

Troy News Briefs

Drain Costs Explained to City, Residents

TROY—Like it or not, Troy residents have, at least, the Oakland county drain commission's explanation of the rising costs of the Evergreen interceptor sewer.

City commission and approximately 75 residents met last week with county DPW Director R. J. Alexander and his deputy, Donald W. Ringler last week.

THEY TOLD the commission and citizens that consulting engineers neglected to take borings of the interceptor route before Troy's share of the cost was estimated at \$1,257,000.

Later tests and contractor's costs have boosted the city's share by \$318,000.

Alexander suggested that the city approve a proposed extension of the Evergreen in northwest Troy, although it might be 10 or 20 years before Troy residents to the south in the Charnwood subdivision benefit from it.

Alexander also informed those present that it would cost Troy "millions" to build its own sewer comparable to the Evergreen.

The drain commission's desire to protect its credit solvency and to facilitate the sale of the sewer bonds "was responsible for a large financial cushion it was building," Alexander said.

City Rejects Union Request

TROY — Seeking recognition that, it appears, will not be granted, is Local 111, public employees, an affiliate of the American Federation of County, State and Municipal Employees, A.F.-C.I.O.

The 12-member local, organized in April, was told by city commissioners recently that the city would not recognize the local as bargaining agent for DPW and water department employees.

COMMISSIONERS indicated, however, that they would continue to discuss informally wages, grievances and other issues with the union's representatives.

John E. Koskovernyk, the local's president said the union would appeal to the state labor mediation board.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

There is a lady in Birmingham who, though she now lives alone, has the loyal and faithful companionship of two friends. Friends who talk pleasantly to her, who now and then "scold" her and in brief portray a close relationship that brings her happiness. The lady is Miss Jeanette Gustaf, 1506 Oxford, and her "friends" are two beautiful Maltese cats, Miss Gustaf formerly was a Detroit school teacher, and has lived since retirement, for many years at her present address. Incidentally, Miss Gustaf is also devoted to canine life, though she doesn't possess a dog now. "But, I am endeavoring to set in motion a plan whereby dog lovers in this area may underwrite the building and maintenance of a shelter for dogs who need befriending," she said this week.

In this column last week this Wanderer wrote a piece about John Boren, who runs a news-magazine and gift store known as "Borcin's," in nearby Fenton. In error, we stated that Mr. Boren is a partner in the Fenton store with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Douglas, who own and operate a similar store in Birmingham. As a matter-of-fact, we have since learned, though the Douglas own the Fenton building in which John is doing business, Mr. Boren, alone, owns the Fenton Boreline's establishment.

TAX TIP: Contributions to charities include more than your cash donations. If you give clothing or other goods, the fair market value of these items may be deductible on your 1959 Federal income tax return. The value of your personal services are not deductible.

NOTE TO "Sobbin' Sally the Sitten": We got your letter—but will not publish it until you identify yourself to our Managing Editor. We don't publish unsigned communications, although we will withhold identities if so requested.

Birmingham's Elton park municipal skating rink gets a prominent spot in the current issue of the "Michigan Municipal Review," publication of the Michigan municipal league. Don Martin, city recreation director, describes how the ice rink has grown in popularity. The review's cover features a picture which Ecentric staff writer Dani Scanlon took last season of a youngster falling to the ice.

Of course, you, like all good citizens did not your license plate tags well before Monday night's deadline. But there were some who played it to the hilt, right through the additional and 29th day of February. This Wanderer took a tiny survey at 12:08 Monday afternoon on the south side of Maple from Woodward to Bates. Six of the 14 cars had no new tags yet. If we were to generalize on such a sampling, we'd be saying 42 per cent of Birmingham motorists waited till the last day! That's hardly likely. But that's the way too many



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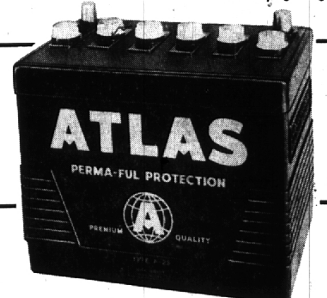
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