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Syracuse board continues treatment plant discussions

Further discussion on the problem at the Syracuse waste water treatment plant arose at the Syracuse Town Board meeting last night (Tuesday).

The problem at the plant was first raised at the board's last meeting, December 20, when Robert Farber, of the street and water department, reported the plant wasn't handling its capacity of 500,000 gallons of water. He said only about 300,000 gallons of water could be run through and that they were having to bypass some of the water out of the last sand filter to handle an overflow.

Board members expressed dissatisfaction in December with Town Engineer Jerry Lessig and said he wasn't handling the problems at the plant. Lessig wasn't present at the December meeting, but was present at the meeting last night.

The discussion arose when Farber said he called the state

environmental protection agency and was told they had to be notified anytime water has to be bypassed. Farber said he was having to bypass the last sand filter nearly every night and was concerned about notifying the state.

Lessig said Farber didn't have to worry about the notification. He said, "It's very simple to let that final filter bypass at night and let the rest of the plant handle the load."

The reason why the bypassing is having to be done is that when the creek rises, there is an inflow situation, where more water is coming in than the plant can handle, causing it to overflow and clog the last filter. Lessig advised that the bypassing should continue to be done until the place where the inflow is occurring can be located.

There was some question as to whether Lessig was contracted to find the inflow problem. Lessig said that under his original contract, when financing changed to FHA funds, it knocked out the part in his contract which stated he was to find the problem. Apparently board members weren't aware of this and David Nine said they were having a "problem of communication."

Another area of communication concerning the overall problem at the plant was whether street and water commissioner Harley Conrad could lose his license by not notifying the state. Lessig said no, "if you're well within the limits of the permit, there is no reason to report it at all."

Lessig added that the plant is very complicated and that a lot of other plants around the state have the same problem when there is an abundance of water. Lessig emphasized he is looking for the inflow problem location and will continue to look for it until it is found.

Several measures to find the problem such as using TV cameras or smoking were discussed and rejected by Lessig. He said he is checking the lines, especially old sewer drains running into new sewer lines, to locate the problem.

The board members decided

they would talk over Lessig's recommendations with Farber and Conrad and then decide what action to take.

New Town Hall

A phone system for the new town hall was approved. The system, similar to the system now in use at the present town hall, calls for seven extensions at a cost of \$60.85 per month. Installation will cost \$65.

Two other systems, ranging in price from \$105.05 with \$231 installation, and \$163.20 and \$214 installation, were rejected because of high prices.

Town Marshal Ron Robinson reported that CETA employees are working in the new town hall, painting and cleaning up. He said the move to the new location will be determined on how long it takes to install the new phone system.

The police department was also granted permission to spend \$27 for new locks to be put on the new building.

Another request by the police, to purchase over 63 gallons of paint for \$421, was approved. There were no fire or park department reports. Lessig reported that everything is ready for hook-up at the Brooklyn Street light station.

The board decided to interview persons interested in filling the fifth vacancy on the board of zoning appeals next Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall. So far, Al Bauer, Al Larkin and Dan Ropp, have expressed an interest in the job. Any other interested parties over the age of 18 and residing within the town limits, should call the town hall.

Joe Hughes wanted to know when Pickwick Road is to get sewers. Lessig said he received one bid from a contractor for \$25,000 which he thought was high. The board advised Lessig to release specifications for bids for the project to be done in the spring. The area calls for Pickwick Road to the bridge by Main Channel Marina.

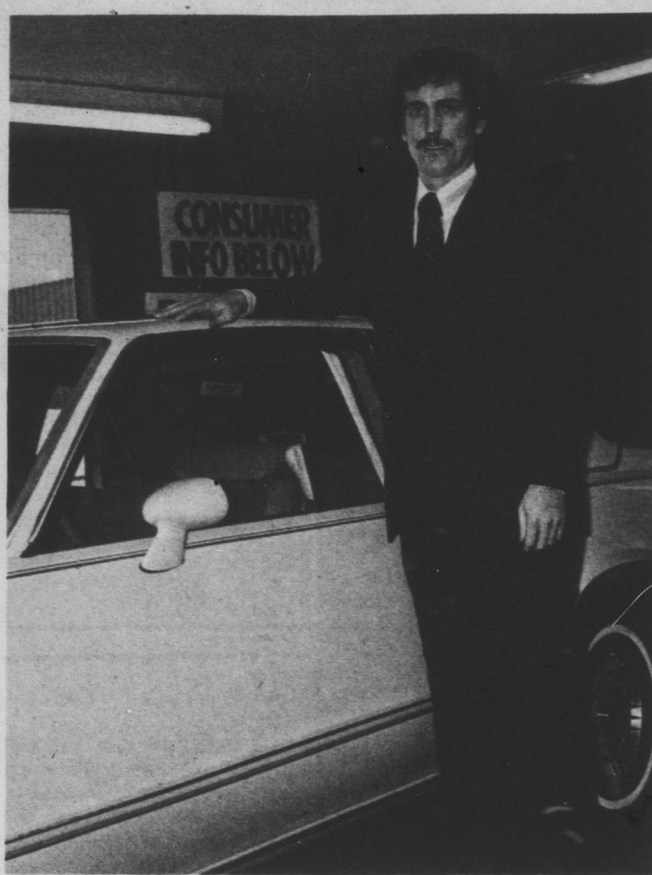
Tranter said he received a call from the owners of Main Channel Marina wanting to know when street lights were to be put up in that area. It was mentioned that no money was budgeted for street lights, so the board will wait to make a decision until April to see how much money is being spent on utilities. It was reported the whole area, near Pickwick Road which was recently annexed, already has police and fire protection and garbage pick-up.

