

Seeks City Annexation of Perimeter Industries

Committee Plans Plea To County

Wants Tracts in Four Townships in Municipality

Petitions calling for annexation of about 2.5 square miles of land contiguous to Grand Rapids will be filed, probably July 20, with the county board of supervisors, officials of the Citizens Community for Metropolitan Unification announced Thursday.

Involved, besides the already announced attempt to annex a portion of the Knollcrest region north and east of Burt st. and Breton rd., in Paris township, SE, are four industrially zoned parcels in Walker, Grand Rapids and Wyoming townships, all including major industries.

50 Work for Merger.

Announcement of the formation of CCMU was made by Albert R. Dilley and Charles M. Wiersma, co-chairmen of the committee which includes also Richard DeBoer, Valjean Goethal and Russell Jones.

Dilley and Wiersma said their committee has about 50 other persons, residents of both the city and suburban areas, working toward the unification program.

"Objective of our committee is to ultimately bring about the unification of the metropolitan area," Dilley and Wiersma said.

Both asserted, "You can't separate problems of the city from problems of the outlying areas." The CCMU chairman said assistance from their committee is available to residents of any township "who want to solve their problems by joining the city."

List Areas Affected.

Dilley and Wiersma said they hope to get the five annexation proposals on the November election ballot.

The parcels proposed to joining the city include two Walker areas, one encompassing the Fisher Body Plant No. 2 property in a region roughly bounded by the Grand river, Nason st., NW, Alpine av., NW, West River dr., NW, and a portion of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway. The other Walker township parcel would include the Grand Rapids Plaster Co., U.S. Gypsum Co. and Bestwall Gypsum Co., in an area roughly bounded on the north by East St. W, on the south by the Grand river, and following sections lines in the O'Brien and Butterworth rd.-Veterans Memorial dr., SW, district.

The proposals also call for annexation of a Grand Rapids area including the Corduroy Rubber Co. bounded roughly by Fuller av., NE, Sunshine sanitarium, Ball av., NE, Grand Trunk Western railroad, Plymouth rd., NE, and the rear lot line of lots facing Michigan st., NE, between Ball av. and Plymouth rd.

Death Takes I. E. McGee

Real Estate Firm Proprietor Was 74

Ivan E. McGee, 74, of 331 Madison av., SE, a life local resident and owner of a real estate firm here, died Wednesday at St. Mary's hospital after a short illness.

Mr. McGee was a member of the Holy Name society. He retired a short time ago because of illness. His wife, Maude, died in 1945.

One of his sons, Rev. John W. McGee, now a pastor in Rosebush and formerly assistant at St. Andrew's, is widely known locally as a speaker and author of the book, "The Catholic Church in the Grand River Valley."

Surviving besides Fr. McGee are another son, W. Richard of Grand Rapids; two daughters, Mrs. James Lowe of Washington and Miss Sheila McGee of Silver Springs, Md., and three sisters, Miss Edwardine McGee of Grand Rapids, Mrs. O. E. Kamm of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. John Carmody of Indianapolis, Ind.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday in St. Andrew's cathedral. The body is at the O'Brien Colonial home.

X-Ray Bus to Be At Kent Villages

Cedar Springs and Sand Lake will share with Grand Rapids the services of the Kent County Tuberculosis society's Christmas Seal X-ray bus next week.

It will be at Skinner's drug store, Cedar Springs, from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m. Monday and from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Tuesday. Sand Lake auditorium will be its operation point Tuesday from 2:30 to 8 p. m.

Wednesday the bus will return to Grand Rapids, operating at St. Ann's home, 357 Madison av., SE, from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. and at Salvation Army headquarters, 225 Commerce av., SW, from 2 to 5 p. m.

Registration in the building at each location is required before entering the bus. Persons X-rayed will receive confidential reports.

Harvard Alumni Schedule Outing

The Harvard Club of Western Michigan will hold its annual outing Saturday at Pinecrest, residence of Conrad Thorngquist at Spring Lake. Chairman Edward S. Burke said 65 Kent county Harvard graduates and their wives have been invited.

Bills for divorce have been filed in circuit court by Jean against Howard Campbell, Marilyn against Earle Seelye and by Ethel against Calvin Buckley.



PLUG FOR FEDERAL ECONOMIES—Mrs. Eleanor Hoover, left, traveling representative of the Women's Committee for the Hoover Report, is helped in fixing a banner to her auto by Miss Irene M. Cole, left, of the National Association of Bankers Women, and Miss Marie VanVliet of the American Society of Women Accountants.

'Boiling' for Economy

Woman Visitor to City Campaigns for Passage of Hoover Report

"We've simmered long enough—let's come to a boil," is the slogan of the Teapot Tempest campaign of the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report, represented here Thursday by Mrs. Eleanor Hoover of Chicago.

