

Writer Sees Charter's Defeat by Slim Margin

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New voter strength, too, presents an unknown factor. How will these people vote, if they vote at all?

Chances are, many will not even bother to go to the polls; not knowing enough about their new area or even caring about it.

Many of those who vote, however, will probably vote for the charter, knowing only that it completes the city incorporation move started last year. "They must have thought it was a good idea or they wouldn't have started the incorporation in the first place," these newcomers will reason.

HOWEVER, SOME, perhaps only a few, will remind themselves that, "I came out here to get out of the city. Why should I vote to put myself back into another city?"

This, of course, is the reasoning of many "old timers" who now oppose any form of incorporation for all of Southfield.

These older residents also fear increased taxes under a city form of government, and would be just as happy to see Southfield remain as it is—a township with limited ability to tax.

Others, in the north end, who fear the city form of government want to, for all of Southfield township, incorporate their own area into a smaller community, such as a village, while still others in this same area would just as soon annex to Birmingham.

IT IS TRUE that undesirable facets of the first charter were eliminated in the second. However, this does not mean that everything in the second charter is good. (See editorial, Section 5, Page 1.)

Apathy may strike many voters before they can pull that lever either "for" or "against."

If this apathy hits the northenders they may as well resign themselves to being a part of the large City of Southfield. It will take every negative vote in that area to keep this charter from passing.

In the Beverly Hills and Berkshire Hills areas (strongholds of this anti-incorporation feeling) are centered one-third of the area's voting strength.

HOWEVER, THESE people have a much higher "battling average" at the polls than do the other areas of Southfield (as compared to the general election Nov. 6, 1955 per cent turned out, as in general to a 91 per cent average throughout the township.)

There are 14,098 voters with CITY registration cards, and L underline the word "city" because those are the only residents who can ballot on the charter.

About 4,450 of these voters are in the north end. The ward registration tallies (with fractions of township precincts included within the ward boundaries) are as follows:

WARD ONE		WARD FOUR	
Precinct 3	1,650	Precinct 4	133
Precinct 7	1,136	Precinct 5	489
Precinct 11	1,400	Precinct 6	319
Precinct 13	1,436	Precinct 10	21
		Precinct 12	967
Total	5,622	Total	2,430
WARD TWO		WARD FIVE	
Precinct 1	491	Precinct 1	99
Precinct 7	52	Precinct 2	45
		Precinct 6	516
Total	1,126	Precinct 8	1,094
		Precinct 9	484
		Precinct 10	181
WARD THREE		Total	2,339
Precinct 1	592	WARD SIX	
Precinct 8	104	Precinct 2	583
Precinct 10	369	Precinct 9	776
		Precinct 10	578
Total	1,065	Total	1,937

With the opposition centered in Precincts Three, Seven and Thirteen, it is easy to see that any apathy on the part of south end voters would mean defeat of the charter.

In these opposition camps block captains are rallying the voters, baby sitters are being furnished, as is transportation.

ONE VOICE, WHICH has consistently predicted the outcome of local elections during her 25-year tenure as township clerk, has predicted that the charter will pass.

Mrs. Fannie Adams, township clerk, says her main reason for such a prediction is that many residents who opposed apathy and every incorporation move presented to them (and there have been several such attempts within the past few

Red Cross Blood Bank Will Visit Lathrup Tuesday

SOUTHFIELD—Red Cross blood bank will be at Lathrup Community Center, Tuesday at 9 a.m. for all residents of the Southfield area.

Mrs. Elmer Craig, president of Lathrup Women's Club, sponsor of the bank, reminds Southfield residents they are privileged to draw on the bank at any time they may have need.

Mrs. Robert Isbell, co-ordinator, will direct activities of the bank. Dinner will be served to the medical staff and volunteer workers with Mrs. Norman Iversen in charge.

Mrs. Frank Coet is chairman of all transportation, and Mrs. Ray Heym of cookie supply. Mrs. Harold Nash and Mrs. Vernie Blake will be coffee hostesses.

SERVING in canteen will be Mesdames George Burnham, Robert Gordon, B. N. Hines and H. J. Stock, with Mrs. Wilbur Doran assisting as Red Cross gray lady.

Registered nurses will include Mrs. Harvey Caddell, Mrs. Fred Simpson and Mrs. Clyde Ward. Assistants are Mrs. William Arneson and Mrs. John W. Davis.

Girl Scouts of troop 166 will babysit for children of donors from 1:45 to 7:45 p.m. Appointments for donation may be made by calling Mrs. E. Robert Isbell.

F. Glen Shoemaker Resigns Post On Franklin Council

FRANKLIN—Council members accepted F. Glen Shoemaker's resignation Monday night because of his present illness and his expected absence from Franklin during the winter months.

Shoemaker whose term expires March, 1957, resigned because he will be making his home in Florida during the winter months. He has served on the Franklin council since July, 1954.

Council will elect a member to fill the vacancy.

