



Speed Water Main Construction

Detroit Service By February?

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

The construction of 23 miles of mains which will bring Detroit water to Bloomfield Township is proceeding at top speed, Jim Scott, head of the township water and sewer department, reported to the township board at its meeting Monday night.

Construction began Oct. 1, and if it continues at its present pace, some 5,000 residents of the township will be using Detroit water by mid-February, Scott said. The mild weather in October has been instrumental in getting the project off to a good start.

The demand by township residents to set up lateral districts to connect with the water system has been "terrific," according to Scott. He reports that there is a waiting list of areas seeking action from the sewer and water department in setting up lateral districts.

"Despite an ill-out effort by the sewer and water department, we have not been able to keep up with the demand," Scott said.

THE FIRST three petitions to set up water lateral assessment districts were accepted by the township board Monday night.

The first petition is to bring city water to commercial property on Woodward and Hunter from Birmingham city limits to the Glenview Building at Woodward and Big Beaver.

The petition was signed by 77 per cent of property owners in the lateral district. Estimated cost is \$23,900.

The second petition is for Oakland Hills Subdivision. Signed by 77 per cent of the owners, cost of the main is estimated at \$91,400.

THE THIRD petition is for a lateral system serving Brookdale, Strathmore and Longmeadow. The petition was accepted subject to verification of the percentage of property owners who have signed the petition. The percentage was estimated at 75 and 80 per cent.

Public hearings on the first two petitions will be held Nov. 25. For the third petition, the hearing was set for Dec. 9.

Elapsed time from acceptance of a petition by the township board and the start of construction will be approximately four months, according to Scott. Public hearings, necessary for legally setting up a lateral district take approximately a month, and there is usually a three-month lapse before the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission hands down approval of financing of the project.

THE INITIAL township customers of Detroit water will be those sections of the township which have central well systems already under the operation of the township water and sewer department.

Their water bills went up \$5 a quarter on Oct. 1. The additional charge is to start repayment of \$2,650,000 worth of bonds sold by the Oakland County Department of Public Works to finance construction of the transmission mains from Detroit. Interest on the bonds started Oct. 1.

Their new water supply due by mid-February will be relatively soft (7 grains) compared to their existing supply (16-25 grains), according to the township water department. It will be free of iron which yellowing clothes, stains fixtures and restricts the flow in service pipes, the department has informed potential customers.



Accepts 'Y' Gift

William E. Roberts (left), chairman of the Birmingham YMCA fund drive, accepts a \$1,000 check from Ralph Alexander, president of the Birmingham Lions Club, as the club's donation to the drive. The money collected will be used to construct additional recreational facilities on the E. Lincoln site of the 'Y'.

Bank Loses Petition for Rezoning Lot

A request by the Detroit Bank and Trust to rezone a lot on 14 Mile near Woodward next to the bank from single-family to parking was denied by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

The bank had asked for the zoning change to improve the access drive from 14 Mile into the bank parking lot and to provide more waiting space for the drive-in tellers' windows.

Bank representatives also said the additional room for access was needed as a safety precaution. Recent increases in traffic on 14 Mile had led to congestion in the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Kempf, 1495 E. 14 Mile, the property owners next to the proposed driveway accepted the rezoning.

KEMPFF TOLD the commission he thought it would be "an invasion" of his privacy. He said he also felt the driveway would depreciate the value of his home.

Efforts by attorney A. J. E. Butt, representing the bank, and Kempf to reach an agreement on the type of fence that might have been constructed to screen the driveway failed.

Commissioners last week had postponed a decision on the zoning to allow Kempf and the bank time to discuss the problem.

Mayor William H. Burgum had asked the bank to look into the possibility of obtaining commercial property east of the bank building for the driveway, but Butt said he had received no response from the property owners.

Student Safety Check

A safety check on all cars driven to school—this is Bloomfield Hills High School's answer to some critics who charge that all teens are irresponsible drivers. Members of the student council practice on the car of Chief

Norman Dehnke of Bloomfield Township police, cosponsors of the safety check next Wednesday. They are (from left), Marguerite Hyde, Nancy Kitchen, Harry Brown, Dehnke and Kim Kelsco.

