

Americans are proud of their right of self-government; they willingly respond to the call to arms to defend their nation against foreign tyrants; but in the days of peace, between wars, too many Americans become civically lazy and allow "domestic tyrants" to take over.

## Lathrup, Troy, Southfield and Bloomfield Voters To Decide On Water, Sewer



DOROTHY HARRIS MARILYN TAYLOR  
Will "help the poor" (Eccentric Photo)

### Winter Recreation Program Underway At Two Schools

**TROY**—First meeting of the township's winter recreational program was held in the high school gymnasium Wednesday of this week.

The 20-week program will offer weekly periods for both boys and girls from ninth graders to those 25 years of age.

The boys began their weekly series Wednesday with basketball, volleyball, gymnastics and other games, according to Recreation Director Roy Larson. The same games will be offered in the girls' program which will start Thursday, Nov. 4, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Stuart K. Baker Junior high.

The boys will meet every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 10 p.m. under Troy High Coach Sam Tasio with the girls meeting Thursday nights with Sallie Buck in charge. While school age participants will be admitted to the program, a separate recreational charge will be made to those over school age.

### Luhrs Appointed To Legion Post

LATHRUP—Herman F. Luhrs, 26776 Meadowbrook Way, Lathrup Village, Birmingham, Michigan was appointed this week as national American Legion commander Southborn Collins, New Mexico, as vice chairman of the national public relations commission for the term ending in the fall of 1955.

Luhrs was appointed to the commission by unanimous approval of the National Executive Committee which held its annual conference in Indianapolis, Ind. recently in conjunction with a meeting of commanders and adjutants from the United States and foreign soil.

His choice of Luhrs—one of 153 Michigan Legionnaires similarly honored—to hold down a key position on the national team is based primarily on the outstanding service and leadership toward furthering Legion principles within his own community and throughout the state of Michigan, said commander Collins.



DR. CHARLES E. IRVIN

### To Elect Officers For District One At Annual Meeting

An important election affecting the area from Bassett to Bloomfield, Inkster Road to DeQuindre will be held tonight, Thursday, at Berkleigh high school—and no politicians will be involved!

The event, scheduled for 8 p.m., is the annual meeting of Boy Scout District One, Detroit area council. Approximately 1,000 adult Scouters and Scout parents will consider nominations and cast their ballots in the election of the executive committee which will guide the affairs of the district in the year to come. Edward E. Wilson, Birmingham, is the president of the district, and will preside at the meeting.

The business part of the meeting will be preceded by a program in which Will H. Connelly, district public relations chairman, will present the annual report and discuss the goals of the Scouting district for 1955.

### Vote to Retain Mail Addresses

**TROY**—Polled by postal authorities in August to see if they wanted the uniform mailing addresses of Troy, Michigan, Troy residents voted overwhelmingly to keep their present mailing addresses, according to W. E. Birdsal, postal inspector.

The area now is served by Royal Oak, Birmingham, Troy and Rochester post offices.

In a report sent to the Bureau of Operations, postal authorities recorded that 75 percent of Troy township residents replied to the survey and most residents were opposed to changing the address because it has served them satisfactorily for many years.

Official notice of the outcome of the poll has not as yet been sent to Sherwood Shaver, postmaster at Troy.

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### Attends Meeting

**BEVERLY HILLS**—Dr. J. Maurice Howlett, 18870 Riverside drive, will be a featured guest speaker tonight at the 27th annual Clinical Assembly of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, which opens in the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Tex., Oct. 31 and runs through Nov. 4. The title of his talk is Anesthesia for Thoracic Surgery.

### Elected Member

Herman G. Kiem, 30529 Bristol Lane, Southfield township, has been elected to membership in the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association at Chicago, announced Secretary Frank Richards, Kiem was one of two purchased Aberdeen-Angus breeders from Michigan elected to membership in the past month.

### 25,558 Electors Ready For Vote

About 25,558 voters will be eligible to cast their ballots in the state general elections next Tuesday in the Bloomfield-Southfield Troy area.

City and township clerks are completing tabulations of the record number of registered voters in preparation for Tuesday's voting rolls.

Southfield township voters books are by far the heaviest in this area with 12,728 registered in the township. Troy has 5,734 eligible for the polls, while Bloomfield township closely follows Troy with 4,500 registered.

In Lathrup Village 1,450 names are on the books and 1,142 names are eligible in Bloomfield Hills.

### Our Mistake

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—It was incorrectly stated in the October 21 issue of The Eccentric that contractors for the new high school in the Bloomfield Hills school district were four months behind building schedule. The Lerner-Linden Construction Co., general contractors actually are only four weeks behind schedule, they point out, because of ground water and wet weather. They hope to make up the lost time within the next three months.

