

It may surprise many people to learn that a major portion of the things that are done in Birmingham are done by themselves, manifest quite often. Wouldn't you, then, be better off if you could do the things that are done by them to eliminate them from our actions?

Furr Caterpillars May Sweat It Out . .

CRANBROOK—Weather prophet season is here again. Nature mystics are measuring the woolly caterpillar, listening to cricket music, sighting the height of horned nests, and fingering animal fur—all to determine how severe the coming winter will be.

Among the many puzzles of nature that have long interested Walter P. Nickell, naturalist of Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills, one of the most mysterious to him is the human mind that considers itself inferior to a woolly caterpillar.

The woolly caterpillar is mostly black, with a brownish stripe circling its center.

According to the prophets, this creature anticipates weather conditions several months in advance and narrows the stripe to denote a severe season ahead. It seldom predicts mild winters.

Hornets are supposed to build nests extra high to avoid deep snows. Since queen hornets select their sites only in the spring, forecasting is necessarily long-range.

Actually, Nickell points out, the theory is that if a hibernating animal retires early, he's getting ready for hard months ahead. Mr. Nickell observes, however, that the caterpillar often hies his early after a summer of good feeding. And many of them are living in the winter again several times during late Autumn.

CRICKETS, or other music-making insects, are supposed to indicate the severity of the season by ceasing their noise early in the fall. These insects actually vary their song according to immediate temperature and light conditions. During cool nights they may not sing at all, but quickly resume as warmth returns, until they are finally killed by the first frosts.

While refusing to make predictions, Nickell expects a generally mild winter in Michigan because the state's vast water areas tend to store warmth from the summer and there were about twice as many hot, sunny days, this summer than usual. But, he hastens to add, this circumstance does not prevent Arctic air masses from moving in. And that's why he's less confident than the woolly caterpillar.

Students' Status Cleared By Board

SOUTHFIELD—The board of education Monday night was confronted with a problem of four students who had been expelled from the township school system.

All of the four are attending school but should not be here because expelled on Sept. 8.

The first case concerns two children enrolled in the third and eighth grades. They are staying with township in a private school and attempting to secure legal custody of the children from their parents who are living in California.

The second case concerns a high school student from northern Michigan who is residing with an aunt and wants to continue school here rather than return to her parents in northern Michigan.

The third case concerns a senior girl student whose parents have been called to the state and she should return to her parents and attend school there.

The developer proposes single family residences on lots 100 to 120 feet.

The company's plat was tabled for future study Monday night by the township board of supervisors.

Names Zone Board

BLOOMFIELD—Oakland County Probate Judge A. E. Moore of the re-appointed board members and named one new member to serve four-year terms each on the township zone board. They are Frank Grundt for a second term; Mrs. Elizabeth Dowling, one of the original zone board members; Edward E. Erlandson, and Gardner Vose, new member to replace Ed Lauckner, who resigned.

Liquor Sale Gains Prompt Board Action

FRANKLIN—Board members were confronted with questions concerning sale of packaged liquor and liquor by the glass Monday night.

After calling a public hearing on a request for an SDD (package liquor) license for Monday night's meeting, board members approved the application of John A. Showers for the license at his grocery store, 32770 Franklin road.

The vote, however was close with President Harold Roseberry casting the deciding vote against rejection of the license. In the vote voting, Board members Win Hinman, Homer Hyde and Harry Rottiers favored rejection of the request but the question was deadlocked when Trustees Glen Shoemaker, Robert Mitchell and Wendell Smith opposed the denial.

HUMOROUSLY commenting on his being "put over the barrel", Roseberry chose to go along with a recommendation to the state liquor control commission that the liquor license be granted.

Only Bert Wood, 32658 Franklin road, was present to voice opposition to the license while comments from board members both pro and con could not give the board any real sample of resident opinion.

Probably of more importance was the board's decision to submit to the state liquor control commission by the glass on the next election prescribed by law.

MEANWHILE, the state has lifted the liquor license of Rosemond Hills Inn, 30230 Inkster, until residents vote on the matter.

Joseph Masters, owner of Rosemond Hills, was present to plead for village approval of a new beer and wine license and a recommendation for the board to the state commission asking that the liquor license be continued until the vote.

