

By MARTHA SAGER

If this column has adopted one guiding rule of life, it has been to avoid zealously all things arithmetic.

Of the prettiest puzzles ever seen a municipal body came up for discussion Monday night at the Grosse Pointe Farms village council meeting when Henry Mauer, village attorney, attempted to explain the position of the village as it pertains to volunteer civilian defense workers.

October, 1940. Including all men between the ages of 21 to 35; almost 2,800 registered.

July, 1941. Including all men who had reached 21 since the previous October. Less than 200 registered.

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field avenue, has been employed as executive secretary for the board, to receive all applications for rationing cards, rationing privileges and all other problems pertaining to war price control and rationing.

Three temporary offices have also been established to care for the special applications for sugar for canning purposes.



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WOODS SPECIAL ELECTION MONDAY

18-Year-Olds To Register Tuesday Ghesquiere Urges Affirmative Vote On Bond Issue

Farms Strike Threat Enters Arbitration; Expect Settlement

Action on the notice of intent to strike, served on the village of Grosse Pointe Farms by the A. F. of L. last week, has been suspended pending the results of negotiations.

Playground Season Opens Monday at Five Public Schools

Grosse Pointe's Summer recreational program goes into full swing Monday with the playfields of five public schools, staffed with experienced recreational leaders, open for Summer activities.

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Woods Residents to Use G. P. Shores Park

Announcement was made this week by Philip F. Allard, clerk of the village of Grosse Pointe Woods, that effective Monday, June 29, residents of the Woods will have the privilege of the use of the Park and beach of the village of Grosse Pointe Woods on Mondays and Thursdays of each week as in past years.

Over 1,000 Will Register with Board 57

Over 1,000 youths from 18 to 29 years old are expected to register with local draft board 57 on Tuesday, June 30, in the fifth draft registration since the beginning of the national emergency and the third registration since the entry of the country into the war.

14 Draftees to Report for Physical Exams July 1st

Fourteen more Grosse Pointe men have been notified to report for final physical examinations at the Detroit induction center on July 1 by local draft board 57.

To Dedicate Army Hangar at Jefferson Beach Saturday

Official dedication ceremonies will be held next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the east side's new army aviation cadet recruiting station, at Jefferson Beach with a program arranged by the army, including a color guard, officers and a band from Selfridge Field.

Review To Have Earlier Deadline Next Week

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, next week's edition of The Grosse Pointe Review will appear on the streets one day earlier. In doing this, it is the desire of The Review both to provide an opportunity to its employees for a full vacation period and to allow our readers ample time to avail themselves of the special bargains being offered by local merchants.

HEADACHE FOR HIROHITO

Bill Barber, manager of the Grosse Pointe Bicycle Company, made a complete investigation of his entire stock before collecting the coffee-high pile of old tires and spare metal parts which he is donating to the nation's salvage campaign.

Rubber Salvage Drive Given Full Support of Point's Defense Chiefs

The executive council of the Grosse Pointe and Gratiot township civilian defense council issued this week a proclamation urging residents here to co-operate in the drive for salvage rubber, metal and other goods.

Thousand Dollar Defense Bond Found; Returned to Detroit Owner

The largest "lost and found" story of this era of defense savings stamps and bonds in Grosse Pointe was opened and closed this week with the finding of a thousand dollar defense savings bond on Tuesday and its return Wednesday.

'Home Rule' Meets Opposition From County Board

A move to put the county board of supervisors on record as approving the so-called Home Rule amendment to the state constitution was forestalled Wednesday noon at the board meeting when Supervisor Chester Carpenter, of the City of Grosse Pointe, succeeded in persuading the commission to postpone a decision on a resolution submitted by Thomas Leadbetter, Detroit's city clerk, calling for the board's approval of the proposed amendment.

Rabaut Incensed At Paper's 'Insult' To Pointe Voters

Why were Grosse Pointers insulted in an article in the Detroit Free Press, "Know Your Congressman and District," in which the words of a mythical "practical politician," who does not exist, were placed in quotations as follows:

By ALOIS A. Ghesquiere, President, Grosse Pointe Woods

On Monday, June 29, there will be a special election held in Grosse Pointe Woods at which time the property owning residents of the village will either approve or disapprove of the issuance of \$90,000 worth of bonds to finance the cost of installing additional water mains to supply adequate water for and build up the pressure in various parts of the village.

Upon survey it was ascertained that the causes of this were threefold, namely: 1. That during the hot dry weather the pressure furnished at the Detroit-Grosse Pointe Woods boundary line dropped considerably, in some instances as much as 15 pounds.

Honors Graduates From G. P. High

Scholarships valued at \$8,250 have been won by 1942 graduates of Grosse Pointe high school, announced W. R. Cleminson, principal, at the commencement exercises of the June class last Thursday evening.

Salvage Rubber Is Admission Price For Twin Movie Bill

Grosse Pointe's drive to collect salvage rubber will be bolstered Tuesday night at a showing of two technicolor motion pictures on the grounds of Grosse Pointe high school. Admission will be granted to all those who bring a piece of rubber salvage.

