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Q: When is the next pledge walk for the March of Dimes?

A: The Richland County Chapter of the March of Dimes will embark on its fourth annual pledge walk March 16. The 21-mile trek around the city will begin and end at the Senior Citizens Center, 1307 Richland St. Participants may register at the center from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. that day.

Money raised from the walk goes to help children with birth defects and to support the intensive care unit for infants at Richland Memorial Hospital. Last year's walk garnered about \$33,000 for those projects, said Mrs. Mary V. Guess, executive director of the Richland County Chapter of the March of Dimes.

Q: What was the exact amount of the South Carolina Legislature spent last fall in a ridiculous special session for reapportionment when the legislators knew at the time that their plan would not be approved by the federal government?

A: Some earlier reports put the cost at a little more than \$500,000. But the state comptroller general's office came up with \$372,933.56 when it checked its figures recently for Live Wire.

A spokesman for the comptroller's office noted that the latter is not an audited figure. He pointed out that it is almost impossible to determine the cost to the last penny because so many details are involved. For example, he said, it's difficult to determine where office supplies for a regular session of the legislature end and the supplies needed for the special session begin.

But here is a breakdown of the items comprising the comptroller's estimate. On the Senate

Blythewood Voters Face Incorporation

By NEVILLE PATTERSON
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Fifty-two Blythewood residents will be eligible to vote March 26 in an election to decide whether to incorporate the town.

The posts of mayor and four councilmen, or "intendant" and "four wardens" as the town's Nineteenth Century charter states, also will be open for election.

Filing for the posts is taking place through March 14. Filing should be done with William K. Easterling, Harold Boney or John Dixon who were appointed by Gov. John

Convention To Name Candidate

By DIANNE STEELE
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Lexington County Democrats will reconvene their county convention to name a candidate for a vacant county council seat whenever the date for that special election is announced.

After the vote at last night's county convention, C.D. Sex-

C. West as an election commission.

These three and others are responsible for reviving interest in incorporating the town, located on U.S. 21 some 20 miles north of Columbia.

Dixon said the group contacted the governor with a petition signed by 51 of the 52 voting-age citizens. Dixon said the other person was out of the state for an extended period.

Dixon said the governor issued an executive order calling for the election within the old town limits of Blythewood, a quarter mile north, south, east and west of the old Southern Railroad Depot.

Voting will be done in the fire station, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Blythewood was chartered during the last century by an act of the South Carolina General Assembly. Sometime early in this century the charter fell in disuse. Since the law was never written off the books, however, the governor was able to call a special election without any other legislative acts.

Dixon said there are plans for eventually annexing a lot of land into the town. Several local developers have announced plans for an expensive "new town" to be built adjacent to Blythewood and the I-77 highway that will connect Columbia and Charlotte.



MORTIMER SMITH
Sought Legislation

Mayor, Council

Cayce Election At Large OK'd



Record photo by Doug Gilmore

Rosewood Drive Underpass Catches Another

Justice Decision Awaited

By BUNNY SMITH
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The mayor and councilmen of Cayce will be elected at large in the June general election unless it is disapproved by the U. S. Justice Department.

The city council last night approved an ordinance which abolished the present ward system and provided for elections at large.

Under enabling legislation passed by the General Assembly in 1973, the city council of municipalities in the state can choose the manner by which members are elected.

THE CAYCE mayor and councilmen determined that the two wards in the city are "so disproportionate in population" that the citizens are not equally represented.

Mayor Mortimer F. Smith