Masters was given both consideration by the board but no one could give Masters any assurance that the state would approve continuation of the liquor operation.

Masters explained that the license was paid for up to May 1, 1955.

Williams To Head Democratic Rally

Governor G. Mennen Williams will top the list of Democratic candidates speaking at the Oakland County Democratic rally Oct. 22, in Pontiac.

Before the speeches by the Governor, Pat McNamara, candidate for the United States Senate; and J. L. Governor nominee, Philip A. Hart, thirty-four volunteer actors will share the limelight in the presentation of "The Polly of Fifty-Two." The Polly is a political satire with original lyrics by Mrs. Morris Arnowitz of Oak Park, who is also director.

The rally, sponsored by the Oakland County Democratic Committee, provides a last minute push for party workers and followers to get out the vote in Michigan's second largest county.

It will take place in Pontiac High School auditorium at 8:30 p.m. This is the first time in county history that such a large production has been attempted by party faithfuls. Musical background will be provided by Emil Surt and his group.



SIGNING PAPERS OF ownership to property at Walnut Lake to be used as the site for a community building are, left to right, Mrs. Frank C. Morton, president of the Walnut Lake Woman's Club; Mrs. Parker Rockwell, chairman of the building committee; and Mrs. Harry Bosard, vice-president of the Club. It has been the aim of the Walnut Lake Woman's Club since its beginning in 1948 to erect a building for community use, and the first step has now been accomplished with the signing of the papers taking deed to the property on Daintree street, in Herndon's Walnut Lake Estates subdivision. Now that the property has been purchased, activity money will go into a building fund for the eventual construction of a community house. (Ecceentric Photo)

Thefts, Vandalism Cranbrook Boards Fill Police Book

BLOOMFIELD—It was a busy weekend for township police. Thieves were busy early Saturday morning breaking into a dry cleaning store and a truck containing alcoholic beverages.

About 3 p.m. the same day, vandalism by three boys, ages six, seven, and nine, resulted in \$100 in damages. Parents of the boys who upset a wet cement floor at the site of a new home under construction next door to 313 "Bene" drive—agreed to make restitution.

Police Chief Clark Green said \$200 in cash and an unknown number of jackknives were taken from Tom's Hardware & Sporting Goods, 1751 Orchard Lake avenue. Next door about \$10 in quarters was taken from Sylvan Cleaners, 1741 Orchard Lake.

Around the corner on west side of Telegraph road, the culprits broke a padlock to enter a truck belonging to Smith Beverage company, 1963 Telegraph. Green believed the thieves were frightened away because full cases of alcoholic beverages were untouched. Employees were placed nearest the door.

Army Enlistments Cut To Two Years

The minimum army enlistment period, heretofore three years, was reduced to a two year period this week.

Effective Monday, the Michigan military district authorized the U. S. Army recruiting station for the Birmingham area, located in downtown Royal Oak, to enlist an unlimited number of men for two year tours of duty. Sgt. M. J. O'Brien announced.

Further information concerning the two year enlistments is available at the army's recruiting station located at 315 W. Sixth in Royal Oak. Master Sgt. P. A. Benkowsky is the recruiting officer. O'Brien announced.

Dinner Meeting Fetes Volunteers

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE—Fire Chiefs from five departments met at a dinner meeting at Kingsley Inn honoring members of the Bloomfield Village Volunteer firemen on Oct. 4.

The firemen were guests of the Bloomfield Village Protective Assn., which annually entertains the group.

Chiefs present included Vern W. Griffith of the Birmingham department, Burton Bartholomew of Bloomfield Hills, Bonning Vetrain of Cranbrook, Ralph Hemley of Bloomfield township, and J. Wagnon of Bloomfield Village.

Among others attending were John Bradley, Detroit subdivision developer, Dave Anderson, township supervisor, and Arnold I. Hewitt, township treasurer. Jack Harmon, president of the Protective Assn., was host.

Franklin, Southfield Near Money Settlement

Board of Appeals OKs Construction Of Grade School

SOUTHFIELD—The board of education received the green light Monday night at a called meeting of the township board of appeals to proceed with plans to build a new elementary school on Nine Mile without objection by abutting property owners.

