the Volley ball club. Robert D. Lynd, representing the Y. M. C. A., was elected secretary, and David Anderson, from the Baracca Class of the Baptist Church, treasurer. Other organizations represented were the Methodist church, the Presbyterian church, the Bennaville Avenue Congregational church of Eco City, and the Rotary and Exchange Clubs.

MANY PUPILS MAKE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Seventh And Eighth Graders In Birmingham Schools Listed As "Good Citizens"

"BIRCH ROD" OUTLAWED

In that much talked of "grandfather's day" discipline and good behavior came via the birch rod. Perhaps birch is getting scarce or it has gone out of vogue—at any rate little fellows come home from school no more with tales of the "awful beatin' teacher gave a kid". Instead, they mention to mother and dad that their name has been added to the good citizenship honor roll.

Present day teachers are such good psychologists that by the end of the first five weeks in the school year they have converted most of their pupils into little, law abiding citizens. Most Birmingham junior high boys and girls have experienced that "Ain't it a grand and glorious feelin' " sensation at having their names on the Good Citizen roll during this five week period.

Seventh graders on the Good Citizenship Honor Roll are: Ldla Poppleton, Violet Prentice, Margaret Pullin, Lillian Rusch, Marjorte Shepherd, Doris Smith, Lillian Swayze, Gwendolyn Weller, Theodore Beltz, Carson Bingham, Stewart Clark, Hartwell Ladd, Tim Neal, Fredrick Rollins, Vernon Whitesell, Jean Wilson, Earl Ziegler, George Code, Clarence Long, Katherine Hunt, Boys and Jane Kidder, Esther Kist, Mary Wenzel, Sylvia Bomkamp, Thompson, Patricia Stirling, Virginia Thomas, Joy Stewart, Alice Smith, Alice Richman, Irene Raymond, Ethel Powell, Jane Templeton, Doris Marquiguld, Dorothy Kist, Alberta King, Lilah Johnston, Margaret Hurston, Doris Hoffman, Clarabelle Hathaway, Mary Emma Green, Evelyn Gill, Laura Drury, Violet DeLoach, Betty Brown, Jean Brooks, Ruby Bickford, Pearl Bickford, William Dean, Robert Howard, Willis Johnson, Charles Sidun, Howard Senteny, Robert Stanger, Harry Winborn, Gertrude Ashwell, Leah Baldwin, Irene Bany, Nancy Bingham, Lorraine Cook, Venetta Cox, Doris Cox, Louise Curry, Ruth Groves, Theodore Henry, and Irene McDonough.

Eighth grade "good citizens" are: Elton Buck, Floyd Doherty, William Gross, Carl Kalmback, David McCormick, Harold Feichman, Gerald Uptegraff, George Wolf, Jack Savage, Alfred Pote, Jack Ogden, Francis Messina, George Evans, Robert Hatch, David Doherty, Roderick Cox, Helen Hendrickson, Beatrice Gwath, Maude Curry, Lilly Baldwin, Clara Bickford, John Buckberrough, Lucille Black, Katherine Brown, Patricia Chandler, Claudine Cleveland, Janet Green, Annette Hall, Olive Kreger, Bernice Kresge, Helen Lovelace, Katherine Mann, Dorothy Manson, Marjorie Porter, Winifred Quartch, Joan Winborn, Mary Jane Wilson, Bertha Wendt, Roberta Meeker, Catherine McCutcheon, Margaret Johnston, Irene Johnston, and Carl Hilty.

H. CORSON IS ELECTED NEW POST COMMANDER

New officers were elected and this year's work finished at a meeting of Corson, Lyman Smith post, American Legion, in the community house Wednesday evening. At a special meeting in the community house October 22, the new officers will take their offices and begin a new year's work.

