

City Approves Recreation Improvements

Recommendations for recreation capital improvements were made by the recreation board to the city commission Monday evening and most of them were approved.

The board's recommendations for fencing at St. James and Harmon parks were approved. In addition, a backstop will be erected at St. James and the existing ball diamond relocated.

The board recommended that the possibility of putting up a farm type fence around Poppleton park be investigated further.

VICE-CHAIRMAN Mrs. Phillips H. Jackson stated, "We recognize the city's policy of erecting fences where necessary to separate public from private property in order to minimize the expense which may result from establishing play areas directly adjacent to residential properties. We feel, however, that this expenditure for fencing may deter other work to be accomplished on this park which would more directly facilitate functional recreation. Accordingly, unless additional money can be made available for further development of this park, we do not recommend the erection of a chain link fence at the present time."

City Manager Donald C. Eberhart pointed out that he felt farm fencing would take too much of a beating from youngsters. He said he'd rather delay any fencing at this park until more money is available for better construction.

HARMON PARK will have 201 feet of chain fencing, plus one 14-foot vehicle gate at a cost of \$593, to be erected along the Woodward and Harmon sides of the park.

St. James Park will have four pedestrian walk-in openings plus one 14-foot walk-in gate at a cost of \$297.53.

A backstop will be purchased for St. James park and the ball diamond will be relocated.

Mrs. Jackson said that \$4,475.40 is now in the Poppleton park account. She pointed out that grading costs will reduce this balance by \$3,250.

Eberhart said that prices will be ready next week for a contractor to grade at least one ball diamond and get the Poppleton development started.

Building Permits Issued LAST WEEK

TOTAL	34	\$278,375
VALUATION		\$278,375
New Residences	24	\$254,000
Private garages	8	\$5,875
Alterations		
Residence	1	\$1,000
Business	1	\$12,500

Mo. Permits	1981	1980	1980
	Total	Total	Per mile
Jan.	41	\$1,778,285	\$55,640
Feb.	43	1,697,536	51,856
Mar.	55	2,107,504	65,758
Apr.	108	4,163,350	128,522
May	102	3,606,275	110,192
June	85	3,492,854	106,115
July	101	3,742,038	114,732
August	85	3,633,555	110,952
Sept.	113	4,143,132	127,197

Additional Winners In UF Essay Contest

Three additional essays in the editorial contest, conducted among area high school students by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills-Franklin Division of the 1951 UF Torch Drive in cooperation with The Birmingham Eccentric, are being published this week.

These are the second place entries of Joan Heflin of Baldwin high school and Alan Carlin of Cranbrook School for Boys, and the first place Bloomfield Hills (Vaughan) high school essay of Nan Gordon. The Vaughan entries were submitted and judged this week.

Winner of second place among the Vaughan students was Marcia Wells, while third place was won by Nedra Schluecker. Clifton Morton received honorable mention.

Editorials of third place winners Russell Sanders of Baldwin and John Slayton of Cranbrook and second place winner Marcia Wells of Vaughan will appear next week.

Essays of first place winners Sandra Puls, Baldwin, and Ralph Himmelhoch, Cranbrook, were published last week.

Give Once Your All

By **JOAN HEFLIN**
2nd Place Winner
Baldwin High School

The biggest threat to World Peace seems to be the battle between Communism and Democracy. The atmosphere in which we live, in our snug, little, secure homes, could be and would be much different if something isn't done about this threat.

Communism takes hold in fifth, grows where there is sickness, and thrives where there are people without hope. When people have nothing to cling to; when the breadwinner falls ill, or there is a threat of financial troubles, where are people to turn?

Naturally where there is the offer of help or a solution to their problems. When there are social ills there is a potential breeding ground for Communism. Where there is sickness, there is a cure; and though the cure will heal, it will hurt.

ONCE A GROUP OF Camp Fire Girls took a Christmas basket to a family. It was filled with food and

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some of their favorite toys and some baby clothing gathered by the mothers. There were tears in the girls' eyes when they told of the gratitude expressed by the family. These girls were repaid through the heart thrice what they had given.

The whole point to this story is how much are you as a citizen going to inconvenience yourself? How much are you going to do without, so that some total stranger may walk again?

EVERY YEAR MILLIONS of people observe Lent as a special tribute to something in which they have faith. This same faith must be expressed in this equally important service. Remember each time you give, it's a little piece of yourself.

Though the thanks be small materially, some mother may cry because her child walks again; some young girl may offer up prayers for the unknown benefactor; you may feel gratified because your money brought new eyes, a seeing eye dog. What more valuable thing could you buy or give? What greater satisfaction could you experience? **GIVE ONCE FOR ALL.**

The Social Significance of the Torch Drive

By **ALAN CARLIN**
2nd Prize Winner
Cranbrook School for Boys

The United Foundation Torch Drive represents a definite step forward in the charity work of Metropolitan Detroit. It assures, through its methods, that every worthwhile charity organization receives sufficient funds to carry on its work successfully.

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Cranbrook's 25th Year Observed At Homecoming

The Silver anniversary of Cranbrook school will be featured at a n n a l homecoming festivities scheduled this weekend.

A mass bon-fire pep rally will be staged by the students Friday evening in preparation for Saturday afternoon's football and soccer games between Cranbrook and Western Reserve Academy of Hudson, Ohio. Both athletic events get underway at 2 p.m.

Cranbrook's second marching band, directed by Axel Magnuson, will perform between halves of the football game with formations which include the letters "twenty-five".

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING both contests, a display of the work of the school's 18 extra-curricular activities will be held in the reference room in the main academic building.

Among exhibits will be pictures which show the original development of many of these activities since 1927, a display of model airplanes, and a two-way radio which will be prepared to receive messages from any point in the world.

At the same time, a reception for guests, parents and alumni will be held in the main lobby of the main school building.

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