

Sunset Park Residents Denounce 'Tank' Charges

Serious complaints against the city's charge on maintenance of septic tanks, arising mainly from Sunset Park residents, have been brought to the attention of the city council.

Walter Bunch, Sunset Park resident, who was an opponent of city extension, told the Star that "this action by the city bears out the prediction of opponents of annexation made prior to the extension election on additional charges to be made."

Official notice of the central sewer, septic tank maintenance, was taken in the first 1946 session of the City Council. Councilman Ray Pollock, a new member representing Sunset Park, told other council members that confusion reigned in the minds of many of his constituents regarding that item.

The confusion came, Pollock said, because of a \$6,000 figure listed in the "Facts and Figures" pamphlet distributed by advocates of the extension. Opposite the words, "Septic tank maintenance" was the \$6,000 figure.

Councilmen explained that the \$6,000 represented not a part of the taxation income of the city, but that amount it was estimated would be required to provide the maintenance service. At the present time the city charges residents 50 cents for each toilet fixture and 25 cents for each additional drain-tube fixture, each quarter.

Circulation at the present time is a circular-application mailed out to new residents by the city. The application is for septic tank maintenance at regular rates. During the discussion of the matter in the council meeting, Wednesday, City Manager A. C. Nichols said the signed applications were being received from residents "in great numbers."

In the Sunset Park area, however, residents are strenuously objecting to the terms cited in the circular because they say, taxation is supposed to include the expense of septic tank maintenance. Furthermore, many of the residents are refusing to sign the circular-application.

Wednesday, councilmen gingerly discussed the legality of charging all residents of the city for septic tank maintenance, regardless of whether the signed contract was made or not.

"The contract is binding," Councilman Harris Newman, attorney and new councilman from East Wilmington, said. "Consequently, residents who now privately maintain their septic tanks are not obliged to sign for city maintenance. But if some resident of the city, who previously had been maintaining his own septic tank, were to have trouble with his tank, he could apply for city maintenance and the city would have to take him in at regular rates."

Seedman Tells Exchange To "Know Your Farmers"

"Southeastern North Carolina is a fertile area for agricultural expansion," Stanley Cross, local seedman, told the Exchange Club yesterday at its weekly luncheon. "Know the farmers; they are our community's backbone; they provide us with the things which industry must have to carry on."

Mr. Cross, in discussing the various phases for successful farming in this area, pointed out sources of supply, cattle, pure-bred stock, good quality seed and fertilizer, equipment, ample labor and the essential facilities of markets and market arrangement.

He told the Exchange Club stands to prosper in direct relation to the cooperation they give to the men who grow and sell the crops. He outlined several types of crops that can be successfully and profitably grown, making special note of the bulb and flower industry and in such quick crops as radishes, watermelons and cucumbers.

Mr. Cross deplored the failure of young men in making agriculture their career. Especially should young veterans find splendid opportunity in this section in the production of food, livestock, truck and poultry. "We can ship produce practically every month in the year from our area, and when the year-round crops are added up, that's not 'hay,'" he added. "Reconversion to improved farming and marketing is quite desirable now that we have passed the strain of labor shortage and war time restrictions," he said.

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Window Display Shows Need For Sanitorium

A graphic picture of the need for a sanitorium for tuberculosis patients is presented by the window display now in Bell's Department store. This large scale map, arranged by the New Hanover Tuberculosis and Health Association, shows the present number of active tuberculosis cases in the county and the public health nurses who wage constant warfare against the spread of the disease.

One fact is made startlingly clear by this exhibit: for every active case found and treated, there are a number of persons whose contact with the disease has endangered them. It is in this connection that the services of the public health nurse are of incalculable value, for she is a detective too. It is up to her to track down these contacts and work with them until any

THALIAN GROUP RENOVATES HALL

Renovation and improvement on Thalian Hall, including the installation of crash doors and negotiations for the addition of 400 seats, began yesterday, according to H. Edmund Rogers, deputy-manager of the hall.

Estimated cost of installing the emergency exit doors was set at \$300 by Rogers, who said improvements now being completed would run the cost to \$500.

