

Drain Boss Quits Meeting On Rouge

By W. W. EDGAR

Amid a clash of personalities that reached a climax when Henry Herick, Wayne County drain commissioner, belted the meeting, the County Board of Commissioners has fired the first official shot in the war against pollution in the Middle Rouge.

lishing authority within a single agency. Immediately after the meeting was opened, the family feud which has been brewing for years between the drain commissioner and the Department of Public Works and the Road Commission broke into the open.

DRAIN COMMISSIONER Herick opened the battle with a lengthy statement in which he explained that the Chapters 20 and 21 of the Drain Code gave him all the authority that was needed.

He said his agency was the only one eligible to cross county lines and deal with officials in Oakland, Macomb and Washenaw and that the drain commission had every right to take over the authority of a so-called watershed.

Herick piled fuel on the fire when he told the assemblage that if the old Board of County Supervisors had given the drain commission the authority that it gave to the DPW and the Road Commission 10 years ago, the Middle Rouge problem would have been settled long ago.

Stephen Pierce, attorney for the drain commission, augmented this report by stating that the drain commission has been ready for the Rouge project for 10 years, but never was given the authority even though by a two-thirds vote of the supervisors (now commissioners) the county could pick up part, or all, of the cost and get the job done.

AT THIS POINT George Bingham's director of the County DPW, replied that his agency and the Road Commission had jurisdiction of the Middle Rouge Interceptor and that the entire trouble now being experienced was the result of the overflow from the combined sewer system after a heavy rain.

He suggested that nothing be done until the Army Engineers completed their study. He touched off a bomb when he added, "Our trouble is with the overflow in the drainage basin, and it is our belief that those who cause the problem should pay for it."

Herick leaped to his feet and shouted — "I'm tired of listening to you. I've been doing it for 10 years and you haven't said anything worthwhile yet."

With that he belted the meeting.

THE ENTIRE problem was brought into focus by Wayne Denison of the State Water Resources Commission, when he reviewed the program after Herick left.

"Back in 1968," he said, "we started on the Middle Rouge and asked that a survey be made and that a single agency be placed in authority by Jan. 1, 1970. All the while, nothing was done until the DPW presented its report in which it, too, asked for the establishment of a single agency with complete authority."

When all committee members had their say and no definite plan emerged, Commissioner Pursell, who asked for the meeting, stated "that at least it's off the ground, and we can go from here."

He stated that the next move would be an attempt to get the State Legislature to strengthen the so-called River Management Act to give a watershed authority more power and bring the battle between a proposed Water Shed Authority and the Drain Commission to a conclusion.



K-MART'S NEW STORE WILL OPEN ON PLYMOUTH ROAD THURSDAY

Livonia Kmart Ready For Shoppers Thursday

The S.S. Kresge Company will open its first Kmart district department store in Livonia at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 16. The unit is located at the south of Plymouth Road immediately adjoining Wonderland Shopping Center.

The new store will be the 17th in the metropolitan Detroit where the Kresge Company initiated its Kmart chain in 1962.

THE LIVONIA K-MART like the one opened in Warren on February 19, has a store front that is experimental, part of Kresge's continuing research to enhance the personality of Kmart. The storefront glass and the canopied walkway are higher and wider to give more open appearance.

Consumer response to the two stores will determine if it will be incorporated into the design of more Kmarts.

The Livonia store will be a 128,350 square-foot unit including a 22,000 square-foot Kmart food market.

Frederick J. Sutton has been appointed general manager of the store. He joined the Kresge management-training program in Southfield in 1957 and was promoted to the management of its first store in 1963 in Ypsilanti.

He then managed three Kresge Variety-Department Stores in Barberton, O., Lincoln Park and Gary, Ind. Sutton comes to his Livonia assignment from the management of a Kmart in Toledo. Sutton announced that approximately 125 local residents are being employed in the store. Additional employees will be added to the staff during peak seasonal periods.

"Kresge employees over 88,000 are among those with the longest employment tenure in retailing," said Sutton. Over 2,200 have been with the company for 25 years or more. Many thousands are enjoying retirement pensions offered to all employees."

The 16 Kmarts now open in metropolitan Detroit plus those in Pontiac, Monroe, Mt. Clemens, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti will participate in the new store's opening festivities by offering shoppers grand opening specials.

