

Broomfield Supports Lake Huron For Oakland County Water Source

Adequate water supplies for Birmingham and surrounding areas have been the subject of many plans and proposals in recent years. One solution that has been offered to relieve water shortages, sometimes described as critical, calls for a cooperative community-wide effort to bring a water supply from Lake Huron.

One of the chief proponents of this plan is William S. Broomfield, of Royal Oak, who is speaker pro-tem of the Michigan house of representatives. In a report to the Oakland Citizens League, Broomfield states that the water supply in Oakland county has not kept pace with the 55 percent population increase of the last ten years. Said Broomfield, "It is crystal clear that the solution to this problem must be forthcoming with some degree of promptness if the continued growth and prosperity is to be maintained."

IN AUGUST, Broomfield requested the Michigan Water Resources commission in Lansing to make a survey of the possibilities of piping a water supply from Lake Huron to Oakland county. Broomfield has developed a five-

point argument to back his opinion that using Lake Huron as a source of water supply is the best solution to the water problems of Birmingham and Oakland county. First, says Broomfield, Lake Huron would insure an adequate supply of water for future needs. He points out that the need for curtailment of water from time to time during this summer is proof that the present supplies are inadequate for the basic needs of today.

SECONDLY, a source of water in Lake Huron would insure the purity of future water from present sources by relieving them of their present overtaxation, said Broomfield. Thirdly, Broomfield contends that failure to develop an adequate supply will result in disaster to the area's economy.

FOURTHLY, the current planning for use of Detroit water has a practical and economic limit. FIFTHLY, Broomfield maintains that the vulnerability of Detroit's water system to air attack is another reason for not relying on the Detroit supply.

THE STATE WATER Resources commission, acting on Broomfield's request has agreed to contact local communities to find out their long range water needs and sources. If enough communities are found to be having urgent water problems, the commission will ask the state legislature for funds for a full scale engineering study to determine the extent and costs of a project to bring in Lake Huron water, Broomfield stated.

He added that if the Lake Huron plan proves feasible, a metropolitan authority could be set up to construct a pipeline at an estimated cost of \$20,000,000 with the approval of federal and state financial aid.

BROOMFIELD said a Lake Huron water supply has been thought of since 1951 when Mayor Vernard Horn of Royal Oak pushed the project with the St. Oakland County Water Authority. He added that Pontiac's lack of interest stalled the planning. Since Pontiac has been reported to be very interested and has on occasion indicated the possibility of "going it alone" if other communities do not join the project.

He stressed that he did not believe a study into possibilities for a Lake Huron supply of water would work counter to present plans for a \$5,000,000 project to bring water from Detroit to Birmingham and other south Oakland cities.

"THIS PLAN could be used until Lake Huron water became available, and the facilities constructed could still be used by simply reversing the pumps, according to George Schmid, engineer for the South Oakland Water Authority. "I believe the Lake Huron water source is the solution to our problem and will continue to do everything in my power to work for our Oakland county," Broomfield said, securing a source of water field concluded.

Registration Close Friday for Special Hills School Vote

Final date for voters of the Bloomfield Hills school district to register for the Nov. 23 bond issue election is Friday, Nov. 13, according to School Superintendent Eugene L. Johnson.

Johnson said new arrivals to the district and persons who have not voted in the district before may register at the offices of the township or city in which they reside.

Voting will be at Vaughan school, on Vaughan road south of Long Lake road. Electors will be asked to consider two proposals. The first calls for a bond issue of \$1,750,000 to build a 20-room high school and construction of four class rooms to complete the Wing Lake school.

THE SECOND proposal calls for an increase in the school tax rate of 8 1/2 mills, then it would amount to 10 mills for the remaining 15 years to provide funds to retire the bonds.

The bonding proposal will be voted on only by property owners of the district while all registered voters may ballot on the tax increase matter, Johnson stated.

Both proposals must be approved by a majority of the voters. JOHNSON STATED that many meetings are being held in the homes of private citizens at which members of the board and members of the school administration meet with small groups to discuss the needs for building additional schools in the district.

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Sharpsburg, Md. — For 100 years this town of 800 population, has gotten along without a municipal law enforcement officer. Recently, however, Mayor Elmer Koontz decided the community's lawless element was getting out of hand and recommended the em-

ployment of a policeman to cope with the problem.

Public Bubble Bath

London — A prankster turned Trafalgar Square's famous fountain at the foot of Nelson's Col-

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Three Countries Sending Speakers For Assemblies

Speakers from Germany, France and Japan will talk on world peace, international student relations and practical Christianity in student assemblies at Kingswood School Cranbrook and Cranbrook School this week.

Paul Rusch, executive director of Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project in Japan, will speak Friday, Nov. 13, on practical Christianity in rural Japan. Mr. Rusch is traveling through this country to raise funds for hospitals, farm aid, schools, libraries and missions in the Kiyosato area.

Werner Muller will describe significant development in the academic and extra-curricular life of German universities on Monday, Nov. 16, under the auspices of the World University Service.

The Reverend Andre Trocme will discuss conditions in North Africa and his travels to that area. He is secretary of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation, an organization for world peace through non-violent methods.

This will be the only appearance in this area for the three men, although Dr. Trocme will be in Ann Arbor preceding his Cranbrook visit.

4 Ski Lectures To Be Presented

Plans for this winter's series of ski lectures and exciting films of that rugged sport were revealed Wednesday by the Detroit Chapter of American Youth Hostels.

Four programs, each featuring a personal appearance by a famous skier, will be presented during November and December at the Aaron DeLooy Memorial Auditorium.

First on the schedule will be Frank Scofield of Ste. Aude, Canada, director of the famed Chantrel ski school, who will speak on Wednesday evening, November 11.

"A World in White" is the film to be shown that same evening. It depicts skiing in the Laurentian mountains, in Austria and Banff, and features the trick skiing of Franz Gabl.

Other similar programs will be presented November 18, and December 2 and 8, all at 8 p.m. Tickets may be obtained at Bob Cowert's "Sportsman" on S. Woodward.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

GEORGE SCOTT, Birmingham Fire Marshal: "With the sudden change to cold weather, the danger of fire caused by over-heated furnaces again is with us. We hope that home owners will be particularly careful with their heating units this year."

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