

## Coordinator Is Named To Clean Up Rouge

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners has finally designated the county drain commission to coordinate efforts to clean up the Middle Rouge River.

In so doing, the county board rejected suggestions from Commissioner Carl Parnell R. Plimouth that a watershed authority be explored as an agency with broader interests and powers.

But the county board majority, headed by Chairman Albert Zak, favored the bid of Drain Commissioner Henry Herrick for the Rouge job.

**THE MIDDLE** Rouge and its tributaries flow through three counties — Oakland, Waukegan and Wayne — before joining the main body of the Rouge in the Dearborn area. About a dozen cities and townships are touched.

Commissioners felt that the

state drain laws enable drain boards to construct sufficient drains and sewer systems across jurisdictional lines.

This ended a political battle in which, at one point, Drain Commissioner Herrick exploded and walked out of a meeting in which Road Commission engineers talked favorably about a watershed authority.

The suggestion that one agency be designated to have authority over the Middle Rouge came as a response to the state Water Resources Commission's request that local government make its own study of the degraded water in the 117-square-mile basin.

The Road Commission's response was to contend that no single agency was really in charge of the Middle Rouge. The county board's designation of the drain commission has ended that part of the battle.

**IN OTHER** action, the County Board of Commissioners:

- Urged the Legislature to appropriate \$2.5 million to the six-county Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, whose funding had been endangered by a House committee cut.

- Eulogized Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers who died in a plane crash May 9, as "one of the great men of our time" who exerted "a profound influence upon his times."



**JACKIE HARDY** of Livonia is the first woman in management for B.F. Chamberlain Real Estate Co. Mrs. Hardy, who has been with the firm two years, has been promoted to assistant sales manager. Married and the mother of two sons, she is originally from Westland and is a member of the Livonia Women's Chorus.

## 7,600 County Employees Win 5% Pay Increase

Pay raises for county employees won the nod of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

The board, meeting May 21, approved agreements providing approximately 5% pay increases for a majority of the county's 8,500 employees.

Labor agreements covering approximately 7,600 employees who are represented by unions were approved, providing:

- A 20-cent hourly increase, amounting to \$448 annually.
- Incorporation of a 34-cent hourly cost-of-living payment into the base pay of eligible employees, amounting to \$707 annually.

• Setting of Dec. 1, 1969, as the new starting date for figuring cost-of-living.

**THE PACTS ALSO** provide an additional \$5,000 of paid life insurance and expanded benefits under the paid Blue Cross-Blue Shield program.

The board of commissioners also approved raises recommended by the county Civil Service Commission for 910 supervisory and other employees not covered by labor contracts.

All the improvements, negotiated under reopener clauses of present union contracts, are retroactive to last Dec. 1.

It was estimated that the

improvements will cost about \$5 million more than was budgeted for this year and will come to \$9.2 million.

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### 'End War' Amendment Is Backed

The Oakland County Democratic Executive Committee is promoting the so-called "a amendment to end the war" which five U.S. Senators bought television time to push last week.

George Goggin, county Democratic chairman, and the executive committee gave U.S. Senate amendment 609 unanimous support in a meeting the same day.

Amendment 609, introduced by Sens. George McGovern, South Dakota, and Mark Hatfield, Oregon, calls for a cutoff of funds for military operations in Southeast Asia after Dec. 31, 1970.

Sens. McGovern and Hatfield were joined by Sens. Frank Church, Idaho; Harold Hughes, Idaho; and Charles Goodell, New York, on the television broadcast, which was described as the first time members of Congress paid for television time to urge support for legislation.

Goggin commented: "Five courageous senators have taken a first step in attempting to curb presidential war-making powers."

In light of the extension of the Vietnam war in Cambodia and the accompanying potential for even greater American involvement in all of Indochina, I urge all citizens, regardless of political affiliation, to give loud, full support to the McGovern-Hatfield amendment.

College have been invited to appear at the Oakland County Court House auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28.

The program is being sponsored by OCC academic senate as a service to the college and to the voters of the district.

The program will consist of introductions and a short statement by each candidate, and shall be followed by a question and answer period.

The following are candidates for the election which will be held June 8:

Earl M. Anderson, 30139 Palmer Madison Heights; Raymond M. Jenck, 12124 Winchester, Huntington Woods; Charles P. Holmes, 149 W. Highland Drive, and Alexander J. Klosser, 4133 Sunnyside Drive, both of Bloomfield Hills; Eugene L. Johnson, 2434 Garland, and Donald F. Loper, 3065 Vivian, both of Pontiac; and David M. Preston, 560 Chesterfield, Birmingham.

### LIT Awards 368 Degrees

President Wayne H. Buell will present diplomas to 368 graduates of the Lawrence Institute of Technology at the 38th annual commencement exercises Sunday, June 7, at 3 p.m. in the Ford Auditorium of Detroit's Civic Center.

Speaker will be Dr. James H. Potter, noted engineer, teacher, administrator and writer. Currently he is professor of engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J. Dr. Potter will be granted an honorary doctor of science in engineering degree.

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### Hart Opens Oakland HQ

The Oakland County "Hart Volunteer Office" has opened 4520 N. Woodward in Royal Oak, just south of 14 Mile Road. The office will be the nerve center of county activity in U.S. Sen. Philip A. Hart's campaign for reelection.

Hart, a Democrat, was elected to the Senate in 1958 after serving two terms as Michigan's lieutenant governor.

Mrs. Dorothy Schankler, 247 Ottawa Drive, Pontiac, is in charge of the Hart Volunteer headquarters. The telephone is 756-2830.

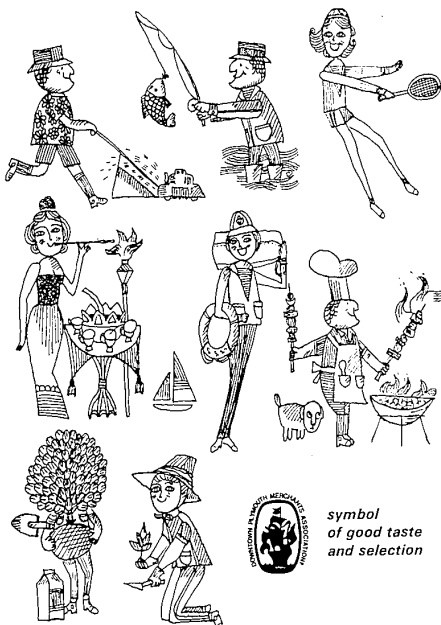
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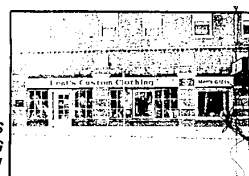
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