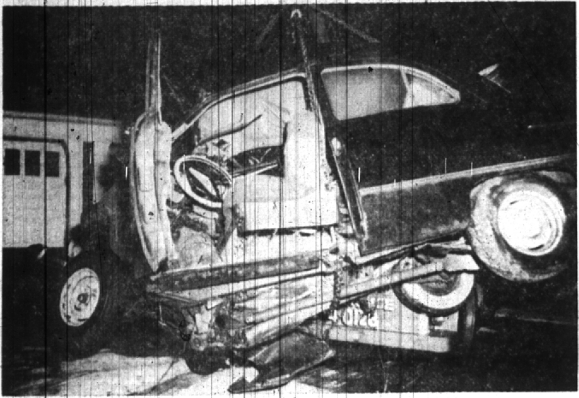


Most communities try to keep their road surfaces clean of trash and rubbish. Local ordinances are passed and police enforce them. But don't overlook us to keep our minds as free from trash and rubbish as we do our own yards.



ALTHOUGH HIS CAR was demolished last Friday night when it crashed into a tree on Woodward near Cranbrook, Thurman Douglas was reported in good condition in St. Joseph hospital, Pontiac. The 31-year-old Pontiac resident apparently lost control of the vehicle, police said. He suffered head and eye injuries in the crash. (Eccentric Photo)



## James B. Wood, Former Township Supervisor Dead

James Bateman Wood, 69, former Southfield township supervisor, and native of Franklin, died December 20, in Onaway Hospital, Onaway, Mich., after a prolonged illness.

He was the brother of Bert D. Wood, Franklin businessman.

Born October 3, 1885, on the present site of the Franklin Hill Country Club, Mr. Wood held the township clerk's post as well as serving a term as supervisor in the late 1920's.

He also served as secretary of a group of citizens who were instrumental in the construction of Northwestern highway through Southfield.

At the time of his death Mr. Wood was supervisor of the Black River ranch near Onaway where he was also a justice of the peace, board of commerce secretary, and worked in conjunction with the state's conservation department.

A MEMBER of the Franklin Community church, he was a Mason, a member of the Onaway Lodge club and a life member of the Birmingham Oddfellows.

He was a graduate of the Pontiac Commercial Institute. Surviving with his brother are his wife, Virginia Nichols Wood; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Rickmore of Pontiac; and two grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, at the Bell Chapel of the William E. Hamilton company with burial at the Franklin cemetery.

## Southwest Part Of County Asks Disposal Study

SOUTHFIELD — Still another sewage disposal authority is shaping up in South Oakland county. Representatives of Southfield, Farmington, West Bloomfield, Novi and Waterford townships met at the Farmington municipal building Thursday, Dec. 16, to discuss creation of a drainage district of the southwest portion of the county.

For Southfield, this second project adds only confusion at this point as township officials are busy preparing an informative publicity campaign to sell construction of the Evergreen Drainage District's interceptor sewer proposed to serve most of Southfield.

With the help of Drain Commissioner Ralph A. Main, officers will attempt to create a district to ultimately drain either into the Detroit system or into the Clinton river.

REPRESENTATIVES hope to get to the tremendous task of arriving at cost figures and solving the financing picture soon after the first of the new year.

Actually, the so-called Southwest Oakland county sewage disposal authority would only serve the southwest corner of Southfield, or property within the Hazel drain area.

This drain is considered inadequate to serve the population of the area and repeated breakdowns of the system have long been a headache to township officials.

Earlier plans did not include Waterford township, but rapidly growing population counts in the township have led county heads to believe that an immediate need for disposal facilities in the area make the township's inclusion in the authority a recommended action.

## Engineers Elect Fox As President

Marion Fox, 355 Henrietta, Birmingham, was elected president of the Oakland County Engineering Society at the annual meeting December 14, at the Consumers Power company building in Royal Oak.

Harold H. Corson, 979 Chesternut, was the recipient of a life membership in the society at the meeting with Murray (Pat) VanWagoner, 175 Abbey, making the presentation and other charter members assisting.

Other officers for 1955 are Donald E. King, Pontiac, first vice-president; Floyd Vermette, Pontiac, second vice-president; Jesse Medlen, Orionville, junior director; James B. Haynes, 29291 Telegraph, Southfield, township secretary; and Roy F. Goodspeed, Ferndale, treasurer.

## Dog Bite Alarms School Officials

LATHRUP—School officials at the Lathrup elementary school are keeping their eyes open for a black, short-haired dog with a stubby tail that pulled a third grade student to the ground and bit her on the wrist.

Snyder, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilson, 27640 Morningside, was bitten by the unidentified dog during lunch hour Friday on the school's playground.

The incident renewed efforts of school administrators who ask residents to keep family pets away from school playgrounds.

If the dog can be found and impounded for the necessary period, the child may escape the painful anti-rabies serum shots.