H. H. Corson was elected post commander; B. H. Larson, vice-commander; Wylie Pearsall, post adjutant; Arthur Peck, post finance officer; Loren Shippey, sergeant-at-arms, and Peter Artesis, post welfare officer. Two groups of delegates were appointed to represent this post at conventions. The first group is composed of F. F. MacGregor, H. H. Corson, Wylie Pearsall, and will alternate with the group composed of E. A. Burtraw, A. E. Smith, R. H. Carson.

The Charles Edward Post will not, according to a decision at their meeting, attempt to prepare a local program for Armistice Day. However, they expect to take an active part in assisting the Citizens League, which is forming for that purpose.

Edward G. Wasey returned to his home on Harmon avenue Sunday after a six weeks' trip to Europe.

"RETAIN SUNDAY OR THIS COUNTRY WILL BE PART OF HISTORY"

Rev. W. M. Womer, Noted Churchman, Gives Splendid Talk Before Rotary Club

PLEADS FOR CHILDREN

Startling Facts Set Forth By State General Secretary Of Lord's Day Alliance

"Unless the United States of America, through its institutions and its rank and file, recognizes the necessity of dedicating at least one day a week in the observance of uplifting and educating spiritual influences of life, it will not be long before historians will write the story of what was once a flaming nation," declared Rev. W. M. Womer, general secretary for the Lord's Day Alliance of Michigan, to the local Rotary club Monday noon of this week. Rev. Womer, a former New York city preacher, spoke to the Rotarians on invitation of George A. Jackson, a member.

"I am in Michigan to do a certain job—how long I will be here depends upon the way the people of this state accept the message I bring," said Rev. Womer. "The Lord's Day Alliance is an organization supported by most Christian churches in an effort to defeat the desires of Mammon, and better serve the requirements of God. Simply, we want to make it possible for a portion of the land to have one day of rest each week, and we want them to go to church, if possible."

The speaker mentioned the fact that over four million men and women of the United States were compelled to work seven days each week last year, thus being denied a chance to have their mental and spiritual lives elevated. He deplored the efforts of Wall Street to pass legislation that would make the transaction of business on Sunday a legal act, adding that the Lord's Day Alliance had prevented the passage of 108 such bills in the United States last year.

"A group of scientists—not religionists—made a survey of a certain district in Indiana last year, and learned some startling facts from the school children," went on Rev. Womer. "They found out, by some means or other, that more than sixty per cent of the children were capable of theft, while all of them were capable of falsehood. A score of years from now these girls—typical of boys and girls all over the United States—will be filling important positions in business and government. What may we expect from them but a continuation of the little misdemeanors of childhood—misdemeanors that may be multiplied into crimes of magnitude when they grow up? I do not plead for any certain sect or religion; I merely ask that society recognize the goodness of God, and allow at least one day each week for boys and girls, men and women, may devote a few hours to leading out of themselves the potentialities that are so wonderfully exemplified in the life of Jesus Christ."

Preceding Rev. Womer's address, the Rotary club voted to contribute two dollars for each member and to Michigan Society for Crippled Children, which is sponsored by the Rotary clubs of this district.

Albert W. Wasey, of the Birmingham Estates, was received into the club as its twenty-seventh member.

YOUNGSTERS TO HAVE OWN SERVICE CLUB

Birmingham Youths Will Follow In Footsteps Of Rotary And Exchange Clubs

HOLD THREE MEETINGS

Resulting from the noticeable success shown in the formation of a number of service clubs in Birmingham, a movement was started Friday afternoon to form an organization of the younger men of town. A meeting was held at Taft Hall, formerly the Birwood Inn, on South Woodward avenue, and plans for the new club discussed.

Those present at the first meeting were, Robert D. Lynd, local secretary of the county Y. M. C. A.; Ralph Moulthrop, chairman of a committee from the Exchange club; Charles Bingham, president of the Exchange club; J. B. Sheridan and Robert Carson, members of the Exchange club; and George R. Averill, president of the Rotary club. Russell McBride, Joseph Daly, Raymond Peck, and Percy Burnett, four young men who will take active part in the new club, were also in attendance.