Negotiations now are underway for the purchase of 400 new seats for the hall, Rogers disclosed. Plans for buying the 400 seats of the bleacher-type from a Hickory furniture firm are being discussed with the firm, which has quoted a tentative price of \$7 per seat to the Thalian association.

Wednesday, Rogers appeared before the first meeting in 1946 of the City Council to request that the five-year lease on the building, which expires Jan. 7, be renewed for another five-year period to the association. The application for renewal of the lease included a request for minor revisions of the terms of the contract.

Thalians proposed to the council that the lease be made on a basis of 50 per cent of gross receipts going to the association for operating expenses and 50 per cent going for improvements on the building.

If any part of the 50 per cent allocated for building improvements was not used for that purpose, Rogers said, the remainder would be turned back to the city in cash. Thalian account books at all times would be open to the city officials, he added.

In support of his arguments for a revision of the lease contract, Rogers pointed out that the association already has spent \$700 more than the \$2,500 provided in the present lease for building improvements.

Gross receipts include revenues received by the association for sub-letting the hall for use by outside groups.

No action on the renewal of the lease was taken directly by the council. Councilman James E. L. Wade's motion that the matter be referred to City Manager A. C. Nichols and City Clerk J. R. Benson for further study was seconded by Councilman R. S. LeGwin and it carried.

Thalians will continue to operate the building under terms of the old lease until a decision is made on application for renewal, according to a provision incorporated into Wade's motion.

Rocky Point Negro Shot Accidentally

Sheriff's officers Billie Singletary and P. S. Gangleff reported that an accidental shooting resulted in painful injuries to Randolph Holmes, 16-year-old Rocky Point Negro. Hospital attaches reported his condition as "fair" last night.

The officers said that Holmes had been hunting and had just returned home when the shooting occurred. He reportedly laid the gun down and Lestis Canady, 11-year-old Negro, reached for it. The gun discharged and the load hit Holmes in the back.

Police Here Seeking Autoists' Cooperation

A large number of white warning cards were being passed out to motorists yesterday by the city police department. The cards ask the cooperation of motorist in keeping driveways clear, staying under the speed limit which is 25 m. p. h. in the residential districts, and making proper turns at intersections.

C. H. Casteen, chief of police, said last night that "motorists generally are cooperating 100 per cent in the drive to enforce traffic rules in the newly annexed areas." So far there have been no serious violations of the city ordinances according to Chief Casteen.

Six-sevenths of the iron ore and limestone used in U. S. steelmaking is carried on the Great Lakes.



"We had a falling out just before Christmas, so I got no present from him, and now he wants to date me for a hobbsled party—always the woman pays!"

GALLUP POLL SAYS: Majorities In All Major Occupational Groups Are In Favor Of Truman Plan

Eighty Per Cent Ratio Believes Control Measure For Strikes Will Help Cut Down Number Of Walkouts

By GEORGE GALLUP
Director, American Institute of Public Opinion
PRINCETON, N. J., January 4.—The great majority voters in every one of the major occupational groups in the country look with favor upon President Truman's proposed plan in connection with management-labor disputes.

The President's plan calls for legislation providing fact-finding boards and a 30-day cooling off period before a major strike can be called.

The majorities approve the President's plan because they believe that if it is put into effect it will operate to reduce costly strikes such as that at General Motors.

The group showing the greatest enthusiasm for the plan, as reflected by the size of the majority voting approval, is made up of farmers.

The lowest majority voting approval is found among the manual workers—skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled workers. Their vote in favor of the Truman plan—73 per cent.

The question: "President Truman has proposed a law requiring a 30-day cooling off period before a major strike could start. During this time a committee would look into the facts and causes of the dispute and make public its report. Would you favor or oppose such a law?"

The vote by occupations:

Business & Professional People	80 pct
Approve	82
Disapprove	18
Undecided	8

White Collar Workers	80 pct
Approve	81
Disapprove	19
Undecided	9

Farmers	83 pct
Approve	85
Disapprove	12
Undecided	5

Manual Workers	73 pct
Approve	73
Disapprove	27
Undecided	15

Union members voting on the question in the survey were found to be 70 per cent approval, 16 per cent disapproval, 14 per cent undecided, as reported earlier by the Institute.