Scout Cabin

Discussion arose on the possibility of raising money to help support the Scout Cabin. Due to the high cost of heating the building, which is not insulated, board members felt the cabin should possibly be closed during the winter months and activities usually held there be held in the new town hall.

Clifford Nicodemus said that the Girl and Boy Scouts wouldn't like that because they like to have a place of their own. Tranter pointed out that if the Scouts wanted to use the cabin, they should help support it with money now being sent to the Fort Wayne Scouting Council.

Nicodemus will meet with the Scout board and discuss the problem with them and possible solutions.



NEW FACE AT WYANT—Dan Wyant, owner of Wyant Chevrolet in Syracuse, has announced the appointment of Jon Dewart, above, as new sales manager for the company.

Dewart, a Waubesa Lake resident, has many years of experience in the auto industry, his most recent position being sales manager at Bob's Ford - Mercury in Nappanee.

David Nine contemplates the future

David Nine took over the presidency of the Syracuse Town Board Tuesday night, replacing James C. Tranter, who has held that spot for the past two years.

Nine says he was kind of expecting the presidency nomination and election because no other board member wanted it. Tranter decided not to run another year as president due to business commitments.

Nine says he doesn't have any definite plans for the board, commenting, "I want to get going what we got going at the present time."

Several projects the board is presently working on are the sewer and water project and the move to the new town hall. Nine is manager of Thornburg Drugs, North Webster location. He has served on the board two years.

Nine, who resides on r 2 Syracuse, is married and he and his wife Bonita have two children Jay, age seven and Bethany, age four.

The board also discussed a letter concerning sewer hook-up for condominiums near Wawasee Prep by Richard Miller. Tranter said Joseph Todd, who is handling the transaction for Miller, wanted the board to give some kind of commitment on when hook-up can be achieved. The board decided at its last meeting that hook-up is not possible due to the problems at the water plant.

Todd said a hearing is scheduled in February of the Warsaw Health Board when some commitment has to be received from the board. The board decided to keep its decision not to make any commitments. Members felt that if they committed for one hook-up, they would have to commit themselves for all around Lake Wawasee, which would cost town residents money because there are no tax funds.

Mrs. Betty Dust, clerk-treasurer next had several items for the board. The first was directed to the street and water department regarding snow removal in front of the Scout

Cabin and on Pearl Street west of Dolan Drive. Mrs. Dust read a letter from Mrs. Georgia Buster concerning the removal. Farber will start removing snow from these areas.

Mrs. Dust was concerned over budgeted money being spent to dry clean police uniforms. Robinson said they are paying \$2 per uniform and that prices will not be raised for a year. Mrs. Dust was concerned because now five men have to have their uniforms cleaned and not just four, as budgeted.

Mrs. Dust also said she has sent out several letters to different surplus stores and is keeping on top of surplus equipment the town could purchase. Mrs. Dust was also granted permission to invest certain funds.

Town Attorney Robert Reed told the board he has received two bids on used equipment the town has for sale. Joe Hughes bid \$75 for the jack hammer and \$200 was bid by Grace Schools, Winona Lake, for the spreader. The board approved these bids. Bids have not been received as yet for the leaf vacuum or the one and one-half ton truck.

Finally, the board called an executive session for 9 a.m. this Saturday, Jan. 21, to discuss the possible leasing of space in the new town hall.

On dean's list

The Indiana State University Dean's List for the 1977 fall semester contains the names of 1,155 students who achieved academic distinction and includes five from Syracuse and North Webster.

Grades at ISU are computed on a 4.0 scale and honor students are those who earned a grade point average of 3.50 or higher. The distinguished honor roll lists students with grade point averages of 3.75 or above and the honor roll includes students with an average of 3.50 to 3.75.

The honor listing is prepared for students carrying 12 or more semester hours (pass-fail courses are not computed) and it does not include students who were engaged in student teaching during the semester.

