

There are many leaders for the abundant life in the federal government who, in their own lives and living, are unwilling to sacrifice their personal pleasures and comforts. Some of the most ardent radicals may be seen in the restaurants, bars, and the gayest of cocktail bars; they are hypocrites.

Area UF Drive Hits Record High Every Goal Exceeded In \$93,000 Collection

Rising to the call of the 1954 United Fund Torch drive, area communities joined to boost the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area to the top spot among Detroit metropolitan area districts by counting the greatest percentage increase in collections.

Standing communities include Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Village, Beverly Hills, Farmington Hills, Franklin, Wauwat Lake, Grosse Pointe Woods, Wauwat Lake and North Adams. The total for the area was \$93,000, an increase of 100 percent over the \$46,500 collected last year.

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THIS EASTERN HILLS apparently is pressing the Christmas season for flower honors during the Yuletide season. Mrs. E. Foster gift finished blooming. Mrs. John Allen, Jr., 17475 Dunblaine, Beverly Hills, placed the bulb in her garden. The extended warm autumn sun must have perked up the plant for now the Allen could enjoy the blooms at the Thanksgiving table. (Eccentric Photo)

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While receiving what they believed was a reasonable amount of rubbish collection, councilmen also questioned whether it would be more economical to use the route for the rubbish collections and seek a handyman who could perform these village services.

Board member and road commissioner Win Hinman reported that most private contractors he had approached recommended that the village do all the routine road grading and small road repairs and save major repair programs for a contractual basis.

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The Bureau of Research and Service of Michigan State College was authorized by the board to begin an intensive survey of the school system, involving present curriculum, teacher accreditation, future expansion needs and general performance of the system.

THE OAKLAND County road commission's agreement to maintain village roads during the winter period will end at the close of this year.

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More Study Asked On Traffic Lanes

FRANKLIN—Traffic study will be given the highest priority by the next council meeting, board members decided Monday night.

Board member Harry Rottiers suggested that the study be limited to the streets between the city and the school, but pointed out that this low cost was possible only because the original plan for the building, from expansion, and utility lines and other architectural features had been provided for in the plans.

9606th Reservists Seek Blood Donors

Members of the 9606th Air Reserve Squadron have asked North Woodward area residents to participate in the unit's annual blood drive at the C. O. G. elementary school, Ferndale, Monday, Nov. 22.

Final payment for the four room addition to Vaughan school was authorized by the board on Monday night.

Animal Rescue League Opening Pontiac Store

To help further the work of the Michigan Animal Rescue League, Inc., Pontiac, members will open a store for November 20 at 227 Oakland, Pontiac.

The store will be the latest addition to the league's work in the state. It is expected to be a success.

Wauwat Lake

A substantial increase in collections for the Wauwat Lake area from the 1953 drive to the 1954 drive was reported by Mrs. E. Foster, chairman of the drive there.

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SO\$1,800,000 INCINERATOR NEAR READY FOR OPERATION Building is located on former Royal Oak township dump

Incinerator Completion Symbol of Cooperation

Nearly three years ago city managers from 10 cities in South Oakland county spent two days in Cleveland, Ohio inspecting the operations of two of the city's incinerators.

The early December, 1951 journey was to gain the necessary background for probably one of the most tremendous selling jobs area city administrators have ever been confronted with.

They had to sell an incinerator and they had to sell the idea as quickly as possible. The preview of the South Oakland county garbage and rubbish incinerator in Royal Oak township last week emphasized to the writer the fact that no project is impossible in the north suburban communities when effort and cooperation are backed by all municipalities concerned.

THROUGHOUT the early days of planning for the joint incinerator authority, the question of location for the giant building plagued city managers.

Published opposition to the operation of Detroit's coal-fired incinerators threatened to block all attempts to locate the needed destructor.

But the job had to be done. Several cities were being closed because of their nuisance and hazard to health.

Thorough study of the disposal problem convinced authority members that the only economical answer to their disposal needs was through incineration and further reviews of modern incineration supports their belief that the job

Mrs. Clark Green Dies After Illness

Mrs. Anna Margaret Green, wife of Bloomfield Township Police Chief Clark J. Green, died Nov. 11 in St. Joseph Mercy hospital, following a prolonged illness.

Mrs. Green, 50, lived at 4200 Telegraph road, Bloomfield township. She was born July 11, 1894, and was married to Chief Clark J. Green in 1923. Mrs. Green lived in the Birmingham area for 32 years.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons, C. James Green of Sylvan Lake and Robert A. Green of Pontiac; three daughters, Mrs. Charles F. Wimmer of Akron, Ohio, Nancy Green of Birmingham and Patricia Green at home; four grandchildren; a brother, Clarence Hays of Detroit; and two sisters, Mrs. Marie Tompkins and Mrs. Edward Phinzer, both of Detroit.

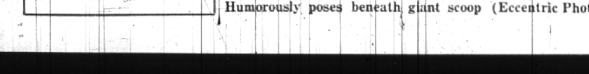
Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Bell chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton company. Burial was in White Chapel cemetery.

EARLY COPY NEXT WEEK PLEASE

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, The Eccentric will necessarily be mailed one day earlier next week.

All news and advertising deadlines for the next issue have been advanced 24 hours.

Please help us by submitting copy early.



INCINERATOR MANAGER GEORGE SCHMID Humorously poses beneath giant scoop (Eccentric Photos)

COUNCILMAN Harry Rottiers suggested that the council first investigate housing conditions, and estimated costs of truck maintenance, insurance and suggested that the city consider a trucking action on what was termed the "do-it-yourself" road maintenance program.

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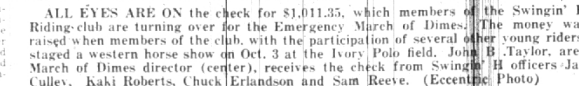
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ALL EYES ARE ON the check for \$1,011.35, which members of the Swingin' H Riding-club are turning over for the Emergency March of Dimes. The money was raised when members of the club, with the participation of several other young riders, staged a Western horse show on Oct. 3 at the Ivory Polo Field, Oak Park. B. Taylor, area March of Dimes director (center) receives the check from Swingin' H officers Jan Culley, Kiki Roberts, Chuck Erlanson and Sam Reeve. (Eccentric Photo)