

City Asks Voters To Join District

Editor's Note: This is the first of two articles explaining the facts surrounding the city charter amendment on sewage disposal districts to appear on the Aug. 5 primary ballot. In keeping with The Eccentric's policy to more fully inform voters on issues affecting their city, this series is designed to describe generally the city's present sewage system and the improvements under study by city officials.

By NORMAN DOUGLAS

Birmingham voters will decide in the Aug. 5 primary the future of certain sewage disposal improvements contemplated by the city.

A charter amendment will be submitted asking authorization to join in a sewage disposal district and contracting within that district for the disposal and treatment of a portion of the city's sewage.

Enginers Hired To Prepare Plans On Plant Addition

The engineering firm of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May has been retained by the city to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of additions to the city's sewage disposal plant and improvements in the sewer system. City commissioners approved the contract Monday night subject to final approval of the contract terms.

The engineers were first hired in 1947 as consultants to city engineers in connection with the construction of a new sewage disposal plant. They have been authorized to complete suggested additions and improvements brought about by their studies.

They will prepare plans, specifications and contract documents for the city's receiving of bids on the necessary improvements to satisfy the requirements of the Water Resources Commission.

FOR A FEE of six per cent of the entire cost of additions and improvements, the firm will assist in the securing of bids and letting of contracts and aid in inspecting while the improvements are under construction.

Louis Ayers will also be called upon to make any rate study for the city outside of the corporate limits using the city's treatment plant, should the communities express their intention of joining Birmingham's facilities.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert was asked to report on the merits of cancelling present contracts for disposal services now in effect with communities to the north and west.

This would pave the way for a new rate structure and inclusion of these communities into a disposal service on either a contractual basis or as a member of a disposal authority.

Although the recent record demands for water have all but shaded the sewage disposal problem, it is equally as important to the efficient operation of a municipality.

The problem is two-fold.

CITY OFFICIALS seek the answer to the prevention of Rouge river pollution and they would also like to cut operational costs of pumping sewage from the east side of the city to the disposal plant on the west side.

Behind the moves in the South Oakland County community lies the fact that the city has been the prodding of both the Michigan Water Resources Commission and the State Board of Health.

Off-contested claims that SOC cities have been prodding the Clinton river resulted in an organized movement to ease their disposal problems.

The Southeastern Oakland County sewage disposal district was set up under auspices of the Oakland county drain commission. Revenue bonds were issued for the construction of an interceptor sewer to take the dry weather flow into Detroit treating plants, and the system was completed with out Birmingham's membership.

BUT BIRMINGHAM is not out of the picture. The city may still be able to tie its sewer mains on the east side to existing SOC mains and become a part of the SOC district if Birmingham voters on Aug. 5 approve the move to the district.

Estimated figures would set the cost of the tie-in at \$50,000 for initial construction costs. This figure would be financed by revenue out of the city's sewage disposal department.

The rest side sewers pose an operational problem for the city. (See VOTERS, Page 2)



WORKMEN TACKLE THE CLEAN-UP JOB ON THE NEW W. MAPLE PAVEMENT Lincoln avenue detour is a thing of the past as main east-west artery is reopened. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Tournament Finals To Begin Tomorrow

Birmingham's first Little League intercity tournament will open Friday at 2 p.m. when an all-star team from Farmington meets the all-stars from Birmingham's National League at St. James Field.

The second game will get under way at the same field at 5:30 p.m. between Livonia's all-stars and the all-stars from Birmingham's American League.

Winners of these games will meet at 2 o'clock Saturday at St. James, and the victor will go to the state tournament at Midland, July 31 to Aug. 2.

The following local boys will represent the American League: Ronnie Cornella, Dick Clossman, Larry Pierce, Gary Johnson and Len Willis, of the Red Sox; Bob Squiers, of the Indians; Dan Deibel, Jim Cappel, Bill Weldon, Bob Hoover, Phil Clobet, and John Dixon, of the Indians; Dan Deibel and Pat Baldwin, of the Yankees.

THE TEAM will be coached by Dave Jones, manager of the Indians, and John Madonna, Red Sox manager.

