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Charter Opposition Gathers Strength

Charter Writers Differ

SOUTHFIELD—Charter commissioners are not unanimously in favor of the charter which will be voted on Dec. 12, although they agree that compromise was necessary to bring the charter into being.

"It is as good a charter as could be approved unanimously by the entire charter commission," said Eugene Bowen, township supervisor and commission chairman.

"If I didn't think it was a good charter I would have fought for something different," Bowen added.

Mrs. Fannie Adams, township clerk of 31225 Lahser, stated flatly that she was opposed to the charter because it did not provide that clerk and treasurer be elected.

"I'm not radical against the general charter itself," said Mrs. Adams. "The majority rules and I went along with the majority."

Traffic Signal, Roads Discussed

BLOOMFIELD—At the Bloomfield-Berkshire Improvement Association's first fall meeting last week at Bloomfield, a discussion centered upon paving of subdivision roads and the paving of Lincoln road, already under construction.

Also discussed was the possibility of obtaining a traffic light at the intersection of Telegraph and 14 Mile. Parents believe a signal should be there as the school has crossed that intersection every school day.

MEMBERS learned that new street signs have been purchased and will be erected soon.

New residents are urged to attend the meetings of their association and to become members so that they, too, might take an active part in the development of their community.

Walnut Lake Area Plans Halloween Events at School

WALNUT LAKE—The Halloween party for Walnut Lake children will be held this year in a roped-off area near the school between 7 and 8 o'clock next Monday.

An annual event, previously sponsored by the Birmingham office of Sub 1, the party will this year be put on with the help of many organizations in the area, among which are the former sports club and the Walnut Lake Men's Club, the Walnut Lake Women's Club, the Walnut Lake Branch W.N.P.C. association, the Brees of Bloomfield and Roy C. Banker.

THE FIRE department will be on hand to see that everything is safe. Any parents willing to help are asked to contact Mrs. John A. Bell of Putnam drive.

All children in the Walnut Lake school district are invited to join in the fun. Hot dogs and ice cream will be served. There will be music, prizes for costumes and favors for all.

Higgins to Speak at Optimist Meeting

SOUTHFIELD—George N. Higgins, chairman of the Michigan Turnpike Authority will discuss the proposed Flack Road to Saginaw toll road at the next meeting of the Southfield Optimist club on Nov. 3, invited to the meeting are members of Southfield Optimist club. The meeting will take place at the Southfield Inn, Southfield near 13 Mile, at 6:30 p.m.

Rear-End Collision

BLM. TWP.—Mrs. Norma Smith, 32, of Clarkston, suffered neck and mouth injuries Sunday when her 1950 Buick was rear-ended by a 1948 Buick on Long Lake and Fairfax as she waited to turn left. Driver of the latter car, Donald Cates Jr., 17, of Royal Oak, was not injured.

CALENDAR

TODAY
West Beverly Improvement meeting at home of Mrs. Harry Myers, 11:30 a.m.

SATURDAY
Valley Woods special registration, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Residence of Charles Deuel, 32905 Eastlady road.

Valley Woods Halloween parade and dinner, 4 p.m. at home of Mrs. Beverly Adams, 32426 American Hill, Birmingham.

MONDAY
Franklin Halloween party, 7 p.m. at Franklin school.

Westchester Halloween celebration, 7 p.m. at Westchester school.

Wing Lake Park Association Halloween party at Wing Lake school, 5:30 p.m.

Walnut Lake Halloween party at school, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY
Society Area P.T.A. Council meeting, 8:00 a.m. at school 4040 S.W.

Walnut Lake Women's club meeting, 8 p.m. at school 4040 S.W.

Berkshire W.N.P.C. association luncheon meeting at Integrational building at Beverly Hills, 8 p.m. Birmingham Community House.



FIGURE in the painting being pointed to by Robert A. Thom (right) is Eike Kerstein, son of the famous Dr. Gunther Kerstein, M.D. (left). Eike was one of Thom's models.

