

Regional Affairs

Scouts Clean Up A Park

Beer bottles were expected. They're normal fare for litter clean up crews. But a shiny rubber boat was a curiosity for Sunset District Boy Scouts on their annual Rouge River cleanup project.

With hundreds of scouts from other areas, the youths and their leaders took to the ugly task Saturday, July 11, along Hines Parkway.

The Boy Scouts are hoping their efforts will make their campouts, and those of other members of the public, more enjoyable. In the 60-year history of scouting, conservation and appreciation of country have been a major part of the program.

The Rouge, named for its original high red iron content, might be renamed "Trash" river except for the efforts of Scouts, Jaycees, the National Campers and Hikers Association and some resident groups along its route.

Together they've pulled untold tons of rubbish from its waters and shoreline. (Observer photos by Harry Mauthe)



BOAT FIND — Scouts Dennis Collier and Kerry Carpolongo wander where the other went.



THE USUAL — The Sunset District chairman of organization and extension, Steve Shewchuk, and Scout Mike Watson display beverage containers found along the Rouge River.



TRYING HARD — Scout Matthew Ball pulls out a branch.



PACKAGED TRASH—Troop 287 leader George Brown and Scout Paul Sherlag survey results of Rouge Cleanup Saturday.

Southfield News, Observer Merge

The Southfield News will merge its operations with The Southfield Observer effective July 17, according to Observer Newspapers, Inc. Publisher Philip H. Power.

The merged organization will publish a new newspaper, The Southfield News & Observer, twice each week beginning with the weekend issue of July 18.

Headed editorially by former Southfield News Editor John Povlitz, the paper will be published on Wednesday and on the weekend and circulated to nearly 18,000 homes and business offices in Southfield, Lathrup Village, Franklin, Bingham Farms and Beverly Hills.

Financial details of the merger were not disclosed.

"WE'RE VERY excited about this step," Power said. "We believe the new Southfield News & Observer will bring together the best of the Southfield News with the best of the Southfield Observer to produce a newspaper which will serve the needs of the Southfield area better than ever before."

"Betty Lewis, publisher of The Southfield News, will be joining our staff just as soon as her health permits. All of us who know her magnificent work in the Southfield area are delighted she will be joining us to help make the new Southfield News & Observer one of the 'finest newspapers of its type,'" Power added.

"It has appeared obvious for some time now that the Southfield News, in order to produce the kind of newspaper we want for Southfield, would have to take some steps in reorganization," Mrs. Lewis said. "After many months of study the decision has been made to merge with the Observer Newspapers."

"Phil Power, publisher of the Observer Newspapers, is a capable, charming young man. He is sincerely interested in helping Southfield achieve its potential as a dynamic city," Mrs. Lewis said.

NEWS and circulation offices for The Southfield News & Observer will be located at 2177 W. Nine Mile Rd., Southfield, telephone EL 6-7100 for news, 881-3800 for circulation. The former Southfield Observer office at 20999 W. Five Mile Rd., Southfield, will be discontinued immediately.

All pre-paid subscriptions to The Southfield News will be honored to their expiration date.

Advertising will be handled through Observer Newspapers' central advertising office, at 13000 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, telephone 422-3175. Classified wanted ads can be placed by calling 221-9900.

Edward Lewis, who had been named as business manager of The Southfield News, will be employed in the Observer newspaper advertising department, as will Mrs. Kathy Gleason, Mrs. Lewis' daughter.

Also retained in the advertising department will be Richard Healey and Mrs. Margaret Shaeh.

THE SOUTHFIELD News &



MRS. BETTY LEWIS, publisher of The Southfield News, which will merge its operations with The Southfield Observer effective July 17. The merged organization will publish the new Southfield News & Observer twice a week, beginning July 18.

Observer editorial staff will be by far the largest of any local newspaper, according to Power. Joining Povlitz will be:

- Mrs. Corinne Abbate, of Beverly Hills, society editor;
 - Mrs. Loraine McClish, of Farmington, women's editor;
 - Mrs. Jackie Klein, of Southfield, local government reporter;
 - Miss Lynne Luther, of Southfield, features and Lathrup Village news;
 - Miss Donna Humphries, of Royal Oak, copy desk;
 - Robert Woodring, of Southfield, photographer.
- "In last year's Michigan Press Association editorial awards contest, The Southfield News won five awards, the largest number for any independent weekly," Power said. "Observer Newspapers also won five awards, more than any other weekly newspaper group in the state."
- "Now that we've put them together, the paper should set new standards for excellence and community service to benefit all citizens of this area," Power said.



PHILIP H. POWER Merging the Best

U.S. Grant Aids Juvenile Home

Wayne County's Board of Commissioners has received an \$82,500 federal grant for planning of the county's first rehabilitation facility for juvenile delinquents.

Award of the grant was announced by the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration in a telegram to Albert J. Zak, chairman of the board.

The facility will combine hearing rooms for Juvenile Court judges, probation offices, detention quarters and short term rehabilitation facilities.

The present Juvenile Court-Youth Home, located on Detroit's east side, has deten-

tion facilities but no rehabilitation program. It is so overcrowded that as many as 100 youngsters are sleeping on the floor.

AS NOW envisioned, the new facility would have at least the capacity of the present one—160 boys and 50 girls.

Its most likely location is on county-owned land across Michigan Ave. from Wayne County General Hospital in Westland. This would serve the rapidly expanding population west of Detroit and reduce the population at the present Youth Home, making possible new programs there.

Customers Get Edison Hearing

A public hearing will be held next week on an issue which could affect an estimated 200,000 southeast Michigan residents with electric hot water heaters.

The hearing, before the Michigan Public Service Commission at 9:30 a.m. next Wednesday, July 22, is sought by Harry Vartanian of Livonia.

VARTANIAN is protesting use of a remote control device which, he says, Detroit Edison Co. used to control the supply of hot water during peak usage

periods, and also to raise electrical bills for customers with electric hot water heaters.

The MPSC, which will hold the hearing in the City-County Building in Detroit, will also be asked to allow a Livonia attorney, George F. Shirley of Westland, to intervene in the case, representing all Edison customers with hot water heaters.

Shirley's request for intervention in the Vartanian case, is an expansion of an earlier suit in which 391 families in

the Holiday Park Townhouse Westland, were represented.

The issue raised by Vartanian and Shirley concerns Edison's use of a switcher device which controls the hot water heater during the peak water periods of 5-9 p.m. By regulating the amount of hot water, Edison forces customers to pay higher electrical bills, Shirley said.

The switching device, located on the outside of homes, cuts off power to the hot water heaters and denies the customer an adequate hot water supply, Shirley charges.

This is in contrast to Edison's claim that customers "can get all the hot water" they need.

THE HOLIDAY PARK suit against Edison was originally taken to Wayne County Circuit Court, where Judge Joseph Rashid dismissed the case. Rashid told Shirley that he should have gone to the Public Service Commission first.

The commission administrator and controls the rates and regulations of public utilities.

Since the Circuit Court refused to accept the case, it is expected that the commission will allow Shirley to intervene with Vartanian at next week's hearing, the attorney said.

Shirley appealed for all electric hot water customers to attend the hearing.

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