

## Huron-Clinton Parkway Explained By One of Citizens Behind Proposal

**DETROIT**—The meaning of Public Act 147—better known as the Parkway-Playground Proposal—which comes before the voters of five southeastern Michigan counties for their approval in the election November 5, was explained today by H. B. Earhart of Ann Arbor and Detroit. Earhart is president of the Detroit-Huron-Clinton Parkway Association, the civic organization of several hundreds of representative citizens who are, furthering the proposal.

The plan, Earhart explained, calls for the development of adequate public recreational facilities—and of adequate ways of reaching them and other destinations—along the nearly 3,000,000 people living and working in the five counties constituting the Detroit metropolitan area—Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland, Livingston and Macomb.

**A Scenic Drive**

Through the valleys of the Huron and Clinton Rivers—which are ideally suited to recreational development and which enclose Detroit in an approximately half-circle with an average radius of 30 miles—would wind a scenic drive. This would be the backbone of a chain of publicly-owned recreational features of every kind.

The system of parks, playgrounds, bathing beaches, overnight shelters and other facilities for the area's citizens would be easily, quickly and safely reached over new express highways, radiating from the heart of Detroit, along landscaped parkways, themselves, passing under or over existing cross-streets and thoroughfares—routes without intersections or traffic lights to delay motorists headed to and from the recreation lands or their suburban homes.

Characterizing the Parkway-Playground Proposal as the "great bargain ever offered the people of this area," Earhart explained that under the proposed law the cost of establishing the Metropolitan Authority will be ridiculously low.

**Cost Low**

The law, he pointed out, provides that the tax money allocated to the project could amount to not more than 25 cents on a property valuation of \$1,000.

"However, since the Authority for the first few years would be essentially a planning commission—and planning doesn't cost much money—it is expected that in the early stages of the development only about one-fifth the amount authorized by the act, or 5 cents on a \$1,000 valuation, would be required.

"Actual costs of the project will be met for the most part by existing governmental agencies—for example, highway and transportation departments and the like. Let me emphasize, the costs would not come out of additional taxes. Rather, the Authority, representing half the people of the State, would be instrumental in bringing back to the area, which now pays the greater part of the State's taxes, the benefits of a far larger proportion of the tax money that is collected here each year."

## War Vets' Children Are Provided For

Children of World War veterans who were killed during the war or who have died from other causes or who have since died are eligible to certain educational benefits.

Such children must not be under 16 and not over 22 years of age and must be declared eligible for certain educational benefits by the State Board of Education.

These benefits, as provided by Act 235 of the Michigan Legislature, as amended, are admissible to one of the four state teachers colleges of the Michigan College of Mining and Technology free of any matriculation fee, athletic fee, or tuition.

Application blanks for securing the benefits may be obtained by writing the Department of Public Instruction, Lansing.

## Ice Skating Lessons Sponsored By YMCA

Ice skating has captured the fancy of young Americans, and to meet the demand for instruction in this popular sport the Detroit Y. M. C. A. and Detroit Y. W. C. A. have arranged for special Tuesday evening classes at the Y. M. C. A. open to all young men and young women interested. Classes start at 8 o'clock preceded by a practice period at 5:30 o'clock to get "warmed up."

Registration for the classes may be made now at the Highland Park Branch Y. W. C. A. and the Central Branch Y. W. C. A.

**Explained**

Daylight saving is founded on the old Indian idea of cutting off on the other end to make it longer.

## Car Not Lighted; Crash Is Result

A car without lights was blamed for a crash which occurred Saturday at 6:45 p. m. at Brown and Purdy. According to the police report, Gerard L. Tunley, 25 years old, of 194 West Margaret, Detroit, was driving north on Purdy and turned left on Brown, colliding with a machine driven by Jean Mitchell, 27, of 504 West Browning west. The second car's lights were not on, it was said. No one was hurt.

## Awning Ordinance Passed By City

A new regulation covering the erection of awnings, canopies and marquees was passed by the City Commission, Monday night.

Provision was made for the marquee of the new theatre now going up on South Woodward avenue.

Change of programs, otherwise not allowed, will be permitted on marquees or canopies, affix only the firm name and number on awnings.

"We might as well settle the theatre problem now, it will save us time later," Commissioner Luther Heaton declared. He felt that an exception in the regulations governing outdoor advertising should be made for marquee because of the public interest involved. Others agreed.

Henceforth, awnings must be 7 feet 6 inches high, with at least 7 feet clearance. Canopies must be at least eight feet from the walk, with an eave and drip-spool, and not the highest—in the state, 15 inches. All must be kept in good repair and conform with the building code.

The ordinance will become effective when published in The Eccentric, probably next week.

## Backus Would Get State Police Aid

Following is the campaign statement of Samuel G. Backus, former Mayor of Pontiac, now the Democratic nominee for Sheriff of the county.

