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S'fld Leaders Express Opinions on Charter

SOUTHFIELD—Monday voters here go to the polls to determine whether the charter will or will not be found acceptable to residents here. The Eccentric, in an effort to give its readers some insight into how the election may go, has contacted a leader in every known subdivision in Southfield to see how their areas are lining up for this vote.

To give the reader more facts on which to base a possible prediction, The Eccentric has outlined each subdivision area and given an estimate of the number of home owners.

ROY GREENWELL, 20824 Greenway, past president of Baseline Improvement Association, in a subdivision of over 100 families which lies between 8 and 8 1/2 Mile and between Southfield and Greenfield roads. "We've got to start someplace. We can amend the charter later. If this vote doesn't carry, the south end will go off by itself, and if the north end starts to incorporate it will take the heavy tax base with it and then those fellows in the north end will be sorry they didn't incorporate when they had the chance. I don't well said 75 to 90 per cent of his area were for the charter."

J. C. CARMICHAEL, 21891 Hampton, president of Berkshire Hills Protective Association. The Berkshire Hills Protective Ass'n group has not gone on record but the consensus of opinion here is against the charter. Some things in the charter which people in this group do not like are the tax rate and the incorporation. We feel that some of the officers should be elected rather than appointed."

SHULL, board member of Valley Woods area of Berkshires, said: "At our last meeting, about 27 members present voted unanimously against the charter and since we had more than 50 members in the group it is on record opposing the charter. I personally feel that no one who would support government should vote on this charter. It (the charter) allows for machine politics by the change of terms and the one ward system."

"If the people say they need a city, then they should have the best charter available, and those who speak for the charter are all in on the reform—always, always feeding it. Something that needs defending all the time is not good."

DAVID THOMPSON, 16156 Madison, president, Beverly-Manor Improvement Ass'n: "Our group is not in favor of the charter. I believe that the majority of our board of directors are against the charter and we are against the charter. The association has not gone on record either way, and what we have tried to do is to get information regarding the election out to the people in the area and to get them registered."

BRADLEY STEVENSON, 18943 Riverside, president, Beverly Hills Ass'n: "We are against the charter. I believe that the majority of our board of directors are against the charter and we are against the charter. The association has not gone on record either way, and what we have tried to do is to get information regarding the election out to the people in the area and to get them registered."

COLLECTIVELY, the majority are in favor of it (the charter). The Eccentric has outlined each subdivision area and given an estimate of the number of home owners.

Public hearing on budget. Quarterly treasury statement. Council meeting on Dec. 12. For sale of property, approximately \$500. Tax and general obligation bonds will be issued.

Voting Stations, Qualified Vote Totals Listed

SOUTHFIELD—Precincts listed below are presented here for convenience, those having qualified to vote might not know where their voting stations are. Number of registered voters is given so residents might check them against four section tallies next week. If all voters turn out, it will only take 4,262 ballots for or against to carry the election.

Section 1, polls at the Brooks school, 11000 E. 14 Mile. Section 2, polls at the John Deere school, 11000 E. 14 Mile. Section 3, polls at the John Deere school, 11000 E. 14 Mile. Section 4, polls at the John Deere school, 11000 E. 14 Mile.

Charter Provisions Outlined

SOUTHFIELD—In order that voters who have an opportunity to study the opportunity which they will be asked to vote on, the Eccentric presents here a synopsis of some of the leading items in the charter for quick review.

The charter allows the city to issue bonds for the purpose of financing the city's debt. The charter also provides for the city to issue bonds for the purpose of financing the city's debt.

REGULAR election first Monday in April; 30-day notice on special elections. Winning candidate must be elected by a majority of the qualified voters.

SEVEN members on council; three for four-year term; one for two-year term. Mayor and council members shall be elected by the qualified voters.

ADMINISTRATIVE officers will be: city engineer, police and fire chiefs; public works head; building and engineering head; health officer; water chief; and other officers created. All must be qualified by city voters except engineer and attorney.