When questioned as to whether they thought the Truman proposal would help in reducing strikes, large majorities in all groups replied affirmatively, although the majorities were slightly below those prevailing on the first questions dealing with the Truman plan.

PHALANX GROUP TO REORGANIZE

The Phalanx fraternity of the Young Men's Christian Association will meet Monday night at 7 o'clock for reorganization, Adam Smith, advisor, announced yesterday.

The aim of this organization is to unite young men to the realization of their own highest possibilities and to provide a basis for service to other young men in the community and in the spirit of Christ, Smith said.

The club offers an opportunity for young men to meet and enjoy the fellowship of their friends.

The age requirement for the group is from 16 to 24 years of age and it is required that persons of this fraternity also be members of the Y. M. C. A.

All interested young men are asked to see Adam Smith or William Dew, acting chairman, at the Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Elliott Continues Work Of V. D. Clinic
The V. D. clinic under the supervision of the city-county health department is continuing each Friday night under the personal supervision of Dr. A. H. Elliot, public health officer.

RADIO

WMPD Wilmington 1400 KC
SATURDAY, JAN. 5

7:30—Family Affair
7:45—Musical Hour
8:00—News with Martin Agronsky
8:15—Louise Massey and the Westerners
8:30—Musical Clock
8:45—UP News
8:50—Musical Clock
9:00—Wake Up and Smile
10:00—Let's Dance
11:00—Harry Kogen and Orchestra
11:15—Bible Messages
11:30—Chester Bowles
11:45—Notes of a Diary
12:00—N—Piano Playhouse
12:15—Phyllys For an Santa
12:30—Farm and Home Gardens
1:00—Saturday Senior Swing
1:25—Newly Wilmington News
1:30—College Music
1:45—News Summary
2:00—Metropolitan Opera
2:30—Sea and Crumpets
2:45—Musical Hour
3:00—Church of Jesus Christ
3:15—Musical Interlude
3:30—Musical Parade
3:45—News—Wilmington Star
4:00—Your Richfield Reporter
4:15—Front Page News
4:30—Woody Merrey's Music
4:45—It's Your Business
4:55—Correspondents Around the World
5:00—Let's Dance
5:15—Musical Hour
5:30—Man From G-2
5:45—Gangsters
5:55—Organ Salute
6:10—Hayloft Hoedown

TIME LIMIT SET FOR RECRUITING

The War Department has announced that January 31 is the last day for men now in the Army to re-enlist their present grades by re-enlisting, Lt. J. H. Bandi of the Wilmington Recruiting office, said today.

Men honorably discharged can re-enlist within 20 days after discharge in the grade held at the time of discharge, provided that they re-enlist before February 1, 1946.

The regular Army offers good pay with a 20 per cent increase for service overseas, plus 50 per cent increase in pay for each three years of service.

According to Bandi, enlistment periods are for one and one-half, two or three years and with the three year enlistment the enlistee may choose the branch of service and the overseas theater. Enlistment ages are from 17 to 34, inclusive, except for men now in the Army, who may re-enlist at any age.

Re-enlistment bonus of fifty dollars for each year of active service will be given, also furloughs up to 90 days, depending on length of service, with travel paid to home and return given men now in the Army.

Other advantages offered are family allowances for the term of enlistment for dependents of men who enlist before July 1, 1946, option to retire at half pay for life after 20 years of service, mustering-out pay, a 30 day furlough every year at full pay, and the opportunity to learn one or more of 200 skills and trades.

For complete information on re-enlistment contact the local Army Recruiting office, 203 Post Office building.

BENEFITS OFFERED RECRUITS TO NAVY

Announcement of new enlistment advantages under a revised recruiting program for 1946, was made yesterday by CPO C. M. Riverbank, local recruiting officer.

Under the new plan, men from 18 to 30 years of age may enlist for periods of two, three, four, or six years, while men from 17 years of age may enlist for periods of two or three years, or until 21st birthday.

