

Group Discusses Repairing of Roads at Walnut Lake

By Helen Giddings

Residents of Walnut Lake are trying to have Inker road between Maple and Quanton, and Walnut Lake road between Inker and Middlebelt, black-topped. These roads were in very bad condition during the recent thaw.

A committee, sponsored by the Men's club, with representatives from three other local organizations, met Monday in Claude Whitmer's office to determine what could be done.

The county road commissioners say they can offer no aid as they do not have enough money to maintain existing highways.

The committee agrees that if the county can furnish no aid, the township board will have to be petitioned for aid and petitions circulated among the property owners to assess themselves for the balance needed. If 65 per cent of the property owners or contract purchasers of record in the

area will petition the township for aid it may, at its discretion, give up to 25 per cent of the cost. They have never done this previously. The balance of 70 per cent would be met by the local property owners. Each owner's cost would be based on the proportion of benefit he would receive from the improvement. This proportion would be determined by the assessors. A rough estimate of the total cost is \$30,000.

The committee could not agree on whether an open meeting should be held before petitioning the township or afterward. Don Bonway and Bill Sloat approved having the open meeting before petitioning. The other members dissented.

Of eight committee members, the following were present: Claude Whitmer, chairman, and Don Bonway from the Men's club; Roland Walton for Herndon's Walnut Lake Estates; Ruth Nightingale and Bill Sloat (substituting) for the Women's club. Ed Nightingale was present assisting the committee.

Clarence Hoffman has been appointed by Herndon's Walnut Lake Estates to serve for Mrs. Louis Knoche who is away. Another meeting was called for Wednesday, Feb. 1.

To Conduct Class



Mrs. Alice W. Burlingame

A practical gardening course has been added to the leisure time class schedule at the Community House. For men and women, the course will give practical demonstrations in home gardening.

Mrs. Alice Wessels Burlingame will conduct the course which has been divided into five classes. The first will be held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 14 at 8 p. m., and will continue weekly through March 14.

Mrs. Burlingame was graduated from the University of Michigan and later attended Michigan college where she studied floriculture, specializing in greenhouse production.

She has combined academic training with practical experience and her own enthusiasm for gardening into a course which offers much training in a very brief period of time.

Tips on Deer Hunting

Roland McLarty, district conservation officer, showed a color film on deer hunting in Michigan to members of the Birmingham Rotary club at the regular noon luncheon Monday.

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Permits for Gas Installations Now Being Mailed

The Consumers Power Company Royal Oak office, has started issuing new gas heating installation permits and has already placed in the mail approximately 175 approved applications which will enable home owners to install gas furnaces. There will be mailed daily, according to B. G. Campbell, Jr., local manager of the Royal Oak District, which includes the city of Birmingham, and parts of Troy and Southfield Townships.

The Michigan Public Service Commission recently made interchanged gas heating in this state possible by removing restrictions on new installations. It authorized Consumers to serve as many customers as its recently expanded facilities will permit. The company estimated it could connect 15,000 new customers in Michigan this year.

More Than 1100 Apply
Campbell reports they have received in the Royal Oak district more than 1125 applications so far, and that they will be processed in an orderly manner as quickly as possible.

He added the approved applications are necessary before dealers can install furnaces and sounded a warning to all prospective users of gas not to purchase any equipment until they have received this approval from the company. Campbell also pointed out that holders should insist their dealer install only a burner that has the approval of the American Gas Association.

Also, a permit must be secured by the dealer from the clerk's office of the city in which the applicant resides. This is necessary, he added, to provide the purchaser with complete and immediate inspection of the burner before it is put in operation.

Legion Groups Meet Here This Evening

The regular district convention of the American Legion and Auxiliary will be held in Birmingham this evening at the Community House, beginning at 8:30. Members of the Legion posts in this district will meet in the auditorium, while the Auxiliary members will hold their session in the Ruth Shain room.

Charles Edwards Post 14, will be host of the evening, and will serve refreshments at their Legion home on South Woodward after the business sessions.

Local Women Will Have Opportunity to Study Finance

Preliminary plans were made at a luncheon Tuesday noon to give Birmingham a series of finance study courses. The courses, which affect daily living and future planning.

A series of six finance forums are planned, to start within the next three or four weeks. The discussions will be held at the home, through years of service, have a deep understanding of the various fields of finance.

Present plans call for discussions of financial planning; the types of life insurance available, free enterprise, what commercial banks offer, investment subjects which will be of deep interest to women.

The proposed forums are being sponsored by the Birmingham Woman's Club. The speakers are Edith Crandall, Mrs. Howard Liverance, Mrs. L. B. Sappington, Mrs. J. Robert E. Swanson, Mrs. Herbert G. Wood and Miss Alice E. Morgan.

