

Troy News Briefs

Engineering, Finance Experts Talk on Sewers

TROY—Troy's sanitary sewer committee moved a step closer to recommending an equitable sewer program for their city last week when it received additional engineering and financial information from a pair of experts.

At Thursday night meeting, Larry Pate of Fate and Hirm Engineering, discussed his company's report regarding the disapproval of a master trunk sewer system for the Troy sanitary sewer district, while James Pollack, consultant to the city's financial consultant explained the basis of his recommendations for financing the program.

IN REVIEWING the master plan, Pate explained briefly that he had previously recommended dividing the Troy sanitary district into two stages of development for two reasons: (1) cost involved; (2) financial limitations.

Pate pointed out the fact that it is not economically feasible, due to the city's present population, to attempt to develop the entire area at one time, hence the recommendation for a two-stage development plan.

He stated that the two-stage plan was in no way intended to slight certain areas of the city, but rather was developed to first provide sewers in areas that would do the most good for the greatest number of residents, while holding construction costs to a minimum.

FINANCIAL consultant Pollack advised the group that his latest report recommended construction of a treatment plant and trunk lines was prepared at the request of the city commission, who felt that the 12-Town drain did not look as though it would ever be a reality for some time.

OTHER AUTHORITIES who will speak include Reuben L. Hill, director of Minnesota family study center; Carl T. Rowan, authority on family social problems; and Robert C. Wood, who will lecture on "The Impact of City Planning on Families."

THIS TRUNK line proposal was approved by 53 per cent of Troy's voters, while the treatment

plant proposal received 47 per cent voter approval. A 60 per cent majority was required for passage for both proposals.

Pollack defended both the engineering company's recommendations and his own, saying he didn't think it feasible to attempt to install sewers throughout the entire city at one time.

Break Ground For Troy DPW

TROY—Ground was broken last Thursday for the \$33,000 department of public works building on Lochester road, south of Long Street.

The concrete block structure will house most of the city's DPW equipment. It will also be used by the city's water department.

The city's building fund, which now totals about \$30,000 will partially finance the structure. City officials also expect that part of the cost will be paid by water department revenues.

Thanksgiving Service Planned By Troy Pastors

TROY—A community Thanksgiving service has been planned for the city of Troy by the Troy Pastors' union. The service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian church of Troy, 4230 Livermore near 17 Mile road.

Participating in the service will be the Rev. Ralph Janka, Troy Methodist church; Dr. Finley Dewey, John B. Evangelical center; the Rev. Donald Pendell, First Presbyterian church of Troy; the Rev. Richard S. O'Neil, American Baptist church of Troy; the Rev. Albert Hartook, Big Beaver Methodist and the Rev. Louis Calaway, Troy Baptist church.

THE TROY Assembly of God choir will sing. The offering will be used to send American surplus food to hungry people overseas. It will be sent through CROP.

The public is invited to attend the service. A nursery will be provided.

THE TROY Pastor's union was organized in 1958 to promote interdenominational fellowship and to cooperate in community projects of mutual interest.

Childhood Education Local Members To Attend Dinner

Approximately a dozen educators and residents of the Birmingham area will attend a dinner meeting at 6:15 tonight of the Association for childhood education.

The dinner will be at Kimball high school, Royal Oak.

Dr. F. C. Rosecrance, dean of education, Wayne State university, will address the group. His topic will be "New Challenges Appearing in Education."

VERA YOUNG, recording secretary of the group, resides at 30781 N. Greenbriar, Franklin. She is also co-chairman of the state convention in May.

Mrs. Philip Gentile, a Lathrup field and office delegate to the United Nations, will address the group in May on "Standings of the UN and What It Means in Childhood Education."

In Oakland County...

Oak Park Is Given Carver School District

An Oakland school district was dissolved last week by the county board of education when it transferred the financially-stricken Carver school system to the Oak Park school district. Both Oak Park and Ferndale schools opposed acceptance of Carver district pupils into their schools.

Effective immediately Oak Park is to absorb the George Washington Carver elementary school in Royal Oak township, its students and teachers, along with the poor-neighbor school system's \$90,000 debt.

Some 1,249 students are included in the Carver district. Its high school sophomores, junior and senior students are bused to Detroit's Northern high school, attending on a tuition basis.

JUST BEFORE school opened in September, Carver's board of education notified Detroit's board that no more of the Negro community's pupils would be accepted. Carver then held an all-tuition school, and Detroit schools said they were too crowded.

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County's Still Producing Corn, Farm Report Shows

Oakland county is still pretty corny in spots, at least according to the latest U. S. agriculture census.

There are still 1,370 farms here, some as near as Troy. But few are in the county's south portion.

The average farm is ten acres in size and is valued at \$46,257 for land and buildings.

Farmers run 140 of the farms, and 250 of the farmers are 65 or more. Some 857 farms are commercial operations.

Optimists Honor Outstanding Students

A five-county 28-city convention of Optimists honored outstanding students last Thursday at a luncheon in Detroit. Birmingham Optimists, students and city officials participated.

Mosley Harvey and Donna Schwab, Seaholm high school seniors; Birmingham Mayor Florence Willett, and Optimists Robert G. Johnson and Harold Hogan represented Birmingham in the meeting.

As parent-teacher associations promote the interests of schools, the "Friends of the Library" group in Michigan work for the development and improvement of libraries. There are 55 organizations statewide.

Hills Counselors Attending School, Agency Conference

Two persons from the Bloomfield Hills area are in Waterford today to learn how school systems and social agencies can cooperate more closely in the handling of children's problems as they surface in the school classroom.

These people are Mrs. Mary White and William Schacht, counselors at the Hills school.

The conference, first of its kind in Oakland county, is being held in Waterford. Co-sponsors are the Oakland county school superintendent's association and the two Oakland branches of the United Community Service.

MORNING AND afternoon panels will tell how their respective agencies would handle an actual but disguised student problem. "Buzz sessions" will permit audience reaction and questions.

Donald C. Baldwin, superintendent of Rochester community schools, who is conference chairman, said today's meeting will bring to light some problems of duplication, overlapping and gaps which exist in the services of schools and social agencies.

"Through future action, we hope to reduce these problems, thereby increasing our effectiveness in this community," he said.

Conservation department geologists note that peat forms of the post-deposits measured in 30 years. The maximum thickness of peat deposits measured in 30 states is 60 feet, indicating a period of 18,000 years of accumulation.

One hundred and twenty men accompanied Columbus when he discovered America.

Lt. J. H. Hogshead Gets Jet Wings

Lt. John H. Hogshead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brent K. Hogshead, 1619 Henrietta, Birmingham, recently received the silver wings of a jet pilot in the United States air force at ceremonies at Loredo air force base, Loredo, Tex.

Lt. Hogshead was a graduate from the Lockland schools in Glen Arbor and attended Denison university, Granville, Ohio.

Plan Conference On 'City Family' At Merrill-Palmer

"The City Family", a conference planned Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1 at the program building of the Merrill-Palmer Institute, Detroit, is open to Birmingham area residents.

Marriage counselors, sociologists, educators, group workers, clergy and community agency people from the county are expected to attend.

The program will begin with a lecture, "Responsible Family Living" by Dr. Margaret Mead. It will be at 8:15 p.m. Nov. 29.

OTHER AUTHORITIES who will speak include Reuben L. Hill, director of Minnesota family study center; Carl T. Rowan, authority on family social problems; and Robert C. Wood, who will lecture on "The Impact of City Planning on Families."

All family life conference sessions will be held in the Merrill-Palmer Institute program building, 71 E. Ferry. Written or telephoned reservations will be accepted.

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