

Southfield Vote Heaviest, Bloomfield Percentage Best



HARRIET DECKER AT PLANE RAMP About to meet self-imposed challenge

Three Injured at Crooks and Maple

TROY—Joseph F. Combs of Detroit was ticketed for running a stop sign after he hit a pickup truck last Thursday at Crooks and Maple. Three persons were hurt.

Blood Donors Sought For August 19

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Blood donors are sought for the Interstate Red Cross Bloodmobile on August 19.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY: GLEN SHOEMAKER. Franklin Village trustee while discussing the creation of a village police department.

Walnut Lake Fire Dept. Open House Shows Equipment

WALNUT LAKE—On August 1 the fire department held demonstrations at clubhouse 1 and Clubhouse 2 to show the public the new rescuatoor which has been purchased by the West Bloomfield Fire Department for this section.

THERE WILL BE NO direct solicitation—all residents of the area interested in contributing are asked to contact William Unsworth, treasurer, 2136 Eastman.

Sees New York City From a Wheel Chair

By VIRGINIA DETWILER Staff Correspondent

SOUTHFIELD.—"Doing the town" in New York is generally an event to anticipate with pleasure, but for Harriet Decker, of Bedford road, Beverly Hills, it also presented a challenge.

She returned from the big city recently after successfully completing the mission she had set her heart on: to fly to New York City, and be completely on her own—dependent on no one for one week.

FOR AWHILE, it appeared Miss Decker's trip was doomed before it began. The airlines require all passengers to be able to walk aboard the plane.

Northwest Airlines came to her rescue by offering to take her if someone would be at the airport to put her on, and to help her off the plane.

FROM THEN ON, it was smooth sailing. Her father, Dr. H. G. Decker, helped her aboard the plane here.

When a tailwind helped Miss Decker's plane get into New York ahead of schedule, she waited calmly in the plane for 20 minutes before her friends appeared.

She deliberately made no plans ahead of time. She checked in at the Waldorf, and called her aunts to arrange visits at some time during her stay.

Then followed an evening at the Starlight Roof, where she met band leader Freddy Martin, and another evening at the Stork club.

MISS DECKER found New York taxi drivers very adept at getting her chair in and out of their cabs. Waters, doormen and bellhops very nearly fell over themselves trying to be helpful.

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Klinger Retires After 35 Years At General Motors

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Retirement of Harry J. Klinger, Cranbrook road, Bloomfield Hills, vice president of General Motors and group executive in charge of the passenger car divisions, was announced this week by GM President Harlow H. Curtis.

Klinger also retires as a director of General Motors and as a member of its Operations Policy and Administration Committees.

Klinger's retirement, effective July 31, follows a career of more than 35 years as a General Motors executive, including 12 years as a vice president.

AS GROUP executive in charge of the passenger car divisions since January 1, 1951, Klinger supervised the operations of GM's Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick, and Cadillac Divisions. Until recently, the group also included the GMC Truck & Coach Division.

He was named a vice president on January 5, 1942, and elected to the Board of Directors on December 4, 1950.

From October 23, 1933, until his appointment as a group executive Klinger was general manager of the Pontiac Motor Division.

KLINGLER JOINED GENERAL MOTORS in 1919 with the sales organization of the Delco Light Company at Dayton, Ohio. In 1924 he joined the Chevrolet Division as manager of the St. Louis zone and in 1937 he became vice president of Chevrolet in charge of sales.

He became a well known in Pontiac for his civic as well as his business leadership. He headed Community Chest drives and helped to organize the United Fund Campaign.

In his home community, Bloomfield Hills, Klinger has served four terms as mayor and now is police commissioner on the city commission.

A 1912 graduate of the University of Michigan, Klinger served a year overseas during World War I as an infantry officer.

He and Mrs. Klinger currently are on a vacation trip to Alaska.

Would Split Costs Of Plant Appraisal

While city commissioners prefer to wait until City Manager Donald C. Egbert returns from vacation to explain the proposed basis for Bloomfield township's payment for sewage treatment, City Engineer L. R. Gare will proceed with negotiations with the township to order an appraisal of the city's treatment plant.

Gare reported to commissioners Monday night that the engineering firm of Myers, Lewis, Norris and May had estimated that it would cost between \$1,000 and \$1,500 to appraise and would take 30 days to accomplish.

City officials explained that the appraisal costs with the township paying for the study. Gare was instructed to contact the township for its approval of the costs before ordering the appraisal.

WHEN CONTACTED Tuesday, Bloomfield Supervisor David E. Anderson stated that he would call a special meeting of the board if contacted early enough by Gare. Otherwise, the matter will come before the board at Monday night's regular meeting.