This and That

by George R. Averill

Just as Michiganders are loyal to the Tigers, so are Ohio Buckeyes loyal to their Cleveland Indians. So are Democrats and Republicans, for the most part, loyal to their party politicians even though the record of a party in office may be far from the official Convention platform adopted. For example: for years the Democrats in office have brought the nation closer and closer to the Socialist-Welfare status; they are most extravagant, and up and up go the taxes. Millions of Democrats in their heads, oppose such a drift; but their hearts remain loyal. Likewise, Republicans generally act the same. Only the independent voters seem to exercise greater objectivity at election time, as they vote for candidates pledged to support of "the rule of law—not the rule of men."

There are three basic groups of people in our land: those with ideas and the vocal urge to tell it to men. LEADERS. Those who have sympathy for certain ideas, will listen, then resolve to FOLLOW or OPPOSE. Those who are uncommitted of their fundamental duties and responsibilities in a democracy, neither express good thoughts nor FOLLOW, nor OPPOSE—they are, in a certain way, parasites on the body of Democracy.

Many political pundits now assert that U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater is practically a "hoon" as Republican presidential candidate in 1964. (Suggestion: Barry, why don't you slow down and take a bit of rest, now and then? You (See THIS & THAT, 8-A)

CAPITOL REPORT

Senate Changes In Tax Program Called Technical

By BETH SHOTKA
Special Writer

LANSING—During last week's legislative session on the Senate worked to smooth over the machinery of Gov. George Romney's fiscal reform program.

However, Sen. Farrell E. Roberts (R-Oakland) said the minor change made by the Senate did not produce additional votes for the tax program.

Defense Decides Against Asking Change of Venue

Defense counsel for Robert M. Thorsen has decided not to file a petition in Detroit Recorder's Court to seek a change of venue for the second murder trial of the Birmingham securities salesman.

It had been previously reported that the defense would ask Recorder Judge Elvin L. Davenport for the change on Nov. 8.

Thorsen, 32, of 2352 Buckingham, is charged in the Dec. 3 slaying of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy M. Thomas, 62, of Detroit.

The first trial ended last June 26 in a deadlocked jury. A mistrial was declared and a new trial was ordered by Recorder Judge Elvin Davenport.

The defense has contended that Thorsen could not get a fair trial in Detroit because of the widespread publicity received during the first trial.

Several bills concerned with appropriations were put in Appropriations, Roberts said. Prior to this change the bills could not be amended because of objections by Sen. Charles S. Blundy (D-Detroit).

Technical property assessment bills were added to the governor's tax package, Roberts said.

Several of these bills had previously been through the Senate, but had died in the House, he said.

THE BILLS do not propose changes in the tax program; they make technical clarifications.

The governor's tax program calls for reform in the procedures for assessment and collection of real and personal property taxes in the following ways:

- Training and certifying all assessing officers.
- Establishing departments of equalization in all counties with more than \$25 million of state equalized valuation.
- Prescribing standards for optional county assessing systems.
- Training and certifying assessors to determine cash value for assessment purposes and requiring all local assessing officers to follow these standards.
- Requiring statements of the state equalized valuation on every property tax bill.

Improving appeal procedures.

Following the session, Republican senators and representatives went into caucus in an attempt to reach a decision on Romney's proposed tax program.

(See PROGRAM, 5-A)

Education Week To Be Marked In Birmingham

Mayor William H. Burgum has designated the week of Nov. 10 to 16 as American Education Week in Birmingham.

In issuing the proclamation Burgum urged all Birmingham residents to acquaint themselves more fully with the programs and needs of education and to rededicate themselves to strengthening and improving this essential safeguard of our nation.

BURGUM NOTED "that a rapidly changing world requires that education change to meet new challenges without diminishing the traditional American appreciation of the worth of the individual and the dignity of constructive employment and the value of the basic moral and spiritual values."

The theme of the 43rd observance of Education Week is "Education Strengthens the Nation."

Comments from... CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Johnson was surprised, indeed, when she advertised her piano. "I was sorry that we didn't have more to sell. You know, we were amazed over the number of calls we received. I'm really very pleased with the results."

PIANO, UPRIGHT, IDEAL FOR RECEPTION ROOM, good condition, must sell. \$125. MI 9-9352

Yes, we are pleased that Mrs. Johnson enjoyed this quick, profitable advertising venture... but that's the way Eccentric ads often work. Take advantage of the proven record of Eccentric Want-Ads.

