

**B-4 Scouts, Explorers
End Paper Drive Dec. 15**

Boy Scouts and Explorers of Troop B-4 will end their waste paper drive Saturday when collections are taken to Adams school for shipment.

Money received from the drive is used to finance such troop activities as camping trips and the purchase of new equipment. Each Scout is expected to have at least 500 pounds ready for shipment.

Prizes will be awarded to individuals collecting the greatest amount of paper. Special emphasis has been placed on magazines this year because of the higher rate of payment.

Want ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

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We Heard It Said By—
City Commissioner Lance Minor: "The city commission's action Monday night in approving the two new overhead signals for the Willets-Oakland-Woodward intersection, as far as I'm concerned, is similar to its action in regard to the new W. Maple bridge—we approve part of a plan without knowing exactly what that final overall plan is going to be."

Cleveland Incinerators Impress City Officials

By RAY DENNIS

One factor which South Oakland County residents may be assured of is that a principal goal of the South Oakland Garbage and Rubbish authority is to have a modern garbage disposal plant system which will not be a public nuisance.

Birmingham City Manager Donald C. Egbert said this week that a point emphasized continuously in discussions by authority members is that the proposed garbage and rubbish incinerator must be operated without creating a nuisance for residents, and its surroundings have to be kept clean and orderly and the area well landscaped.

Egbert said, "If this project is to be a success we've got to do it in this manner."
Last week Egbert and city officials from the eastern authority members made a two-day visit to the Cleveland, Ohio, area where two incinerators are located, which are similar to that proposed for South Oakland.

The modern incinerator plants are located in Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland. At the latter city, the equipment is adjacent to the city hall and a residential area surrounds it. In East Cleveland, the incinerator is in an industrial area, although homes are nearby.

In both places, officials found few objections from residents. The surroundings were clean and odorless.

However, some complaints have been heard concerning trucks lining up waiting to empty. Because the South Oakland plant would be operated for longer periods a day, this condition wouldn't be caused.

CLEVELAND INCINERATORS are operated on an eight-hour day schedule. The plants have a 100-ton capacity, are three stories and have a floor dump.

The South Oakland incinerator will not have a floor dump but will be equipped with a large storage bin which won't be within the building, assuring no odors.

Egbert stated, "Our plant will be able to operate either on an 8, 16 or 24-hour a day basis. These increased hours will reduce capital costs. In addition, we'll be able to have a continuous fire in the furnaces and keep the temperature at 1800 degrees."

The city manager pointed out that Birmingham's garbage and rubbish disposal problem at present is not as serious as those of the other South Oakland cities.

In many areas, dumpsites are used, which have aroused much public indignation. Garbage from Birmingham is disposed of by feeding to hogs.

THIS METHOD is not satisfactory because of health reasons and the factor that trichinosis has been known to be caused by feeding garbage to animals.

Other municipalities in the authority besides Birmingham are Royal Oak, Clawson, Hazel Park, Ferndale, Berkley, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Huntington Woods and Southfield township.

All members have approved the articles of incorporation and signed contracts. In addition, the Greeley and Hansen firm has been engaged to plan the incinerator design.

Egbert mentioned that the project probably won't be completed for two years.
He stated, "The minimum time for completion is 18 months. It will be six months before the design will be approved and then

we will have to advertise for construction of the building. In all probability, it won't be finished for two years."

Another problem still to be considered is selecting a site. However, officials believe reaction won't be too strong from adjacent residents when they learn about modern garbage and rubbish disposal methods.

Cost for the entire project has been estimated at \$3,500,000. It will be financed by revenue bonds. Individual municipalities will share the costs.

The South Oakland plant will have a 400 ton capacity and will be a crane-bin type.

A TOTAL OF 19 votes is distributed among the 10 members of the authority. Birmingham is allotted five votes.

Those making the Cleveland trip last week were Supervisor William Rosser of Southfield township; Donald M. Oakes, Berkley; W. A. Laking, Ferndale; Harold K. Lakin, Oak Park; Robert McNutt, Hazel Park; Robert T. Wright, Clawson; Fred L. Yockey, Huntington Woods; Ashton J. Berst, Pleasant Ridge; George G. Schmidt, Royal Oak; and Egbert.

Cagers Travel To Walled Lake Friday for Tilt

By STU SCHEIFELE

After defeating Troy in its first game under Coach John Petrakis, the Birmingham basketball team, travels to Walled Lake Friday night, continuing its preparation for the first Eastern Michigan league contest Jan. 4 against Ferndale.

Walled Lake opened the season last Friday with a 37-36 win over Berkley. The Lakers are led by five lettermen returning from last year's team which compiled an 11-5 record and was co-champion of the Inter-Lake League. They were knocked out of the tournaments by Farmington, which later defeated the Lakers in the regional finals. Birmingham has not shaken "football legs" yet, but showed possibilities in the Troy game. An inexperienced squad with only two returning lettermen, the team should improve as the season progresses.

Audit Meeting Postponed

Because a quorum was lacking, the city commission's meeting Tuesday night to go over the annual city audit with the auditing firm has been postponed to 8:30 a.m. Saturday, said Mayor Stan G. Buer.

Official Warning On Responsibility Of Snow Removal

"Many property owners are not aware that snow and ice must be removed from public sidewalks within 24 hours after accumulation. Failure to do this is a violation of a local ordinance and may result in court action against the property owner or tenant responsible for the removal of such snow or ice."

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley issued this warning today in alerting residents to their public responsibility during the winter months. He continued:

"It is obvious that a police officer cannot be present to witness all violations after each snowfall. However, any citizen can sign a complaint against property owners who refuse to comply with the ordinance."

"Failure to remove snow and

ice from sidewalks can prove extremely hazardous, especially to elderly pedestrians. There have been instances where these people were so severely injured they were unable to assume their routine duties for long periods of time.

"Since pedestrian traffic is much heavier within the business district, the police department seeks the cooperation of merchants in assuming their full responsibility in this matter. Those delinquent in their efforts to eliminate the hazard will first be warned, since many of them are not aware of their responsibility."

"It is hoped that all of our citizens will join wholeheartedly in this safer place and make our city a better place in which to live."

Gasoline Purchase OK'd

Birmingham commissioners Monday evening approved the purchase of 8,000 gallons of 85-octane gasoline from the Secoy Vacuum Oil company. The bid was accepted at 12.95 cents per gallon, delivered.

Plat Approval Freeze Continued By Troy Board

Troy township's "freeze" on considering requests for approvals of plats has been continued until Jan. 19, according to Supervisor Norman R. Barnard.

The board hasn't been considering plats for the past 60 days while the zoning commission makes an analysis of township property use. Zoning Commission Chairman Harry MacLennan Monday evening asked the board to continue the "freeze" until the survey is completed.

In the future, the board will

also submit plats to the township's read committee before any approval is given.
The read committee asked this be done so its five members can check for drainage and water facilities.

IN OTHER BUSINESS Monday, Mrs. E. L. Bradley of the Red Cross asked the board's feeling concerning establishment of a blood bank for the township. This matter was tabled for further consideration.

Mrs. John Beech, 3376 Ellenboro, requested the township to take legal action against Marvin Kuschnisky, 3360 Kilmer, who she claims put a fence across the roadway leading to her property.

The board authorized the township attorney to check with the county road commission and determine the legal aspects of the situation.

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