

No Decision On 12 Town Drain Suit

No decision was made Monday morning on the suit filed by a construction company involving the Twelve Town Drain. Instead, the hearing was postponed until next week.

by Mole Construction Co. against the Twelve Town Drainage Board to prevent awarding of a contract to Greenfield Construction Co., were delayed to give both sides time to prepare their cases.

MOLE CONTENDS that a \$1.3 million contract for construction of one section of the south Oakland relief drain should not have been awarded to Greenfield because of an error in its original bid. However, County Drain Commissioner Daniel W. Barry said Greenfield's bid is still some \$17,000 lower than Mole's.

Multi-Government Library Systems Gaining Impetus

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is the last of seven articles prepared for The Eccentric by Baldwin Public Library officials. The articles were designed to explain various facets of library service, the types of library system available and how they function.

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"Public Libraries are doorways through which every man can continue education as long as he lives; doorways to the intellectual discoveries, the accumulation of knowledge, the points of departure for continued investigation of the sciences and the arts."

These words began the 1957 report of the New York State's Commissioner of Education's Committee on Public Library Service, important because New York State leads the field in reorganizing along this nation's largest maximum service in today's world.

The committee adopted a premise that only as libraries are banded together, the smaller drawing on the larger, can people have for the good service which accrues from adequate, convenient, economical access to information.

The committee's strong recommendation that the state encourage the formation of library systems was enacted into New York state law in 1958. In this law, local initiative is buttressed by appropriate state grants-in-aid, so that in a few short years, at least as many systems have come into existence. Similar movements in other states are forging ahead.

Historically, Michigan's three successive constitutions have taken the position that libraries are an inseparable part of public education and have provided for their establishment along with schools and universities.

Very recently, the Michigan Library Association and the Michigan State Board for Libraries are recommending to the Constitutional Convention that provision be made to encourage the development of large systems of library service in order to render service as broadly and economically as possible.

"Local units of government," stated this resolution, "which cannot themselves maintain a public library should be required to provide financial support for the pro-

visions of library service through other means, such as by contract with neighboring libraries, or by cooperation with neighboring governments. Initiative and leadership, however, are developing surprisingly; and the questions on library systems and how they work at times come thick and fast.

FIRST INQUIRIES are often on the government and operation of systems. The patterns depend largely on the locality existing library service, its availability and need, its economics, its government structure and its history.

The system may be a federated one, with financial support from municipalities, supplemented by county funds, or as in New York, by state funds.

Outstanding example in Michigan of this type is the Wayne County system, with a county library board which appoints the chief librarian. He, in turn, works with boards of all participating municipalities and is responsible, too, for staffing all participating libraries. Each local board, however, is retaining its own identity and maintaining library quarters in its own community.

ANOTHER TYPE of system which might be called a consolidated type has only one board. It could be composed of representatives from the entire area, its organization depending on the Michigan law under which it was established. The law on district libraries, county libraries, or district libraries, regional libraries, or a combination of these.

The trustees (just citizens interested in high standards of service and efficient operation) appoint the library director and, through this executive, coordinate and coordinate throughout the network of affiliated libraries.

By coordinated planning, re-

sources are enriched and materials provided beyond the capabilities of each library acting alone. In the headquarters library should be the best collection of at least 100,000 volumes of currently useful material, from which the affiliated community library could borrow materials to supplement its own.

The central collection would include a full range of subjects of interest to present-day readers, including business and industry—short of the highly specialized materials to be expected only in the largest public, university or technical libraries. In the affiliated community libraries, emphasis would be on basic reference tools, on late materials in fiction and non-fiction and on a strong collection of children's books.

WHILE THE headquarters library would be expected to house the central staff and central book collection, other central services such as order work and cataloging might be housed elsewhere.

Prompt inter-library loan service Assistance and counsel by the central staff would be available to the affiliated libraries, as well as special services, such as story-telling by specialists in children's work.

PROMPT inter-library loan service throughout the system would be aided by phone communication—system-wide borrowing privileges would permit residents to borrow or return books to any library in the system.

WALTER BRAHM, Ohio State librarian, noting the increased use of libraries and the sweeping changes taking place in the library world, says that most significant is the fact that everybody wants to use the other fellow's library.

"People want to use libraries where it is convenient to do so, not where they live or sleep or in accordance with their local unit of government. The nomadic trait of the library user is one of the great changes taking place. By 1970, the artificial line between city, suburb, small town and farm will become even less visible."