Some of the advantages under the plan are:

Benefits under the G. I. Bill of Rights if enlistment is made before October, 1946.

Continuation of family allowance if prior to July 1.

Twenty per cent bonus for sea duty or overseas service.

Babson Finds Inventions Of Year Have Some Merit

By ROGER W. BABSON
BABSON PARK, Mass., Jan. 3.—At the close of each year I like to go through the various interesting inventions of the preceding year. They always give me certain inspiration and make me certain that there are opportunities enough for those who will use their heads and legs. I will not discuss atomic bombs or radar or electronics or plastics or other things which have been discussed in the papers and magazines. Rather, I take the apparently insignificant things in the belief that they, in the aggregate, may do much more for individual readers of my column.

One of the simplest, and yet may be revolutionary, is the development of confections, cakes and other food products by the use of starch sponge. To jump to the other side of the spectrum, we find the use of fog to put out fires. May I continue without comment: Non-breakable incandescent lamp bulbs... ice boxes with revolving interiors... electric switches which work with a delayed action of three minutes... windows made of glass strips like venetian blinds... new "strike screens" to protect orchards and groves against frosts and insects... paint mixed with D. D. T. to kill flies and mosquitoes...

A year ago I mentioned the new art of recording music, messages, etc. on magnetized wire; well this is now on the market. A new one that hasn't been marketed is truly hole-proof stockings made out of ramie instead of cotton or rayon... a machine for projecting reading matter on the registers, radiators, etc.... a new "packaged kitchen" where by the refrigerator, stove, incinerator and dish washer will be a part of the same machine... a new flooring known as stoneum which can be applied directly over concrete floors avoiding dust and cracking... a new machine to automatically figure dividends, payrolls and do billing at the speed of 4,000 per hour.

As the vacuum cleaner put grandma's whisk broom out of business, the new electric dust collector destroys the dust so that even a bag is unnecessary... A new type of oil coating housewares can be used to prevent fruits and vegetables from getting dry and prevent mildew and other meats from getting moldy is being sold. To offset this, the vacuum cleaner salesman will offer a new electric clothes brush! We will no longer need to telephone our telegrams but simply write them and drop them in a slot and they will be delivered by facsimile television.

Some G. I. men will be selling fountain pens which need filling only once in ten years, and new dry-cell batteries which will outlast two hundred of the old-fashioned kind.

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Pleasant tasting Vicks Cough Drops are really medicated—medicated with throat-soothing ingredients of Vicks VapoRub. Do good. Taste good. Try 'em.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS	3. Conjunction	19 Rank above
1. Blemishes	4. Immature frogs	corporal (Mil.)
6. Allows	5. Fortico (Gr.)	20. Ahead
10. Sacred bull	6. Old	23. Each (abbr.)
11. Bird of peace	7. Unrolled	24. Desert (Afr.)
12. A catkin	8. Wicked	25. Tree
13. Couples	9. Fine line of a letter	26. Trend
15. Fish (Lake Ont.)	10. Exclamation	29. Little puppet
16. Exclamation	11. Falsehood	30. Distress signal
17. Falsehood	12. A wing	31. Capital of Norway
18. Malt beverage	13. Observe	32. Capital of Norway
19. Song for one	14. Expected	34. Slop over
21. Iron (sym.)		
22. Makes deeper		
25. Lowest note (Guido)		
27. God of war (Gr.)		
28. Public notices		
31. Sign of zodiac		
33. Gadolinium (sym.)		
34. Begone!		
35. Follow		
37. Precious stones		
38. Bulging jar (Sp.)		
39. Young lady		
40. A repeating song		
42. Metal		
DOWN		
1. Throwing instrument		
2. Vexatious thing		

Yesterday's Answers
36. Eskimo tool
37. S-shaped molding
41. From (prefix)

CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation
T F R Z K F A L S O I D F O R , Q K B P E K N O F
S O T B H L R D O L Z K E - W T X I P O Z Z
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHEN LIBERTY IS GONE, LIFE GROWS INSIPID, AND HAS LOST ITS RELISH—ADDISON.
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