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Let Tax Sues Subsidizers Over Sewer Rights

Talk Stirs Anti-Tax Group in Westwood

WESTWOOD—"If the pulse there last night is indicative, apparently there is a lot of feeling against government spending," said Edward F. Dolan Tuesday. He described efforts to muster a spreading revolt against the proposed state income tax and government waste.

The movement began when Westwood Councilman Ted Shurtliff suggested to the council last month that the village become the first to go on record as opposed to the state income tax.

At the Westwood village council meeting Monday night at Greenfield school, Dolan was appointed temporary chairman of a group of Westwood citizens and representatives of other communities who had just heard Michigan State Senator L. Harvey Lodge, of Shurtleff's invitation, Lodge had described national and state government waste.

WHAT THEY could do, Lodge told them, was to stand behind—and not too far behind—state legislators who are fighting to stop waste.

"A resolution is not enough," Lodge said.

After the approximately 50 people in the audience talked and listened to Lodge for nearly two hours, they left the meeting with a word from Westwood Village President Marvin Cline.

"We would like to see these associations represented here tonight band together for the purpose of supporting this movement," Cline said. "We have got a hot one on our hands, but it has to spread."

HE ASKED Dolan, president of Beverly 12 association and a frequent visitor at council meetings, to be chairman of the discussion outside the council meeting place. Dolan said later he took 13 names of representatives of associations in Farmington, Westwood, and Bloomfield townships.

Among the names were those of Arthur Picotte, Harvey V. Beggs, and Mrs. Margaret Beovich, candidates for top officers in Bloomfield township and former board members of the Federal Civic association, representing 82 associations.

Dolan said he intended to call a meeting within "a week or ten days" of the persons at Monday's meeting, along with other area representatives who have told him, "count us in."

"IT'S HARD to say," Dolan said, "whether this thing will be successful. It depends on how willing people are to do a little time to accomplish something."

Dolan said anyone wanting to associate with the group should contact him at his home, 31945 Carle-er, Birmingham.

Stork Makes First Landing in Lathrup

LATHRUP—The stork made his first 1959 delivery at William Beaumont hospital to a Lathrup couple, Charles and Helen Giordano, of 18775 Cambridge, Lathrup village. (See picture and story, Pg. 1-A).

Hills Cuts Teachers, Bus Lines

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—An austerity program, designed to cut down a school operating deficit of \$300,000 for 1958-'59, was unanimously adopted by Bloomfield Hills board of education at its meeting Tuesday night.

The program goes into effect for the second school semester, beginning Feb. 2.

A recently adopted policy of hiring no substitute teachers will continue. Four teachers, who plan not to be replaced, existing classroom loads will be increased to absorb pupils.

NEGOTIATIONS with Great Lakes transit company, presently furnishing student bus service, will be opened. The board hopes to effect a \$10,000 saving by setting up direct trunk lines to schools—reducing the number of buses now required. No trunk line would be further than a mile from the home of a student using it.

A fee of six dollars a semester is to be charged each student in the school system to cover costs of classroom materials and scholastic tests.

Additional one and two dollar fees for operational supplies must be paid by students in typing, art, physical education, home economics, shop and science classes.

HEATING and lighting costs will be tightly controlled. Civic groups using school facilities will be charged those costs incidental to their meetings.

The board also voted to hold a special meeting Saturday, Jan. 17, at 10 a.m. At that time plans will be formulated for a new school election on a millage tax increase. The proposal was voted down in December.

Rochester Woman Resists Assault

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—A 20-year-old Rochester woman resisted a man who forced her car off a south boulevard near Adams last week and escaped unharmed to a nearby home.

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Tomorrow night the Bloomfield Democratic club will honor State Supreme Court Justice John D. Voelker at a private reception on the second floor of the Sheraton Hotel.

NOT MUCH of a decision has been made by Southfield township board of trustees on the primary, both Republican and Democratic candidates are opposed, so there's no contest until the general election in April.

There's still going to be a primary election in April, but only for candidates for county offices.

Bloomfield Candidates' Review Set

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—All Bloomfield township primary election candidates will be screened by a five-man committee of township residents. It was announced this week by Federated Civic association President George Petzer.

According to Petzer, the screening committee will be appointed by the FCA to review candidates' qualifications.

They will make public their findings on each candidate to the voters as ballots are being drawn up in the township. Two distinct slates for the top offices of supervisor, treasurer and clerk will also be on the Feb. 16 primary ballots.

"Our scope is not to recommend," Petzer told the Birmingham Eccentric Monday. He emphasized the non-political nature of the FCA, an organization representing approximately 32 township property owners' associations.

"THE COMMITTEE will receive no instructions from nor clear its findings with the federation," Petzer said.

Three FCA board members who are resigning to run for township offices are Arthur Picotte, Harvey Beggs, and Mrs. Margaret Beovich, running as a slate for supervisor, clerk, and treasurer respectively.

They are running against incumbent Supervisor Amor F. Hulst, Treasurer Homer Case, and Clerk Robert F. Dudley.