The new store will be the supervision of George W. Murek, vice president of the Kresge Co. (Retail) and general manager of the Detroit district. When the Livonia store opens, the Kresge Company will have 32 Kmarts in operation in the Detroit area: 16 in Michigan, 10 in Ontario, Canada and Australia, 14 of which have opened in 1970.

Another 50 stores are planned to open this year. Several more ribbon-cuttings will take place in Warren, Salem, Ohio, Southfield, Michigan, and Grand Rapids, Michigan.



FREDERICK SUTTON Store Manager



INTERIOR VIEW OF THE NEW STORE

Will Schoolcraft Raise Tuition?

Schoolcraft College trustees will meet Wednesday night at 8 in district revenues and set tuition for the forthcoming school year.

Trustees will also meet with students at 6:30 p.m. for a coffee hour in the Waterman Campus Center. Student groups are lobbying for an "advisory" seat on the college board but so far have turned down.

A "PROVISIONAL" tuition hike of \$1 per credit hour got a 2-2 backing at last Wednesday's special meeting, but it is considered defeated because it needed five votes to pass.

Voting in favor were George Martin, Paul Mutnick, Clark Oldenburg and William Second. Opposed were Robert Geake and Chairman Jane Moebis.

Absent were John Larue and James Brewell. The board's maverick, Brewell announced a couple of weeks ago he would refuse to attend meetings until board seats are reapportioned on a "one man, one vote" basis.

State law requires community college boards to set tuition by April 15 for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

THE TUITION proposal offered last week by Mutnick was complicated in its provisions. It said:

"Whereas the proposed 1970-71 budget is in balance without providing salary or staff increases for any employees except office personnel who are entering the second year of a two-year contract.

And whereas there will be no monies for any additional increasing of the operational budget, should an emergency arise, be it:

"Resolved that in case of any type of emergency, the tuition of the students may be increased by an amount not to exceed \$1 per credit hour with

the exact amount to be determined at such time as the budget is formally adopted."

What it means is that the board would authorize itself to raise tuition as much as \$1 but would not necessarily go that high.

Present rates are \$10 a credit hour for residents of the college district and \$16 for non-residents. The college district covers Clarencville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth K-12 school districts.



ACADEMIC DEAN Robert Stenger, of Schoolcraft College, submitted a resolution and a report to a subcommittee of the American Association of Junior Colleges at an observer convention in Hawaii. Both were accepted. (Observer photo)

Car Safety Essays Are Invited

"What Can the Public Do to Stop Slaughter on the Streets and Highways?" will be the subject of the second essay contest to be sponsored by R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Homes of Livonia and Garden City.

The competition will be limited to youngsters in three age groupings: 8-11, 12-14, and 15-18. Ten best essay writers will be awarded \$100 in savings bonds.

Tom Harris and Clarence Rost, officers of the firm, said the contest is being repeated "because of the overwhelming success of last year's competition."

Mayor Tim Murphy of Garden City is among five judges for the contest. All entries must be postmarked no later than April 30 and addressed "Traffic Safety," when mailed to any Harris funeral home.

Nurse Training Aided At Colleges

Two colleges in Observerland will share nearly \$10,000 in federal funds appropriated for nursing program scholarships through the Health, Education and Welfare Department (HEW).

Schoolcraft Community College will receive \$3,264 and Madonna College \$6,731. Both are located in Livonia.

The grants supplement a total of \$811,500 already received by the two schools from earlier HEW appropriations for the same purpose. The money was applied for by the colleges through the HEW bureau of health professions education and manpower training.

AT SCHOOLCRAFT, which offers a two-year course leading to an associate degree, 11

of 60 nursing students are presently receiving loan or scholarship financial assistance. Average stipend is \$600.

Schoolcraft's nursing loan fund this year totals \$10,000. The nursing scholarship fund now totals \$7,564. Money not used is carried forward to next year's funds.

At Madonna, a four-year college offering baccalaureate degrees, 15 of 106 nursing students are receiving money from federal grants this year. Awards are a maximum of \$1,000 and a minimum of \$200 per award.