These boys will represent the National League: Earl Roberts, Bill Hogan, Bill Alcorn and Jackie Wood, of the Pirates; Pete Harris, Eddie Klidon, Tommy Risk, Tom Harrison, Pete Green, and Jim Bradford, of the Braves; Pete Hurley, Jim Yeaman, and Walter Hurley, of the Giants.

The team will be coached by Tony Sidel, Pirates manager, and Art Birkholz.

A public address system will be operating for all the games and refreshments will be available, according to Mal Adam, tournament chairman.

Walter Hurley and Keith Alcorn are in charge of the concessions manager. George McHugh, senior defray expenses of operating the Little League.

THERE WILL BE no admission charge.

The tournament will be opened with a most welcoming announcement by Bob Squiers, American League president, and Bill Barrett, National League president.

Rollie Reese has been placed in charge of umpires for all three games.

Commander McHugh will preside at the regular meeting of the Birmingham post, Fri., July 25.

City To Purchase Column Extension

The city commission Monday night authorized City Manager Donald C. Egbert to purchase four 20-foot well column extensions from the Layne Northern company at a quoted cost of \$1,685.

The current dry spell and accompanying extension of city wells depleted the stock of column on hand. The extensions will be ordered for the South and West wells should the water level in these wells drop any farther.

The rains came to Birmingham over the past weekend and eliminated most of the demand for lawn sprinkling, giving city wells a breather.

ALTHOUGH police have observed very few violations of the suggested water regulations, city officials urge everyone to comply with the regulations to preserve the water level.

The restrictions will hold until a prolonged wet spell of weather is experienced and the ground water level has had a chance to rise again.

The city has asked that residents living east of Woodward avenue sprinkle lawns only on the even days of the month, those on the west side to use the odd days of the month.

All sprinkling and other unnecessary use of water is to be halted for two hours if the fire sirens also the municipal building sound a general alarm, which consists of 12 or more wails.

Anti-Incinerator Group Organized

The Oak Park zoning board of appeals Tuesday night approved the South Oakland County Garbage and Rubbish Cans Incinerator at the corner of Greenfield and Eleven-Mile roads. Each member of the board wrote an individual opinion on the matter and the opinions are expected to make a little search of the incinerator site.

A new civic association in South Oakland county was formed Thursday night at the Lathrup school, Lathrup township, to be known as the South Oakland County Incinerator Control Association.

Nearly 300 members of surrounding community's associations were present at the organization meeting to join in protest over the proposed SOC Garbage and Rubbish incinerator at Eleven-Mile and Greenfield, Oak Park, or any other site west of Woodward in Oakland County.

George C. Cram, Postville attorney, has been retained by the association to make a title search of the incinerator site.

JOHN W. LEMON, 2939 Greenfield, Southfield township, who lives directly across from the proposed site, was elected president of the association. He said that the association is not going to court to fight the construction of the plant anywhere west of Woodward.

Pointing to the high class residential properties west of Woodward, Lemon said that the incinerator should be built either in an undeveloped area or one that is zoned for heavy industry.

Members of the association were present at the Friday night meeting of the Oak Park Board of Appeals meeting to voice their opposition to the incinerator.

After hours of discussion, the zoning board delayed its decision until Tuesday night.

All makes of lawn sprayer mattresses are available for sale at the PANY. PHONE Enterprise 6315.

National political conventions are occasions where leaders of the several parties, and their followers, gather to nominate people for high public office. The nature of their proceedings is but a reflection of the attitudes of the masses who support them.

THINGS and THAT

OSCAR, HIS SHEEP AND HIS GOATS

You who read this column know that from time to time I pointed out the errors and evils of various and sundry politicians, especially new ones. Fair Deal Democrats who have learned the art of taxing you and spending your hard-earned dough. Seldom have I found things very wonderful in their camps to praise.

But this week I must bow my head in deep humility, for have just discovered that Oscar Ewing's Federal Security Administration is financing a most wonderful and transcendental human adventure.

Mr. Ewing has given \$19,000 of your money to Cornell University, where it will be used to conduct research on "tolerance" for environmental stress in need and newborn sheep and goats.

RECOGNITION of the need for this type of research is, I think, a most fitting jewel to be added to the socialist's diadem upon the head of the ever-adventurous Oscar!

That he should get from Congress the money to perform this research is further proof of the fact that Congress is in need of a manner of research.

