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Road for New Homes On Webster Assured

An assessment district covering 62 lots on Webster between Torrey and Eastin will be approved by the City Commission on Oct. 18. A quarter mile of gravel road is to be laid there so that construction of a number of dwellings to be rented to defense workers may proceed next Spring. The cost to property owners will be \$2,900 or about \$1.10 per front foot. The City will pay about an additional \$600.

of 1608 Webster. They at first questioned the need for the road and said they felt the drainage of the block was a more important question. City Manager H. H. Gordon told the Commission that additional catch basins will be provided in the block when the new road is constructed.

CHAMPION FLY CASTER

Conservation department authorities have been informed that a Michigan man, Harold H. Smedley, recently in Chicago, Mr. Smedley also won the state and midwest dry fly casting title.

Bits of Birmingham

Mrs. T. R. Navin brought in for our inspection the October 29, 1945, issue of the Daily Carolina Times, published in Columbia, capital of South Carolina. We were interested to read among the items of foreign intelligence the account of a spectator in the Russian camp at Sebastopol during the Crimean War, in which Russia fought England, and that the Russians thought of their foes, now their allies...

Was it by coincidence that the pilot of what appeared to be a small training-type airplane flew so low over the business district Monday that it seemed to be diving directly at the Woodward-Mable intersection just before the air raid siren sounded at 12 o'clock? In fact, he passed over twice, and in case he doesn't know it, he WAS too low...

Police should not be too hasty in placing a drunk driving charge against anyone driving down Birmingham streets which are heavily traveled by grade school and Junior High students, on their way to and from school. If the drivers seem to wander around a bit on these streets, chances are they are only trying to drive around the numerous places where said students have broken glass after digging bottles, etc., out of the junk deposits people have placed in front of their residences for collection. If this practice continues Birmingham will soon be the only city in the country whose streets are paved with glass and bad intentions.

S. M. Hopkins, president of the Birmingham S. I. in Quarterbacks organization, informed this week that the club has been promised a very early showing of the Notre Dame-Michigan football game. The pictures will be shown at the next meeting of the Quarterbacks and the exact date will be told in next week's Eccentric. Watch for the announcement. Any man is eligible to be a member of the club, but you are a member you are welcome to witness the moving pictures of this season's football classic when it is shown.

U. of M. Extension Classes Are Listed

Nearly 20 classes in the Fall program offered by the University of Michigan, Extension Service, are opening at the Horace H. Rackham Educational Memorial on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week and on Saturday morning.

Courses which begin today are: Books on current economic, political, and social problems; Brazilian Portuguese; the history of the British Empire since the American Revolution; estimating and building construction; life insurance fundamentals; the philosophy of education; practical public speaking; radio reading and dramatics; beginning Russian; and advanced Spanish for national service.

On Friday, courses are beginning in business English, the conservation of national resources, the garden and the home, advanced Japanese, secretarial accounting, and in advanced work in the guidance and mental hygiene of the adolescent. The Saturday morning courses take up the principles of educational administration and the philosophy of music education.

Fewer Permanent Waterfowl Blinds

LANSING, Oct. 6—About 38% fewer permanent waterfowl blinds are established on the authorized waters in the state this year than last year, the state conservation department reports.

Only 145 duck hunters applied for licenses for permanent blinds this year, while 232 blinds were licensed last year. Comparative license figures for permanent blinds this year and last are as follows: 35 on Lake St. Clair in 1943 as against 34 last year; 0 on Round Lake near Traverse City this year as against 1 last year; 14 on Muskegon lake this year as against 30 last year; 14 on Saginaw Bay in 1943 as against 35 last year; 74 on Houghton lake this year as against 96 last year; and 3 on Lake Leelanau this year as against 1 in 1942.

'Number, Ple-ezz'

Sergeant Joseph Pollarino takes a stance halfway up a South Pacific palm tree while Sergeant Clarence Sculler serves up equipment via a line. They're trouble shooters for an anti-aircraft battery. This is the type of telephone system in soggy no-man's-lands in those parts. (U. S. Marine Corps Photo)



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Saarinien Speaks In New York City

Eliel Saarinien, Director of the Office of Architecture and President of the Cranbrook Academy of Art, at Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects on Thursday evening, Oct. 14, at the invitation of the President, Mr. Robert B. O'Connor.

1865 Pounds of Silk Stockings Gathered

Mrs. Grace Glassford of the F. J. Mulholland Company announces this week that so far in 1943 the Birmingham salvage committee, for which she acted as chairman of the drive for old silk and nylon stockings to be reclaimed for making army parachutes, has shipped 1865 pounds. The drive for this material ended Sept. 30 and it is now known at present when the government may take up its resumption.

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Fishing offenses made up the majority of the violations. Sixty violators arrested for fishing without a license, and 99 also arrested for possession of undersized fish.

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Seek Payment on Drain Bonds

Mandamus action has been instituted in Oakland County Court seeking to force payment of principal and interest on a number of special assessment bonds involving storm drains of Bloomfield and Southfield townships.

Frederic B. Stevens, Inc., of Detroit, and Edgar B. and Anna S. Whitcomb seek \$3,000 and \$60,000 respectively for matured bonds of Bloomfield No. 1 drain district. The Whitcombs also have claims of \$20,000 against the Lawson drain district, \$5,000 against Bloomfield Village district No. 2, and \$100,000 against Bloomfield Park district No. 1.

The City of Highland Park seeks \$30,000 from a Southfield drain District No. 8. A number of other suits involving drains in other parts of the county were filed at the same time, their total being \$853,000.

The suits are directed against the county supervisors, treasurer and drain commissioner and ask that the damages sought be paid from either present sewer funds, the city's general fund or from special assessments be spread in the districts involved.

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