

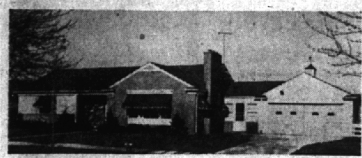
Life, the business of being born and growing up, offers no guarantee of security and happiness to anybody unless one is willing to work, study, and sacrifice to acquire security and happiness. Indeed, the happiest people are those who accept these challenges as real living!

Volunteer Firemen Name Commissioners

FRANKLIN — Election of officers was the feature of the annual Franklin Volunteer fire department meeting May 6. New commissioners named are Victor Bender, Arthur Carty,

Denny Converse and Tom Dudson, each elected for two years. Robert Treadway, whose term expired, was re-elected. Other commissioners are William Albee, John Hill, Murdoch Morrison, Lincoln Parker, Ivan Smith, Chief William Jones and Deputy Chief Les Fraser.

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Edward H. Laird, 355 Henrietta, able and well known landscape architect wrote an interesting article on landscaping a home, which is published in the April number of Inside Michigan. Ed (as he is known to his many friends) used as one illustration the grounds of the home of W. A. P. John, Tooting Lane. (The latter, you may recall, is chairman of the board of McManus, John & Adams, nationally known advertising agency.)

One of the many nice circumstances that come with living away from the center of a great big city are the pastoral noises and sounds that greet you—for example, when you awake in the morning to the sound of a variety of birds, each best on giving vent in its own manner to what it is thinking about. Incidentally, can't one presume that the birds are quite happy, since the sounds they make are, in general, musical and easy on the ear?

Residents in the Southfield-Wallace area were amused last Thursday evening by the antics of two raccoons. The two animals kept crossing and re-crossing Southfield, with brief pauses on either side to view the human citizenry. For this, the raccoons had reserved seats—they would drop into the open top of the two catch basins, turn around, and sit comfortably and safely there, watching their "neighbors" go about their evening chores.

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Michigan State college students who received perfect report cards during the winter term were guests at the tri-annual "All A" banquet on April 29. Among the 58 so honored was Miss Betty Mae March of 1981 Saratoga. Dr. David W. D. Dickson, recent winner of the first "Outstanding Teacher" award given by MSU, spoke to the group on "Intellectually Curious or Curious Intellectuals?"

During the past few weeks brushes and spray guns have been items of great importance at the city's garage on Elton road. Since completion of the DPW garage, nearly all of the city's equipment has undergone a paint job. According to DPW Supt. Norman Knapp, mixers, air compressors, trucks, tractors, loaders, salt and chip spreaders, bulldozers, pumps, cement mixers, shovels, mowers, rollers, and many other pieces of equipment including the snow plows have been treated. Knapp points out that the availability of equipment including the snow plows repairs on all equipment, will provide much better service from all types of maintenance machinery.

At least one Birmingham woman (there may be more) is 1) conserving the family's gasoline supply, or 2) that supply has been exhausted. Shortly before noon Monday this Wanderer observed a smartly dressed lady (probably in her middle thirties) peddling a two-wheeled life (with large basket attached to the handlebars) down Maple avenue through the business section. While she wasn't having too much trouble, it was apparent that she hadn't ridden such a conveyance in many moons.

City Hires Paid Planner As Staffer

The city now is served by a paid planning technician who has become a staff member of the planning board and will be aided, by the consultant services of Scott Bagby, planning director for the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Planning Commission.

The city commission Monday night approved the hiring of Robert S. Boatman, graduate of Michigan State College's municipal planning school who has worked with the state highway department for six months and has been Bagby's assistant in Grand Rapids for the past 18 months.

Boatman and Bagby met with the city plan board and commission Wednesday, April 30, and outlined proposed plans for tackling Birmingham's problems.

THEY ALSO SUPPORTED

their ideas with land use maps and planning drawings made for other municipalities.

Boatman will receive a salary of \$4,500 including cost-of-living. Bagby will be employed on a consulting basis at a maximum cost of \$1,500. This will include his services in the city for 15 days.

Plan Board Chairman Harry Denyes questioned the fate of the city's proposed master plan land use map prepared in 1951 by Dr. Charles Barr should Boatman take office.

Boatman assured the commission and plan board that this land use map would be carefully considered before any major decisions would be made.

Boatman is the city's second paid planner. C. M. Slogher, a member of the city's engineering department two years ago, actually was a paid employee assigned to work with the plan board.

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