A meeting was held last Monday noon at which those present last Friday were again in attendance, with the exception of Averill, who was supplanted by Charles J. Shain, as a member of the Rotary club. Tentative by-laws and constitution were considered. Another meeting will be held at noon today, when other young men of the village will be present.

The plan for the new club is to conform to the rules of other service clubs, taking not more than two men from each classification. The idea originated with Mr. Lynd, who several weeks ago obtained the aid of the local Exchange club in starting the movement.

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Brewer Makes Talk To Exchange Club

Willis M. Brewer, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Auditors, gave an interesting talk Tuesday noon at the regular meeting of the Birmingham Exchange club. He was introduced by Luther D. Allen, Republican nominee for Oakland County road commissioner, one of the Exchangeites.

Mr. Brewer told his audience of the sweeping changes made under his administration in the Auditor's office in Pontiac, changes that had assisted in saving the taxpayers many thousands of dollars annually. One of the things which his office has recently started is an audit of the books of the respective Justices of the Peace in Oakland County.

"We have been auditing the books of the Justices of the Peace and you would be surprised how some of them hold back their returnable fees," said Mr. Brewer. "Some of them were found to be five years behind in their payments to the county. In fact, we had to go out and write up several dockets. No doubt these men are honest and intended turning in the money—but they procrastinated."

Mr. Brewer has the unique distinction this fall of being the Democratic candidate for Congress at the November 4 election, from this district.

G. T. WILL BE ON NEW TRACKS WITHIN YEAR

Final Agreeent Reached Between Railroad And State Officials Last Saturday

DISCUSS LOCAL PLANS

Twelve months from now the Grand Trunk railroad probably will be using its new right-of-way a mile east of Woodward. The engineering staff of Michigan's highway department will be completing plans for widening the east side of Woodward avenue where the Grand Trunk tracks now lie.

Within two weeks from today Thaddeus Seeley of Pontiac, in charge of securing the right-of-way along Woodward avenue between Detroit and Pontiac for the state, will come to Birmingham to confer with local citizens relative to the widening of Woodward avenue through Birmingham. The above information was the substance of an interview obtained by The Eccentric yesterday from Mr. Seeley.

"A meeting between officials of the Grand Trunk and Governor Groesbeck, members of the state highway department, and myself, was held in Detroit last Saturday," Mr. Seeley continued. "And final, definite agreements were reached between both parties. It was mutually decided to move the railroad's right-of-way about a mile east of its present roadbed, for the stretch between Royal Oak and a mile or so north of Birmingham. The new roadbed will be on a straight line south of the Royal Oak passenger station.

"The state will start out immediately to legally obtain the land necessary for the new roadbed for the Grand Trunk; it is expected that, by next spring, all the land will be in the hands of the state, ready for excavation and grading. Actual laying of the tracks will follow. People who have seen the great strides made on Woodward avenue within the past year are confident that the Governor will push the Grank Trunk project to speedy completion.

"With the Grand Trunk problem temporarily out of the way, there is nothing to prevent coming to Birmingham very soon to settle just how Woodward avenue will be widened through your village. One of the favorable features about Woodward avenue, except that part in Birmingham and a mile on both sides between the Twelve and Thirteen Mile roads, has been secured. I expect that the state will have estimates of two methods of putting a trunk line through Birmingham. One will be by using the old Grand Trunk roadbed, and the other by taking property from the east side of Woodward avenue."

Mr. Seeley said that the estimates of both plans would be presented to the people of Birmingham for their consideration.

To date, nothing to determine Birmingham's desire for the widening of Woodward avenue has been done by various local committees appointed relative to the matter.

LOCAL BAPTISTS MAY BUILD A NEW CHURCH

The prospect of a new Baptist Church at the corner of Bates street and West Maple avenue on the site of the present Baptist parsonage, will be discussed at a special meeting of church members on Tuesday evening, October 14, at the church.

At present, no one has expressed an opinion on the favorable criticism on the project. The church board expressed assent to the plan at its last meeting.

Plans and sketchments will conclude the evening.