Boy Scouts Plan Display to Note Annual Scout Week

Troop B-4, Boy Scouts of Adams school, will mark National Boy Scout week by a large display in the McEride Hardware company windows. The boys have prepared miniature models of the Boy Scout emblem.

At a meeting held Monday evening, Forest Hubert, neighborhood scoutmaster, presented the Troop with an equipment cabinet which he had made for them. The cabinet will contain Scout flags, emblems, records and other equipment. The gift was accepted by the Troop by Scoutmaster Charles Dean.

It was announced that the Scouts collected 19,900 pounds of paper during their recent independent paper drive. The Flaming Arrow patrol was first with Black Panther and Wolverine patrols spending second and third.

Next weekend two patrols will spend the weekend on a winter camp-out at Camp George on Lower Long Lake road.

Scout Troop B-5 Court of Honor

Boy Scout Troop B-5 will hold a Court of Honor on Monday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p. m. at Quanton school gym.

The ceremony will be directed by Robert Severson, Scoutmaster Lou Gillette will assemble the Scouts and speak on advancement.

The feature of the evening will be the awarding of the rank of Eagle Scout to four boys. The honored scouts will be Ted Averill, Michael Bird, Kendall Fowler, and Tom Garrison. The awards will be made by Sam Bennett.

Michael Bird will receive the Life Scout award and Alan Carlin and Ed Nordstrom will receive the Star award, which will be presented by Grant Barber.

First Class Scout awards will be presented to Alan Carlin and Stanley Thompson by G. A. Weinhold. D. Hooper will present merit badges to Tom Tabor, Anthony Pew, Ed Nordstrom, Michael Bird, William Surridge, Alan Carlin, Ted Averill, Tom Garrison, Kendall Fowler and George Weinhold. All members of the troop are to be present and parents and friends are invited.

Roger Thompson is chairman of the Troop committee. Lou Gillette is Scoutmaster, with Bud Adams, Tom Austin, and Fred Jeffers as assistants.

Gen. Marshall Heads Red Cross Meetings

Mrs. Ferd M. Brock, 12 Leone Pine court, will attend a two-day Red Cross conference in Detroit next Wednesday and Thursday. The group will include vicinity chapters as well as volunteer service chairmen from the Upper Peninsula.

Principal conference speaker will be Gen. George B. Marshall, national president of the American Red Cross.

Various phases of Red Cross work will be discussed at the meetings. On Thursday Mrs. Brock will take part in the session being held on the "Phillips of Discussion Method."

Feb. 13 Hearing on Street Surfacing

City commissioners set Feb. 13 as the date of a hearing on the assessment roll for the improvement of three streets in the northeast section.

Included in the assessment for a two-inch hard surface are properties on Winshire and Manchester, from Eton to St. Andrews, and on Edensborough from Buckingham to Manchester.

Estimated cost of the project is \$26,050, with private property owners' share amounting to \$18,000. A typical 50-foot lot would bear a \$146.18 assessment, the commission explained.

Truck, Stuck in the Mud, Starts Series of Automotive Headaches

It took a muddy street, an oil truck, a tow truck and two private automobiles to give Birmingham police a real headache last Thursday evening.

William Payne of Hamtramck, driver of the oil truck, became stuck in the mud at the intersection of Robinson and 14 Mile road and sent for a tow truck.

Elmer Exelby, 28, of Royal Oak, driver for the Bennett service, responded. To give his truck more pulling power, Exelby attached a cable to a utility pole across 14 Mile. The first vehicle was successfully stopped by signaling with a flashlight, but while Exelby was engaged in trying to move the truck, Mrs. Helen C. Whitmore, 808 Bennaville, came along.

There was no warning light and she told police she did not see the slender cable stretched across the highway. As her car struck it, things began to happen.

The oil truck tipped over. The utility pole was pulled down onto the first car, driven by Ronald O. Bude of Berkeley, Exelby, who was in his truck at the time, was thrown out and stunned hard.

though that he had no idea what did happen.

Police finally decided that he, however, was the only person at fault, and presented him with a ticket for not having proper warning signals at the scene.

He was ordered to appear in the local justice court Wednesday morning.

Street Improvement Hearing Feb. 20

A preliminary hearing on the improvement of Landon and Purdy, from Woodward to George, and of Ann, between Lincoln and George, has been set for Feb. 20 by the city commission.

The improvement has been petitioned for by W. A. Caltrider, 809 S. Woodward, and Howard Bell, 928 S. Woodward.

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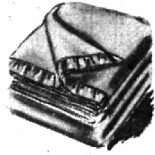
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