Distinguished Visitor from Germany Is Houseguest of Foxcroft Artist

FOXCROFT—Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Thom, West Surrey, Foxcroft, entertained last week as their houseguest, Dr. Gunther Kerstein of Hamelin, Germany. Dr. Kerstein has been in Madison, Wis., lecturing and doing research since Sept. 13. He is the second ranking world authority on the history of pharmacy in the world today.

Dr. Kerstein is a medical doctor who owns a large pharmaceutical factory in Hamelin, Germany and also owns 10 pharmacies in that area.

When Thom, an artist commissioned by Parke-Davis to paint the history of pharmacy, was in Hamelin, Dr. Kerstein was of great help in the development of Thom's painting, depicting the extraction of morphine crystals from crude opium.

THE APOTHECARY, Wilhelm Serturmer, did this research in his time and the discoverer of morphine crystals. Thom's painting shows Serturmer trying out his morphine crystals on himself and three other boys. During the actual test, it made them all faint and Serturmer was able to retain enough strength to record his findings.

The model for the foreground figure, the boy with head on table, is the 17 year old son of Dr. Kerstein.

Arrange Special Registration

VALLEY WOODS—Realizing that only one-third of the registered Southfield township voters have re-registered for the city of Southfield charter vote, the Valley Woods area has arranged for a special registration on Saturday, Oct. 29, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Regular Southfield township registration does not qualify residents to vote at the Dec. 12 election on the city charter. For this election residents must register separately, and this will receive a blue registration card.

FOR THE convenience of the community the Valley Woods area has arranged with Fanny Adams to register any eligible Southfield voter at the home of Charles Deuel, 32905 Eastlady road.

The goal of the Valley Woods area is to register the two-thirds who have not registered plus all the new home owners in our community. The board welcomes any eligible voter in the surrounding community to join with us in this special registration.

Lake Property Owners To Meet

WALNUT LAKE—At the October meeting of the board of directors of Walnut Lake Estates Sub No. 2 it was announced that the joint council meeting for Walnut Lake property owners will be at W. & E. Bloomfield township hall Nov. 10 at 8 p.m.

Presiding will be Julian Ostendorf, who will lead discussion in interested parties in the safety, privacy, pollution control, and improvements for fishermen.

Mrs. John Bell reported the entertainment committee is planning an annual Halloween party, responsibility for which other organizations will share this year.

Future events include ice skating parties, teenage for street dance and a millionaire party. A publicity committee was appointed, which Mrs. Emmet Delaney, Mrs. James Roberts, Mrs. Read Bruland and Mrs. Jack Beck will serve.

Dawn DeVerte Hurt In Sunday Mishap

BLM. TWP.—Dawn DeVerte, 13, daughter of Leo T. DeVerte, 22, of 1069 Bird, Birmingham, suffered a fractured wrist Sunday when her father drove his auto into a ditch to avoid another car.

DeVerte told Bloomfield township police his brakes gave out and he bounced into the ditch at Long Lake and Groton. His daughter was treated at St. Joseph Mercy hospital.

50 Prize Winning Inc. Bring Photos on Display State Aid Questions

SOUTHFIELD—Fifty prize photographs, including top winners in the ninth annual National High School Photographic Show, mostly will be shown at Southfield high school Oct. 28 to Nov. 4.

A representative sample of the excellent work done by high school students throughout the U. S. and the territories, the display includes all major prize winners from the \$4,500, 1954 competition, plus a selection of pictures that received special awards.

ACTIVITIES in and out of school, sports, people, scenes, animals—all have been caught by perceptive eyes of young photographers, and are included in the display. Some show carefully studied designs, others reveal a spontaneity; still others are subjects of quiet beauty. All of them are more than mere record shots; they have something to say.

Included in the display is the work of Leonard Cox of Southfield high school who received an "Honorable Mention" and a cash award of \$10. The traveling show will be on display in the west hall of the Art Center where the public is invited to view it.