Immediate aim of the Citizens committee and its women's branch is passage this year by the senate of the budget and accounting bill, which deals with Hoover commission recommendations for economy and efficiency in the federal government.

Tours Many States. Mrs. Hoover's late husband was a distant relative of former President Herbert Hoover, who headed the report group.

Mrs. Hoover has campaigned in Missouri, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa and plans to go on to Minnesota and the Dakotas this week. While in Grand Rapids she will urge women's groups to join the effort.

Setting up letter-writing "bees" by local organizations aimed at showering congressmen with messages urging passage of the bill is Mrs. Hoover's primary goal.

"Since Sen. Potter Charles E. Potter of Michigan is on the senate appropriations committee, it is particularly important that the women of Michigan tell him of their interest in this bill," Mrs. Hoover pointed out.

HR8002, the legislation in question, provides for "tightened congressional control of the budget," according to Mrs. Hoover. The private committee, which has headquarters in New York city and Washington, has sought to stimulate public interest in every phase of government economy.

"We literally cannot afford to let this bill fail," Mrs. Hoover warned.

JCC Golf Stag Next Tuesday

A golf stag will be held next Tuesday by the Grand Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce at Grand Rapids Country Club, 2715 Leonard st., NW.

Tea-off time is 1:30 p. m., with dinner at 7:30 p. m. The project is being arranged by the social committee. Lou Corsiglia is director in charge. Ray Bass is committee chairman and members are Richard Bynum and Frank Goldschmidt.

Bill for separate maintenance has been filed in circuit court by Mary against John A. Koolie.

Zinser to Hold Meet Monday

The annual meeting for Zinser school district will be held at 8 p. m. Monday in the school, Leonard st. and Kinney av., NW. One member to the school board will be elected at the meeting. The team runs for three years.

Favors MSU Branch

A. J. Hannah Sees Cultural, Economic Impact on Grand Rapids

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County Lets Road Work

Awards Pact for Kalamazoo av.

Kent county road commission has awarded the contract for widening Kalamazoo av. and the intersection of Kalamazoo av. and the South Beltline to Kammings & Rootvoets which bid \$39,600.53, the low bid of six, reports Leonard E. Kaufman, commission secretary.

One blacktop lane will be added to the west side of the present concrete lanes of Kalamazoo av. between the South Beltline and Thirty-second st., making this stretch four lanes wide. The other three parts of the intersection of Kalamazoo av. and the South Beltline will be widened to four lanes for a distance of 150 feet.

The commission approved the blacktopping of One-hundredth st., from Division av., S, to the Grand Rapids expressway interchange.

The road commission awarded the contract for widening and blacktopping Thirty-fifth st. between Oak Valley and Burlington game av., SW, to Miedema & Meyer, which bid \$3,168.85, low bid of six.

Commission members approved the changing of the name of Wythe av. to Larkin av., Alpine township.

Knights Council Names Officers

Anthony Mitchell of 2772 Ivanest, SW, Grandville, has been elected grand knight of Mary Star of the Sea council No. 3785, Knights of Columbus. Also named were: Deputy grand knight, Dean L. Boston; chancellor, George H. Zeff; warden, John S. Pellerio; recorder, James B. McElwee; treasurer, Carl J. Miller; inside guard, Raymond A. Robleske; outside guard, Lawrence O. Robleske; advocate, Joseph S. Geiter, and trustee, Robert S. Geiter.

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BASEBALL ENTHUSIAST—Mario Losa, 12, shows his mother, Mrs. Daisy Losa of 239 Morris av., SE, the location of the day camp in Ada he will attend starting Monday. Mario is planning to play a lot of baseball. He arrived from Havana, Cuba, Monday and speaks virtually no English.

Happy Stranger

Cuban Youth Speaks No English but Looks Forward to Camp

Bright-eyed, friendly Mario Losa, 12, son of Mrs. Daisy Losa of 239 Morris av., SE, who has been in Grand Rapids only three days, is looking forward to going to camp even though he speaks virtually no English. He arrived here Monday from Havana, Cuba.

Mario also is looking forward to camp because he likes to play baseball, and he anticipates getting his fill of it at Little Beaver camp, Ada, where he will start Monday.

His mother, a bilingual secretary—Spanish and English—has worked at year at AMI, Inc. Mrs. Losa, who speaks excellent English, has visited many parts of the United States and learned English in school, improving it during her travels in America.

"I'm certainly glad he's here and away from the fighting in my home country," she states. Mrs. Losa saw Mario last Christmas in Havana. She and her husband, Rivas, were divorced in 1952. Under Cuban law, fathers have custody of their sons.

