

Charge Developer Filled Flood Plain

BY KAY SMITH
Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS — Charges that illegal filling operations have endangered homes and property in the Rouge River basin, backed up by a lawsuit, dominated the regular council meeting Monday.

"Our homes will be flooded the next time the river rises" was the claim of several of the residents of

Hillview Lane and Lahser Road south of 13 Mile Road, who charge that William J. Pulte, president of Beechgrove Investment Co., has illegally and without permit filled six lots in the flood plain of the River Rouge.

The suit was brought against Pulte by Beechgrove, the village, by Fred and Jean Braun, 22435 Hillview Lane, who also brought a suit against Martha Senkovich, 22160 Hilltop Court, who received a permit from the council to fill in the same plain.

Moxley Heads State Police Chiefs Group

Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley, 52, has been elected president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. He was picked for the post at the group's annual convention in Kalamazoo last week.

For the next year he will head the activities of the organization that includes more than 300 of the state's top law enforcement officers.

"The MACP is interested in advancing the science and art of police administration and crime prevention. We try to develop approved practice and methods and to promote their use in police work," Moxley said.

THE ORGANIZATION was founded in 1924 by then state police Commissioner Oscar G. Olander. Moxley has been a member since 1949 and last year served as its first vice president.

As president it will be Moxley's duty to preside over the MACP's various committees.

"We normally meet in East Lansing but some of the meetings will probably be held in the Birmingham area," he said.

THE CHIEF expects to devote a lot of time to a new program the group is undertaking this year in the field of police officer recruitment.

"We hope to be able to set up a statewide pool of qualified young men who want to become police officers. Standards for their qualification," Moxley said.

Suit Causes No Surprise In Beverly

BEVERLY HILLS — No body seemed surprised to learn at the council meeting Monday that Robinson Bros. was suing the village in the matter of their refusal to include multiple dwelling in the present zoning ordinance.

The council turned down the request at the last regular meeting. Robinson Bros. wants to build two-story apartments at 13 Mile and Southfield.

The council requested Village Attorney Thomas J. Dillon to defend the suit "vigorously."

The first hearing comes up soon before Circuit Court Judge Phillip Pratt.

PULTE IS requesting approval of a plat for the six affected lots, known as Georgetown Green No. 1. The council had taken these lots out of a previous plat, not approving them since they lay in the flood plain.

Pulte then filled the lots, claiming, through his agents at a prior council meeting that it was not filling but land banking. No permit was requested or issued for the filling. Pulte's suit was that no fill was brought in to the site from outside.

THE OTHER residents affected, Horace D'Angelo, 22490 Hillview; Edward Pintar, 22490 Hillview; and a low bid of \$2,837 was accepted from Birmingham Chrysler-Plymouth for the purchase of a new fire chief's car and an administrative car after trade-in.

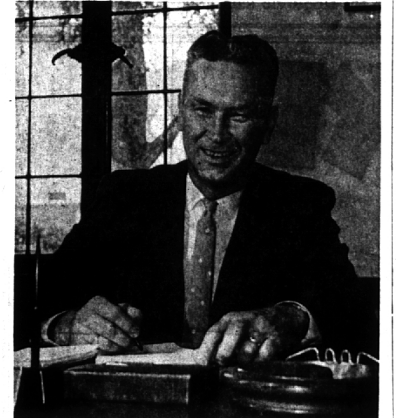
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Commission OK's Bids for Vehicles

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POLICE CHIEF ADDS TO DUTIES
Ralph W. Moxley heads state group.

West B'field Board Ponders Amendment

WEST BLOOMFIELD — The township board considered a proposed amendment to its zoning ordinance last week, but tabled it for the next meeting.

Members of the board wanted additional time to study the proposed amendment before taking action on it.

According to Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan, the amendment would "restrict the lakes of the township to persons who reside contiguous to the lake or in subdivisions."

The tab of property only for access to lakes would be prevented by the proposed amendment. A residence would have to be built on the property before lake privileges would be issued.

