

### Investigation of Burning Picture Nears Completion

A blazing picture hanging over a fireplace at the home of James Athansoff, 2788 Pembroke, last week became the center of attention for both the city's building inspection department and fire department.

The city, with the cooperation of the home builders, the Manchester Homes, Inc., Berkeley, are investigating several other homes constructed in the Pembroke Manor subdivision in an attempt to find traces of further violations in the construction of fireplaces and chimneys.

It all started late last week, Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 11, when the Athansoff family found itself out of furnace fuel oil. To take the chill out of the house, they built a fire in the fireplace and relaxed to enjoy the warmth.

SOME 30 MINUTES later, Athansoff was awakened to see the picture above the mantel burst into flames. A hurried call was made to the fire department which brought the blaze quickly under control—but the fire had damaged

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### Precincts

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The area bounded on the north by E. Maple, on the west by Woodward, on the south by Lincoln, and on the east by city limits. Voters in this precinct will cast their ballots at the DPW garage.

THE SEVENTH precinct, which is made up of the area of the city south of E. Maple and west of the Grand Trunk railway will have the Grand Trunk station for its polling place.

The third precinct encompasses the area between Woodward avenue and the Grand Trunk railway that lies north of E. Maple. Its polling place is Adams school.

Two new precincts have been set up in the school system's voting arrangement. A southern portion of school precinct two, has been set off as precinct eight.

IN THE OTHER school precinct change, a southern portion of precinct one has been established as precinct nine. Polling place for this precinct is Torry school.

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### Bond Issue

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because there was no planned educational program to support it. This is the third time the electors of this school district have been asked to approve an expenditure for a school building program which is not completely supported in their own planning, by proper educational planning.

This school problem must not be faced squarely by the voters at least resistance... nor is appeasement in order.

There is a solution to the problem... perhaps drastic, but drastic measures are necessary to correct basic wrong which presently grow worse unless removed altogether.

FORCED TO protect the type of sound educational system which most of us in the District desire for our children, consideration should be given at this time to setting up a new school district, separating ourselves from the area which has obstructed progress in the past.

If you agree with the soundness of this proposal, you will vote NO on November 19, in consideration of the following reasons:

(1) Seven years ago, six districts handed over to the present school district which is split by a Wing Lake faction.

THE WING LAKE faction is aggressive. They apparently have managed to get control of the School Board and the Parents-Teachers organization.

IN promoting their own local interests, in my opinion they have impeded the development of the school district, which would be the entire school district, by forcing the rest of the district to reject a building program not in their own planning.

Neither Wing Lake nor the rest of the school district is satisfied with the present situation.

There is no question but that a high school is needed for the existing school district.

These committees have made their recommendations for a high school. The elementary school situation has not been changed by anyone.

WHY, THEN, are the electors being asked to vote a sizeable expenditure (\$200,000) for more elementary school housing?

Again, it's a package deal on the ballot. To get a high school, we got to buy, right or wrong, another addition to the Wing Lake School.

The school board has recommended that the high school and the Wing Lake building be separated on the ballot, and (2) the pie of a responsible group of citizens who asked to have the voters separated to allow the electors an opportunity to vote in a referendum on the high school.

3) The present school district has not developed any elementary education program as a part of an additional school building in this area.

These are: (a) the one-room, multiple-grade school at Pine Lake, (b) the self-contained classroom at Wing Lake, and (c) the consolidated school with special rooms for art, music, boy's life, etc. at Vaughan School.

What is another \$200,000? It is the limit that can be borrowed at the present time, beyond the proposed high school cost. Could this money be used to better advantage? Dearborn has built, for example, in the last year what they call a complete model elementary school for \$244,799.

UNDER THE present deal, the third Wing Lake addition will be constructed immediately, ahead of the high school. If this plan exceeds the estimated \$200,000, the school board has admitted a need for more money that it plans to make up the difference by cutting the high school plans, which is permitted when both issues are included and voted for as one package.

4) The Wing Lake faction will not accept the decision of the voters when it is unfavorable to them. If the voters again reject this third addition to the Wing Lake school, it is the avowed plan of the Wing Lake faction to force a vote again and again until it does pass.

5) Our tax dollars for operating the present school district have soared so comparatively that the school district is higher than any other school district in Oakland County. It is 20% higher than the best of the Birmingham school program which is the next highest in the County.

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### Election

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Health association, Estes went into commercial dairying field in the research laboratories of the National Dairy company.

HE CAME TO Birmingham in 1933 when he received an assignment from National Dairy to work with the Detroit Dairy.

He served on the Birmingham city commission during the years of 1942-1944 and in 1945 was elected to the State House of Representatives on the Republican ticket.

Out of the many experiences he has had during his nine years as a legislator, Estes recalls that his most thrilling experience, and the one that gave him the most personal satisfaction, came in 1947 when he successfully sponsored a bill to require the pasteurization of all milk to be sold through retail outlets in the State.

Prior to passage of this bill, pasteurization of Michigan milk had been controlled by units of local government. Estes states that Michigan is the only state in the union which has passed a law making possible the control of milk production by the State.

"NO BILL THAT I have sponsored has had such a widespread effect on individuals in the state. It is pleasing to know that all the dairymen in Michigan are free from the possibility of contracting diseases through milk sold through retail outlets," said Estes.

Other legislation successfully sponsored by Estes includes a bill to reorganize the State Mental Health department, also a bill to provide for creation of the office of hospital survey and construction for use of Federal matching funds for Michigan hospitals.