Some confusion resulted among commissioners over the share of costs to be borne by the township once the appraisal had determined the value of the present plant.

Commissioner Dean G. Beier said that once the ratio of the city's sewerage to that of the township was ascertained, the township should buy into the plant on the basis of this ratio.

Commissioner Vincent B. Watkins said he thought that the township was to be in on the rate basis and pay further for all plant additions.

He was pleased from this thought and suggested that the township pay all additions to the plant except an equity in the plant.

Finally, Watkins asked that the matter be deferred until Egbert's return.

Boy on Motor Bike Injured Monday

TROY—A boy on a motor bike was struck by a car early Monday at Sixteen mile and Helene.

Gen. Weldon B. of 646 Lowery, was treated for cuts and bruises at St. Joseph Mercy hospital. The boy was taken to the hospital by George Pope, 44, of 71 Aspinwall.

The boy was ticketed for not having an operator's license.

State Favorites Backed

By NORMAN DOUGLAS

Near normal turnouts at area polling places resulted in few defeats of political favorites, but bonding proposals in both Oakland county and Troy township were defeated by the electorate.

While Southfield township turned out the heaviest number of voters in local balloting, Bloomfield township boasts the best percentage of registered voters. Out of 1083 registered, 1271 voters were present at the polls, or 32 per cent of those registered in Bloomfield.

Results in Bloomfield Hills, Lathrup and Southfield, Bloomfield and Troy townships, gave Donald S. Lathrup a wide margin for his bid for nomination as governor on the Republican ticket. Totals for these communities gave Leonard 2663 votes to 614 for Owen J. Cleary, his nearest competitor.

DEMOCRATS in this area gave Gov. G. Dennen Williams, unopposed Democrat, 1739 votes. While Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield township elected incumbent bonds and an increase of taxes for a new county building, Southfield, Lathrup and Troy all defeated the proposal.

Troy backed the proposition by a 519 to 442 vote on the bond increase question. Lathrup defeated it 133 to 104 and Southfield downed it 762 to 486.

Bloomfield township voters approved the increase by a 528 to 289 vote and in Bloomfield Hills the question carried 190 to 129.

THE SAME fate was met by a millage increase proposal to build a third fire station in Troy.

There, 307 votes were cast against the millage increase while 270 supported the move.

The proposal to issue bonds for the additional fire protection also failed by a 422 to 345 vote.

Bloomfield Hills turned out 80 per cent of its qualified electors, while Lathrup followed with 27 per cent of its qualified electors.

One of the few contests for candidates in the county level saw area voters join with electors county-wide to elect Police Chief Frank Irons for county sheriff, defeating incumbent Clarence Hubbell on the Republican slate.

THE FIVE towns gave 3,009 votes to Itona and 2585 to Hubbell.

Area voters gave Philip A. Hart of Birmingham the nod for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor over his opponent George B. Fitzgerald, but Republican majorities carried Republican Clarence A. Reid over Hart's total.

Locally, 839 ballots were cast for Black Mould, Democratic U. S. Senator candidate who died recently.

William S. Broomfield was boosted Tuesday for Republican nomination for congressman with a total of 1905 votes. Fred Elias was supported by Democrats for this post in the fund.

BIRMINGHAM'S entry for election to the third district's state representative seat on the Republican ticket, Richard C. VanDusen, gained approval locally with a total of 1905 votes.

On the county level, voters backed all incumbent officers by wide margins.

Action Deferred On Settlement

LATHRUP—City councilmen voted to defer action on Southfield township's final settlement Monday night.

The council was expected to discuss acceptance of the \$5,650.57 check from Southfield as an informal settlement of the settlement with the township.

Still a question in city officials' minds is the \$5,650 deduction made from the township's reserve fund to show an actual expenditure of this money, then the city should accept the settlement.

"Upon checking with the township, I find that their employees are on a higher salary and the vacation pay is computed as salary," Reed said.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY: THOMAS REED, Lathrup Village city councilman, discussing the settlement with the township.

Members of Southfield Kiwanis club will perform their final act Sunday when at 2:30 p.m. a formal dedication is held.

Southfield officials, area clergymen and Kiwanis dignitaries have been invited to take part in the programming.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE VAUGHAN SCHOOL ADDITION Nears completion deadline of August 30 (Eccentric Photo)

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—It appears the estimated \$22,000 addition to the Vaughan school will be ready when school resumes in September.

THIS IS because the building will be heated but has no provisions for mechanical ventilation.

Youth Shelter To Be Dedicated

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