What are libraries, trustee and citizens doing in preparation for 1970? Or shall we get together, seeking on a grand scale a brand new approach, a magnificent new system where city, township, school district are not tariff barriers to free education?"

CITIZEN WORKING on friend, and friend on neighbor, can generate the initiative, and finally the enthusiasm for broader service areas. The public library has been called the people's university. It has no entrance requirements, age limitations, or formal credits. It is simply an open door for every person who wants to know.



Oak'd Medics Will Honor Dr. Calhoun

Dr. Ethel T. Calhoun, M.D., 707 Lakeview, Birmingham, will be honored Dec. 6 by the Oakland County Medical Society for "her years of devoted service to the children and citizens of Oakland County."

She will be presented an engraved plaque honoring her service at the annual meeting of the society at 8 p.m. in the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills.

Born in Maynard, O., Dr. Calhoun received her A.B. degree from Western Reserve University in 1922 and M.D. from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1925.

FOLLOWING: A five-year private practice in Detroit, she studied the Kenny concept and treatment of anterior poliomyelitis at the University of Minnesota Continuation Study Center and the Kenny Hospital.

In 1943 Dr. Calhoun assisted in setting up the Kenny method of treatment for polio at Herman Keifer Hospital in Detroit and later started the Kenny method at Oakland County Contagious Hospital. This marked the beginning of a 10-year period of work at the Oakland hospital.

Since 1953 she has opened the Kenny Rehabilitation Outpatient Center in Ferndale and assisted in opening the Kenny Physical Therapy unit of Pontiac General Hospital.

Dr. Calhoun continues to run the Outpatient Center in Ferndale.

Railroad Club Alters Open House Hours

The South Oakland County Model Railroad Club at the Grand Trunk Western Station in Birmingham will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

It was previously announced that the open house would be held between 7 and 9 p.m.

STAG NIGHT
Monday
Dec 4
7-10 P.M.

Duplicate Bridge Winners Announced

Mc and Mrs. Max Morden and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King of Birmingham won the weekly duplicate bridge at the Birmingham Community House Monday evening.

The games are open to the public and begin at 7:45 p.m. Winners of this week's duplicate bridge, held every Tuesday afternoon were Greta Halvard and Olive Swarwarder. The bridge is held at the home of Mrs. Stuart Murphy, 2424 Manchester, who may be contacted for information by those interested in becoming tournament players.

Pleads Guilty To Murder

A convict, formerly of Southfield, pleaded guilty Tuesday to an open charge of murder in the slaying of a five inmate at Ionia.

Robert Cotter, Jr., 23, will be sentenced Saturday for the grudge murder of Gerald Mackay, 25, who was found dead in a prison hallway a week ago.

Cotter was serving 3 to 15 years for armed robbery. Mackay was serving a 16 to 30-year sentence for second-degree murder.

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Doctor Heads Canada Firm

Executive moves affecting two Birmingham area residents have been announced by the Canadian Engineering & Tool Co., Ltd., of Windsor, Ont.

Dr. W. K. Trgezna, 100 Linda Lane, Bloomfield Hills, former secretary-treasurer of the board of directors of the firm, has been elected president of the firm.

George H. Shaffer, 6827 Cedarbrook Drive, Birmingham, has assumed the office of secretary-treasurer while continuing as executive assistant to the president.

DR. TRGEZNA is a Birmingham physician who maintains a private practice at 293 N. Hunter. The moves resulted from the election of W. K. Trgezna of Windsor, Ont., Dr. Trgezna's father and former company president to chairman of the board. The firm was established in 1922 and operates plants in Windsor and Oakville, Ont.

CAVANAGH POINTED out that the appointment was strictly advisory and did not imply that Van Wagoner would be named to the \$20,650-a-year job as head of the department.

4 Men Honored As Big Brothers

Four men were honored Tuesday for their roles as directors in the Big Brothers of Oakland County. Probate Judge Arthur E. Klotz of Royal Oak received honors for being an original member of the board of directors and for his constant interest in the agency.

JOHN L. STERLING, 871 N. Glenhurst Drive, Birmingham, one of the founders and past president, and Dr. Charles L. Bowers, 196 Berrington Road, Bloomfield Hills, an active Big Brother, also received special citations for merit. Dr. Anne Lang, chief psychoanalyst for Judge Moore's Juvenile Court was honored for his work as a member of the board and the executive committee.

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