

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

SOME PEOPLE have all the luck! Mrs. Margaret Tweedie who resides on Southfield, says she is always picking four-leaf clovers. She just seems to find the things without looking. One in a while Mrs. Tweedie outdoes herself and to prove it carries an eight-leaf clover in a little plastic case. Last week her luck changed again and she dropped by the office to show this Wanderer a nine-leaf affair. To say the least, it's unusual! Actually, the grouping gave it the appearance of a rosette, the leaves were packed so tightly together.

THE INFLUENCE of the Space Cadets on TV over the Birmingham small fry is raising havoc with mama's supply of clean towels. This Wanderer watched a group of small boys flying around with bath towels trailing after them the other day. One, with a much larger towel (should we say "space cape") was constantly being upset by some other individual stepping on his flowing robe and nearly pulling his head off. We can just hear the weeping and wailing that would ensue if mother asked Junior to wear such a rig all the time!

HERO OF THE GM fire in the Livonia plant on Aug. 12, Philip Cartwright has recovered from his injuries and returned to work. Cartwright suffered eye injuries from the fire and smoke while leading 40 women employees to safety from the second-floor offices.

THE ECCENTRIC IS IN RECEIPT of a note from Rogers City that its Chamber of Commerce is planning a bear hunt in Presque Isle County October 2 and 3. They expect to draw hunters from many areas of Michigan. The Conservation Dept. is working with the committee to make it a success.

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# The Birmingham Eccentric

## Lathrup Seeks Stability As Village

"To stay just as we are," proponents of the Lathrup Village incorporation have urged voters to approve the city's charter at the December 7 election. A unique platform has been published by charter commissioners who believe that their stand is in agreement with the majority of Lathrup residents. Throughout the campaign prior to the incorporation election and now continuing in the pre-charter election period, commissioners have publicized that "Lathrup Village is the name that describes our friendly community that is big enough to be a home rule city, but wishes to retain the simplicity of a village neighborhood. In prefacing the proposed charter, commissioners wrote that "it (the charter) will permit you to maintain the informal, rural atmosphere you like so well."

MANY SUPPORTERS of the incorporation are actually against glaring street lights, paved roads, sidewalks and other city amenities that would tend to destroy the country living effect now found in Lathrup. A situation such as this, commissioners explain, will enable a city government to operate at a minimum of cost. The taxation aspect of the proposed charter is perhaps the most unusual item in the charter.

COMMISSIONERS strongly believe that by adding few administrative costs and continuing to take advantage of services now performed by Southfield township and private contractors, the city can be operated with a tax rate of \$5 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

### Crooks Cemetery To Be Enlarged

Troy township board members Monday night approved the purchase of 2.08 acres of land from Herbert Boulan, 3985 John R., to be added to the Crooks cemetery at a cost of \$1854. Purchase is subject to the approval of the title project by Township Attorney Malcolm M. Heber. Cost of the property will be shared by funds on hand invested in the cemetery and by the regular cemetery fund.

### Ask Building Plan For Troy Garage

Construction of a garage and storage space building at the rear of the Troy township hall was given the go-ahead sign Monday night by township board members who instructed Supervisor Norman Barnard to obtain plans and advertise for bids on the construction. Board member Lyle Walker was named to gain plans of similar buildings in the area for a building approximately 40 by 40 feet. The building is to be used for the water department and protection for township vehicles.

### Troy Approves Plat

A proposed plat including 23 lots near Rochester and Sunrise Lake road was approved by the Troy township board Monday night. The plat, known as Hills Acres, was submitted by George Hill.

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### Elsewhere in the Charter

Population of the area is estimated to be between 2100 and 2300. The area represents roughly 12 per cent of the township and is only 60 per cent developed. They are quick to assert, however, that should residents feel the need for expanded services in the future, the city council could ask for a vote of the people to amend the charter and provide the services.

UNDER ASSESSMENT procedures set up in the charter, improvements will not be ordered unless 70 per cent of owners fronting the improvements have petitioned for the work. General obligation bonds shall not be approved unless 80 per cent of village voters agree to the bonds at regular or special elections.

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### Building Permits To Cost More In Troy Township

In an attempt to enable the building inspection department to become self-sustaining, Troy township board members Monday night approved increases in permit costs recommended by Supervisor Norman Barnard. Barnard's survey of the income and costs of the inspection department were ordered some time ago by board members who believed that building permits costs should be in line with surrounding communities.

Estimated income of the department under the new rates is expected to make the department pay for itself while granting raises to three department employees.

### RELEASE OF township funds to finance deficits of building inspections also is expected to pay the salary of a fourth township policeman hired by the board also Monday night.

New rates will call for a \$7 for the first \$5,000 valuation on residence permits, \$3 for the first \$1,000 on accessory buildings, \$10 for the first \$1,000 on industrial building and \$10 for the first \$1,000 on commercial building.

In addition to these fees, \$1 will be collected for each additional \$1,000 of valuation in all categories.

Inspector Henry Hering's salary was raised from \$4200 to \$4500 and his assistant, William Baker was raised from \$3000 to \$3800. The clerk of the department was given a \$5 a week raise.

### Seek Mobile Radios

Troy township board members have authorized Supervisor Norman Barnard to advertise for bids on two new mobile radio units. One will be used by the water department while the second is asked for the building inspection department.

To buy or sell a used automobile, read and use Eccentric Classified Ads.

### B of E, Troy To Meet

A meeting between the Birmingham school board, city officials and the Troy township board to discuss Derby road drainage problems in Troy just east of the city limits has been set for tonight, Sept. 17, at the board of education building. School officials seek the township's help in solving drainage problems from the site of the proposed Pembroke elementary school.

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