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Water
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lons. However, each member of the authority would be permitted to purchase an additional 50 per cent volume by paying into the capital reserve fund.

Any such additional reserves would be used to retire the bond issue that much faster. The Birmingham City Engineer L. R. Gare, who also is chairman of the water authority planning committee.

IT WILL TAKE FOUR to six months to prepare detailed construction plans, and another year for actual construction of the main, Gare estimates.

This would mean the new system would not be in operation until well into 1954.

Included in the \$4,000,000 bond issue (when it is eventually adjusted), are funds for the purchase of an existing system on Woodward avenue between the 8 and 10 Mile roads, Gare explained.

This consists of a 48-inch main, a pumping station, and the 1,500-gallon storage tank at 10 Mile and Woodward. Conservative estimates have placed this value in excess of \$600,000.

The remaining portion of the \$4,000,000-plus bond issue is required for pumping stations, water storage tanks and main along Greenfield, and for construction of mains up Crooks road (through Royal Oak) to Clawson at the 14 Mile road, and along 14 Mile from Crooks to Pierce street in Birmingham.

SEVERAL NEW mains also must be extended into Southfield township.

If Birmingham did not join the authority but waited several years to extend its own main down Greenfield to Detroit, it would cost Birmingham more than \$500,000, Egbert estimates.

By joining the authority, Birmingham will pay only about \$320,000, he said.

Egbert reminded commissioners that Birmingham still faces the decision of what should be done about its wells.

He said preliminary tests and analyses indicate the city may have some undesirable results if it mixes Birmingham well water with Detroit water.

MIXING of the two waters may cause some discoloration, he said, which it is possible to correct by filtration or softening of the well water.

Such a step would involve expenditure of several thousands of dollars for a filtering or softening plant, if the city decided it was necessary or desirable, Egbert stated.

"Lots of information still must be accumulated in the next year on this phase of our supply problem," he added.

Other members of the authority, besides Birmingham, include Southfield township, Royal Oak, Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge and Clawson.

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Pumps put in service May 1, 1944

System
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steadily capped the volume pumped. Under this plan, the district buys a certain capacity from the City of Detroit and pays only a four per cent penalty on the entire water consumption of the district if this amount is over-pumped.

THE SECOND payment basis is capacity.

Under this plan, if the district pumps more than the capacity it bought, a four per cent penalty is paid on the entire water consumption that should have been purchased to meet the demands of the district.

Once the sewage leaves the pumping station on Eight-Mile road and Highland, it passes into the Detroit system where both the Detroit Water Department and the Works share responsibility for its disposal.

In operation since May 1, 1944, the pumping station is big business to Oakland County. Annual amount paid into the county for disposal services by the 11 member communities near \$100,000. Of this total, \$145,000 is turned over to Detroit.

ACCORDING TO studies made by Birmingham City Manager Donald C. Egbert, the financial status of the SOCSDD is good. All indications tend to show that the entire sewage disposal system and station will be paid off within the next seven years.

One phase of the contract that the SOCSDD holds with Detroit stipulates that the South Oakland district be shut off when Detroit sewers are over-taxed.

Detroit officials have expressed concern that this will no longer be necessary when larger mains are constructed in Detroit within the next year.

The SOCSDD pumping station has been cautioned against furnishing water to the Red Run and Clanton Rivers. "We are doing everything we can to end this condition permanently," Main said.

IN MAIN'S own words, "The operation of the pumping station serving the Southwestern Oakland County Sewage Disposal District has been modified to eliminate in the Red Run drain its spillage into the Clanton River."

This revised method of operation should be approved by the State Water Resources Commission and will permit the accumulation of surplus water necessary for the solution of pumps of proper size to serve the district in the immediate future.

To city officials, this is the answer to immediate disposal problems in the city.

To place the eastern section of Birmingham within the SOCSDD, the place where it geographically lies now, would not only cost an overtaxed city disposal plant, but would also save money on anticipated expansions in pumping stations and force mains to handle the increased population demands of that section of the city.

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If and when the city is granted permission to join the district, both county and member municipalities, the people of Birmingham will have the final say on the problem.

UNDER CITY charter, the city must receive approval of the electorate before joining such an authority.

The city hopes to submit this proposal to the voters at the April election. If permission is granted, the city would be in a position to begin use of the SOCSDD facilities in May of next year.

Fence
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will solve the problem. Too many still will use the shortcuts."

DUNLAP, who lives only a few blocks away from the hazardous break in the fence at the end of Yorkshire, said he is convinced someone has been cutting the fence. "Several times I have inspected this fence, and the condition of the wire clearly indicates it was done with a tool—probably wire-cutters or heavy snippers," he pointed out.

Hevin said he has been a "staunch complainer" about this problem to the city commission, the railroad company and anyone else who would listen.

"Everyone seems to be waiting for someone to get killed before anything is done," declared Hevin.

HE SUGGESTS heavy, high eye-catcher fencing with barbed wire at the top.

"I like the concrete tank, and the conductor has told me many shudders every time they pass that spot because they expect sooner or later that some child will be killed," he stated.

He has repaired the breaks in the fence several times himself, he said.

"That was a fine article last week, and I'd like to compliment you on it," he added.

Grand Trunk crews repeatedly have repaired breaks in the fence along the Birmingham section. The breaks still occur.

GRAND TRUNK guards have been stationed along this stretch of track waiting to apprehend trespassers. They shortly apparently saw the guards and shied away, for no one cut across the tracks.

What is the answer? Who has it?

Fences in the northeast section of Birmingham would like to know before some family must make funeral arrangements for a victim.

Detroit Chapter, PRSA, Holds Annual Election

A Birmingham man, Howard E. Hallas, 351 Forest, has been named president of the Detroit chapter, Public Relations Society of America. Hallas is associate director of public relations of Nash-Kelvinator Co.

Also named to office is Walter T. Murphy, manager of Dearborn Motors, news and radio relations, who will serve as treasurer of the chapter.

Joins Controllers Group

Wilmer B. Hope, 2130 Avon Lane, has been elected to membership in the Controllers Institute. Hope is controller and assistant secretary of the Packard Motor Car company.

Junior Quintet Wins First Game

The Birmingham 'Y' Junior Boys quintet won its initial game by a 38 to 11 score over Hamman YMCA. Led by John Kelly, the localities were never headed as they led at the quarter 9 to 4 and at the half 19 to 9.

With all players entering the contest, the reserves continued to build up the score. Kelly, Wootton and Appel led Birmingham 'Y' in scoring with 33 points between them, while Dick Kyker was the defensive star for the Green.

Tom Parkas, Lorne Gargan and Robert Kohrs scored all 12 Hamman's points.

Birmingham plays the fast stepping St. Antoine YMCA on the Elizabeth Street floor Saturday, Dec. 20. Game time is 2 p.m.

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