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Southfield Voters Disapprove Charter by 5 to 2 Margin

S'fld Charter Tally

Prct.	Reg. Vot.	June 7	June 7	Vote Regs.	For	Residents	Old	Charter	Vote	Yes	No
1	1,306	369	80	734	141	593	45	207	283		
2	594	114	113	349	98	251	47	57	145		
3	1,165	121	147	487	87	400	44	87	118		
4	958	351	105	632	97	535	54	207	229		
5	758	183	79	575	97	478	44	151	168		
6	1,312	149	159	355	359	95	98	107	107		
7	1,193	341	141	719	113	606	41	197	304		
8	1,267	362	143	604	143	461	43	202	267		
9	830	346	42	637	103	534	44	162	372		
10	1,039	498	125	663	60	603	38	295	202		
11	1,041	166	321	513	328	185	33	113	603		
Totals 12,185 3,176 2,130 9,165 2,339 6,826											
1923 4,925											

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INTERESTED OBSERVERS gather around as election officials tabulate returns on Southfield's charter vote Monday. Opposition to the charter defeated it by a 4,925 to 1,923 margin. Donald L. Swanson, charter commissioner who gathered most votes for city commission, was elected defacto mayor.

An Editorial Decision on Charter Reveals Civic Health

Monday's Southfield city charter election is now a matter of history. Those who opposed it, the passage is evident because a total of 4,925 votes were cast against this charter. Those who approved the charter may lament its defeat because a total of only 1,923 votes were cast for it.

S'fld School Bd. OK's New Plans

SOUTHFIELD — School board approved architect's plans for the three school additions to the regular monthly meeting Monday night. Bids for the job will be opened by the board next week.

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Northern Balloting Heavy

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SOUTHFIELD — Voters here emphatically turned down a proposed charter which would have been the final step towards full city status, 4,925 to 1,923. A total of 7,104 votes were cast of a potential 9,164.

Only one precinct, Number Seven in Magnolia subdivision southeast corner of the township, brought out a majority of voters in favor of the charter.

Heavy "opposition" voting in Precincts 3 and 13 smothered the proposed city charter with enough "No" votes, 2,114, to defeat the document by themselves.

BOTH precincts are in the Beverly Hills area where strong opposition formed, not only against the charter, but in some instances against incorporation of the township as well.

One unusual side of the election was the refusal of the voters on the one hand while at the same time those who wrote the charter were ready to accept the voters' decision.

Swanson, by reason of his highest vote total, was elected defacto mayor. It will be him that any petitioners turn for a new charter commission election. Otherwise, the same old man group will remain in office unless petitions are filed within 10 days of today's census of votes by present charter commissioners.

OPPOSITION leaders Henry M. DeMeer and Marvin R. Marsh have both stated they plan to file petitions for election of a new charter commission. Both also have said they would run for the commission.

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Request Southfield Legal News Change

SOUTHFIELD — Trustees requested Tuesday night to survey circulation of local newspapers to see which has the largest township coverage.

Driver Killed When Auto Rams Trailer

BLOOMFIELD TWP — George Franz, 33, of Pontiac, died Friday of a heart attack after being struck by a semi truck on the rear of a school truck at Telegraph and Southfield roads.

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