

Troy News Briefs

Plan to Seek Detroit Water

TROY—Sixty per cent of the city may have Detroit water by spring of 1961. The area concerned is bounded by Crooks, 18 Mile road, Dequindre and 14 Mile road.

City commissioners and City manager David W. Hasse agreed July 18 that Detroit offers the only practicable solution to provide Troy with better water, adequate pressure and a sure supply. Troy now supplies residents with well water.

The commission was advised by City Engineer Joseph Shugart to hire an outside consultant to draw up a master water plan for the city. It would take about one month.

IT WAS INDICATED that a contract will soon follow with Detroit to provide water and water storage facilities to serve the area. Detroit will complete the water facilities by spring if the contract is signed soon.

Hasse's recommendation noted that Troy's system was now \$700,000 in debt. Only \$200,000 more in revenue bonds for new water facility construction can be issued, according to city consultants. He said future water revenue bonds issues could be used only for expansion of the city's transmission system.

Total cost, not yet estimated, would not force up residential water costs, according to the city manager. He was instructed by the commissioners to prepare a cost and route transport of transmission lines, the construction of which could be paid for by using a \$2,000,000 water fund surplus, by special taxes, and by raising \$500,000 through a revenue bond sale.

Appointment Committee On Sewer Proposal

TROY—The city commission has appointed a citizens committee to advise on a \$4,025,000 sewerage bond issue up for voter approval Aug. 2. Commissioners believe the bond issue is necessary if the city is to increase its tax base through attracting industry and business to Troy. Thousands of undeveloped acres could be used for this purpose, they say.

The committee members are Oakland county corporation counsel Norman Barnard, Troy school board member Ben Jones and residents Jack Muer and Robert F. Olinger.

Commissioner Wallace B. Hudson, who urged the committee plan, stated that he would like the former commission members to take part in promoting the bond issue.

Critic Draws Mayor's Fire

TROY—Mayor Robert J. Huber, at the July 11 commission meeting, said it was "high time we took action to prevent indiscriminate charges at public meetings. If the charges are true, I'd be the first to demand an investigation."

He specifically mentioned an outstanding critic of city officials, Mrs. Joseph R. Shenemansky, Jr. He charged her with "continually bothering" City manager David W. Hasse and with accusing commissioners of "corruption."

"I only wish she were here so I could tell her to her face," he said. "If she continues to maintain this attitude, we will take action." Mrs. Shenemansky, 6213 Malvern, who attends most commission meetings, was absent at that meeting.

City attorney Stanley Burke told Huber it is within his rights to warn any person in the audience when they are out of order and, if necessary, eject them. Fellow commissioners took no action on Huber's statements.

\$120,000 Budget Hike for Schools

TROY—An operating budget increase of \$120,471 for 1960-61 was adopted by the Board of education July 11. New budget figure is \$1,351,054.

Two large items in this year's budget, according to Superintendent Rex B. Smith, are \$99,729 for instruction and \$167,751 for plant operations.

Instruction costs include provisions for five additional teachers and an additional \$20 in annual increments for teachers. Teachers with masters' degrees will receive an extra \$100.

FINAL OPERATING cost figures show a total deficit reduction of \$48,000 plus due possibility to a further tax collection in May delayed and a postponement is some capital outlay expenses, according to Smith.

Total expenses were only 44 of one per cent over the budget, he stated.

New Manager To Take Over

TROY—David E. Firestone, new City manager, will succeed City manager David W. Hasse Aug. 1. He has been the city manager-cum-Deputy City manager for the last year and one-half.

Hasse, who resigned his \$10,500 a year job in May, has not divulged his future plans. A resident of Royal Oak, he refused to go along with demands from city commissioners and residents in May to move to Troy. Formerly city engineer, he became manager in May, 1959. His resignation was

originally scheduled for Aug. 15. Firestone, 49, was chosen in the last month from 29 applicants. He graduated as a civil engineer from the Michigan college of mining and technology in 1956, following four years as an Air force meteorologist.

HE WAS AN ENGINEER with Battle Creek's DPW and also owner of a decorating service in that city, later going on to the city manager of Imlay city.