TRUSTEE WALTER Whitmer reported progress made by the Fire Study Committee.

The group suggested automatic transfer of calls between stations one and three. Whitmer estimated the resulting telephone bills at \$30 per month.

The committee has also considered an ordinance regulating age, training programs and physical examinations of applicants for firemen.

Whitmer said possibilities were being considered for an equipment inventory of township fire stations.

THE BOARD approved Walnut Lake Road improvements on that portion of the road between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt.

Board members signed the agreement with the Oakland County Road Commission on a matched funds basis, with each group paying half of the costs.

Two years would be needed to complete the project.

Grading, draining, application of gravel and construction of a subsurface would be completed by the first year at an estimated cost of \$63,400.

Black top surfacing is scheduled for the second year at \$31,400.

Michael Dorsh, 30217 Lahser; and Kirk Horigan, 30007 Lahser, added their protests.

D'ANGELO BROUGHT photographs showing the 12-foot Rouge River 1,000 feet wide in the wake of various storms.

D'Angelo said, "I've lived there for 12 years and the river has flooded every year."

(See CHARGE, 6-A)

Resident Wonders Why Increase in Tax Bill

An E. Lincoln property owner appeared before Birmingham city commissioners Monday night to ask for an explanation of his 1964 tax bill.

Lucius J. Jackson, 643 E. Lincoln, said his city taxes had increased 300 per cent over the previous year.

City Assessor Clark Hagstrom said the increase was due to the rise in the value of the property, which is zoned business.

In previous years, Hagstrom said, the land had been taxed at a residential rate; but the recent development of a commercial lot in the area had forced the increase.

He said state law requires the assessor to have uniformity of assessments with adjoining property.

JACKSON OWNS two lots, one of which is developed, that are near Patterson Chevrolet's new parking lot.

In 1963 his total city tax bill on the two lots was \$75.90. In 1964 it was \$129.54.

Hagstrom said the only increase was in the value of the land. In 1963 both lots were assessed at \$800 and in 1964 at \$2,560.

If the land were rezoned to residential the property would then be taxed at a lower rate.

Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham said he had talked the matter over with Jackson and had advised him to appear before the commission for an explanation.

MAYOR CHARLES W. Renfrew noted that the commission could give no effect this year, it was announced. Groves High School is using its swimming facilities for its physical fitness program, and not enough interest was found to provide swimming elsewhere.

Since only one bid was received for the rubbish contract, the requirements will be advertised again.

Items of the 23-item agenda which were tabled or deferred were the installation of street lights on Greenfield Road; an ordinance to establish rules and procedures for fire prevention within the village; a grant on the Medical Village property; the matter of a delegate to the Michigan Municipal League convention Sept. 16 to 18; and installation of sidewalks on Lahser Road in front of Camelot Forest subdivision.

This and That
by George R. Averill

To be sure, Russia is having both internal and external problems. She needs food and many other items to maintain her own domestic economy; she needs to maintain her stranglehold on already subjected countries, and she has her hands full trying to outwit China's Mao Tse Tung. So Krushchev wants to make some deals with free nations to get items she needs — and the U.S.A. stands out as this earth's best place to try to get it. Rumor has it that President Johnson is aware of Soviet Russia's various problems and, if Mr. K expects to make deals with our Uncle Sam, he's going to have to give us in return for certain LBJ plans to make ... such as Cuba, West Berlin, South Vietnam and other trouble spots. Johnson is noted for the ability to be a born horse-trader. We await the day when he'll come forth with a whole cornal full of the finest of horse's flesh. (Even horses with their new shoes on, too.)

Mankind, history tell us, over the centuries has suffered every form of tyranny. Whole nations have been almost wiped out by the hands of a few. (Vanquish another, govern.) (See THIS & THAT, 4-A)

Will More Than 13 Vote This Time?

A special election to determine if the Consumers Power Co. franchise will be renewed for another 20 years is scheduled for Monday in Bloomfield Hills.