"THE HUNGRY NINE"

Certainly you have read, from time to time, the various articles published in The Eccentric under the caption, "Reminiscence." There's one this week that is rather fitting with the World Series games between the Giants and the Senators.

It relates to the origin of what he said to have been the best ball team ever representative of Birmingham. You will enjoy reading this week's article. The Eccentric will be pleased to publish anything of a reminiscent nature from any of its readers. Just send them in or call us—we'll send a reporter to your home for the story.

Oakfield Incorporation Idea Is Abandoned By Subdivisions

Drawing a small interest from several surrounding subdivisions, the little settlement on Prairie Lawn Acres has abandoned the idea of establishing an incorporated village to save itself from being drawn into any larger village nearby. Prairie Lawn, the center of a group of newly developed subdivisions, lies to the south of the Thirteen Mile Road and, beginning one-half mile west of Woodward avenue, stretches nearly to Southfield road.

Ambitions residents formed a civic league in Prairie Lawn Acres and recently made an attempt to encourage the interest of the other residents in their plan. The school district in the township of Royal Oak, where they are located, has built them a splendid school and this, with the advantages of a water system of their own, were thought to be enough to warrant the little communities banding together for incorporation. Meetings were held monthly all spring and summer in the Parker school house. Here the plan of incorporation was advanced and recently given up as it lacked the necessary co-operation and stimulating enthusiasm.

The subdivisions that were to incorporate under the plan included Meadowlawn Gardens, Maplecrest, Norwood Estates, a portion of Tennwood Gardens, Beverly Hills, Crooks Road, Birdcage Grove, North Park, Wider Woodward Subdivision and Starr Acres besides Prairie Lawn Acres. These settlements are built up a discontented way as far inner as the Crookes Road, which, if they were all incorporated with boundaries, would make a village of about five square miles. This would be about five times the size of Birmingham before the annexation of the Quarton Lake Estates.

Rumors circulated in the subdivisions regarding the paving of the Thirteen mile road are largely responsible for the feeling against the incorporation plan and the lack of interest. Word has been passed around that within a year the Thirteen Mile road would be paved and, if these sections were incorporated, the major portion of the assessment would fall on them. The proposed village which was to be named Oakfield.

There is little civic activity in these settlements. There is no "general store" or church. There is decidedly little community life, with the exception of these monthly civic meetings.

As in most communities of any size there are "the few" who dabble with politics and it is these few who form the life of the little gatherings once a month. Among the "crowd" the feeling of being "taken in" is the attitude that ruins a co-operative scheme that would make a progressive community. There is a general feeling among these suburbanites that Berkley is ready and grasping for the subdivisions and the desire to thwart Berkley in this plan is quite general.

A very friendly feeling toward Birmingham prevails and the question of annexation by Birmingham is received rather favorably. Eco City, that thriving little community between Birmingham and this section, is held up as an example of what can be done with their subdivisions. Opinions are that, providing Eco would be annexed by Birmingham their second son follow, rather than ally with the villages to the south of them.

INCREASE OF PUPILS 166 OVER YEAR AGO

Total Enrollment October 1 is 1413; Was 1247 Twelve Months Ago

TUITIONS IN ARREARS

An increase of 166 pupils is reported to be registered in the Birmingham school district over the number registered at the same time, October first, last year. The number on October first was 1413 as compared to 1247 last year, entered in the entire school system of this district.

Charles J. Vliet, superintendent of schools, said this week that there is yet to be a large number of students entered this year. Next week, he said, there, in the several schools in town, ten new pupils enrolled, and there is no day passes, according to Mr. Vliet, that there are not new entries. The Detroit schools record an increase of 4.47 in the city school enrollment this year to October first.

Starting next Monday morning the new room in the Adams school will be occupied by the second grade. This room is on the ground floor and has not been finished at the time the building was completed, awaiting such time as it would be needed. It was found necessary this fall to have more room and the room was equipped with a new cork floor and seats for forty children. Miss Mame Beuhl has been engaged to instruct the class.

