

City Studies Way To Stop Elm Disease

A blighted tree within the city limits and a suggestion written to the commission by a resident Monday night brought the Dutch Elm disease problem in focus again.

George J. Cooper 2338 Radnor drive, replied to the city's postcard questionnaire, and then wrote a letter urging the city commission to take on a tree-spraying and trimming program for all elms in the city, whether on private or city-owned land.

"If this serious problem is left to the responsibility of the individual lot owner," Cooper's letter stated, "the negligent owner of elm trees may well be responsible for the uncontrolled spread of the disease."

Cooper believed that the money should be taken from taxes to

finance the tree work.

MEANWHILE, a tree south of the department of public works yard and east of Eton was found to be infested with the disease.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert reported that such a city spraying plan would be prohibitive.

"Grosse Pointe has undertaken a cooperative plan of tree care with the voluntary help of property owners and has met with success," Egbert said.

Commissioner V. B. Watkins told commissioners that the sight of some blighted areas of northern New York state and Massachusetts were "pathetic."

Watkins favors an ordinance to let the city spray the trees and then bill the property owner for the cost.

"It's too late to do anything if the disease makes any headway," Watkins said.

The commission instructed Egbert, City Attorney Forbes Hascall and City Forester William R. Lehold to study the question in advance of next spring, when the next spraying would be possible.

To Stage Contest For UF Posters And Editorials

More children from more schools will take an active part in the United Fund Torch Drive this year, according to Elmer Sylvekter, chairman of the United Fund promotions committee for the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills-Franklin area.

The high school editorial contest which produced outstanding results last year will be repeated. Students are being invited to write editorials containing their arguments for or against the United Fund, Cranbrook, Kingswood, Birmingham high school and Bloomfield Hills high school all are included.

And a poster contest, new this year, is attracting even more talent by including Junior high ages. Students from the sixth to twelfth grades, inclusive, have been invited to submit posters from Cranbrook, Kingswood, Birmingham schools, Holy Name school, and Bloomfield Hills schools.

Ross S. Campbell, chairman of the editorial and poster contest, said that contest rules are available at the schools, and all students wishing to enter either or both contests may obtain full information from their teachers or school principal.

DEADLINE FOR editorial entries will be Oct. 19 and for posters will be Oct. 13. Campbell said he hoped to announce next week the names of a panel of experienced newspaper editors who will judge the editorials, and a panel of outstanding artists to judge the posters.

The Birmingham Eccentric will reprint the three top winners in the editorial contest Oct. 23. In addition, there will be a winner from each school.

Birmingham merchants will display 50 or more winning and notable mention posters in their show windows, after the entries are displayed at the United Fund

kickoff luncheon in the Community House Oct. 14.

Besides over-all winners, there will be poster winners from each grade, as well.

AND YOUNGER children will have a new opportunity to express how they feel about the United Fund in dialogues in the elementary schools, which will be recorded on tape recorders to be available for reprinting, and also for broadcasting. Station WCAR, Pontiac, has expressed an interest in broadcasting the best of these recordings.

The administrative council of Birmingham public schools reports that each elementary school will approach the campaign in its own way. Some will have school assemblies to which parents and United Fund volunteers will be invited. Others will make tape recordings of children's own views, according to Supt. Dwight B. Ireland.

"In the elementary schools, we try not to stress the frailties and sufferings of children stricken by some of the diseases," Ireland said. "On the other hand, we do feel that children must learn that there are less fortunate children who deserve our support as a society."

SCHOOLS ARE BEING assigned numbered and coded entries in both contests so that no names or school designations need appear on editorials or posters during the judging.

Students making posters may use any medium at their disposal, such as oils, water colors, crayons, chalk, pen, ink, pencil, and linoleum and wood-block prints. Their work may be submitted in color or in black and white.

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Next Tuesday, the Toastmasters move to the Birmingham YMCA, 400 East Lincoln, three blocks west of Woodward where they will meet each Tuesday evening from 8:45 to 9 p.m.

Any man residing in the greater Birmingham area who is interested in learning how to speak effectively before groups, how to conduct meetings, and how to build speeches, is invited to join. President Robert McKenzie will be glad to answer questions, or you may contact the YMCA Secretary for full information.

Junior Bowlers!

Your Saturday Morning League starts October 4th at 10 a.m. Any Girls or Boys, 10 to 14, can Bowl in this league.

The Y.M.C.A. is also forming a 4 to 6 p.m. group on Fridays.

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Frame Label Suit Dismissed Friday

The \$200,000 label suit filed by Dudley P. Frame, former Southfield township supervisor, against Township Clerk Fannie Adams and Mrs. Betty Lewis and Mrs. Marion White, publishers of the Four Corners Press, was dismissed Friday afternoon in Oakland County Circuit Court.

On the verdict of the jury, Judge H. Russel Holland ruled "no cause for action" in the suit.

Frame charged in the suit that statements attributed to the three

women and published in the Four Corners Press had damaged both his health and reputation.

The statements were published in a letter to the editor that appeared in the Franklin paper prior to the election for township supervisor. William Rosser defeated Frame for the position.

NO HUNTING — NO TRESPASSING signs may be purchased at the office of The Eccentric. (30)

After-School Bowling

The Birmingham YMCA in cooperation with the Birmingham Board of Recreation is planning to offer after-school bowling sessions at Birmingham Recreation. Those interested in such a program should contact the YMCA or the bowling alley. Age limits are from nine years to 14 years.

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