MANAGER appoints with council approval. But fire, water, health, police, and engineering can create or abolish post, impose tax, vacate public place, dispose of real estate, and other matters. Private property, appropriate money, or other property or services may be provided or rescind any council action.

Decision on Charter Monday



'HAPPY HOLLY-DAY' Greens sale preview is presented (above) by Members of the WNFG Association, Franklin branch, for their Saturday indoor-outdoor Christmas decoration sale from 9 to 9 at the Franklin Village Hall. From left to right are Mrs. Robert Yingling, Mrs. Ian Wilson and Mrs. Oliver Garwood.

Hold Indoor-Outdoor Yule El Heads Decorations Sale Saturday See Snags In Project

FRANKLIN—Probably one of the season's most-varied displays of Christmas decorations, both indoors and out, will be on sale Saturday from 9 to 9 when Franklin branch members of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association stage their traditional "Happy Holly-Day" greens sale at the Franklin Village Hall.

Special Meeting BINGHAM FARMS—A special council meeting has been called for Dec. 12 to replace the regular meeting Dec. 26. It was announced this week by William King, village president.

Will Provide Voters With Babysitters, Transportation

VALLEY WOODS—The Women's Group of the Valley Woods area are going to make it as easy as possible for women of their area to get to vote next Monday, by providing baby sitting and transportation.

For other transportation or baby sitting services, women in the Valley Woods area may call Mrs. John Tromsard, 32565 Eastlady at E. 6-2142 or Mrs. John Villa, 32550 Plumwood lane at MI 6-0119.

AN EDITORIAL

If You Question Charter Terms, Ask for Its Revision

Any proposed charter for a city should receive the unqualified support of most of its voters and taxpayers, if it is to be the constitutional document designed to bring about an orderly and progressive era of progress for a city. That is why, experience proves, the production of a new charter for a community should be designed to meet every present and foreseeable future contingency.

S'fld Candidates Give History and Platforms

SOUTHFIELD—In an election it is difficult to know all candidates and their stand so that one might vote intelligently. Knowing that it is essential that each voter become acquainted with the persons who will appear on the Dec. 12 charter ballot, The Eccentric has contacted each candidate on his or her platform so that this information might be relayed to the voters.

We would like to remind the reader that regardless of how you feel about voting for or against the charter, you should also cast your ballot for candidates. Your own best commission.

W. JAMES CLARKSON, 25255 Valley View Drive, an attorney with offices in Detroit. He is married and has two children, and is a member of the State Bar Association of Michigan. During World War II Clarkson received four battle stars, the silver star and the combat infantryman's badge.

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Only 9,164 Qualify For Vote

SOUTHFIELD will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed charter, which if approved, will turn the area's 31.5 square miles into the fourth-largest city in Michigan.

STRONG opposition in the north where many would remain a suburban communit' coupled with those in the south end who are better equipped to resist the present zoning practices and who feel the charter does not contain enough safeguards along these lines, may mean to defeat the charter.

INCLEMENT weather holds down the vote, well-organized north ends could defeat the charter by a sizable margin of 1,000 votes, or more. Under optimum conditions, however, do to the north end, what the Democrats did to Thomas F. Dewey in 1948 Presidential election.

IF THE charter is defeated, plans are already made by opposition leaders circulating petitions for a new charter commission.

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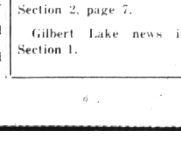
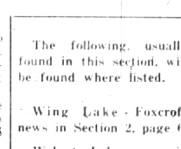
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Commissioners View Proposed S'fld Charter

SOUTHFIELD—To reflect the thinking of the charter commissioners on the document they prepared, the Eccentric wishes to give its readers the charter writers' views.

Only one commissioner, Mrs. Fannie Adams, also a township clerk, is opposed to the proposed charter. The other commissioners are not going to be protected under this charter," said Mrs. Adams.

CHARLES writer, Donald J. Swanson and Fred H. Leonard felt that, while the charter was a series of compromises, it was as good as any that could be written by any one person.

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