Tuition for rural students or students outside of the district has been decidedly slow in payment in this year. The total tuition for all outside students aggregates $8,000. To date, only little more than $1,000 has been paid. The board decided at its meeting Monday night to allow only one week for the payment of tuition hereafter. This has been the custom in previous years and was changed this year for the convenience of parents.

Tuition rates range from $60 a school year for pupils in the first four grades, $80 for the fifth and sixth grades, $100 for the seventh and eighth grades, and $120 for the high school grades. It is stated by the school board that the greatest laxity in the payment of tuition has as a general thing been among those who were well able to pay the amount.

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"VALUES INCREASE"

Do you want to know what the widening of Woodward avenue means to Birmingham and vicinity in the way of real estate values? Then read what Rex Humphrey, of the Leinbach-Humphrey Co., subdividers of Eco City, recently said:

"Woodward avenue frontage in Eco City was all sold out nearly a year ago, and already the estimated increase of value on this frontage amounts to somewhere between $250,000 and $300,000, and it is expected that by another year the increase will total at least $500,000."

It is rumored about that the owner of a piece of property on Woodward avenue in Birmingham was offered over $600 per front foot for his land two weeks ago—and the frontage is just on the edge of the business section.

OPPOSES WIDENING OF WOODWARD AVE.

Aaron Levinson, Former Resident, States Reasons For Disapproving 204-Foot Highway

SEEKS ENLIGHTENMENT

The Eccentric recently received a communication from Aaron Levinson, attorney, a former resident of the village, relative to the problem of widening Woodward avenue through Birmingham. In the letter Mr. Levinson sets forth are in response to an editorial in this newspaper, asking for opinions from readers on the Woodward avenue situation. The letter follows, in part:

"Editor Eccentric:

"Ever since you took hold of the Eccentric you have evinced a commendable desire to enlighten Birmingham folks on Birmingham's problems. As you appreciate, the biggest problem before the village, now that the water problem is temporarily out of the way, is wider Woodward avenue.

"Your editorial in a recent issue shows that you consider wider Woodward avenue as Birmingham's first problem now—and rightly so. You still desire to enlighten Birmingham folks as much as possible. Having this in mind, I propound the following questions:

"First: Is there any city in the United States having four parallel sets of surface tracks, where two sets are used exclusively for rapid transit? My opinion is that rapid transit in cities is always handled by elevated or subways—that surface rapid transit is dangerous unless completely separated from main arteries of traffic and fenced off, and that two sets of tracks through the village main street should handle local as well as rapid transit.

"Second: Is it not a fact that the village will have to resurface, (and perhaps put a heavier base under it) Woodward avenue in a few years—probably within the next utmost.

"Third: Is it not a fact that in the near future the sanitary sewer system in the business section on Woodward avenue, (if not its whole length), must be lowered? You know, George, that it is impossible to have stores in Woodward avenue basements because the sewer is not deep enough. My father's building a lift pump is used to raise waste water to the sewer level—a bad, bad thing.

"Fourth: how wide would Woodward avenue be if it had two forty-foot strips of pavement and two sets of parallel tracks?

"Your paper sets forth that Birmingham has to take its choice of three methods of widening, but in any case the road must be 204 feet wide. You state that the proposition to take from both east and west sides will not be accepted, and I agree. I am afraid that, if the village has to put up the difference between 204 feet on the Grand Trunk and 204 feet on the present 66 feet on Woodward avenue, it will never do it. I am against the 204 feet on the Grand Trunk, and I do not think that 204 feet on Woodward necessary—but I want more enlightenment on the question."

Local Persons Are Injured By Autos

Four automobile accidents in and near Birmingham resulted in slight injury to four persons during one 4-year-old boy during the past week. The men are Bert Nose, whose bakery wagon was struck by a speeding auto driven by Patrick Norris on Woodward avenue; Loren Shippey and Victor Peck whose machine was hit by two cars driving abreast of each other on the Long Lake road; Walter M. Johnston, who was struck by an auto when he was attempting to board an interurban car at Lincoln and South Woodward avenue. Four-year-old John Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bell of Bates street proved to be slightly injured upon examination after he had been struck by an auto driven by A. L. Tuggey, of Pleasant avenue, Monday afternoon.