Elect Dr. Kersten Lions Club Head

Dr. Werner C. Kersten was elected president of the Grosse Pointe Lions Club last Tuesday. He will succeed George H. Kreutz, former president. Other newly elected officers are: Arthur C. O'Connell, secretary; treasurer, and Victor Gray, Lion Jamer.

Pointe Hearing on Charter Draws Small Attendance

Delegation of administrative powers to the village manager rather than to individual commissioners appears to be the foremost change which the Grosse Pointe Park charter revision committee will advocate when it makes its report to the village commission at the completion of its debates.

Patriotic Pageant to Give Four Great Performances

Grosse Pointers who were unable to view the local presentation of the annual victory revue, "You Can Depend on America," presented last week at Pierce junior high school, will have an additional opportunity to make up their misfortune at any of four performances scheduled this week, and next in the near vicinity. The revue, which played to a capacity audience here, will be repeated as follows: Thursday, June 25 (tonight) 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple; Sunday, June 28, 8:30 p.m. at Fordson high school, Dearborn; Monday,

June 29, 7:45 p.m. Masonic Temple; and Tuesday, June 30, 7:45 p.m., Masonic Temple. Tonight's performance is on the invitation of Murray Corporation, acting jointly with local 2, UAW-CIO. Arrangements for the showings on Monday and Tuesday are being made by the Retail Merchants Association. Tickets may be obtained at the revue committee offices, 111 Cadillac Square, Cadillac 7412.

OUTDOOR STORY HOUR AT POINTE LIBRARY

A story hour will be held each Tuesday afternoon during the summer, 2:30 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe city library, 700 Cadieux road. All boys and girls are invited.

Royal Comedians, Timbu the Ape Man At Club Stevadora

The original Georgia Crackers, a corn fed hillbilly act, is the feature attraction of this week's all-new show at the Stevadora. Their homey rural songs and dances are as refreshingly different as the smell of new mown hay. They are corn at its best. Taking no small honors is Timbu, the Ape Man, a former Hollywood stunt man, who performs some amazing tricks on a slack wire rigging. For further novelty, Sandy Lyle, the Scotchman, does some fine juggling. Ethel Shepherd does her usual fine job on the Hit Parade numbers and the whole show is rounded out by Esther DeRoy and her Glamour Girls, with some outstanding specialties by Evelyn and Ann Lee. It should be remembered that the first show always starts at 9:30 p.m. nightly, making it possible to enjoy yourself and still get home early.

Librarians Attend National Conference

Grosse Pointe will be represented at the annual conference of the American Library Association in Milwaukee, June 22 to 27, by two delegates from the public library staff, Miss Florence Severs, Librarian and Mrs. Helen Finster.

Miss Severs is vice-chairman of the small libraries round table and a member of the committee on re-organization.

"Winning the War and the Peace" is the theme of the conference which will be attended by approximately 2,000 librarians, trustees and friends of libraries from all parts of the United States, Canada and Latin America.

DETROIT TOWN HALL 14th SEASON FEATURES MANY FAMOUS SPEAKERS

Announced by the Detroit Town Hall, for their fourteenth season of 1942-43 at the Cass Theatre, are four important women who will appear during the Winter for the 20 Friday morning lectures.

Anne O'Hare McCormick, famous writer for the New York Times and also one of the directors of that paper, who has just been awarded a gold medal from the National Institute of Social Sciences for her work symbolizing the American free press against the enemies of Freedom; Helen Kirkpatrick, author of two well known books, "Under the British Umbrella" and "This Terrible Peace," who has earned her position as America's foremost woman war-correspondent through her dispatches written while the blitz surged around her in London bomb shelters, in Coventry and on the Dover cliffs; Vera Micheles Dean, the brilliant speaker and director of the Foreign Policy Association, a specialist in Russian and Italian affairs, the author of "Europe in Retreat" and "Mady Christians who has very recently been seen in Detroit in the prize winning play "The Watch on the Rhine" and who has earned the right to be called an American actress (though born in Vienna) through her great success in the movies and her brilliant work on the stage with Maurice Evans in "Hamlet" and in "Heartbreak House."

CHARTER

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Notice of the second public hearing will afford village residents opportunity to arrange their plans so as to be present at the next hearing.

The Park's old wrangle of incorporation as a city together with the other political issues of a year ago, the remuneration of the village president and commissioners, again were aired, although they were given less attention than the need for bringing together the administrative powers over all departments into the single hand of the village manager.

Why Committee was Organized

In explaining the reason for calling a revision committee, Karl B. Goddard, village president, said that it had been the intention of the commission to put at rest "once and for all" the various ideas about the village and its charter that have worried the citizens here from one election to the other.

"From time to time individual citizens have expressed the opinion that changes were needed in the charter, petitions have been circulated seeking certain charter amendments, members of the commission themselves have discussed various changes which, at the time at least, they thought desirable." President Goddard said. "It was with this diversity of opinion in mind that the commission decided to call together a group of interested and representative citizens who, it was felt, could study the charter as it exists and suggest changes which might be beneficial to the people living here."

