

Skate on Quarton 'At Own Risk', Says City

Regardless of the season, the "Quarton Lake problem" seems to confront Birmingham city commissioners—weeds and an offensive odor in the summertime, an ice skating hazard in the winter.

To correct the situation, City Commissioner Lance Minor Monday night suggested that a pipe be installed to take the Rouge river flow between Oak street and the dam at the south end of the lake, and the low ground filled in. But other commissioners didn't take to his proposal.

Minor had raised the question of what responsibility, if any, the city was assuming in regard to ice skating.

"There really was a mob out there Sunday," he reminded.

CITY MANAGER D. C. Egbert said that in his opinion, the city in no way is responsible for safeguarding an ice skating program.

"The lake is an attractive nuisance," Minor declared.

Fire Chief Varn W. Griffith said city records would show at least half a dozen youngsters have been

pulled out of the water, having fallen through thin ice or skated into open water.

COMMISSIONER Dean Beier, who also is a member of the city recreation board, pointed out that the board some time ago had given up trying to control skating activities on the lake.

"There used to be some small amount of rescue equipment at one point, as well as a direct line to the fire department," he recalled.

"People wanted the snow kept shoveled off. So the board felt it could not afford to develop and maintain a skating program there, or to attempt to keep people off the lake."

Minor suggested the board of education be enlisted in a program to educate children and parents regarding the ice skating risks involved.

"We either should test the ice and post the report, or fence it off—if anyone goes over the fence then it clearly is at his own risk," he stated.

EGBERT REMINDED commissioners that the lake has areas that never freeze over.

"There never has been a satisfactory answer to this problem," he remarked.

"This is when Minor came in with his own suggestion of a certain cure—to fill in the lake."

Pass Police Ordinance
An ordinance to provide law enforcement powers for the Southfield township police department was approved by board members Tuesday night.

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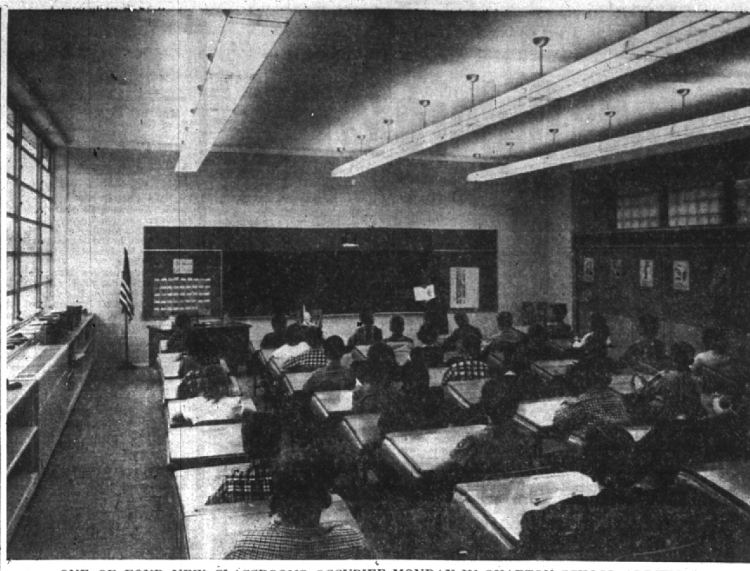
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Classrooms Opened In Quarton Addition

Pressures of overcrowded school facilities were relieved at Quarton school Monday when four bright new classrooms were placed in use.

Children who had been going to emergency classrooms in the school's gymnasium entered the new rooms with enthusiasm, according to Dwight B. Ireland, school superintendent.

A total of 167 pupils were transferred from the gym into the new rooms.

The new classrooms are part of a school addition program approved by voters in the fall of 1952. Construction on the addition began in March 1953 and is scheduled for early completion.

WHEN FINISHED, two more

es. Classes in the new rooms will day was "the most pleasant day of the year."

Ireland said the four teachers "The rooms have acoustical ceiling who have been conducting the inges, bright colors and attractive classes in the gym declared Mon-

UPON FINAL completion of the addition an extra room will have been made available, enabling the present size of class-

Nechman Makes 'Final' Offer To School Board

Recommendations for action by the Birmingham board of education in its efforts to purchase 22 acres south of Derby and east of Adams are expected to be forwarded to the board at its meeting Tuesday night by John E. Martz, attorney for the board.

Nechman stated last Tuesday night at a meeting of the Troy township board that he had made a final offer to the board of education for the sale of the land.

Martz, receiving the offer on behalf of the board, said it was "several times the amount the board has offered to pay," and that it was excessive and out of the question.

MARTZ SAID he is studying several questions before disclosing his recommendations to the board Tuesday night.

At a school board meeting two months ago, Dwight B. Ireland, school superintendent, announced that the board had made an offer of \$1250 per acre for the site.

He also disclosed at that time that Martz had been instructed to prepare condemnation papers in the event a reasonable agreement for purchase of the land could not be reached.

Seek to Save Trees

Support of a resolution asking the state legislature for additional funds to help combat the Dutch Elm disease was given by Southfield township board members Tuesday night. The resolution has been forwarded to all communities in this area from the Oakland County Foresters Association.

HE ALSO TOLD the board that now some money was coming in, he would like the board to approve the purchase of some instructional equipment which is badly needed.

The board approved an expenditure of not more than \$1,100 to provide the high school with a movie projector (\$465), a movie screen (\$60), a projector table (\$39.25), a tape recorder (\$195), and an opaque projector (\$265).

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

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