Starting this Sunday a Community Sunday school will hold Sunday afternoon classes at 2:30 o'clock in the Starr Acres public school. The school has been recently organized and will be under the supervision of Rev. D. H. Curry of the Bennaville avenue Congregational church in Eco City.

QUESTION OF USING DETROIT WATER HERE DISCUSSED MONDAY

Engineers From Communities In Oakland County Confer With Detroit Experts

COST VILLAGE $475,000

Plan Will Probably Wait Until Metropolitan Water Area Is Functioning

By HARRY S. STARR, Village Manager

A meeting between engineers of the Detroit Water Board and engineers representing Royal Oak, Berkley Clawson, Birmingham and Pontiac was held in Detroit Monday of this week.

At this meeting the engineering features in connection with the supplying of Detroit water to these municipalities were discussed in a general way, with no attempt to go into the details of construction or costs. It was agreed that such a water supply for Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Berkley, and Clawson, which are grouped with adjacent boundaries, could best be supplied as a unit, and that Pontiac and Birmingham be considered separately.

Based on the estimated population in 1950, the daily requirement for this group is estimated to be approximately 20,000,000 gallons. This would require no less than a 48 inch water main from the Eight Mile road to an elevated storage tank in some central location, with a booster pumping station located at the most convenient point on the line. Each community would take care of its own distribution from the storage tank. Such a system, complete with the community distribution, is estimated to cost about $600,000, to be pro-rated among the communities served by some mutually satisfactory method.

In considering Birmingham and Pontiac, the 1950 requirement for water is estimated to be 3,600,000 and 19,500,000 gallons per day respectively, or approximately the same amount as the daily requirements of the previous group. The proposed objection to serving these two communities through the same pipe line as the other group consists of the difference in properly proportioning the costs of the water main, pumping station, and operating expense.

It appears that the most satisfactory method would consist of the installation of not less than a 48-inch main, probably on Southfield avenue from the Detroit city limits to Birmingham, and on Woodward avenue from Birmingham to Pontiac. Such a line would require booster pumping stations near Detroit and Birmingham, to be operated jointly, and at some other station at Pontiac. Birmingham is approximately 150 feet higher than Detroit, and Pontiac 200 feet higher than Birmingham. Elevated storage reservoirs, with capacity for approximately one hour's supply, would be required at both cities. Such a system would cost approximately $3,000,000, and on a basis of proportionate requirements, Birmingham's share of this cost would be about $475,000.

This appears to represent the lowest possible expense to Birmingham, except through the formation of a Metropolitan Water Area, where the construction and operating costs would be assessed to all benefited territory and not to the municipalities alone.

POURING CONCRETE NORTH OF VILLAGE

Twenty-foot Strip On West Side of Woodward At Bloomfield Center Going In

READY NEXT SPRING

Pouring of concrete began on Woodward between Pontiac and Birmingham Wednesday morning and by noon a considerable stretch of the 20-foot strip of paving had been laid, starting at the Long Lake road at Bloomfield Center.

This part of the paving is being done by the White Construction Co., and involves work on the east and some on the west side of the interurban tracks. Work will be continued until winter but it is not expected that any of the paving between Pontiac and Birmingham can be opened to traffic this year on account of the frequent gaps which must be left over hills which will not be graded completely until spring.

The paving which is being done further south will be opened as rapidly as the concrete hardens and the Eight and Eleven Mile roads will be in use within another month, according to present plans.

In another part of this issue of The Eccentric will be found a list of land descriptions which will be condemned by the state in order to widen Woodward avenue south of Birmingham, on the west side of the road. The hearing of these cases will be held in the Probate Court at Pontiac on November 3, 1924, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

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