The 15 students are using \$10,100 of scholarship and loan funds this year. Announcement of the new HEW grants was made by Congressman Jack McDonald

Fume Scrubbing Cleans Up Air At Chevy Plant

In a step to control air pollution, the Chevrolet plant in Livonia has completed a "fume scrubbing system" to replace previous air washing and ventilation methods.

H.T. (Bing) Price, manager of the Chevrolet spring and bumper plant at Plymouth Road and Eckles, said the improvement involves the chrome plating facility that produces an auto bumper every three seconds.

The previous method, in operation since the plant began production in 1956, filtered air inside the plant as well as the exhausted air.

Price said the previous metal air washers.

PRICE SAID the cost of the new fume scrubbing system raises to more than \$4 million the amount spent by Chevrolet-Livonia in the past two years for clean air and water facilities and equipment.

The figure also covers previous air pollution control devices, construction of the plant's waste water treatment facility in 1966 and construction of a storm water clarifier in 1967 to help protect the ecology of Newburgh Lake.

THE HARRIS BROADCASTER

2nd Annual Chamber of Commerce Ball
Saturday, April 18 - 8:30 p.m.
Wayne-Ford Civic Hall
Wayne and Ford Road
Tickets: Westland Chamber of Commerce - 728-4030
Donation: \$20.00 per couple

MILLIONAIRES PARTY
Friday, April 17 - 8 p.m.
U.A.W. Local 182 Hall
35603 Plymouth Road
Tickets: Carol Garchar - 476-8094
Donation: \$1.50

ANNUAL CARD PARTY
Rosary Altar Society of St. Maurice's Parish
Thursday, April 16 - 7:30 p.m.
Roma Hall
27777 Schoolcraft (Between Inkster and Middlebelt)
Tickets: Mrs. Blandine Suppala 425-2194

WEIGHT CONTROL BUFFET
Monday, April 20 - 6:30 p.m.
Log Cabin at Garden City Park
Information: Call 421-4545

To publish the notice of your organization activity, contact, in person, Thomas F. Rost, Mgr., Garden City Chapel, or David R. Whitney, Mgr., Livonia Chapel.

R.G.&G.R. SINCE 1910

Harris FUNERAL HOMES

GARDEN CITY CHAPEL (Formerly LANE) Phone: 425-9200 31551 Ford Road, near Merriman

LIVONIA CHAPEL Phone: 422-6720 15451 Farmington Road, near Five Mile

observer newspapers, inc.

CIRCULATION DATA

FRED J. WRIGHT, Circulation Director

NEWSPAPER	Current Print Run	CAC Audit Paid
LIVONIA OBSERVER	29,500	28,220
REDFORD OBSERVER	20,700	19,956
WESTLAND OBSERVER	18,000	17,718
SOUTHFIELD OBSERVER	17,000	416,000
FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE	15,400	14,501
8 OBSERVER	11,400	10,824
GARDEN CITY OBSERVER	9,700	9,800
PLYMOUTH, MAIL & OBSERVER		

* WEEKLY EDITIONS, WEDNESDAY NEW EDITION, February 1970. Will be included in March 1970, CAC Audit.

Total Wednesday: 122,200 118,577
Wednesday: 53,800 62,277

FRED J. LEVINE, Advertising Director

Art Lange, Classified Mgr. 422-0900
Joel Stark, Retail Mgr. 422-3175

Schoolcraft Prof Aids Workshop

William H. Baumgartner, member of the Schoolcraft College electronics department faculty since 1967, and presently chairman of the department, will be one of two faculty members conducting a six-week summer workshop at Western Michigan University.

Offered by the WMU School of Applied Sciences, the workshop in Electrical Engineering Technology for Teachers will run from June 22 to July 31.

Diabetics' Class Starts April 20

A new series of classes for diabetics and their families will begin April 20 at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Health Center, Meridian Road, Farmington. The instruction is under the direction of the public health nursing division.

Professional staff explain the condition of diabetes mellitus, its control and treatment and the relationship of diet. All diabetics regardless of age may attend with written approval from their physicians. Children under 14 should be accompanied by a parent.

Diabetics' Class Starts April 20

The series consists of two-hour classes on live consecutive Monday evenings. Interested persons may register by telephoning the Wayne County Department of Health, P.O. 6200 or CR 4-2600, ext. 6041.