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Harvey Demands Probe Of Sinking Fair Site Main

WATER PIPE LAID IN MUD, HE DECLARES

Board Approves \$50,200 Fund For Needed Repairs.

Borough President Harvey demanded yesterday that an investigation be made to determine "who made the mistake" of building a steel water main on the World Fair site without providing proper piling to support it.

He had information, he said, that the main was built "right on top of the mud" and that it had sunk into the soft, spongy land which had been reclaimed with garbage.

"Every building at the World Fair was built on piles," Harvey said. "Whoever built that main should have known that. You can't put up a building or anything else on the site without driving piles for support."

Garbage 'Landfill' The Fair grounds are in Flushing Meadow Park, which was built of garbage. For years the city disposed of its refuse by depositing it in the old Corona Dump.

Harvey called for the investigation as the Board of Estimate considered a request by the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity for \$50,200 to put piles under the 4-foot steel pipes.

Department officials said the main had settled from 6 inches to 2 feet since it was laid in 1937 and that on Nov. 11 it had broken. Unless proper supports were built immediately, they declared, the main probably would break again.

Supplies 3rd Ward Harvey conceded there was nothing to do but to approve the expenditure, since the 3rd Ward depended on the main for its water supply, and the board okayed it.

The borough president called his colleagues' attention to the fact, that it is impossible to build on so-called reclaimed land except at a tremendous outlay for proper foundations.

Among other things, the board yesterday approved an amendment in the proceedings for acquiring title to Connecting highway and 43rd avenue and other Long Island City streets needed for the completion of the approach to the Queens-Midtown Tunnel.

The cost of the proceedings estimated at \$3,105,577, was spread on the city and the borough, the city assuming two-thirds, the borough the rest.

\$367,628 For Parkway Approval also was given to four projects in connection with Park Commissioner Robert Moses' \$28,000,000 Belt parkway.

The projects, providing for the planting of trees, shrubbery, vines, grass and the placing of topsoil, will cost \$367,628. The work specified will be done on the Queens section of the highway.

Preliminary authorization was granted for the construction of a combined sewer in 69th avenue from 160th to 168th street, in 168th street from 69th to 65th avenues, in 67th avenue from 168th to 164th streets and in 165th, 166th and 167th streets from 67th to 65th avenues, Flushing. The sewer will cost \$35,400.

Similar authorization was granted for a \$75,000 combined sewer in Union turnpike between 178th and 179th streets, across the turnpike at 178th street to Surrey place, and in Surrey place from the turnpike to Tudor road, Jamaica Estates.

DINNER TO MARK CLUB INDUCTION Councilman Hugh Quinn of Astoria will be invited to install the officers of the Community Democratic Club of Winfield at a dinner, Feb. 17, in Papin's, Woodside. It was announced at a meeting of the entertainment committee last night.

The committee met at the home of Anthony J. Puder Jr., club president, who has been elected to succeed himself, at 41-37 70th street, Winfield. Herman Weiss and Mrs. Rose Puder, wife of the president, are co-chairmen of the committee. Peter J. Neubaer is the executive member.

Guests at the dinner, according to the committee, will be Deputy City Clerk Frank R. McGlynn and Mrs. Mae Gensmere, leaders of the 1st Zone, 3rd A. D.; Senator Peter T. Farrell, Assemblyman John V. Downey, State Committeewoman Mae Galla, Municipal Court Justice John P. Scleppi, Congressman William B. Barry and Congressman-at-Large Matthew J. Merritt.

NEWBURG TO INSTALL County Commander William Newburg will install George Parker for his second term as commander of the Middle Village Legion Post tomorrow night. Mrs. Harry Meyer-rieks will be installed as president of the Ladies' Auxiliary. State Vice-Commander Fred Schroeter will speak.

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North Queens Skaters Invade World Fair



A big crowd of skaters last night took full advantage of the conversion of a World Fair parking lot on Northern boulevard into a skating rink. In the front line here, left to right, are Christine Galla and Violet Gallo of East Elmhurst, Ruth Schneider of Glendale, and Mildred Schoenlein of Corona. Violet is down, but not out.



The Park Department, which supplied the novel rink, also furnished the heat. Here's the beginning of a community blaze which kept the lads and lassies happy despite the biting cold that blew across Flushing River and the bay.



This is daylight view of the ice skating rink which has been set up in World Fair parking lot on Northern boulevard, near elevated station at Willets Point boulevard. Park Department flooded space, and nature did the rest.

Colon Council Committees Named; 42nd Anniversary Planned

Colon Council, Knights of Columbus, got its 1940 program under way last night at a meeting in the clubhouse, 21-42 44th drive, Long Island City, with the appointment of several important committees for future events. The selections were made by Grand Knight Joseph McGee.

One of the outstanding socials will be a dance Feb. 10 in the clubhouse to mark the 42nd anniversary of the council. Peter Rooney is chairman of the arrangements committee, and charter members and others who have been connected with the council 25 years or more, will be the guests of honor.

Rooney also heads a committee for the annual reunion of members who spend their vacations in Greene County. The affair will be held Feb. 20.

Deputy Grand Knight Joseph O'Brien heads a committee to arrange for the annual communion breakfast March 10 and Joseph Rooney was chosen general chairman for the annual affair to be held after Easter. A corned beef and cabbage party on St. Patrick's Eve, March 16, will be arranged by Frank Ryan and his committee.

Completion of plans for a series of Sunday night dances to be held in the clubhouse, starting Feb. 4, was announced by Joseph Mullaly. Joseph Sheedy, publicity chairman, was elected warden to fill a vacancy in the staff.

