

HIGHWAY HEARING SET FOR SEPT. 3

Project To Come Again Before Detroit Common Council

Further hearing on the proposed elevated highway between Grand and Pontiac, planned to include Birmingham and other communities along the right-of-way of Grand Trunk Railway, has been set for Sept. 3 before the Detroit Common Council.

The Council last week refused a petition of Joseph A. Bower, promoter of the project, to place the proposition on the ballot at the next primary election, Sept. 9, requesting Bower and Clarence E. Brown, corporation counsel, to "set together" again on the proposition. Bower told the council that his efforts to reach an agreement with Wilcox on the city's side in the construction of the highway, were futile. Wilcox declared that he was "tired of dickening" with Bower on the matter, and that it was now a question to be decided between Mr. Bower and Detroit city engineers.

GARDENERS VISIT ARBOUR ESTATE

The Bloomfield Hills and District Horticultural Society visited the estate and beautiful gardens of W. T. Barbour, "Briarbank," Bloomfield Hills, last Friday evening. Forty gardeners were directed by Mr. James Golligors, head gardener for Mr. Barbour, to inspect the grounds, the formal edges, the rock garden, the perennial borders, and the green uses.

Mr. James Hodgerson, president of the society, gave a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Barbour for the interesting visit and the refreshments, to which Mr. Barbour responded.

EXTINGUISH TWO FIRES

Two grass fires in Bloomfield Hills Thursday were extinguished by the Hills Fire department before they had spread to nearby buildings. The first occurred in a pasture at 11:50 a. m. and the second on the grounds of Mrs. E. Standart, on East Long Lake.

The problem at London, Ill., is to balance naval strength so nicely that each nation may be certain of winning the war.

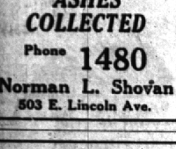
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Eccentricities

By LEO A. DONOVAN

PETER, the penguin, is celebrating his release from the ice of civilization he had endured for many months. He flaps his useless wings in glee and waddles up and down the ice of Little America emitting silly little cries.

Peter, you remember, was that favorite penguin of the flock who was given so much attention by Admiral "Dick" Byrd and his crew during their long months in Antarctica. He it was who greeted the men on the day they invaded his country with their countless crates of food and the roar of airplane motors.

The others of Peter's companions were somewhat timid in their investigations of these strange men who appeared one pleasant summer's day two years ago, and founded a city on the ice. Peter was not afraid. He waddled among the big creatures, fearless and curious. He pecked at the boxes of food. He looked inquiringly at the antics of the busy sailors, cooks, navigators, aviators, and scientists who made up "Dick's" crew. When one of the men danced, Peter bobbed his head in rhythm. Then he went back to his friends and mounting a hillock of snow as he reported what he had observed.

"A very remarkable thing has happened," he told his audience. "These strange creatures who have come amongst us and who walk as we do, but who talk in such a strange language, have grasping appendages with which they tried to seize me. These appendages are covered with fur and hang from the ends of their wings. They bring delicious things to eat and are apparently going to stay for some time."

FOR MANY months after the arrival of the explorers, Peter mingled with them, observing carefully their every action. And the men were amused at his antics. They petted him and adopted him as one of their mascots. After a while he permitted them to play with him, to stroke his grotesque neck, to dance for his amusement, and their's too.

Then, one day, there was great excitement and the enormous bird that had stood silent so long in its cave, was brought forth and the men forgot their fear. There was a long whining noise as the men turned long-handled cranks. Suddenly, a deafening roar and the enormous bird moved slowly forward. Peter knew something important was going to happen. He walked to a higher elevation to get a better view and from there he watched the men loading the big bird with large objects.

Four men crawled into the side of the bird, the roar increased, and then, gracefully, the big bird sailed aloft and in a few minutes, was out of sight.

Peter came down among the group and one of them, talking excitedly, produced a bow tie and slipped it over Peter's head. Peter felt very proud to receive such a small garment and he returned immediately to his companions to boast about it. But they were not impressed. After a while they even scoffed at him. And then he was the object of all their jokes. Poor Peter!

TRY AS HE COULD, Peter could not get the tie off. He would stretch his neck to abnormal lengths and then try to snap at the tie with his bill. But every effort was useless. The tie became tighter and Peter implored his friends to help him remove it. But they kidded him only the more.

The big bird returned. The men shouted until they were hoarse. After a while there was silence and all of the men had crawled back into their cave. Peter tried to get in. It was useless, he thought, and went away to mourn his discomfort in solitude. Within a few days Peter returned just in time to see the ship gradually moving away from the shore of ice. He implored the men to remove the tie but they did not understand him and none returned.

For months Peter worried and his companions continued to "kid" him about the object he wore about his neck. None helped him. None even consoled him. And Peter began to think of moving away from there.

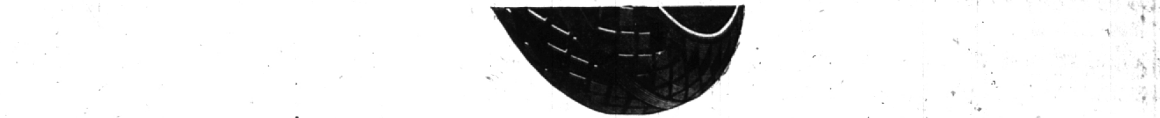
Last week, Peter noticed that the tie slipped up and down his neck more easily than he had noticed his head. For hours he worked, hobbling his head up and down until he was very dizzy and then, with one violent attempt, he snapped at the piece of cloth and it came away from his throat. He waddled rapidly away from it. At a distance, he watched to see what it did. Then he returned to it and seeing it firmly in his bill, he carried it to the water's edge, and dropped it. It slid from a piece of ice into the frigid waters—and Peter laughed. Peter's friends heard the laugh and came to him. Peter waddled with glee and emitted shrill sounds of joy. There was a celebration that night and it's still going on, for the nights in Antarctica are six months long.



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