

Officials talk annexation

TROY — City department heads are expected to report to the Troy City Council Monday night on the problems posed by the possible annexation by the city of 12 square miles of Avon Township.

However, city administrators are withholding judgement on the proposed annexation until the reports are reviewed by City Manager Frank Gerstenacker.

"I'm not really drawing any conclusions based on the reports," Gerstenacker said. "I'm fairly ambivalent on the whole thing right now."

He said he expects to make a final recommendation on annexation to the city council in the near future, possibly on July 22.

AMONG THE reports to be aired Monday is one from Police Chief Forrest Fisher Jr. recommending the city increase the police budget by approximately \$400,000 to supply extra patrolmen in the area to be annexed.

The Troy Police Officers Association (TPOA) is conducting a petition campaign to increase city taxes by one-half mill to increase the number of uniformed officers in Troy. The policemen hope to get the proposal approved by voters in November.

Troy councilmen discussed annexation of the southern 12 miles of Avon Township after township voters rejected a bid to consolidate with the City of Rochester April 9. Rochester has since filed annexation petitions of its own, and township officials are seeking approval of a referendum on cityhood for the township.

All requests for annexation or incorporation must be filed with the Michigan Boundary Commission in Lansing. The petitions are considered in the order they are filed with the commission.

Other reports to the Troy council Monday include a street inventory, a review of fire protection requirements (additional fire stations will be needed "over and above those in the township and those planned in Troy," Gerstenacker said) and a review of land use from the planning department.

"FROM THE planning standpoint, (annexation) would give us additional land use direction and control along the M-59 corridor which would have implications for Troy," Gerstenacker said.

Northern Troy is largely developed for single-family residential, and southern Troy is "going to attract other types of land uses," he added.

Dystrophy benefit brings in \$13,000

More than \$13,000 was raised for muscular dystrophy during a "Fly High for Dystrophy" benefit held July 13-14 at Detroit City and Oakland-Pontiac airports.

Fifty-five private pilots, including a dozen media celebrities, gave air-ride rides to more than 2,500 people who donated \$5 or more to dystrophy.

Participating pilots donated their aircraft, fuel and time to the event, so that all proceeds go directly to dystrophy.

The \$13,000 will be presented to dystrophy representatives on a local segment of the 1974 Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon for muscular dystrophy, to be broadcast by WKBD-TV, Channel 50, Sept. 1 and 2.

AN ESTIMATED 2,347 gallons of fuel were burned by 40 private planes during the weekend and more than 400 pilot hours were logged.

In addition, a 15-passenger craft from Skystream Airlines and a 44-passenger plane from Wright Airlines were donated to the benefit.

Fifteen flight schools and aviation sales firms participated in the event, donating aircraft that usually rent for \$20-\$40 an hour on weekends. Salaried pilots also were loaned by their employers.

Media celebrity pilots were: Don Hines, host of WKZY-TV's "Fanny's People"; Jerry Chingetta, host of WKZY-TV's "Michigan Outdoors"; Sonny Eliot, WWJ-TV weathercaster; Tom Korzenowski, WJBK-TV news reporter; Al Lowman, Detroit News aviation columnist; Bob Hynes, host

of CKLW-TV's "Showtime"; Larry Thompson, CKLW-TV's "Mr. Whodini"; Mike Kenny, WJR news sportscaster; Jim Hendrick, freelance sportscaster; Tom Dean, WDEE disc jockey; Frank Benesh, broadcast services manager, Ford Motor Co.; Bob Pouch, nightclub entertainer; and John Butsicaris, Lindell AC entrepreneur.

PARTICIPATING flight schools and sales firms included: Big Beaver Flying Service, Gordon Aviation, Tri-County Aviation, Olsen Flight Service, Detroit City Aviation, Commander Flight Service, Ber-Macomb Airport, A.D.I. Beechcraft, Pontiac Piper, Inc., Skylark Flying Service, Plymouth-Metetal Airport, Drake-Sentas Aviation, A.T.A., Inc., Triangle Aviation, Lank Tygard Flying School.

The Civil Air Patrol and the 99's International Association of Women Pilots provided both ground workers and volunteer pilots with planes.

CKLW-TV's Bozo the Clown made a special appearance at Detroit City Airport, where Mayor Coleman A. Young read a proclamation and escorted dystrophy poster children to their plane for the weekend's first flight.

Michigan Gov. William G. Milliken made a surprise visit to Oakland-Pontiac Airport where he greeted the crowds and thanked volunteers.

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Gerstenberg to get award

Richard C. Gerstenberg, of Bloomfield Hills, chairman of the board of General Motors Corp., has been chosen by the Detroit Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, to receive NCCJ's National Human Relations Award at the 1974 Anniversary Banquet of the organization at Cobo Hall Dec. 8.

Chairman Alfred A. May of the Round Table announced the plans to honor Gerstenberg "for his far-sighted industrial leadership helping Detroit and the nation respond to the economic and community needs of all citizens, of every racial and religious and cultural background."

The event, which is expected to bring together business and community leadership from throughout metropolitan Detroit, will mark the 46th anniversary of the NCCJ education program to build interreligious and interracial understanding and cooperation.

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