Patricia J. Houger, r 1 North Webster, earned a grade point average of 3.50. Robert F. Johnson, 226 N. Shore Dr., Richard A. Kitson, 418 Parkway Dr., David C. Koble, and Dawn A. Price, r 1, all of Syracuse, were on distinguished honor roll.

Jeffrey Smallwood in Western Pacific

Navy aviation antisubmarine warfare operator Jeffrey L. Smallwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith J. Smallwood, box 294 Syracuse, has departed for an extended deployment in the Western Pacific.

A 1976 graduate of Wawasee High School, he is serving as a member of Patrol Squadron (VP)-19, homebased at the Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, Calif. While deployed, his squadron will operate as a unit of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

VP-19 will operate from Kadena Air Force Base on Okinawa and will conduct operations throughout the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans. Additionally, Smallwood and his fellow squadron members are scheduled to participate in several training exercises with other Seventh Fleet units and with units of allied nations.

Smallwood's squadron flies the P-3 "Orion" patrol aircraft and conducts antisubmarine warfare missions, in addition to search and rescue and ocean surveillance patrols.

He joined the Navy in August 1976.

Harper's plans not definite

Stan Harper, owner of Harper's Beach Bar, Redman Park, Dewart Lake, which was destroyed by fire last week, says plans are not definite yet, but the business will probably be resumed.

The bar, on the lake front of Dewart Lake, caught fire at 2 a.m. last Tuesday morning. An apparent explosion in the structure's furnace room touched off the blaze, which was battled by Milford and Syracuse volunteer fire departments.

An adjuster viewed the remains of the building Tuesday afternoon. Harper said damage

would be between \$40,000 to \$50,000 to the business.

Harper said clean up at the business would begin within the next day or so. He also stated he plans to open for business again by summer. But Harper said until the adjuster's report is made, he won't know anything.

An examination of the structure after the fire revealed the furnace had separated in one spot, the door was blown off the furnace and the wall behind it cracked. Milford fire chief Bill Leemon said, "It appears that there was a gas leak and when it ignited, it caused an explosion."

'More pigs per litter' to be topic of adult farmer class

Wayne Singleton and Jim Foster, extension specialists from Purdue University, will be guest speakers at Thursday evening's Wawasee Adult Farmer Class. They will be presenting the topic 'Getting One More Pig Per Litter' and will be discussing management tips to help increase litter size in a sow herd.

A question-answer period will follow their presentation. The class is held in the agriculture classroom in the ag-auto mechanics building beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Next week's speaker, on January 26, will be Jim Franckus discussing herbicide-insecticide recommendations for 1978.

Milford man is arrested after fleeing officers

Michael Wilson Felkner, 21, Milford, was arrested Sunday, Jan. 15, by county police and charged with fleeing a police officer. Felkner was arrested by County Patrolmen Gerry Moser and Brant Nellans on CR 1100N at 10:30 p.m.

Police stated that Felkner was driving 55 miles per hour in a 30 mile zone in a 1973 pick-up truck. Felkner traveled over one mile after the police lights were operated.

Felkner reportedly jumped out of his truck and fled on foot. He was arrested about five minutes later. He was released on \$500 bond.

Leesburg 4-H'ers hear report

The Leesburg Plain Farmerettes met January 5. The meeting was brought to order by Michie Minear. The pledge to the American flag was given by Sonya Harman. The 4-H pledge was given by Patty Thornburg. Cheryl Brookins read the minutes, which were approved as read.

The health and safety report was given by Patty Thornburg on ice skating. Michie Minear also talked on snow skiing.

Michie Minear and Sydney Rolling gave a demonstration on how to make attendance booklets.

\$1,950 damages in two auto crash

A two-vehicle accident at 3:10 p.m. at the intersection of Main and Lake Streets in Syracuse, January 12, resulted in damages of \$1,950.

A car operated by Blanche W. Thornburg, 91, box 97 Syracuse, was turning left onto Main Street, off of Lake Street, when it collided with a car driven by Dale C. Hoover, Jr., 16, 134 North Shore Drive, Syracuse.

Thornburg reported she didn't see the Hoover auto and because of the snow, could not stop or speed up in time to get out of the way. Damage was set at \$850 to the Hoover vehicle and \$1,100 to the car, operated by Thornburg.

David Nine —

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Kosciusko Bicentennial committee — John Sudlow
Kosciusko civil defense — Tom Gilbert

Traffic and parking committee — John Walker, Ray Yoder, Loren Knispel, Stan Inley and Bessie Stetler

Town Marshal — Ron Robinson
Street and water commissioner — Harley Conrad

Fire chief — Larry Weaver
Town legal counsel and attorney — Robert Reed

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