Commissioners Are Silent

"I suppose that basically, however, it is not the charter itself, but the men who interpret and administer it who really determine the best interests of the village. It is not what the charter itself says, but the way that it is handled which counts in the long run. Grosse Pointe Park might have the best charter in the world and the commission working under it might act upon it unwisely — and vice versa."

While President Goddard's brothers on the commission may have expressed themselves vigorously at times over the changes that they felt should be made in the charter, they fell down with a thud when it came to asserting them in public before the committee which they appointed to suggest changes. Called upon one after the other for suggestions, members of the commission, with the single exception of Ward S. Van Deusen, police commissioner, declared that they had no suggestion to offer. (Commissioner Damman was not present at the hearing.)

Conflicts With State Law

Commissioner Van Deusen said that while he, himself, is not dissatisfied with the present charter, he had agreed that it was right and proper to call together a committee to study the law with the intention in the first place, that those who are dissatisfied might have the opportunity to have their say and secondly that the charter might be compiled into a modern instrument in harmony with state legislation. The charter, as it stands, is based upon an outmoded theory of government. Commissioner Van Deusen explained, and in many provisions is still at variance with state law. Other measures are not defined explicitly, he said, so that the commission is left with a variety of interpretations from which to choose.

The question of incorporation as a city was also in the mind of the commission in calling the revision committee. Commissioner Van Deusen said. While the commission did not have that particular phase in mind, nor did they intend to suggest that "it was wrapped up to a certain extent" with the feeling of

Farms Library Starts Summer Schedule

During the Summer months the hours at the Farms library, which is located in the Farms municipal building, will be Tuesdays from 1 to 5 p.m. On Thursdays the book wagon will give library service to Farms residents from 10 to 11 a.m. at the corner of Williams, McMillan and Moran and from 11:15 to 12:15 a.m. at the Farms pier. DAY NURSERIES awH With women replacing men in increasing numbers in war industry, many of whom are the mothers of young children, Grosse Pointe has begun to make provisions for the care and protection of children while mothers are at work.

One of the important committees under the Wayne County Council of Defense is the Grosse Pointe committee for the Day Care of Children. Dr. Paul L. Essert, superintendent of schools in Grosse Pointe, has appointed the following committee to study the need in Grosse Pointe and the facilities available: Harold Husband; Mesdames Ruth Flom, chairman; Donna King; and Jetta White. In view of the fact that the WPB estimates that 47,000 mothers of children over ten, and 17,000 mothers of children under 10, are needed to help fill a war labor quota of 80,000 women in Wayne county, it is recommended that boards of education and recreation departments be asked to formulate immediately, war programs for the responsible supervision and feeding of children during working hours under public authority, with the committee on Day Care of Children acting as a consultant group especially of pre-school programs.

This care is not designed as a place to take care of children while the mother is taking a first aid course or while she buys her groceries. Instead the facilities for this care for children of mothers actually engaged in defense jobs. Any one who is interested in Day Care for Children and who would like further information, is asked to contact any member of the committee or send a penny postcard addressed to "Day Care for Children," 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe.

the commission in appointing the revision committee, he declared. "Liberts Plus 'Fraternite'" Is reporting on the work of the charter revision committee during its month of deliberation, Ferris Stone, committee chairman, paid tribute to the equal representation of "all shades of political opinion" represented on the board as to the "fraternal relationship" existing among the committee members.

The "fine fraternal relationship" atmosphere was dulled somewhat by Stone's admittance that while the committee "may be able to make some suggestions unanimously, there are others which may not have unanimous support," and that there are "two decisive schools of thought in the community and certain existing conditions that make it doubtful if the committee could make a unanimous declaration one way or the other."

Opening the hearing, Stone said that it had been his belief that, from a perusal of the village commission's motion, it was the duty of his committee "to take the charter we have, see if it has any defects and recommend amendments to cover the defects which are found."

"Incorporation a Big Question"

"Incorporation as a city, I felt was a big question," Stone declared, "and one which I had hoped the committee might spend some time upon. I know that there are two schools of thought and that it is doubtful if we could make any unanimous declaration one way or the other, but I had hoped for full consideration of that aspect of our work."

"The charter we have is framed on a certain theory of village government. Roughly, it calls for a village president and six commissioners who, under an amendment approved a few years ago, serve without compensation. There has been much discussion of this question by our committee and I have been given to understand that there is also some diversity of view on this point among our commissioners. I had hoped that there would be a large enough representation of our citizens here tonight to give us some indication of their views on this matter."

Commissioners As Legislators

"Moreover, because of the fact that each commissioner has administrative duties and responsibilities, which add largely to the time which he gives to the village, I wonder if the commission should not be relieved as much as possible of its administrative duties and made into more of a legislative group. For example, the present village charter stipulates that the commission may appoint a village manager. I wonder if that should not be changed to the village should have a village manager and his duties amplified and designated."

"This brings up another two schools of thought, one of which lodges all responsibility in the village president in whom is placed all blame for appointment and discharge of employees, the other a government of divided responsibility. The present charter of Grosse Pointe Park is a middle-of-the-road compromise."

"Of course a general revision of the entire charter can be brought about only by a general election and the selection of a charter commission."

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