

Special Meeting Settles Troy, Vickers Dispute

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

TROY—Two problems that have been vexing township officials—the threatened annexation of Vickers' property and the impending court fight over the legality of the incorporation vote—were resolved at a special meeting of township trustees and Vickers' representatives last week.

Walter G. Koch, attorney for Vickers, presented board members with a letter which stated that Vickers would donate two parcels of the 100-acre tract which he had filed in Oakland Circuit Court against the township.

Announcing the deal with prejudice, the township board members said they would not take any action to incorporate the township until the township had secured a \$2 million bond issue and research building on 45 acres at Oak and Maple will be unable to occupy the site.

KOCH TOLD board members that the township board had approved the proposed annexation of Vickers' property to Royal Oak was a closed book according to Norman R. Barnard, township supervisor.

This does not reduce early and the possibility that Vickers may at some time attempt to incorporate the township, however.

Legal counsel by Hark Merritt, Oakland county corporation official, and state attorney general, advised as to whether a new petition would have to be filed with the Oakland county board of supervisors because of Troy's change from a township to a city.

MERRITT is of the opinion that a new petition would have to be filed, although he is not sure of the effect of the petition filed with the incorporation vote, according to Merritt.

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Merritt, State attorney general Thomas Kavanaugh maintains that the petition now in the hands of the supervisors' board is valid.

Barnard is confident that Vickers would not attempt annexation if Troy failed to charter and officially become a city.

OUR ATTORNEYS, Malcolm Hark and Harry Dell indicate that it would take a majority vote in each community before Vickers could annex itself to Royal Oak.

Vickers' land, will bring the township, or whoever controls the township, an estimated \$20,000 a year. Vickers would not vote in favor of such an annexation.

Knowing that it would be easier to be annexed by Royal Oak if Troy remained a township, Vickers officials lobbied the incorporation figures in the area to be incorporated.

It is noted that 500 persons per square mile were required by state law in order to allow the incorporation. Vickers' officials claimed that the township area which the township board is to incorporate on June 7, was not 27.5 square miles, but over 28 square miles.

A STATE census certified that there were 1,770 persons living in the area of about 700 of the township's estimated population and the amount of land area which Vickers said could be incorporated.

Speaking of moose, we haven't seen as many of them as we have seen in the past. The moose are still scarce here at about the shore of a small lake it doesn't get dark here at 10 o'clock; and daylight breaks mornings at about 3:45 o'clock.

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ber—and then he got out of the car and endeavored to locate himself where he was being both mama and the three little bears into the picture.

"You keep your eyes on the old lady while I'm adjusting my camera," yelled Phil, which, of course, did not help matters during the entire procedure of photographing the bears when Phil wanted the mama to put her head into the car.

YOU ARE LIKELY to see wild animals most any place along the highways, and residents of smaller towns and cities are used to seeing them walking about their streets. My inquiries revealed that almost never is a human being harmed by these roaming wild beasts...

We saw, in Banff, a herd of eight buffalo with a little calf confined in a large fenced enclosure. It was allowed to drive over a road in this enclosure, but told not to get too close to them. Phil and I did not get too close to them.

PRACTICALLY every community in these parts disposes of its refuse at a dump outside of town, and at such places bears appear morning and evening for food. Among them are Black, Brown and Grizzly bears.

I'm beginning to think that wild animals, allowed to live their own lives without kind of gunshot or bullet, are perhaps better behaved than some human beings.

We have seen quite a few moose, sheep and goats, too. The goats remain high up on the sides of mountains, where they eat grass and shrubs that grow among the rocks. The precarious locations they manage to wander over suggest that they are among the sure-footed quadrupeds on this earth.

WHAT SHEEP we have seen generally are ranging along the areas close to the highways, where plenty of foliage grows, where creeks and rivers cross. Right now sheep are losing their wool, and look dirty and mangy.

As I stated before, no hunting is allowed in Canada's national parks. But in areas close to them, hunting is permitted. In the fall, and many record moose and elk are taken.

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Recreation (Continued from Page 1, Sec. 1) in addition to facilities, the recreation board receives a cash budget which covers supplies, leadership and services. From the board of education it receives facilities, utility, labor and leadership.

In 1950 the total contribution was estimated at \$14,245, and Robinson recommended a total budget of \$19,945. For the year 1955, the budget is \$14,500, exclusive of the many contributions of the board of education.

"It has been said," remarked Mrs. William H. Jackson, chairman of the recreation board, "that Birmingham has many surveys and surveys and never does anything about them."

