

**No Bids Accepted For Filling Pond In Troy Township**

Troy township board Monday evening considered bids for filling in the pond adjacent to the township hall, but none were accepted. Supervisor Norman R. Barnard said bids ran from \$1,329 to \$6,500. The matter was tabled until the next meeting. Barnard stated some residents have complained because "of sentimental reasons" about the proposed filling in of the pond. However, Troy officials feel it doesn't add to the beauty of the hall surroundings. The supervisor stated that the pond usually dries up during the summer months.

Residents total tax rate per thousand valuation depends upon the school district in which they are located.

Rates per thousand valuation according to school districts are Troy township, \$51.95; Birmingham \$47.50; Bloomfield Hills, \$42.25; East Lake, \$43.51; Oakridge, \$51.46; County Line, \$64.00; Avondale, \$56.88; and Clawson, \$56.51.

In all cases county operating assessment is \$10.00 per thousand and drain-at-large 34 cents a thousand. Taxes are payable to the township treasurer until March 1.

**Lions to Hear Christmas Program by School Choir**

The Dec. 13 meeting of the Birmingham Lions club will feature the appearance of Victor Ulrich and the Birmingham high school capella choir. A program of Christmas music will be presented. The Dec. 20 meeting will be a business session for members of the local club only.

**Troy Tax Notices Being Mailed**

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WITH SANTA CLAUS busy in other points of the world, Birmingham's Hugh C. White once more impersonated the genial old gent at the annual chamber of Commerce party for youngsters. Here he is surrounded by some of the 1,200 school children who were greeted

by him and received a gift from him in behalf of the C. of C. and his famous "boss". A full hour's program of car-toms was greeted by laughter and shouts, reflecting its joy in the faces of the boys and girls as they file out of the theater, pausing for one last, brief chat with Santa Claus. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

**FRANKLIN NEWS**  
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**Goodfellows?**

Volunteers from the Franklin fire department will sell Goodfellows papers tomorrow morning at 13-Mile and Telegraph, Franklin road at 13-Mile and on Northwestern at 12-Mile road.

**Social Notes**

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones were dinner hosts last Saturday at their home on Telegraph road. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Averill, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Nettie, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Win Hinman and the Ralph Woodburns. Mrs. Anthony Foley of Vernon drive will be hostess today at a luncheon and baby shower honoring Mrs. Howard T. Keating, Jr., of Lincoln road. Dinner guests of the "Chester Hard's, at their Mill road home last Saturday evening, were the Richard Oberschulte's, the Eamon Rutledge's and the Jules Dremm's. Prior to the annual Woodcreek dance tomorrow night, the Watson Kinney's will be hosts at cocktail at their home on Village lane to guests from Detroit, Pontiac,

Grosse Pointe and St. Clair. The William Paschedag's, Millbrook road, and the Arthur Banfield's Wellington road, will also hold cocktail parties before the dance. Their guests will be their neighbors in Woodcreek. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Norwall will open their home on Wellington road for the dance to serve breakfast. All of the Woodcreek have been invited.

**Christmas Activities**

The senior choir of the Franklin Community church will present a Yuletide music festival at the church at 7:30 p.m. next Sunday. In lieu of its regular meeting, the Discussion group will attend the festival in a body. The Franklin Community association will hold its annual Christmas party for the youngsters of this area at 7:00 p.m., Dec. 22. Santa Claus will appear at the community hall on this occasion with gifts and candy and the junior choir of the Franklin Community church will sing carols. The affair is under the direction of W. Ziesow, chairman of the youth committee. The Village Nursery school will hold open house and the children will present a Christmas program for their parents and relatives at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 21. The Friendly Circle will be hosts to the Christmas party and friends at a Christmas tea and party to be held at the social hall of the Community church at 1:30 p.m. next Wednesday. Mrs. K. E. Mattis will read "The Littlest Angel". Mrs. Roy Jones, program chairman, has arranged for music by Detroit artists Mrs. Robert Crane, organist, and Mrs. Thomas Nunnally, vocalist. Circle presidents, Mrs. Wendell Brown and Mrs. Win Hinman, will pour. The tea has been arranged by Mrs. Vern Fisher, assisted by Mesdames Clifford Baugh, Glen Shoemaker, Fred Warden, Albert Carr, Arthur Grosop and Mark Harris. Members of St. Anne's Guild will give a Christmas party and present gifts to the children of the Kindergarten class of St. Vincent's and Sarah Fisher home at 1:15 p.m. next Wednesday. Mrs. Mel Mitchell, of Colby lane, will be St. Nicholas. The Brownies of troop 59 have made bibs as Christmas gifts for the babies at Sarah Fisher home. The bibs were made under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Worley, troop leader, Mrs. D. C. Ensign, co-leader, assisted by Mesdames Matulaitis and Sclaro. The children of the Franklin Community church Sunday school will prepare a special Christmas offering to be given to the Methodist Children's Village. Children at the Baptist Children's home will receive gifts and goodies from the Evening Circle. The Friendly Circle has held a grocery shower, the proceeds of which will be distributed to needy families by the Goodwill Industries.

**To Appear in Play**

Mrs. Charles H. Hard will play the heroine mother, Mrs. Lace Bosom, when the Village Players present "The Fatal Forgery" at the Village Playhouse, Chestnut St., Birmingham, on December 15.

**December's Children**

Charlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Newhouse, was eight on Sunday, Dec. 9. The birthday party at her home on Romany way was attended by girl classmates from Franklin school. The Alfred Emmert's daughter Carol also had a birthday last Sunday, her seventh. She celebrated on Monday having classmates from the second grade at Franklin school for a party and dinner at her home on Woodside drive.

**To Test Siren**

The Franklin fire department siren will be sounded at 1:00 p.m. next Sunday in a test of accessories expected to extend its effective range. If the test is successful, the fire signal thereafter will be an alternately rising and falling tone, six seconds on and six seconds off.

**New Date**

The meeting of the Evening Circle originally planned for tonight will be held at 8:15 p.m., Dec. 20, instead, at the home of Mrs. Ed Green.

**Detroit Mishap Fatal To Edward L. Golden, Sales Manager Here**

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in Detroit for Edward Lawrence Golden, 50, sales manager for Suburban Motors here. Mr. Golden, a close friend of Carl and Richard Fisher, owners of Suburban Motors, had been with their company for the past three years. He is survived by his widow and daughter, Shirley.

copal church on McNichols road in Detroit. Mrs. Golden and Jack Sherk, husband of the dead woman, were a few feet behind them as the four left the church, and witnessed the crash.

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