Indeed, Mr. Ewing, why not grant an appropriation of a few bucks to some group of experts who will conduct research upon a subject: "What makes members of Congress unable to deliver pre-election promises?" or "Why, oh why don't I have my head examined?"

Now that Ewing has given Cornell \$19,000 to study goat and sheep, I suggest that he embark on other projects. For example, "Why wouldn't man make automobiles his, or who put the ha-ha beneath the woolly blanket?"

ANOTHER much needed bit of information would result from a study of the sheepiest and horsehair necessary to make violins squeak! "What's matter with you, you sheep!"

Ab, to be a member of Mr. Ewing's department! What a lot of ideas I could cook up, including the sheepiest and horsehair something else besides squandering the people's taxes!

Police Chief Announces Promotion of Holmquist and Resignation of Seidl

Chief of Police Ralph W. Moxley this week announced the promotion of a new member and the resignation of another from the Birmingham police department.

Detective Martin Holmquist has been promoted to detective sergeant and will be responsible for the recruitment and service training of the force in addition to his other duties.

Holmquist was promoted with the Birmingham department in 1943 and graduated from the FBI National Academy.

Working in C. in 1950 and has been working in the Birmingham detective bureau since.

The resignation of Charles P. Seidl from the department became effective July 1.

Seidl started with the force on January 1, 1951 and is accepting a position with the Royal Oak police department because he makes his home in that city.

Community House Closed For Month of August

The end of the week will mark the beginning of the vacation period for the Birmingham Community House.

According to Mrs. Valma Inley, director, activities will resume the day after Labor Day, Sept. 2.

In the fall and winter programs will get under way.

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HE LEARNED the hard way. Larry Nickel, 10, confers with Police Lt. Henry Timm after being ticketed for riding his bike through a stop sign. Larry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Nickel, 938 Westchesterway, admitted that he, like a lot of other youngsters, was a bit careless of his own safety when he committed the violation. After an official recounting of the danger of his act, he assured Lt. Timm that he would carry the word back to the boys and girls in his immediate neighborhood to obey traffic laws. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

American Legion Installs Officers

The Birmingham Charles Edwards American Legion post number 14 will join with other posts in the 17th District to hold joint installation of officers ceremonies at the Royal Oak post tonight.

Birmingham post officers to be installed are Hugh McHugh, commander; George McHugh, senior vice-commander; Peter Hendricks, junior vice-commander; Albert Voss, finance officer; Colin Green, adjutant; Richard Dewey, historian; Delbert Miller, Sgt. at arms; and Wellington Spahn, chaplain.

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Bloomfield Center Land In New Hands

Land and buildings at the corner of West Long Lake road and Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, changed hands on July 1, it was announced this week.

The property which includes Kingsley Inn, Barbour terrace, the Service Center, garage and post office, has been turned over to Bloomfield Center, Inc., by Bloomfield Properties, which is headed by Frank McCallister.

Bloomfield Center, Inc. is a Michigan corporation owned by Alan J. Gormick of Vaughan road and John R. Davis of West Long Lake road, both of Bloomfield Hills.

A spokesman for the new owners said no immediate change is contemplated in the present operation of the properties.

Hunter Signals Reset

The traffic lights on Hunter Blvd. have been reset by the Michigan State Highway Department to 35 miles an hour. The lights previously operated on a 45 mile an hour basis.

During the construction period, obstacles have arisen which have considerably slowed the work. One of these was the litigation over the Merrill street cutoff through Baldwin park.

To date the city is undecided whether or not to appeal the case. A late May decision, handed down by Judge H. Russell Holland, ordered the city from cutting Merrill street from Maple to Southfield.

STRICTLY FRESH

As he was divorced for the 14th time, a Seattle man said, "There's a girl in the world who is made for me." If this continues he'll have to try Mrs. ...

With heat waves all around us it's time for department stores to start reminding us of the number of shopping days left 'til Christmas.

With many reminding two weeks vacationing in the woods, a return to civilization and world news is found to increase enrollment in forest ranger's schools.

FIRST WOMAN to head the Birmingham recreation board is Mrs. William H. Jackson, 909 Oakland, who was named to that office July 17. Other officers are Roland Reese, vice chairman, and William Spence, re-elected secretary.