Beverly Artesian Group Will Dance This Saturday Night

SOUTHFIELD—Preparations for Beverly Artesian Association's first dance are complete, decorations put up and all is needed is the fun and excitement provided by the guests Saturday night at the Art Center, room 12, 12 Mile and Rochester roads.

Committees in charge include A. G. Campbell, music; Tony Moody, refreshments; Mrs. Alan Campbell, invitations and Mrs. William Goetz, dancing will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and a buffet snack will be served during the evening.

Preceding the dance, small groups will gather at several neighborhood centers and several parties.

Election Slated, Membership Opinion Sought at Meeting

EAST BEVERLY—Beverly Hills No. 5 Improvement Association will elect new officers next Tuesday at the Birmingham Community House and members of the association will be asked to express an opinion on the proposed Southfield charter.

A proposed amendment to be submitted to members will increase the number of directors of the association from 5 to 12 for better representation. For the first time since the association was formed, several women have been nominated to the board.

Monterey Vacation, Tree Problems on Tonight's Agenda

LATHRUP—A public hearing on vacation of Monterey will be held at the House in the Woods tonight at 8, followed by a meeting with councilmembers and citizens to determine next year's tree program.

Leonard Watosowski, city administrator, urges all citizens interested in tree problems to be at the meeting so council may clear away as many questions and problems on city trees as possible.

Troop B-29 Holds Court of Honor

EAST BEVERLY—Boy Scout Troop B-29 held a Court of Honor last night in the social hall of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church with families and friends in attendance to present and receive awards.

Following a candle ceremony when 12 points of Scouting laws were presented, the troop presented a Court of Honor, each patrol gave an exhibition of Scouting skills and each Scout displayed his hobby. The ceremony closed with retiring of the colors and the Scout benediction.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR SOUTHFIELD CHARTER VOTE DECEMBER 12

Former Registration Does Not Qualify Resident for Election

Township Offices at 2658 Burg Hill Rd.
Open Mon. thru Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday even. until 8 p.m.
Saturdays 9 a.m. until Noon

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Sub Association Heads Want Strategy Meeting

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

Local chieftains of Southfield subdivision and civic associations are gathering their strength around them for the coming charter election wars, and are holding powwows with other leaders in efforts to put up a solid front in the campaign.

Generally, the opposition is divided into two camps—those, mostly below the 12 Mile road who are opposed to the charter only—and those north of 12 Mile who are against incorporation as well as the charter.

TO THE NORTH, Birmingham has decided that, for the present anyway, it does not want to consider annexation of Beverly Hills, and they in turn have declared, (at least a few of them) that they want to remain as a township.

Marvin March of 16964 Beechwood, president of Citizens of Southfield Township, said this week, "Primarily I think the people here want to stay as a township. If given a choice, I think they would rather go to Birmingham than Southfield (as a city)."

Monday night a 14-member board of directors was organized by the Citizens of Southfield Township Association to further the fight against the charter.

MARSH SAID anti-charter activities include "talks to any group of any size willing to help both sides, and distribution of printed literature to combat the half-truths that have been passed about as facts."

The group lists all of the township residents as possible members. Board members are Tim LaFontaine, 31175 Lahser; Dr. John P. Varley, 18900 Devonshire; Leslie J. Peters, 15721 Buckingham; Arnold J. Young, 10948 Beechwood; H. O. Davidet, 25142 Larikin; George W. Murphy, 32066 Verona circle; William W. Aulepp, 31325 Lahser; Don W. Upward, 16980 Beechwood; Roy Buehler, 16975 Locherbie; Charles Shull, 32750 Bellvue trail; William G. Weston, 17177 Kirkshire; Edwin C. Schreck, 16167 Redmeere; Dr. Harold Fairbanks, 19644 Riverside, and Ray E. Forsyth, 32375 Lahser.

MEANWHILE, other subdivision associations are planning a meeting within the next few days at which those areas opposed to the charter only, will gather for a concentrated plan of attack which they hope will turn back the charter when it is voted upon Dec. 12.