THREE TRUSTEESHIPS will be filled on the township board, two of the vacancies created by the increase in the board's size from five to seven members.

The third vacancy to be filled by voters is the office now held by Trustee Robert A. Reed, of 344 Tibury, Birmingham. Reed seeks election to the post to which he was appointed to fill a vacancy when former Trustee Mark Kraus resigned in August, 1957.

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Southfield Suggests Change in East-West Expressway Plans

SOUTHFIELD—Southfield planners have proposed a change in the state east-west expressway connecting Grand River with North-western. They named 14 Mile road as a better route than the present 11 1/2 Mile road plan.

Both Farmington township and Southfield agreed at a recent meeting that 14 Mile would be a more plausible route.

The state has already started legal procedures for eight-and-a-half miles of westerly construction on the 11 1/2 Mile strip.



Remedies for Roads?

FRANKLIN—While Road Administrator Stanley Hunter looks over the stack, Mrs. Frank Taylor, village clerk, opens incoming road questionnaires. Village residents still have time to return the questionnaires mailed to them, Hunter said this week, as the deadline has been extended to Monday.

Village officials urged that replies be mailed in this weekend so work of tabulating opinions can be completed. Results may put a tax question on the March 9 ballot for Franklin village voters. Of approximately 400 questionnaires sent, nearly half have been signed and returned.

2 Are Seeking W. Bloomfield Supervisor Job

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Hiland M. Thatcher, for ten years supervisor of West Bloomfield township, will be opposed when he seeks reelection to that office in the Feb. 16 primary.

A six-man race is being run for the three vacancies on the township board. Two of the seats to be filled were created by raising the board membership from five to seven. The third is the expired term of Roscoe C. Banker, who is not seeking reelection.

Thatcher's opponent is Chester A. Okopski, 7759 Richardson road, Wall Lake. Okopski was defeated \$120 of Bill's Service station's receipts.

S'field Gas Attendant Beaten, Robbed

SOUTHFIELD—An 18-year-old Southfield gas station attendant, who was beaten and robbed Sunday, was released from Beaumont hospital with minor head injuries.

Davell E. Melrose, 19218 Melrose, was forced to give his assailant half miles of westerly construction on the 11 1/2 Mile strip.

Will Drop Suit If Deed Offered

LATHRUP—A resolution approved by four members of the Lathrup council Monday evening authorized City Attorney Everett Hayes to prepare a declaration of rights suit against Louise Lathrup Kelley to clear title to the city's sewers.

Westwoodman, Bare That Tree!

WESTWOOD—All discarded Christmas trees placed at the curb-line of Westwood homes will be picked up Saturday, the village council said Monday night. The village's trucking contractor, Paul J. and Ruthenberg, will handle the trees' disposal.

Run for Office, Wood Creek's Councilmen Say

WOOD CREEK FARMS—Feb. 7 is the deadline for registration and filing of petitions for council candidates, Arthur Busch, village clerk, announced Tuesday.

The council is will be voting March 9 for a village president and two councilmen for two-year terms.

Although it was fairly evident that president Alger Clark and councilmen Norman Krieger and Harry Lang, Jr. will be incumbent candidates, they expressed the hope that others will run, too. Clark urges that the voters should have a choice and the Wood Creek Farms Civic association will be asked to help encourage competition.

Residents wishing to register can do so at the clerk's home on Millbrook road.

The council is also looking for some hospitable resident who will offer his home for a polling place. The council has the flag, aback with 46 stars.

Make a Date With Your Government

If you live in a township or village, mark down these dates: Feb. 16—biennial spring primary.

Jan. 19—last day to register for spring primary.

Feb. 16—biennial spring primary election, township and county offices.

March 9—village election and county offices.

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April 14—(Saturday) township annual meetings.

April 6—biennial spring election, township and county offices.

MONDAY HAYES told the council that he had consulted with County Bonding Attorney Claude Stevens, who recommended starting suit if no deed is forthcoming. Stevens also agreed to the necessity of the simple notification to state authorities involved in the attempt to get the city to end pollution of the Evans ditch.

Still to be purged of contamination of court charges, the City of Lathrup Village, according to Michigan statutes, could find itself faced with a penalty as high as \$500 a day until satisfactory action is started to end pollution, Hayes said.

Cogger reassured Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Monday that if the new deed is acceptable, a special council meeting will be called next Monday.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

You think you had troubles on New Year's? Let me tell you about Jack Gordon, of Wood Creek, and Sheila Rhodes, of Detroit.

They chose New Year's Day at 11 a.m. as the hour for their wedding. The place—Franklin Community church, set that day in the midst of a meeting of the same course as any couple ever surmounted to meet each other at the church. Along those Franklin hills the roads were one foot wide and the glacial caverns on either side measured 20 feet.

Meanwhile, the bride and her parents slid off a Franklin road on their way from Detroit. But this cute young miss wasn't going to let that keep her from the most important date in her life. The bride got out and pushed.

Anyway, they all lived happily and, for their honeymoon, the couple went on a skiing trip.

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