Estes succeeded in furthering passage of a bill to permit the Public Service Commission to make regulations for the safe transmission of gas and flammable liquids.

IN THE AREA of education, Estes sponsored bills which established the following: establishment of community colleges, easier consolidation of rural school districts, aid to school districts in the teaching of handicapped children, and authorization for trustees of school districts to borrow funds on future state financial aid.

In reviewing his years in Lansing, Estes noted that there are certain areas in the legislature's makeup that he feels could be improved upon.

"ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT could be made in the drafting of bills. Estes feels that Michigan's legislature could do well to adopt the practice of Wisconsin which has an explanatory supplement in layman's language is attached to the bills which are written in technical legal terms.

He feels that this practice would lead to better understanding of the bills by citizens. The intent of the legislature could also be seen through the possibility of less misinterpretation by the courts.

Estes stated that the practice of allowing legislators to work long weekends and time-off periods that result in their missing important sessions should be abolished.

On the other hand, Estes maintains that the quality of the legislature, in regard to the type of men being elected, has improved during the past few years.

HE ATTRIBUTES this to two factors; first, the salaries of legislators have been increased, and secondly, younger men who are able to allow salaries were too low have retired to seek office. "It used to be that the legislature was a cesspool of old men who were not interested in the public interest," Estes said.

By increased salaries it is now possible for a larger number of young men to seek election, and secondly, younger men who are able to allow salaries were too low have retired to seek office. "It used to be that the legislature was a cesspool of old men who were not interested in the public interest," Estes said.

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### Defiant and poised, this American bald eagle was found in the woods near Rosemont recently with one wing sprained. Conservators nearby Houghton Lake wildlife station for protection and care while its wing was mending. The department's photographer has taken the majestic bird that has been chosen as emblem of the State.

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the expense he incurs by accepting the office. "However," said Estes, "No one could support a family on what he makes as a legislator. But, because of the increases in the legislature now has members from all walks of life in Michigan, and therefore, much more democratic and representative of the people than it used to be."

ESTES FEELS that the practice of younger men seeking election has resulted in improvement to the legislature. "Younger men come in with a more aggressive point of view and are more progressive minded. This makes the entire body take on a more dynamic atmosphere," said Estes.

Another point over which Estes expresses deep concern is the tendency of the legislature to pass laws that "encroach upon the private and rights of individual citizens."

"There are bills passed every year that take away rights of citizens that are guaranteed by the constitution of our state and of our nation," said Estes.

"THIS ENCROACHMENT is invidious in that these laws are passed for very good purposes, but the means used to realize the good purpose is wrong," he said.

Estes said that one instance that illustrates his point is the law that was passed to permit conservation officers to search private cars without a warrant for illegal practices in a good thing, but Estes maintains it is a violation of individual rights for an officer to search a car without having a warrant or some evidence that the person has broken the law.

It boils down to a choice of whether it is better that individuals' rights should be protected or sacrificed so that the ends of crime trials should be made easy," said Estes, "And I believe it to be particularly true that individual rights be protected."

Court Slaps Fine On Custodian of Cavorting Canine

Where can I file an appeal? asked Fred M. Harley, 480 Pleasant street, Detroit, who was fined \$5.50 by Justice for allowing his dog to run loose.

Harley had been arrested for the offense on the complaint of Ralph Rieley, who was charged with the dog's running loose.

Rieley told Justice Gaffill that he had sighted Harley's dog in the vicinity of the city's dog pound on Nov. 12. He attempted to capture the dog and chased it on foot around vacant lots to Harley's back porch.

HARLEY CAME to the door and let the dog, a beagle hound, into the house, "but, when I told Harley that I was going to give him a ticket for letting his dog run loose, he replied that he wasn't interested and let the dog in my face," said Rieley.

Said Harley, "Rieley came to my door and told me that he had seen my dog. He said I had let the dog run loose and that it was his dog he was chasing."

City Attorney Forbes Havelock said, "We don't have to prove anything to you, Mr. Harley. Our job was to get the dog out of the jurisdiction of this court."

HARLEY THEN attacked the city's dog ordinance, stating that he did not believe that the method of enforcing the ordinance by ticketing owners was legal.

"If I think this ordinance was drafted with the expense of the segment of the city against the other," he declared.

He stated that the ordinance was drafted at a time when Harley had been charged with the same offense. Two other cases were cited.

In passing sentence, Justice Gaffill said, "It is up to you to convince me that the ordinance is not an unjust law."

After leaving the court, Harley paid his fine and \$5 court costs under protest.

"I do not wish to increase this matter any further at this time," he said. "But if my ever happens again, I will insist on a jury trial."

### operation of the proposed building

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little real value may be added as much as another 11 mills to cover this expense.

The proposed buildings are to cost \$16 per square foot for Wing Lake, and \$19.95 per square foot for the high school.

OUR HIGH COST brings us little real value for, obviously, the best school system in Oakland County has not been developed.

Our school system is a vital part of the community. In the past, the aims and standards have been on a level expected in a community such as ours. Let's now take steps to insure that the aims and standards of our school system are continued on a high level.

7) The present school district is too large. It covers 20 square miles, areas which just jut into other school districts, while parts of the City of Bloomfield Hills and other nearby sections are not included in our school district.

I BELIEVE a majority of the people in the present school district want a unified program in harmony with the needs and standards of this community.

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