

No Interference with Local Rights

Citizens League Defines Home Rule

Members of the Oakland Citizens League home rule committee agreed informally Saturday that any change in Oakland County's governmental set-up should not interfere with citizens' rights under local grass roots government.

They accepted the definition of committee member Norman Barnard, Oakland County Probate Judge, that "Home rule is the right of the people to determine the form of government that they feel would be most effective within their own county, without interfering with the local governments of townships, villages and cities."

Committee member Henry L. Woolfenden, former constitutional convention delegate, said, "I for one believe sincerely that the best government is one that operates under your own eyes."

MEMBERS of the eight-man group emphasized their belief that Oakland County's governmental leaders have been progressive in their handling of the county's problems. Yet administrative hands were often tied by restrictions under the state's old 1908 constitution.

Under the new constitution adopted April 1, counties can reorganize their governments under their own charters, subject to approval by voters and the legislature.

The home rule committee met at The Community House for the first time following announcement by Oakland Citizens League President William H. McCaughey of the group's formation. McCaughey said in his announcement that the league would study application of the new Michigan constitution's permissive home rule provisions to Oakland County.

"WE ARE NOT operating with any pre-conceived ideas," emphasized McCaughey. "The League is looking for a way to make Oakland County's government even more effective. Our public service task is to define the problem and push for a workable solution to be put before the electorate to accept or reject."

A proposal for election of a charter commission could be initiated by resolution of the Board of Supervisors or by petition of the people.

West Bloomfield To Negotiate On Water System

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Possibilities that the township will set up a water department and take over operation of West Bloomfield subdivision water systems under Oakland County DPW authority were strengthened last week.

The township board authorized a sub-committee, appointed four months ago, to proceed with negotiations with the DPW for taking over its water operation in the township.

On Oct. 1 was set as the target date for the change-over.

The board action followed a committee recommendation that the township reclaim the water systems.

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Before such action could be taken, the state legislature must pass implementation legislation, which the citizens of how counties can follow through with the new constitution's permissive home rule provisions.

Lathrup Patrolman Rescues 5 Children In House Blaze

LATHRUP—Five children, ages 3 to 11, were rescued by a Lathrup patrolman, Andrew Miner, when their home was struck by lightning early Friday. A fire that broke out caused an estimated \$10,000 damage to the home of George Schweininger, 2905 Sunset.

No one in the Schweininger family was injured. The children are Patricia, 11, Donna, 10, Sally, 6, Kenneth, 4, and Peggy Marie, 3.

The fire was confined to the upstairs bedroom area and broke out at 12:05 a.m. The Southfield Fire Department extinguished the blaze.

Miner has been cited for "meritorious action" by Lathrup Police Chief Thomas Tellesen.

OCL COMMITTEE members agreed with a statement by Judge Barnard that "implementation by the legislature should be flexible, so that it will be in a form that will be acceptable to all of the counties utilizing it."

The committee postponed election of a chairman and made plans to reconvene in two weeks, after further individual study of available material on the subject.

Home rule authorities from other counties such as Wayne and Macomb are being invited by the committee to participate in their discussions. The group appointed Mrs. A. David Baumhart, 3544 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills, as executive secretary. Mrs. Baumhart volunteered her services to the committee after reading in The Birmingham Eccentric about its formation.

A COMMITTEE spokesman said Monday that the group would pursue its work regardless of the constitutional vote recount demanded by the Democratic State Central Committee.

Committee reasoning is that

Oakland County voters' heavy majority for the new constitution indicates their desire for some form of the permissive home rule provided by the document.

Woolfenden said, "similar efforts toward home rule are going to be made in other counties. We should establish liaison with them, and with the home rule study committee of the Six-County Supervisors' Committee."

The group appointed public affairs trainer James A. Lane to be research assistant. Lane was assigned to contact the six-county group, composed of members of the board of supervisors of Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, St. Clair, Monroe and Macomb Counties.

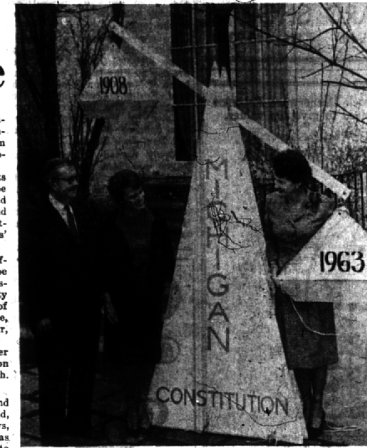
Lane will also canvass other groups regarding home rule action the Oakland group can tie in with.

BARNARD, FORMER Oakland County corporation counsel, said, "in spite of all the various laws, I feel that Oakland County has been very progressive in trying to solve its problems."

Bloomfield Township Supervisor Homer Case cited the Department of Public Works enactment in 1957, as an example of countywide progress on projects individual communities could not handle.

Barnard recalled that Delos Hamlin, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, appeared before the 1962 constitutional convention to point out Oakland County's need for county home rule. Barnard said he believed the majority of members of the board of supervisors agreed with Hamlin.

