

Southfield Voters Reject Second Charter

Results of Monday's Southfield City Charter Vote

Table with columns for Precinct, Reg. Vote, Votes Cast, Per Cent, Charter Yes/No, Mayor, Council at Large, Clerk, Treas., Justice of the Peace, Constable, Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 4, Ward 5, Ward 6, and Totals.

Issue Decided By 43 Ballots

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

SOUTHFIELD—A voting miscue by 533 voters brought about defeat of Southfield's second proposed city charter by 43 votes as 8,786 persons cast their ballots Monday.

Sidelights

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LOSING is tough no matter how you have been beaten, but when you lose in the way that Southfield voters did...

Watchowski Gets Vote of Confidence

Council Rebuffs Campbell

Before an average size but keenly interested crowd of Lathrup Village citizens the fate of the village manager was decided in no uncertain terms.

Bloomfield's Annual Tax Bills Mailed This Week

BLOOMFIELD—Residents here can look forward to getting their bills for cost of local government within the next few days if they have not already received them, it was announced this week by Arno L. Hulet, township supervisor.

'Iron Pipe' Ordinance Approved

SOUTHFIELD—The 'Iron Pipe' ordinance which builders argued against at the last regular township board meeting Nov. 27, was passed Saturday at a special township board meeting.

New Home Extension Group Is Organized In East Southfield

EAST SOUTHFIELD—An organizational meeting for a new extension club in East Southfield was held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frederick Henderson, 28776 Marshall.

Southfield Required To Pay Tax Losses

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Raymond F. Poquette, 47, Is Traffic Victim

SOUTHFIELD—Raymond F. Poquette, 47, of 21901 Fraser, was killed instantly Monday night when his car and another auto driven by Charles R. Karinen, 19, of 25650 Code road, collided at Lahser and 10 Mile.

Tulip Plantings by WNFG Club Will Add Beauty to East Beverly School

ENJOYING TIME OUT from classes and getting some fresh air at the same time are Beverly school fifth graders Gary Long, Robbie Vibert, Carol Gaskins and Heather Shaffer who helped East Beverly WNFG club members plant tulip bulbs in the school's enclosed courts.

Postpone Square Dance Club Plans

Organization of a teen-age square dance club, planned for Monday night, has been postponed until the following week.

My Neighbors

"I almost forgot to ask, dear. What bank shall I overdraw our account in?"

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city, percentage of turnout was far below that expected. In Precinct Three, the northeasternmost corner of the township as well, Precinct 11, a stronghold of pro-incorporation, and with 1,431 registered voters, tabulated the weakest turnout of the day with only 46.5 per cent.

Only about 60 per cent of the 14,305 registered voters took time to cast their ballot. In THE NORTH end, where captures the main opposition to incorporation of the township into a

One call for incorporation of Southfield below the Beverly and Berkshires Hills areas, while the other asks that the northern area from 14 Mile to 13 Mile roads between Greenfield and Evergreen roads and from 4 Mile to 12 1/2 Mile between Evergreen and Birmingham Farms Village, be incorporated as a home-rule village.

TONIGHT commissioners who wrote the second charter will meet to canvass the votes. Following this anti-incorporationists will probably attempt to petition for incorporation of a new charter commission, which, in effect probably means the end of any hopes of incorporating all of what is now Southfield township. Lengthy legal mechanics would all but rule out possibility of incorporation on a third charter vote before the June 7, 1957 deadline.

This petition for charter commission election must be presented to the defacto mayor, however, and the defacto mayor must be required and the present commissioners would set out to write another charter or submit the present one at an election which could be called well within the June 7 deadline.

In Ward Two, where no candidates for council for that ward were on the ballot, 10 persons received write-in ballots. Those who were given votes were: Charles Bench, 14; M. D. Cline, high with 8; R. Chamberlain, 59; William Gorman, 4; Allen Wiley, 65; Donald Cadogan, 8; Harold Grimes, 44; Harry Keller, 2; John Grimes, 1; and Young, 1.

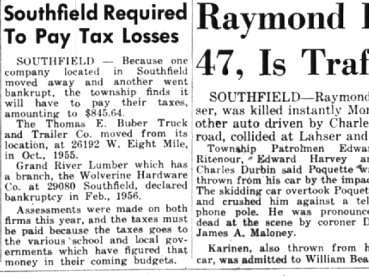
SOUTHFIELD sewer is scheduled to begin within 10 days and be finished by February, it was announced by township board Saturday after Southampton residents bought the bonds necessary to finance the project.

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INTERESTED BYSTANDERS crowd closer as Southfield Township Clerk Fannie Adams (left) and Water Superintendent Leonard Lamb (seated) tabulate final votes that indicated the second proposed City of Southfield charter was defeated by 43 votes Monday.



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