"In seeking support for the office of Sheriff, I fully realize I am asking for a big job—one of the most responsible in the county. I take literally the manner in which the Sheriff performs his duties can easily mean the difference between life and death for a number of persons each year."

"I refer specifically to our automobile accident death and injury rate and our numerous drownings—altogether too many."

"Our automobile accident rate ranks among the few highest—not the highest—in the state. This condition must be corrected. I have given this subject much study and have talked with authorities regarding same. I am convinced three remedies must be applied immediately.

"First, The State Highway Department stands ready upon request to enter any county and make traffic surveys, the idea of making suggestions and improvements to reduce accidents. One of my first acts in office will be to request that survey."

"Second, The State Police have stood ready for years to install a large number of police cars on our highways. Oakland, as one of the state's richest counties, pays a substantial part of the cost of maintaining the State Police but because of the long standing policy of the law enforcement agencies get little benefit from them. That situation I will immediately correct."

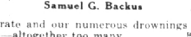
"The State Police have laboratory experts and trained detectives who are scientists in crime detection. I want their help always immediately available."

"Third, It is my belief we can give far more attention to preventing accidents and drownings. As an example, for years we had an accident after accident, some fatal, at Dixie Highway where Telegraph Road ends. Drivers on Telegraph Road failed to stop and struck an embankment across the way. Then a large lighted sign with the word "Danger" was erected. There have been no more accidents. An alert Sheriff would have had that sign up years before."

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## Margaret M. LaTour Opens Dancing School

Margaret Manning LaTour will open a dancing studio next week on the second floor of the Kingsley Inn with enrollment scheduled to take place Tuesday. The school will start Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The classes will be for children from three years of age and also for adults. Mrs. LaTour has taught in Detroit for the past 18 years.

## Lake Forest, Ill.—Miss Shirley Busby

Lake Forest, Ill.—Miss Shirley Busby, daughter of Mr. John H. Busby, 129 Intervale Road, Pine Lake, has been pledged to the Lake Forest college chapter of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

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## Reveal Program of Marian Anderson

ANN ARBOR—Negro spirituals, operatic airs, and songs, will make up the program with which Marian Anderson will inaugurate the 62nd University of Michigan Choral Union Concert Series on the evening of Oct. 23, according to Charles A. Sink, president of the University Musical Society.

The full program is as follows:

*Tutto Rozzo, Handel; Flote weiss gefahrt, Handel; German waltz, Carissimi; Die rose, Schubert; Aug dem Singsen, Schubert; Der Doppelpauner, Schubert; Erikonia, Schubert; Casta Diva from "Norma," Bellini; Cantilena, Vekonas; Paartje, Vekonas; Amur, Amur; Sadero, Song to the Dark, Virgil; Sinner, Please don't let me bore you, Arr. by Bart; The Goodbye, Arr. by Bart; Berleigh; Tramping Arr. by Bart; There's no hidin' place down here, Arr. by Brown.*

## Letters of Voltaire Studied By Scholar

Hundreds of unpublished letters of Voltaire, examined by Prof. Andre Delattre of the Wayne University, French department in Switzerland, this summer, shed new light on the eighteenth-century French author's activities as a businessman, amateur scientist and gardener.

The letters were written between 1754 and 1764, a decade spent in London and near Geneva, Switzerland. Most of them were addressed to members of the aristocratic Tronchin family, of Geneva.

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The *Creling Year*, by Frederick Van de Water, One of the most determined literary country residents writes of the delights of his Vermont home during the changing months of the year.

The *Family*, by Nina Fedorova, The story of a White Russian family trying to eke out a precarious existence in China by maintaining a boarding house. The procession of amazing "guests" who lived under their roof and their stories, make up this unusual novel.

Sullivan, by Clyde Brian Davis. An entertaining yarn concerning the doings of a wandering tombstone cutter. To escape the earnest police inquiries of his activities while juggling as "the great

## Library Receives Some Interesting New Volumes

BY LINDO MOORE

For other romantic glamour, there are two stories to equal that of Camille Feber de Vermet, almost unknown in this country, but once the toast of Budapest and the darling of the Hungarian stage. Camille was born into a well to do family, in Dobosia, in Slovakia, the village made overnight into a famous resort by the discovery of fabulous ore caverns in the vicinity. As a young girl she was the pet of many of the great and near-great for French literary lights, the great List, a royal princess, even, were guests in her parents' home.

Her rise to fame, she showed considerable histrionic talent. Her ambitions for a theatrical career, however, were thwarted time and again, by a series of events that make absorbing reading in themselves. A temporary paralysis, her mother's unwise marriage, her own two brief and unhappy marriages only postponed for a time her rise to fame.

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## Fairway Drive Notice Given

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MacAdam intimated that several houses would be built on his lot, and that he had no intention of ever using the projected Fairway drive.

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