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Allow Exemptions Under Revised Downspout Law

LATHRUP—First reading of an amendment to the downspout ordinance—which would allow exceptions to the disconnection of downspouts in critical areas—was heard at a special council meeting Monday night.

Councilman Lantz L. Mackey introduced Ordinance 34 which amends Ordinance 29, and which calls for the building inspector to determine whether complaining residents have sufficient reason, because of health or safety hazard, to have their downspouts or spouts connected though they live in the critical area.

THIS AREA where downspouts have been ordered disconnected in an effort to relieve the flooded basement conditions, is north of 11 Mile road.

Councilman Richard N. Cogger requested that the city meter reader make notes of downspouts in the critical area that have not been disconnected so the owners may be notified of their violation of the council resolution on downspouts.

Ordinance 34, which probably will get a final reading within the next three weeks, sets up a downspout board of appeals which will review decisions of the building inspector and the city engineer satisfied with the building inspector's recommendations.

THEN THE board of appeals will pass this information along with recommended ruling on whether the downspouts in question should be disconnected or not and the council will make a final ruling.

Downspout board of appeals will consist of building inspector and three citizens appointed by council for two-year terms.

Detroit Fatally Hurt on Telegraph

BLOOMFIELD—A Detroit motorist died early Sunday after he failed to heed a traffic signal at Telegraph and Square Lake road and crashed into a semi-trailer, according to township police.

Albert Roome, 59, the victim, a Cadillac Motors employee, died 10 minutes after his arrival at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, attendants said.

Walter A. Magaw, 48, of Dearborn, told police he was turning left from Square Lake road onto Telegraph when Roome's auto, southbound on Telegraph, crashed into his truck. Magaw was not injured, police said.

years) have decided that they may as well vote for incorporation.

These same voters feel that, while they would like to remain as a township, if and when the north end detaches itself from Southfield, there will not be enough voting strength to halt city incorporation moves for the remaining area, and rather than lose the north end, these people would vote for incorporation of all of Southfield Dec. 3.

IN THE NORTH end, a petition has been filed requesting that the Beverly Hills and Berkshire Hills areas become a homerule village.

In the south end a second petition has been filed asking for city incorporation of all of Southfield except the Beverly and Berkshire Hills areas.

These two petitions will be nullified if this vote Dec. 3 approves a charter.

I personally believe that apathy in the south end plus the fact that newly arrived citizens of Southfield will probably stay away from the polls will bring about the defeat of the second charter.

Hills Announces School Site Acquisition Plans

By JEAN M. DAY

Plans for the acquisition of a site for a new Bloomfield Hills elementary school were announced this week by the Bloomfield board of education. An 18-20-acre site at the intersection of Quarton and Bayley roads has been selected for a 500-student elementary school to be completed by fall, 1958.

After intensive study the board has decided upon a site which almost exactly pinpoints the recommendations of a long-range survey, compiled by Michigan State University in 1955 and revised this year. Eugene J. Johnson, superintendent of schools, told The Eccentric.

"It is intended to relieve the 'growing pains' of Vaughan and Wing Lake schools," Johnson pointed out acquisition of the new site will mark the third step in the district's long-range development program, which must go ahead as scheduled "for the youngsters aren't waiting until schools are ready for them."

Negotiations for the site have been under way for some time with Mrs. Mary B. Jenkins, inwood circle, W. Bloomfield township, through two sons. They are acting for their mother, who holds title to the area. Attorney John A. Gilray, Jr., is representing the board.

"We are trying to work out an agreement so that condemnation will not be necessary," Gilray told The Eccentric. Gilray was hopeful this could be accomplished this week.

HE CONFIRMED that until now the family has not been interested in selling and no mutually agreeable amount has been settled upon. The family is reported to have been

BPW to Meet December 5 In Lathrup Church

SOUTHFIELD—Business and Professional Woman's club will meet Dec. 5 at Community Congregational church in Lathrup village at 6:30 p.m. Marion Huebmann will show pictures of the Middle East following the dinner and business meeting.

BPW club members are selling Texas fruit cakes as a club project and proceeds from the sale will go toward the club's scholarship fund.

Jane Shepard and Grace Hoffman are new members of the club. Lillian Blacklaw, the group's first president has resigned from the organization.

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S'field Tax Notices Due Out This Week

SOUTHFIELD—Friday the local post offices are going to be loaded with cards addressed to Southfield township residents.

But they are not going to be Christmas greetings. The messages—being dispatched by Miss Clara Lane, township treasurer—will contain the amount of money it is going to cost the local resident for his 1957 taxes.

Those in the Birmingham school district of Southfield will enjoy a tax reduction of \$2.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value. In the Southfield school district, residents will find a \$6.06 per \$1,000 reduction, while in the Oak Park school district, citizens will have a \$1.57 increase, said Miss Lane.

THOSE in the Southfield district might find some of that \$6.06

Miss Lane reported that tax payments can be made this year at two branches of the Detroit Edison and Trust Co., at Northland Center and at 14 Mile and Woodward, as well as at the township hall, 2608 Berg road.

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