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# **Oakland County fights** sewage rate increase

OAKLAND COUNTY—Homeowners will be spared paying \$16.0 180 more each year in water and sewer bills if okaitand County wins its lawsuit against the sewage rate increase of the Detroit Water Board.

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Birmingham, Beverly Hills, South field and Troy are SOCSDD members. The Detroit Water Board has aproved a 35 percent increase in sewage rates. Oakland Courty, led by Drain Commissioner George Kuhn, has gone to court to fight the increase.

IN TIS lawguit, Oakland County alleges that the increase is unwar-nowners will be diverted at least until

their billing for November, thanks to the drain commissioner's office. Drain Commissioner Kuhn who called the rate increase "notirageous." said the first three months of the ser-age rate increase will be paid with surplus money from his office. After that, unless the court incr-venes and rules the rate increase ex-cessive, homeowners will begin to pay up to \$10 more annually for sewage treatment, depending on what each municipality charges its residents.

THIS YEAR'S rate increase marks the second in five years. During that period. Detroit's charges for 1,500 cubic feet of water have pumped from 35 certs to the current rate, almost triple. Things could be warse, however. Late last year, the Detroit Water Board approved an increase in the water rates, as well as the sewage rates.

rates.

After loud complaints from suburban officials, Detroit Mayor Coleman Young ordered a reappraisal of the water increases.

Subsequently, the water increases were dropped by the Water Board for 1973.

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Despite their differences of opinion in the past, all were held together today by a common threat-orposition to slavery and its spread elsewhere in the nation.

The turnout was so enormous that it was impossible to hold the convention indoors.

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Temporary chairman Levi Baxter of Jonesville, after convening the meeting in one of Jackson's largest halls, called for a recess and the convention was moved to a place called "Morgan's Forty" on Jackson's outstirts. There a platform was hastily

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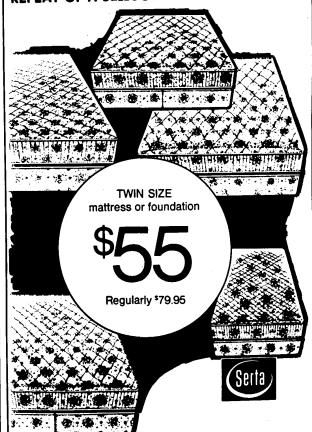
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