

Case to Head Enlarged Home Rule Study Unit

Homer Case, supervisor of Bloomfield Township, has been named chairman of an enlarged study committee on county home rule. The new group, to be known as the Citizens Government Study Council—County Home Rule, replaces the County Home Rule Committee established in early April by the nonpartisan Oakland Citizens League.

He and Case have been empowered to recommend a new organizational structure for the group. The new council will be an autonomous organization and will not be affiliated with any other political, civic or social organization, according to Case and McCaughey.

MRS. DORIS MOSHER, 551 McHegan, Birmingham, a leader of the American Association of University Women, was elected secretary at a recent organizational meeting at the Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph Road.

Gas Main Explodes; Man Hurt

A 37-year-old Detroit man was injured Tuesday morning when a gas line exploded in the middle of Adams Road, near South Blvd., sending flames shooting into the air for nearly three hours.

The injured man, James Phillips, was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. He is listed in fair condition with first and second degree burns.

Bloomfield Township police said the gas main apparently was broken when nicked by a steam shovel as workers were putting in a water line. The shovel operator was not hurt.

AT THE TIME of the explosion, Phillips was operating a loader. He tried to jump clear, but his foot was caught in the machine, police said.

Overhead electric wires nearby were set on fire by the flames and two homes in the area were threatened by the blaze. Ten fire trucks—four from Bloomfield Township and six from Troy—rushed to the scene.

The fire was finally brought under control when Consumers Power Co. workers located the shut-off valve and stopped the flow of gas.

Battle
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attraction of a temporary lot on three-quarters of the block. Since the need for the lot was declared last spring considerable pressure had been brought on the commission by residents of the area opposing the project.

THE CENTRAL Birmingham Residents Association of which Hreck was a founder and member, carried on a petition drive that gathered over 2,500 signatures opposing the lot.

The CBRA also offered several alternate proposals for building the lot on other sites. One plan included adding a second story to Municipal Parking Lot 1 and another suggested an underground structure on the site of the Birmingham school's Hill Building.

Churchwomen Hold First Fall Meeting
The first fall meeting of the Episcopal Churchwomen of St. David's Episcopal Church, Southfield, will be held in the parish hall at 8 p.m. Monday.

Guest speaker will be churchwoman Priyanka Mangal-Rai, principal of Kinnaird College, Lahore, India. The meeting is open to all women of the community.

UNTIL ADEQUATE financing can be obtained, the council will continue to be provided staff services by the Oakland Citizens League, although it will function independently of the League on policy and other substantive matters.

Funds to carry on research on the application of the new Michigan state constitution to Oakland County and its local communities will be sought immediately. The initial research work of the Oakland Citizens League committee had been supported, in part, by the Coro Foundation, a California organization which conducts a trainee program for young political scientists.

James A. Lank, a 26-year-old public service trainee from Denver, Colo., served as the first secretary of the home rule study group when it was formed five months ago. He has since returned to California to write a report on Oakland County government.

CASE, OF 839 Heiston, Bloomfield Township, announced that the study council will be immediately enlarged. He is currently contacting Democratic and Republican political leaders, members of service clubs, chambers of commerce, the Michigan Municipal League, labor unions and other groups for suggestions as to interested and qualified persons to serve on the council's committees.

Resource people from Oakland, Wayne and other metropolitan counties, along with college and university professors of government, will be invited to attend committee meetings as guests.

Mrs. Harriett Phillips of Huntington Woods, a former Oakland County supervisor, will represent the study council on the local government panel at the Citizens' Political Forum at Oakland University on Saturday.

AMONG OTHER members of the newly constituted group are Mrs. John D. Rumsey, 5950 Wing Lake Road, Birmingham, representing the League of Women Voters; Frederick C. Nash, 130 Endicott Road, Bloomfield Hills, who was general counsel of the U.S. Department of Commerce under President Eisenhower's administration; Bloomfield Hills Commissioner Henry Woolfenden, 1575 Kensington Road, a leader in the recent state constitutional convention; Mayor David Calhoun of Huntington Woods, a representative of the Michigan Municipal League; Probate Judge Norman Barnard and Supervisor Edward Cheyz of White Lake.

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