"When I went to Cuba in May for another visit, his father said I could have custody of Mario," she said. After much red tape, she finally got all the papers signed.

Mario also likes music—rock 'n' roll, popular, semi-classical and classical as well as the theater. He has a good voice, and his mother says he hopes to "break into" the entertainment world when he is older.

Firm Files Zone Appeal

Says Present Order Creates Hardship

A Grand Rapids firm has filed appeal of appeal in superior court from a board of zoning appeals decision last week denying modification of a 1955 order requiring the firm to tear down an apartment building to provide additional off-street parking for tenants of the firm's office building at 343-351 State st., SE.

The board of appeals last week denied appeal of Ace Enter-prises to modify the order which means the firm must raze an apartment it owns at 133 Madison av., SE, to provide additional parking for tenants of its building on State.

Partners in the firm, Carl E. Grimes, Augie Busk and Earl Hess, Jr., were given the order in 1955 when they were granted a zoning variance to construct the office building in a C2 commercial area.

They contend they built a two-deck parking ramp in conjunction with the building which provides ample parking for all tenants and that the board has exceeded its authority in setting the requirement. The partners further say the order causes them hardship by unlawfully depriving them of their property rights.

Mrs. A. Lombardo Dies; Here 60 Years. Mrs. Anthony (Frances) Lombardo, 74, of 1656 Jefferson av., SE, resident here 60 years, died Wednesday in St. Mary's hospital.

She was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows church, and was a native of Italy. Surviving are two sons, Paul and Samuel, and three daughters, Mrs. Frank Vicari, Mrs. Florence Hamelink and Mary A. Lombardo, all of Grand Rapids; a sister, Mrs. Rosalie Gimmo, and a brother, Joseph, both in Italy, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 9 a. m. Saturday in Our Lady of Sorrows church. Burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery. The body is in Roman funeral home.

Petition in bankruptcy has been filed in federal court by Matilda Wilcox, individually, and doing business as Paw Paw Frozen Food Locker plant, listing liabilities as \$15,826.89 and assets as \$4,110.68.

WMU Lists Class Series

Announces Schedule for Eight Counties

Residents of eight west Michigan counties will be offered a variety of three-week classes in August by the division of field services of Western Michigan university, Otto Yntema, director, announced Wednesday.

The schedule, with time and place, of the first meeting follows:

Allegan county, Allegan High school—Problems in Elementary Education 302, Dr. Louis A. Govatos, Aug. 5, 9 a. m.

Berrien county, Buchanan High school—Children's Literature 203, Mrs. Anne Stankowski, Aug. 4, 1 p. m.; Niles Brandywine school—General Education Problems 370C, David W. Adams, Monday, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.

Ionia county, Lake Odessa small elementary school—Abnormal Psychology 302, Dr. William B. Pavlik, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.

Kent county, Forest Hills Martin school—Reading Workshop 202, Dr. Frank Fatzinger, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.; Rockford school—Related Arts and Crafts 263R, Gilbert Hutchings, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.; East Grand Rapids Junior High school—Art Structure 106, Stanley K. S. Phillips, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.; North Park school—Physical Education and Recreation for Teachers 202, Dr. Candace Roell, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.; Byron Center High school—Laboratory in Psychological Testing 302, Dr. Frank Fatzinger, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.; Rockford school—Related Arts and Crafts 263R, Gilbert Hutchings, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.; and Godwin Heights school shop—Related Arts and Crafts 263R, Gilbert Hutchings, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.

Newaygo county, Grant elementary school—Physical Education and Recreation for Teachers 202, Miss Margie Mier, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.; and White Cloud elementary school—Reading Workshop 212B, Miss Esther Rossneck, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.

Oceana county, Hart High school—General Education Problems 370C, John W. Klousia, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.

Ottawa county, Allendale Public school—Geography of the United States and Canada 206, Dr. Oscar H. Hars, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.; and Coopersville elementary school—Elementary Design 105, Paul A. Robert, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.

VanBuren county, South Haven Central school—Human Growth and Development 231, Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.; and Decatur High school—United States History, 1935 to Present 406B, Gilbert W. Morell, Aug. 4, 9 a. m.

Ex-East Teacher Promoted in East

Miss Carolyn B. Kennedy, former supervisor of music for East Grand Rapids schools, has been promoted to associate professor in the department of music at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa.

A teacher of music education, Miss Kennedy joined the Carnegie faculty in 1947.

Heads Class

Second Lt. Gerald F. Sadow, 34, 128th Infantry, Michigan National Guard, was top man academically in his class of 170 which graduated recently from basic officers' infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga. He lives at 533 Fremont av., NW.