

A special meeting was held on Monday Oct 3, 1960 to hear presentation of proposed curricular fluoridation of Arden Water. Each side will have 30 minutes to present position.

Elbyrd Gots spoke for the affirmative and presented a film to summarize value of fluoridation. Dr. Lawrence Coulter, a dentist stated that many national organizations endorse the project and it affects the health of children for generations. It is not effective unless used by infants up to 5 or six years of age since the permanent teeth have formed it will not control decay. Dr. Ruth Ortel, a pediatrician stated that the amount of fluoride used has not proved to be dangerous, in case adequate safety precautions are taken to avoid danger of over use.

Mr. Earl Brooks stated in his speech against fluoridation that many cities that have tried it have abandoned the use of fluoride. He feels that people should have the right to have water free of added poison that may not help them. He stated that in some cities where fluoridation has been tried it has subsequently been stopped. He also said that some of the research in favor of fluoridation and some of statistical studies have proven to be false. He felt that some of companies that have excess of fluoride are pushing the treatment of water for selfish reasons. His final statement opposed use of fluoride is an unnecessary hazard to health.

After each side had an opportunity

to try to refute the others argument the meeting
adjourned -

Respectfully submitted
Mary Kosky
Secretary.