Other members of the League's home rule committee are Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr., former Birmingham mayor; Mrs. John D. Rumsey, representing the League of Women Voters; Henry S. Booth, founder of the Oakland Citizens League; Frederick C. Nash, attorney; and John L. Carey of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, chairman of an Oakland County special study committee on government.



Members of the home rule committee of the Oakland Citizens League are weighing the matter of adapting the new constitution's home rule provisions to Oakland County. At their first meeting of the newly-organized committee Saturday, Henry L. Woolfenden and Mrs. John D. Rumsey viewed a pre-election scale used by proponents of the new constitution, while Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr. tipped the scales in the direction of the 1963 version.

New Route Set To Post Office In Lathrup

LATHRUP—The closing of Southfield Road between 11 and 12 Mile roads for widening to five lanes has prompted residents to ask how to get to Lathrup post office at Southfield and Glenwood.

Postmaster Robert C. Steger suggested that motorists use Bloomfield Drive as an alternate north-south route during the approximately six months that Southfield is expected to be closed to traffic.

Access to Bloomfield is available on either 11 Mile or 12 Mile. Residents then may go east on Glenwood to the post office. Steger said signs pointing the way to the post office will be placed at the corners of Southfield - 12 Mile, Bloomfield - 12 Mile and Southfield - 11 Mile and Glenwood-Bloomfield.

The re-opening date for Southfield from 9 1/2 Mile Road to 12 Mile is scheduled for Oct. 1.

Southfield School Schedules Program, 'Meet Your City'

Meet Your City Night will be held in conjunction with Michigan Week at Southfield High School on May 18.

Displays by businesses in Southfield will be featured. A pageant by the school swim club will be followed by a record hop.

Seven Win Merit Scholarships

Seven Birmingham - Bloomfield Hills area high school seniors were announced Wednesday as winners of Merit Scholarships in nation-wide competition sponsored by business corporations and other private sources.

The amount of each scholarship award is based on individual financial need, and ranges from \$400 to \$6,000 for the four years of college.

Winners from Seasholm High School are Elyse Marie Clark, Patricia J. Keough, Jerry A. Lohla, and David E. Sanders. From Groves High School is Melville C. Stewart.

From Bloomfield Hills High School, John R. Shipley, Jr., and from Southfield High School, Michael R. Hay.

From Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, Elliott S. Andrews of Royal Oak was chosen.

Hyla Marie Clark, 399 S. Glenary, and Patricia Keough, 124 S. Williamsburg, were named Michigan State University Merit Scholars. Hyla plans to study English and Patricia will study mathematics there.

JERRY LOHLA, 1092 Brooklawn, a Detroit Edison Company clear engineering at U of M.

Merit Scholar, will study architecture at the University of Michigan.

David E. Sanders, 3023 Oakhill Drive, Melville Stewart, 16176 Marguerite and Michael Hay, 27925 Berkshire Drive, Southfield, are Chrysler Corporation Fund Scholars. David will study engineering at MIT. Melville will be engineering studies at U of M, and Michael plans on premedicine at Wayne State University.

John Shipley, 6724 Woodhark Drive, is a Radio Corp. of America Merit Scholar who will study nuclear engineering at U of M.

England's new labor leader, Harold Wilson, who succeeded the late Hugh Gaitskell, has declared that he will do everything possible to nationalize the British economy. So, if he is able to oust Prime Minister Harold Macmillan this year, his efforts could set up more and more barricades for the progress of the free competitive enterprise system of self-governing nations. History reveals that the nationalization of a people's economic institutions is the dying gasp of that nation's custody of freedom. No political tyranny ever nourished an incentive system that develops a rewarding opportunity for the application of human labor (mental or physical) to the end that a nation's standards of living could be improved, and made to endure. Basically, government is instituted as the dangerous experimental device to curb the individual's tendency toward barbarism but it does create a pattern of collective control which, in the hands of a tyrannical few, can shackle a free people in the bondage of the police state.

Led by Rep. James Roosevelt, a move to practically make powerless the traditional House un-American Activities Committee was defeated (See THIS AND THAT, 7-A)

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DESIGNED BY Birmingham architect, Harry Denyes, Jr., the building is intended to blend in with the natural beauty of the lake.

In announcing the project, Camp President Dean Beler, of Birmingham, said Dr. Jeffers "great interest in providing a back-to-nature sort of program for older boys makes the erection of this shelter house in his memory a natural."

The camp board of directors also announced that Wallace Cripps, 167 Hillboro, Bloomfield Township, would again serve as camp director. Cripps, a veteran of 25 years in camping has been director of Mahn-Go-Tah-See for the last five years.

BOMER ROBERTS, of Redford, will again serve as assistant camp director and director of the camp's nature program. The nature program under Roberts has been cited



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THE OUTPOST is located away from the main camp area and overlooks the shoreline of Loon Lake, where the older youths can enjoy their own beach for swimming and boating.

"Jeffers Outpost" will be a large log shelter with a natural brick fireplace. It will serve as the center of activity for the outpost camp, providing a place for assembly and eating.

The outpost will be available for use by younger campers for overnight hikes and campfires when the older boys are away on field trips.

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