The school board has awaited the decision of the appeals board since August 9.

The delay was caused by a restrictive ordinance in the township zoning ordinance approved in 1946 but heretofore not enforced.

The township ordinance is unlike all others in the Birmingham area as well as in the city of Detroit in its restriction governing schools.

THE CLAUSE restricts the location of school, churches, and all public services in residential areas. It provides that abutting property owners within 100 feet of the proposed site have the opportunity to object.

Should objection be raised by as many as 20 per cent of the property owners, then the unanimous approval of the appeals board is required to override. Otherwise a majority approval would suffice.

At its August 9 meeting the township board agreed to make a decision when the school board had notified the abutting property owners by registered mail at least 15 days prior to the appeals board action originally scheduled in September.

AT ITS AUGUST 9 meeting the appeals board instructed the school board to notify 11 abutting property owners by registered mail 15 days prior to Oct. 5, when the group was due to act on the school board's request to build.

Last week's meeting was postponed until Oct. 21 because a quorum could not attend. This week's session was a special one.

The 5 1/2 acre site is located on the south side of the 19000 block on Nine Mile.

The school board has approximately \$200,000 left of the original \$1,600,000 school bond issue authorized by the voters of June, 1953—to finance the new school building and site.

The board called a meeting for Oct. 18 to discuss building plans for the new school.

FRANKLIN—The first meeting of the new village's board of appeals to be held Tuesday, Oct. 26, will concern a use permit to construct a sub-station on the north-west corner of Telegraph road and Thirteenth Mile. Edison seeks to have appeal board approval to build the station on residentially zoned property.

'54 Tax Spread BLOOMFIELD—The township board of supervisors Monday night approved a tax spread of \$1,000 on property for 1954 evaluation for the 1954 township operating fund. This is four cents less than last year. The township's fiscal year began April 1 and ends March 30, 1955.

FRANKLIN—With settlement talks less than two months underway the township and new village appear near an immediate agreement on funds owed to the village since incorporation of the area November 6, 1953.

Pass Hunting Ban In New Village, Bloomfield Twp.

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Requests for the drain will now be brought from the residents and submitted to the Oakland County Commission accompanied by \$1,500 check.

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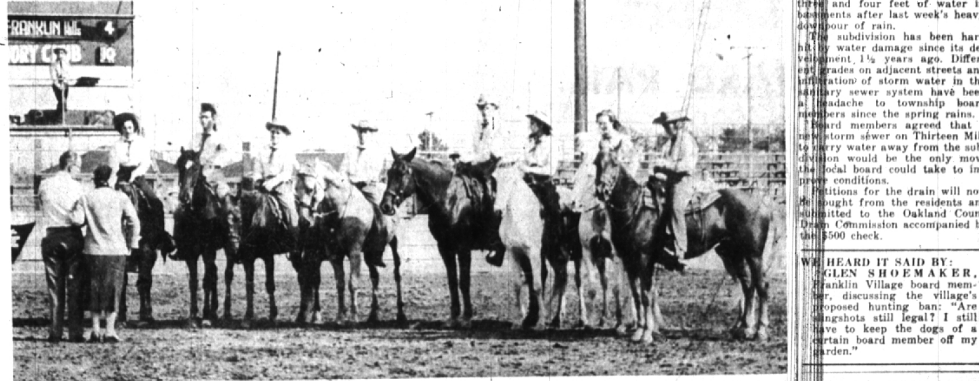
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YOUNG RIDERS pay tribute to their mentor and coach, "Chuck" Hass (rear left) as they present him a special trophy to express their appreciation to him. Shown with Hass are Chuck Erlanson and Kaki Roberts, backs to camera, and at the right Sam Reeve and Jan Culley. Above are members of the semi-dance-horseback team which performed at a recent horse show sponsored by their Swingin' H riders. Nancy Vogelsang, herself a polo vic-

tim, leans from the saddle to accept a plaque dedicated to the team. Others in this group include Jan Culley, Sam Reeve, Chuck Erlanson, Don Dawson, Sally Strebby, Adrienne Erlanson and Kaki Roberts. To date, the group has not turned the complete proceeds of the show which will be turned over to the Emergency March of Dimes. (Ecceentric Photos)

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