

Deny Salary Increase for Drain Official

If the Oakland County drain commissioner is to receive an increase in pay, the raise should come through the county budget.

Birmingham city commissioners used this reasoning Monday night in deciding not to support a resolution from the county board of supervisors to give both the commissioner and his deputy increases in compensation from the Southeastern Oakland County Sewage Disposal System.

Under the present setup, the drain commissioner receives \$1,200 from the SOCSDS per year—in addition to his regular salary from

the county—and the deputy, \$600 per year.

SUPERVISORS propose to raise these amounts to \$4,000 per year for the commissioner and \$3,000 for the deputy.

The money would come from 1-24 Bond—Deny Salary revenues of the disposal system for services rendered to it by the two individuals. Supervisors are asking approval from member communities.

City Manager L. R. Gare told Birmingham commissioners that the managers' association opposes the proposal, believing that it would not be "good government."

IF THERE is to be an increase, it should come from the county government and not from the disposal district, the managers reasoned.

Commissioners agreed that inasmuch as the drain officials' duties with the system are actually duties of his office his pay should be provided for in the county budget.

They voted unanimously to not support the supervisors' resolution.

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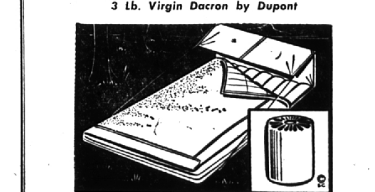
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Ban Traps, Area Mayor Asks Council

Southfield Mayor James Clarkson has called for the initiation of immediate legislation to prohibit "the use of traps for the purpose of capturing and killing the wild life" in the city.

In a letter to the council, clerk and treasurer, dated Feb. 8, Clarkson pointed out that children could be injured if they accidentally came and play with the traps.

Also alarming, he said, "is the attempt to kill the rest of the wild foxes that live in our area." They are nature's way of keeping wildlife in natural balance, he said.

CLARKSON said the traps had been set throughout the River Rouge flood plain valleys, evidently to obtain the bounty on fox pelts. Domestic animals have been trapped, he said, and the devices are being used to capture and kill other wildlife, such as pheasants and raccoons.

Clarkson asked that legislation allow for confiscation of traps by police. He suggested that any other way to prohibit use of traps pending adoption of an ordinance, be made to the city administrator or police department.



High Installation

Birmingham architect Frederick Stieckles watches as workmen install the "highest windows in Oakland County" at the new First Church of Christ Scientist at Inkster and Franklin roads. Furnished by the West Detroit Glass Co., the eight panes of glass are 16 feet high and two feet wide. Stieckles said the church will be open by the first Sunday in March.

Residents Ask Council For Aid on Sewers

By NITA HARD Special Writer

FRANKLIN — Even though the council has good reason to shun sewers, considering the decisive defeat of a sewer proposal last year, they lent a compassionate ear to the wishes of Mrs. N. E. Frank of Rushmore Circle and the "do something" petition signed by 22 Helmintha subdivision residents.

Mrs. Frank suggested that the serious unsanitary conditions prevailing in the southeast corner of the village might be eligible for Federal Public Assistance. She says that about 20 of the 31 families living in the subdivision "are really in trouble." That there is evidence of overflow being "pumped" into open ditches was summarily confirmed by officials of the Oakland County Sanitation Department.

They explained that any solution to existing problems in that area will be expensive and not easily successful. The area is low, relatively flat and a heavy clay subsurface aggravated by a seasonally high water table.

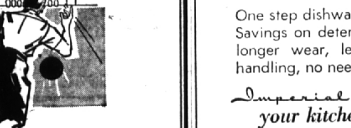
THE COUNCIL ASSURED Mrs. Frank that it will take immediate steps to secure all the information it can regarding requirements for applying for federal aid.

Councilman Robert Winkel remarked, "Thanks to Southfield we will be able to give the majority of future sewage disposal but Franklin voters didn't give us the right to use the capacity. Right now it's just sitting there."

THE COUNCIL IS encouraging Franklin residents to take an active interest in the proposed community swimming pool being planned for the northeast corner of Wing Lake Road and 14 Mile Road in Bloomfield Township.

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Three Names For Judges Sent by GOP

Two county officials and a Royal Oak attorney have been recommended by the Oakland County GOP executive committee as candidates to succeed Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore, who is moving up to the Circuit Court bench.

They are Norman R. Barnard, county corporation counsel; George E. Taylor, county prosecutor; and James S. Thorburn, president of the county bar association.

THE NAMES HAVE been forwarded to Gov. Romney, and it is expected he will announce a new probate and juvenile court judge by Feb. 18, the date Moore takes over for retiring Judge H. Russel Holland of the Circuit Court.

Among other men interviewed by the Oakland County Republican executive committee, in competition for judge'ship recommendation, were Clarence Reid, Jr., of Southfield, and Maurice A. Merritt of Birmingham.

SEN. FARRELL E. Roberts (R) Oakland County introduced a bill Tuesday in the state legislature increasing the number of Circuit Judges from seven to seven in Oakland County.

The GOP expects to obtain approval early for one new judgeship but foresees more difficulty in getting the second okayed.

Briggs Appoints Committee for Spring Campaign

Walter O. Briggs, III, public relations chairman for the Republican Party in Oakland County, announced that he has appointed a committee of six to work with him throughout the spring campaign.

Briggs named to his committee Keith D. King, 6966 Holiday Drive, Bloomfield Township; James Dickerson, 720 Westwood, Birmingham; Pat Elliott, 1915 N. Main, Royal Oak; C. Ray Ballard, 10160 Kingston, Huntington Woods; Patricia McCauley, 1050 N. Adams, Birmingham; Bartram Lewis, 24 Oakdale, Pleasant Ridge, and Dale A. Winnie, 135 Chewton, Birmingham.

APPOINTED TO the position of public relations chairman last week by GOP County Chairman Charles L. Lyle, Briggs said that his committee will work closely with Mrs. Dore H. King, public relations director for the GOP, in developing kits for Republican candidates and offering special aid during campaign time.

Briggs replaces James Dickerson, 1962 public relations committee chairman, and will serve from 1963-1964.

President Pro-Tem Robert Mitchell, presiding in the absence of Calvert Thomas reported that recommendations to incorporate restrictions on the installation and storage of propane gas may be included in the building code. Hazards to Franklin Volunteer Firemen are being closely studied with Fire Commissioner William Albee and more rigid requirements may be needed to assure proper protection of fire fighters on duty.

Durant to Address Conservative Club At Groves High

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