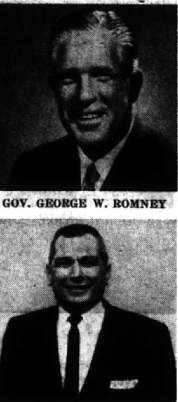
Only 13 voters turned out the last time the question was put to the people, according to County Clerk Robert Stadler. Although the question must be considered at a city election, all costs will be paid for by the power company.

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8 of 9 GOP Delegates Are Area Residents



GOV. GEORGE W. ROMNEY

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The largest number of delegates from the State of Michigan to go to the GOP National Convention in San Francisco next week will come from Oakland County.

Besides the two regular delegates and their two alternates from the 18th District, five out of the 12 delegates-at-large are Oakland County residents. Eight live in the Birmingham - Bloomfield Hills area, including Gov. George W. Romney and Republican State Chairman Arthur Elliott, Jr., and the ninth is a resident of Royal Oak.

SOME HAVE come up in the party from the precinct level; others have started out in important posts. Most are in their 60's.

though some are younger; all have attended college, and their titles span the field from "housewife" to "executive."

Gov. Romney, 56, former president and chairman of the board of American Motors, leads the Michigan delegation. Home to the governor and his wife Lenore and two of their four children, is at 1830 El Valley Road, Bloomfield Hills.

THE GOVERNOR attended the University of Utah and George Washington University. With a background of many civic activities at the local and state level, Romney entered the political field when he was elected as an Oakland County delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1961. He was elected governor in 1962.

The other Michigan leader is Arthur Elliott, Jr., 48, who, with his wife Betty and their three sons, resides at 6255 W. Surrey in Fencroft. Elliott attended Michigan State University and was in the real estate business before assuming his present post.

He started out as a precinct delegate, and his activities since have broadened to include service on the Republican State Central Committee, delegate-at-large to the GOP National Convention in 1960, Con-Con delegate, chairman of the Con-Con Local Government Committee, campaign manager for gubernatorial candidate Romney in 1962 and, after the election, special administrative assistant to the governor. He has headed the state GOP since February, 1962.

THE TWO elected delegates from the 18th Congressional District are Charles L. Lyle, 18890 Hillcrest, Birmingham, and Mrs. Howard J. Liverance, 6230 Inwood Trail, Birmingham.

Lyle, 39, is the father of four children. He is a graduate of Birmingham High School and the University of Michigan. From precinct captain, to a regional director, to chairman of the county committee on permanent organization and structure, Lyle was elected county chairman in September, 1961. He is a sales engineer for the Electrology Co.

MRS. LIVERANCE, 58, is the wife of a retired vice president of the S. S. Krespe Co. and they have two sons. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, she has served the party as women's finance chairman for Oakland County and as president of the Council of Republican Women's Clubs at the county.

She has also been a vice president of the Michigan League of Women Voters and president of the Birmingham branch of the league. At present she is chairman of the civil and political rights committee of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women.

PAUL MATCHETT, an alternate, lives at 293 Wimbston, Birmingham. He is 39, married and has two sons.

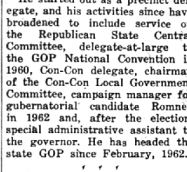
A graduate of Indiana University, he is director of Field Training Service for the Jam Handy Organization. Starting as a block worker, he became special events director and is now the GOP training director for Oakland County.

The other alternate is Mrs. Charles Rosenberg, 45, of Royal Oak, who is married and has three children. She attended Michigan State University.

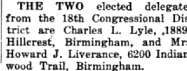
Her activities have included precinct delegate, Fifth District education director, director of Royal Oak Association of Republicans, secretary of Oakland County Home Rule Committee and county government chairman.

RICHARD VAN DUSEN, an attorney with the law firm of Dickinson, Wright, McKean and Cudlip, lives at 8226 Birmingham Road, Bingham Farms, with his wife and three daughters.

He is 38 years old and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and Harvard Law School. At present a precinct delegate, Van Dusen has been chairman of the



RICHARD VAN DUSEN



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