By bringing out this information in the form of a "progress report," the Birmingham Eccentric is showing the public just what has been accomplished and what Robinson survey, made five years ago, has been the basis on which we worked. This is one survey which something has been done.

'Gator Hunting' Will It Become New Area Sport?

BLOOMFIELD — When Danny (Davy) "rocket" Singleton, 5, told his mother he was shooting at an alligator she thought it was just the normal maiming of a small boy.

A few days later, when she sat in the yard of her Kirkway drive home, and looked out over 2500 Leroy Lake, she wondered.

She watched the scaly head of a gator surface for a moment, then submerge. She told her neighbors but they just laughed. She didn't go to the police—then.

Saturday, Mrs. Singleton and her guest, Mrs. Harry Gerweil of Dearborn, both saw the gator. Its head went out of the water as it pursued matters. This time Singleton, himself, called to its confidence and he called the blooded township police.

MRS. SINGLETON who has seen quite a few 'gators' in Florida and at the 200-declerator that is in the water, said that it was not in this section, that's what she was sure she saw. It looked like a good-sized one, "maybe seven feet long."

No one can explain how it got there, but Danny figures he knows how it will go away—he's going to shoot it. Meanwhile, police are keeping close watch over the lake.

Year's Probation, Fines for Illegal Alcohol Charges

Two 17-year-olds were fined \$50 and each got a year's probation when they pleaded guilty to illegally possessing alcohol.

The pair, William C. Reilly of 982 Kingsway and Brian M. O'Hara of 2150 1/2th St. were sentenced by Birmingham Justice John J. Goffitt last Friday.

They were arrested by Birmingham police at Buckhingham and Southfield June 28 after being pursued at speeds up to 80 miles per hour, according to police.

Report No Progress In \$1088 Burglary

Birmingham police Wednesday were looking for a suspect in the \$1088 break-in of the Albert Sherman home at 898 Woodlea near 12th and 11th streets.

De Lt. Merlin Holmquist said the home was entered by a rear porch window, and the money was taken from a dress in a bureau drawer.

Hearing on Streets In Golfview Sub

Public hearing on confirmation of the assessment roll for road utility and seal coating five streets in Golfview subdivision has been set for July 25.

We Get a Letter From 1954 Winner

Last year's top U. S. week newspaper this week wrote its congratulations to the new winner of the Birmingham Eccentric.

Write Managing editor John P. Robinson of the Bidgewood (N. J.) Herald-News: "A copy of your prize-winning newspaper has reached my desk. You and your entire staff are to be congratulated for your outstanding example of American journalism."

The people of Birmingham and vicinity are indeed fortunate to enjoy such a newspaper. The Eccentric a couple of weeks ago was named by the National Editorial Assn. as the nation's first place winner for general excellence among suburban newspapers.

CHET SAMPSON HAS A FEW OPENINGS LEFT ON HIS BOYS' TOUR TO CALIFORNIA. Total Price: \$375.00. Includes: 14 States and 9 National Parks: Yosemite, Zion, Bryce, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Teton, Mesa Verde, Wind Cave, Rocky Mountain National Parks; Hollywood, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, Hoover Dam, Laguna Beach, Reno, Mt. Rushmore, Black Hills, Badlands, Colorado Springs, Pecos, Fort, Lake Tahoe, etc.



SCAFFOLDING AROUND THE NEW planetarium building at Cranbrook Institute of Science attracts artifice artists. Eva Waldinsky, Ann Orr and Dorothy Adams. When completed in early autumn, the planetarium will be the first in Michigan open regularly to the public. The girls are summer session students at Cranbrook Academy of Art, another of the six Cranbrook Institutions.

ROTIC Cadets Train Wasons

Two Birmingham men are among ROTC cadets training at six-weeks Artillery Reserve Officers training at Ft. Sill, Okla. They are Thomas J. Harris and Scott C. O'Connell. Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Frederick Harris, 1461 Pligum road and O'Connell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. O'Connell, 111 Alsey road.

Marine Exercises

Marine PFC Henry A. Verweh took part in amphibious training exercises held by the 1st Marine Division's 5th regiment off the coast of southern California.

Southfield Youth Wins Key Contest

SOUTHFIELD — When the Key Club's ornamental contest was tallied recently last night at 12 Mile and Lakeside, was listed in top position.

Just One Bidder Is Heard From

Only one bid has been received for city owned lot at 12 Mile and Brookside, Birmingham City Clerk Irene Hanley said Tuesday.

It came from Dr. Roman E. Baner of Royal Oak, who was for \$6500 for the more than an acre property. Other bidders must be the previous high bid by five per cent within 14 days.

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