He, his wife, Lorraine, and three children, David E. Jr., 10, Gary, 8, and Susan, 7, will move to Troy.

The unanimous choice of city commissioners, he believes Troy's greatest needs are for sewers, streets and water. Troy voters will decide on a \$4,025,000 bond issue Aug. 2.

Voters to Decide On \$65,000 Refund

TROY—A charter revision proposal to reimburse Troy property owners for \$65,000 in overpayments for local water mains in 1959 will be decided by the voters in the Nov. 8 election.

Whether the surplus special taxes should be returned to owners of

over-taxed property at refund time or whether the excess will be applied to new taxes or future installments will be decided by the voters.

The proposal was first scheduled for the Aug. 2 ballot but was changed to the later date by city commissioners.

Guilty in Slaying, Sentencing is Set For Next Tuesday

TROY—Paul Henley, 55-year-old Troy factory worker, is being held without bond for sentencing Aug. 2, in the June 25 shotgun slaying of his stepson, 12-year-old Mitchell Steele.

He pleaded guilty to second degree murder recently before Circuit Judge William J. Beer. Maximum penalty is life imprisonment.

The boy was felled by a blast from a 12 gauge automatic shotgun as he rode up the driveway on his bicycle.

HENLEY ALSO FIRED at his wife, Gaynelle, 37, but missed. Police said. The shooting climax a domestic quarrel over some candy bars for the couple's youngest son, Paul, 5.

Mrs. Henley brought back the candy from a store where she had gone to purchase a racing form for her husband. Enraged over the candy, Henley got the shotgun

from a bedroom and fired once at his wife, Police said.

She fled to the home of a neighbor, Mrs. Elizabeth Wyatt, 2691 Dashwood and the two women then drove around the neighborhood to warn the boys.

They found Mitchell dead on the driveway when they returned and Henley standing on the front porch, still holding the shotgun.

He gave no reason for the shooting. His wife said he had never got along well with his step-son.

New Council Table, Bomb Shelter OK'd By City Commissioners

TROY—City commissioners approved construction of a \$750 Civil defense display bomb shelter and purchase of a new U-shaped commission table, at \$497.50, at a recent meeting.

The bomb shelter will be built on either police station or city hall grounds and will be open for inspection by residents.

It will be equipped for use by the local C. D. department for class-

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BROWN PATCH: — Will appear on bent and blue grasses during July and August. Sometimes patch is edged with dark blue or black ring. Spray weekly with ACT-DIONE R-Z. Avoid saturating the soil so excessive moisture occurs. Do not water in the evening.

LACE BUGS: — (Check underside of leaves of rhododendron, azaleas, laurel, elms, hawthornes, as the second brood may be starting its destructive work. Use ISOTOX or Mc-B INSECT SPRAY.

VESPA WASPS: — They love the bark of lilacs. Dust or spray the branches with DDT or DD-IDE now.

PEACH BORDER: — Are now starting to lay eggs at base of trunk. Hatching is quick and the grubs immediately enter the inner bark. Then fuzzy stuff appears and protects the grub. Apply DD-IDE now and again in two or three weeks. (Spray branches also for the "lesser" peach borer.)

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BIENNIALS: — Early August is the time to sow pansy, English daisy, forget-me-not, Canterbury bell, etc.

FOOD: — All the flowers need another dressing now with STADIER'S GARD-N-GRO (4-12-4) or AGRICO for gardens (5-10-5). Remember that well nourished plants have good deep root systems which can gather more water with which to carry the fertilizer to the leaves where it is changed into a useful food.

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Birmingham Student Enters Monticello

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Radeliffe College Awards MA Degree

Pamela Jane Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard K. Morgan, 56 A.M., 17 Ph.D., 109 Master of Arts in Teaching degree at the 76th commencement of Radeliffe college, June 15. Mrs. Mary I. Bunting, president of Radeliffe College, conferred 502 degrees, including 248 A.B. degrees, of Mr. and Mrs. Howard K. Morgan, 56 A.M., 17 Ph.D., 109 Master of Arts in Teaching and 72 certificates of the Harvard-Radeliffe Program in Business Administration.

Miss Morgan holds a B.A. degree from Smith College (1957).

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