P.S. Ask about our low 8-time interest rate with cancellation privileges.

The Birmingham Eccentric
Classified Ads
CALL MIDWEST 4-1100

LAST 3 DAYS anniversary special!

Englander's 32nd

Our entire VALLEY collection including 1964 designs SPECIALLY PRICED for our 32nd Anniversary

How to make an elegant impression in a modern setting... Choose Valley.

It fairly breathes sophistication, with the sweep of slender line, cushioned in lush poly dacron, superbly constructed and impeccably detailed. And what shapes it takes! Notice how can you help it? The sleek curve of the sofa, the delicately proportioned chair and ottoman, the majestic solid walnut exposed frames. From an exciting open stock collection... very specially priced... and ours alone.

The sofa... priced from \$395 The chair & ottoman... priced from \$375

Our interior designers will be delighted to help you. Just tell us the way you would like to live and we'll show you how.

NORTHLAND • EASTLAND • BIRMINGHAM • Open Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat. 'til 9

Lathrup Boy, 15, Stages Show For Ypsilanti Girl's Future

By DAVE PHILPO
Township Editor

Two weeks ago a three-year-old Ypsilanti girl lost her father when he was killed in a sky-diving exhibition in Tecumseh.

She is still too young to think of college.

But, Ricky Busemi, of 28465 Sunset Blvd., Lathrup Village, is 15 and he is not too young to realize that the time will soon arrive when Dawn Wallace will want and need to further her education.

Dawn's father, Jackson, died when he landed among high tension wires on Oct. 20. There is no insurance money for Dawn and her mother to count on.

AND, TOO, Ricky can remember when he was three. That's when he started performing as a tap dancer before local TV cameras. Now he has his own troupe called "Ricky's Variety Show."

A special benefit show will be held Nov. 22 at the West Dearborn Oddfellows Lodge, the proceeds of which will be put in a trust fund for Dawn's education.

The variety show features the 'Shareholders' In Camp Oakland Asked to Brunch

Sixteen directors and a slate of officers will be elected when Camp Oakland, Inc., holds its annual meeting Sunday at Oxford.

Shareholders in the nonprofit corporation are the 120 members and supporters of Camp Oakland. They have been invited to a brunch, to be arranged by Mrs. Ego D. Mills of Bloomfield Hills and the Women's Committee, at 12:30 p.m. in the camp dining hall.

Walter Zehke, president of Camp Oakland, Inc., will preside at the business meeting which follows.

Amendments to the by-laws to be voted on would increase the number of directors from 48 to 60 and the number of vice presidents from two to four.

Present vice presidents of the corporation are Oakland County Circuit Judge Arthur E. Maers and Carl O. Barton of Bloomfield Hills, engineer and real estate developer.

Recreation Board Gives City Funds

Birmingham's treasury was increased by almost \$3,000 Monday night.

City commissioners accepted a \$2,998 check from the recreation board as Birmingham's share of the operating surplus of the recreation department. The board of education received a like amount as the schools' share.

IN BIRMINGHAM the cost of operating the recreation department is shaded equally between the city and the schools.

Sherryettes, a line of chorus girls between the ages of 12 and 15, Richard Massa, 14, of Detroit, accordion player; Diane Beltramo, 12, of Detroit, baton twirler; and acrobatic acts by Kathy Miller of Talcott.

Larry Wallace, 17, of Ypsilanti, brother of the accident victim, is a magician in the show.

RICKY, WHO put the show together two years ago and has guided it through tours of several hospitals and rehabilitation centers, performs as a comedian and in tap and drum challenge routines.

The one-hour show will be followed by dancing to the music of the Bonnyville Band. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling Ricky at home.

"Overjoyed With Quick Results"

Mrs. Johnson was surprised, indeed, when she advertised her piano. "I was sorry that we didn't have more to sell. You know, we were amazed over the number of calls we received. I'm really very pleased with the results."

PIANO, UPRIGHT, IDEAL FOR RECEPTION ROOM, good condition, must sell. \$125. MI 9-9352

Yes, we are pleased that Mrs. Johnson enjoyed this quick, profitable advertising venture... but that's the way Eccentric ads often work. Take advantage of the proven record of Eccentric Want-Ads.