Among these subdivisions are Edgewood Hills headed by Don B. Ellis of 25275 Peerskill; and Oakland Village, Henry DeMeyer of 24107 Gleneyrie, president.

JAMES E. FORD of 26410 W. 10 Mile, a member of the 51-family Edgewood Hills sub, north of 10 Mile and west of Holy Sepulchre cemetery, and member of a committee which hopes to bring anti-charter groups together, said charter opposition centers on too much authority in one body (city or township), and a balance of power.

"The clerk and treasurer should be elective officers to give some balance of power," Ford said. "The city manager should be given more authority than is provided in the present charter."

FORD, who said he has been asked to speak at half a dozen association meetings, said the anti-charter meeting would take place not later than Monday night.

Henry DeMeyer, also a township trustee, voiced disfavor with three points in the charter.

1. "Weak" city manager form of government
2. Four-year terms for council members.
3. Non-area representation.

"WE STILL are not fighting incorporation. It is a combination of these three that makes it bad as far as we're concerned," said DeMeyer, president of Oakland Village subdivision in the 10 Mile-Inkster area.

According to DeMeyer, of 1925 council-manager types of government studied, only 10 per cent were of the type advocated by the nine-member Southfield charter commission.

"Why start out bad? Why should we start out with the 10 per cent?" said DeMeyer. Speaking for those who were aligned with his views, DeMeyer said, "We feel a distinct advantage could be taken under that form of government."

MARSH SAID, in announcing new board members, "These directors are interested only in what's best for Southfield. They have nothing to gain except an improved community and they are publicly on record with their views. There is no skulking in the background with this organization."

CFST speakers already have appeared before eight civic groups in various areas of the township.

AND IN the midst of the controversy others are still undecided as to which direction to leap.

Marsh's neighborhood unit, Beverly Improvement Association No. 5, expects to take a straw vote of membership to determine its stand, according to Joseph Campion, 17111 Locherbie, president.

"I can't speak for association members but I can say that they voted four to one against incorporation last summer," said Campion.

AND IN nearby Beverly Hills Improvement Association, headed by Bradley Stevenson of 18943 Riverside, a vote will be taken among members to clarify that group's position.

Beverly-Artesian Improvement Association Secretary Mrs. William E. Grotterman of 16950 Elizabeth, said she would suggest to board members this week that a straw vote be taken of members.

PROBABLY one of the strongest groups fighting incorporation is the Greenfield-Beverly Hills Improvement Association headed by George W. Murphy of 32066 Verona circle. Murphy's group brought into the open the dissatisfaction with incorporation which was boiling in the Beverlys, at a meeting two weeks ago where members solidly backed a "No" vote on Southfield's charter.

James Molnar of 25962 Rouge court, president of Southfield Township Civic Association, asked if his group was opposed to the charter or not, "It amounts to that."

"I FEEL it is our function to present the facts and let people make up their own minds," said Molnar.

The underlying causes of this incorporation have been completely side-stepped. We're preparing quite a campaign on this issue," Molnar added.

Zining, according to Molnar, is behind the incorporation move, and he said his group intends to bring out all facts in a bid to enlighten groups and individuals in the township.

At Press Time

SOUTHFIELD

TRUSTEES Tuesday authorized \$44,205 for their share of preliminary costs in the Farmington Interceptor project.

ROAD fund money—\$5,000—was appropriated for scripting of township roads. Trustees also authorized Supervisor Eugene Swain to use township trucks, one of which will be used to haul gravel for citizens to fill old road holes. Cost of gravel to residents is one dollar a yard.

TWO new members are expected to be appointed to the township zoning board by trustees at the Nov. 8 meeting to bring the board to full strength of seven members. Sickness and absences have held the board from action.

FINAL approval was given to an amendment to the building code which states that no wells shall be dug closer than 10 feet to a cast iron sanitary pipe or closer than 50 feet to a septic tank field.

DAVID Geer will be asked to explain his estimated \$11,955 cost of operation as consultant to the planning commission when trustees meet Nov. 8.