## Preliminary Interceptor Plans Pushed By Authority Members

An attempt to raise \$30,000 for initial engineering work on the Evergreen Drainage District's interceptor sewer will be made in each of the member communities, authority members agreed last Friday.

Meeting in Birmingham city hall, representatives from the city, Bloomfield Hills, Lathrup and Bloomfield, Southfield and Troy townships learned that it would cost \$28,000 for the primary construction plans for the giant drain.

Engineers who have been chosen to work with the Oakland County drain commission on the project are Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. Birmingham city commissioners were the first to approve the advance when they voted to loan the authority \$3,000 Monday night.

MEMBERS of the authority have agreed to proceed on the planning of the interceptor as quickly as possible instead of laying the project to learn action to be taken by the state Water Resources Commission at its January 19-20 meeting in Detroit.

The commission stands ready to refer the case to a River Rouge Pollution Control Board. If this is accomplished, all areas cited for pollution may find themselves faced with court action to abate further contamination.

The area missed the opportunity to escape final action of the commission when Southfield township voters rejected a millage increase to finance construction of the sewer in the November 2 general election.

SOUTHFIELD officials plan to re-submit the question in the township primary, February 21, 1955.

After reading the report from the consulting engineers, Drain Commissioner Ralph A. Main asked that his office be assured of at least \$10,000 to start the interceptor's plan for 1955.

Advances from member communities, if approved, will be merely loans made to the authority to be paid back once bonds are sold for the interceptor's construction.

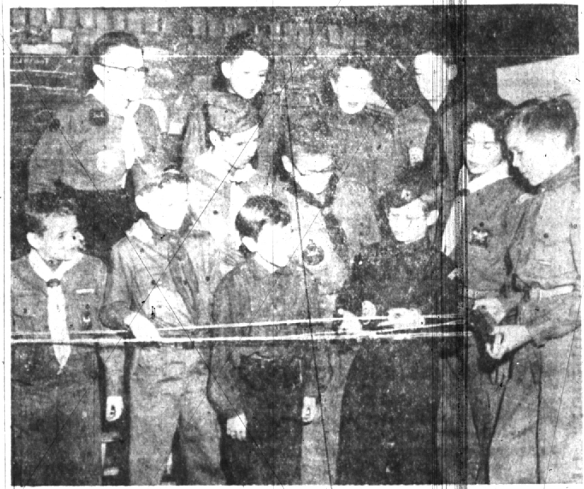
Communities will pay on the same basis as their use percentages of the interceptor. Southfield's largest potential user would pay \$18,702 of the \$30,000. Bloomfield township's share is the next highest at \$3,309. Birmingham's bill would be \$3,102; Lathrup—\$1,966; Bloomfield Hills—\$1,029; and Troy—\$1,233.

COMMUNITY representatives will now ask approval of these advances from their local governing boards.

Authority members also agreed to ask the engineering firm to re-submit the letter on contract costs to include an escape clause under which the drain commission could at any time prior to July 1, 1955, halt engineering work and pay the firm only for services rendered up to the time of the contract's cancellation.



A 31-YEAR-OLD WALNUT LAKE woman perished last Wednesday afternoon in a fire that gutted her home at 5735 Putnam drive. Mrs. Ruth Muir, mother of four boys, who was alone in the house at the time of the fire, died of suffocation as flames spread from the living room of the one-story home and swept through the house. West Bloomfield township Fire Chief Ben Washier stated that the fire had apparently started in a living room couch and had a good start by the time firemen arrived. Two of Mrs. Muir's sons, Richard, 12, and James, 6, were attending school at the time of the blaze. Two other sons are living with Mrs. Muir's former husbands. The Walnut Lake Women's club immediately sent out a plea for clothing for the Muir children and were gratified by the results of their call. (Eccentric Photo)



SENIOR PATROL LEADER Sig Snyder demonstrates the "how" of making rope to a new member, Johnny Bice, while other Scouts of Troop B-25 look on. Left to right at the top are: Harvey Croze, Jr., John Sikorsky, Don Wineman, Ken Senteny. Second row—Dean Laffer, Bob Southard, Doug Price. Front row—Bill Merrill, Tom Bromley, Bice, Snyder and Tim Casey. The Cranbrook-sponsored troop recently completed its biggest money-making campaign through the sale of Christmas wreaths. The money will be used to purchase new troop equipment. A Christmas party and skating party on the Cranbrook estate are activities planned for the near future.

## LOCAL MERCHANTS ASK YOUR CO-OPERATION

If it is necessary for you to exchange a Christmas Gift in any store, please do so by January 3rd

In some cases because givers did not have correct information as to size or some other detail, exchange may be necessary.

Please note that no exchanges of Christmas Gifts can be made after January 3rd, 1955

Abuse of the exchange and return privilege can cause a great deal of unwarranted expense. Therefore, as a matter of assistance to the merchants of Birmingham who wish to continue to make this service available to you, we ask your co-operation.

Birmingham Chamber of Commerce

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