

### Oak Construction Wins Royal Oak Softball Pennant

By Jack Pearce

It was stated several weeks ago that a strong local team was playing in the Royal Oak Twilight Softball League. It is now officially in the record books. Birmingham's representative, Oak Construction has walked off with the 1946 pennant of the neighborhood. In 17 starts, only three games were in the loss column. Ray McBride turned 11 victories for the season, which ranks him the league's top pitcher. Everett Hemenway, forced to the sidelines early in the campaign because of illness,

hurled two wins. Don Porteous took care of a four-hit performance. Throughout the season it was a tight defense and timely hitting that pulled games out of the fire. Playoffs began Monday, with six teams battling in the elimination rounds, the winner to meet Oak Construction about the middle of August for the Senior "B" softball championship of Royal Oak.

Saturday at Fernalde's Jefferson Field, on West Nine Mile road, Oak Construction will play an exhibition game against a strong contender for the Fernalde crown. Game time is 7:15. The diamond is one of the finest around, with a large seating capacity, and a splendid lighting system.

Final Standings

Oak Construction	17	3
Outcasts	14	7
Brookley Creamery	10	7
W. O. Post Office	9	7
W. O. Oakland Park	8	7
Blue Caps	7	11
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### Birmingham's Water Search Causes Chaos In Troy Twp.

When Mrs. L. Kenney, 1925 Crooks road, Troy Township, saw an item in the Wanderer column of The Eclectic May 16th issue, she set off a chain of events that led to a mass meeting last Friday night in protest against Township officials.

The item announced the City of Birmingham's plan to test for a new well in the vicinity of her home. Mrs. Kenney, fearing her water supply would be cut off, Birmingham put in a large City well, went to ask Township officials that could be done about extending the present Troy water system to include her property and that of her neighbors.

She said, "I was told that the bonding company who held the bonds was not interested in extending the water system, and to other company can invest out of the bonds makes in 1960, as they have a 'closed-end' clause." She stated that other questions she asked regarding the system were evaded.

**Form Committee**

"In order to bring pressure to bear on Troy officials, we formed a committee on the Southeast side, hoping that a number of us could get more information from them," she said.

She discovered that another committee, headed by Archie Lau had been fighting for extension of the water main for six years. Lau represented a community of 60 families in the Southwest section. The two committees banded together.

On her own initiative, Mrs. Kenney went to Chicago to contact the bondholder's representative. She was informed by him that if the property were surveyed, he, the engineer and an advisory corporation in Detroit recommended the extension as a sound financial proposition, and it had the approval of the Township districts. Then the bondholders would be glad to extend the water service," Mrs. Kenney said.

**Held Protest Meeting**

Shortly after her return to Troy, the committee met and made plans for a meeting in protest against what they felt was a refusal of the Township to provide them with a water system.

At the mass meeting, held Friday night at County Line school, Fifteen Mile at Dequindre, the Troy Township Civic League, established for the prime purpose of getting a water system installed in the outlying Township districts, was formed. It was attended by approximately 125 representatives of families of the waterless sections of the Township.

Archie Lau, newly elected president of the League, stated that the time has now come when citizens of the Township must rise in protest against Township officials who take six years to look into the matter of a new water system.

The League was created to "initiate, endorse and support all types of civic improvements and to endorse candidates for office who will serve the people."

**One Well Condemned**

Lau stated further "people who built here were told they had community wells. One well on Maple road near Rochester was condemned by the State a year and a half ago, and we are now drawing our water from a hydrant at Maple road and John R. This necessitates carrying water sometimes as far as three miles.

"Our school well, which should provide drinking and washing water for 400 youngsters, is a dirty well, and has been for 32 years, and can be pumped dry with one pull." This school's sanitary accommodations have been condemned 'deplorable' by the State Health Inspectors, but up to now we have been able to do nothing about this situation."

He said that insurance rates were doubled because of lack of water, and that homes in that section were discriminated against in sales for the same reason.

**Well Gone Dry**

"On June 3," Mrs. Kenney told the meeting, "Superior Sun Hulseby informed our committee that the water supply was adequate for the entire Township. Since I went to Chicago and have returned, Mr. Hulseby has announced that the largest Township well has gone dry entirely." Mrs. Kenney stated that members of her committee had offered to

pay doubled or tripled rates for the water, if the system were extended.

"Even if the main Township well is dry," Mrs. Kenney contended, "The Detroit City water main comes directly into this area, a fact not generally known, and water can be purchased at any time."

"In addition to that, there is a well right in this section, at 273 Trounbley, which has flowed 250 gallons a minute for the last 40 years. The man who owns it is willing for a meager price, he said, for a long time to do business with the Township. The present inadequate water system does not appear to be due to the lack of water."

**BVO Will Meet Tomorrow Night**

Members of the Birmingham Veterans Organization will hold their August meeting at 8 p. m. tomorrow night at the Masonic Temple, Woodward and Forest, with the main subject under discussion expected to be a permanent organization, it is expected to make several committee chairman appointments.

Bob Savage, president of the new organization, is expected to make several committee chairman appointments.

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**Obituary**

Mrs. Mary Edith Heiler, 378 East Boulevard, Pontiac, for many years a resident of Birmingham, died suddenly of a heart attack Tuesday in St. Joseph Mercy hospital.

She had moved to Pontiac Tuesday, the date of her death, from Birmingham. She was a member of the Christian Temple of Birmingham.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph; two sons, Joseph Bernard of Birmingham, and Robert V. at home; three sisters and three brothers, all of England.

Services were held at 3 p. m. Friday at the Kinsey Funeral home with burial in Oakview cemetery.

**Postpone Action**

Request of the Industrial Land Company for the vacation of Elm Street, between Webster and Worth, was set aside by the City Commission Monday night, to be taken up on September 3 when the group will include this request in the study of the Hunter Boulevard development as proposed by the City Plan Commission.

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