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HARVEY REPEATS GANNETT SUPPORT; DENIES ANY SPLIT

Everyone's Entitled To Own Choice, Borough President Says.

Borough President Harvey said today he had no intention of splitting up the Queens Republican Party by supporting Frank Gannett, Rochester publisher, for the Presidential nomination.

He simply preferred Gannett to District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey of Manhattan, Harvey said, and it was purely a personal preference.

Warren B. Ashmead, county Republican leader, is supporting Dewey and Harvey's tacit endorsement of Gannett was interpreted as meaning a split in the party.

"Every enrolled Republican is entitled to his own preference in this matter," the borough president explained. "Mine happens to be in favor of Frank Gannett, who I think is better qualified through his long years of experience and judgment than District Attorney Dewey."

"This does not necessarily indicate that I wish to influence Queens delegates who should vote for the man selected by the majority of the Republican voters. But until such a candidate is actually selected, it is anybody's race and everybody is entitled to his own opinion."

"There is no foundation to rumors of a split in the Queens Republican ranks and I feel sure the delegates will represent the wishes of the people in the state convention."

WPA LABOR HIKED COST OF AIRPORT

Cost of constructing the \$50,000,000 North Beach Airport was 15 to 20 per cent higher than it need have been because of the use of WPA labor, Lieutenant Colonel Brehon B. Somerville, city WPA administrator, told the annual meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers in Manhattan yesterday.

"The cost of the project was run up," he said, "because WPA work was continued during the winter in order to keep the men on the job. Private contractors generally lay off their men during the winter."

The statement on the cost of the airport was made in answer to a question of one of the engineers, who asked whether it was true that a saving of 50 per cent would have been made if private contractors had done the work. Somerville had delivered a paper on the "Function, Design and Construction of North Beach Airport."

Berlin Denies Any Change In Soviet Relations

BERLIN (UP)—The Propaganda Minister termed ridiculous today reports published abroad that German troops had entered the Russian-occupied part of Poland and that an important rearrangement was imminent in Russo-German relations regarding Poland. There had been on change of relations with Russia and there was no reason to expect one, the ministry said.

Trick Lock Just A Trick To Swindle, Woodside Investor Tells Court

Charging that an investment he made turned out to be a dud, Joseph McCorry, 26, of 39-50 60th street, Woodside, appeared as the complainant yesterday against a man who posed, he said, as the inventor of a trick lock.

McCorry told the police that on May 10 he gave \$250 to the defendant, Arthur Edward Smith, 41, of 480 East 21st street, Manhattan, on Smith's representation that he needed \$500 to finance the construction of an auto body to demonstrate the lock.

The Woodside man said he was informed that the body was already being built and that any money he posted would entitle him to a part of the profits when sales began.

McCorry, who gives his occupation as an investigator, says he recently checked up at a body works where the model was supposed to be being built, only to find that the company knew nothing about it.

Smith waived examination in Manhattan Felony Court and was held in \$500 bail for the Grand Jury.

CHAIRMAN CHOSEN FOR AMERIND CLUB

Peter J. Neary, president of the Amerind Democratic Club, Elmhurst, has announced the following committee chairmen for 1940:

Edward J. McGoldrick Jr., old age, widows' and orphans' pensions; Thomas D. O'Brien, civil service; James E. Santelli, naturalization; John Shevlin, membership; Deputy Attorney General John T. Clancy, law and unemployment insurance; M. Ward Whalen, taxation.

Frank Gabriel, house; Bert Koehler Jr., hospitalization; Fred Gardner, welfare, and Robert Groh, entertainment.

Neary has announced that the men's and women's divisions of the club will conduct a joint installation in March. The date has not been set as yet. Frank Gabriel is in charge of the men's installation committee and Mrs. Margaret Fahey heads the women's group.

DANCE WILL AID PARALYSIS FUND

Part of the proceeds of a dance of the Lockwood Social Club of Astoria to be held tomorrow in its headquarters, 31-03 Broadway, will be turned over to President Roosevelt's Infantile Paralysis Fund.

The announcement was made at a meeting of the club last night in a report by Edward O'Brien and Jerry Mateyka, co-chairmen of the dance, which will honor Frank Conway, a past president.

William Bosley, president, appointed Vincent Tichy chairman of a committee to arrange for the 21st annual ball of the club, to be held next month in Busse's Hall, Astoria.

Robert Kate and Charles Smith were admitted to membership.

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CLAUDE G. PICKETT Whitesboro Lodge of Masons is preparing for many activities during the winter under the direction of the new master, Claude G. Pickett.



WILLIAM E. SMITH At the second annual entertainment and dinner-dance of Corporal Charles Miller Legion Post tonight in the Boulevard Tavern, Elmhurst, William E. Smith of Flushing, treasurer of the Queens County American Legion, who organized Corporal Miller Post, will be a guest of honor.



MRS. MINNIE HERZOG Named as fellow-delegate with Warren B. Ashmead, county Republican leader, Mrs. Minnie Herzog of Ridgewood will attend the Republican national convention as a representative of the 2nd Congressional District.



LEROY T. STRATTON The election of Leroy T. Stratton, of Flushing, vice-president of the Queens County Savings Bank, as a director of the Flushing Chamber of Commerce has just been announced.



EDOUARD A. BINDLER Following his induction as president of the Holy Name Society of St. Mary's R. C. Church, Klatsena Park, Flushing, Edouard A. Bindler announced that the organization will erect a bronze plaque in the parish school as a memorial to the late Rev. Hugh Lynch, pastor of St. Mary's parish.