### Appointed Editor Of Law Review

BLOOMFIELD—Edward S. Reid III of 247 Clifton Road has been elected to serve as one of the editors on the Harvard Law Review at the Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Mass.

The Harvard Law Review, organized in 1887, is student-controlled and student-edited. It gives practice and discipline to writing and research organized to deal with every important phase in legal development.

Current developments in decisional law or legislation are subjected to exhaustive research and critical analysis in the student note department.

Reid received the B.A. (1951) from Yale University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. From 1951-53 he was on active duty as a 1st Lt. with the United States Marine Corps Reserve. He is now a second year student at the Law School and is a member of the Lincoln's Inn Society.

### Hiking For B-23

Forty-four boys, most of them accompanied by their fathers, attended the annual Last-Dad hike of Cub Scout Pack B23 held on Saturday, October 23, at the Bowling Green estate. A highlight of the outing was a tug-of-war between two teams of dads and dads. The day's activities were rounded out by a Wiener Roast. T. H. Millington, Jr. was in charge of the program.

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### Evergreen Interceptor District

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### Accaits Award

Edward W. Brehm, Jr., 18250 Devonshire, Beverly Hills, has qualified for the annual meeting of Mutual Benefit's record-keeping first-year agents which will be held November 5-5 at the Hotel St. Moritz in New York City.

### Reckless Driving

BLOOMFIELD HILLS A Detroit driver was fined \$10 plus \$10 costs on a reckless driving count in justice court Oct. 20. He is David Law, 28, who was arrested the same morning.

### Voters in the City of Lathrup Village, Southfield and Troy townships will be confronted with local issues when they go to the polls in the state general elections next Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Lathrup will seek to take over the city's water system to join the South Oakland County water authority. Southfield will ask a tax levy to pay the township's share of the proposed Evergreen Drainage District's interceptor sewer, and Troy voters will decide on a millage increase to finance additional police and fire protection and expansion of the township's recently-created recreation program.

Lathrup has been leasing the water system from subdivision developers for the past few months. The City of Detroit relinquished control of the system.

The SOC water authority has ruled that Lathrup may not become a member of the authority until the city has become the owner of its own water department. The developers have agreed to give the title to the system for the consideration of \$1, but it will take a favorable vote of three-fifths of the voters to accomplish this transfer.

The reason for Southfield's vote to join another project of area communities seeking joint action to answer mutual problems.

Southfield's proposed project, proposed by the Cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, and the townships of Bloomfield and Troy, is expected to cost some \$2 1/2 million.

Southfield, the largest potential in the Rouge river area, must have some means of raising the necessary funds to repay the bonds.

SO THE township is asking a tax rate of \$1 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation as equalized from 1955 through 1949, and \$2 per thousand from 1950 through 1974 to raise the necessary funds.

The increased tax is a must for Southfield if the township is to solve its sewage disposal problems. Southfield, as well as the Cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Lathrup and the townships of Bloomfield and Troy have been ordered by the state to abate pollution in the Rouge river.

The municipalities have joined in a project to build a great sewer line to the City of Detroit.

### Other Proposals

All voters, however, will ballot on the county building proposition and four state amendments.

The county proposal, defeated by electors in the August primary, seeks to increase the county rate of 50 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for a period of 20 years to pay general obligation bonds not to exceed \$4 1/2 million.

The amendments to the state constitution include a change in election laws that would prevent the election of a county clerk who have moved within the state during the 30 day period preceding an election, and an amendment to the sales tax distribution law, state borrowing for the \$80,000,000 Korean War bond, and an amendment to the state lottery question that seeks to legalize lotteries conducted by non-profit making organizations.

### Candidates

National, state and county officers are also at stake.

The contest for U.S. senator, Republican incumbent Homer Ferguson, is the chief contest against Patrick V. McNamara, Democrat.

For the 18th congressional district seat in Washington veteran George A. Donore, Republican, faces Democrat Paul Starnoff.

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The Democratic slate includes Philip A. Hart for lieutenant governor; Thomas M. Ravagnan for a fourth term as general; Sanford A. Brown for treasurer; Victor Targonski for auditor general; Fred Eliza G. Merand, State Treasurer; Lambros for third district representative and Donald L. Swanson for fourth district representative.

On the county level, Democratic candidates and the offices they seek are Robert L. Kitchin, state attorney; George D. Hicks, sheriff; Neil R. Crowe, county clerk; Donald E. Barrett, treasurer; Hazel A. Kuschinsky, register of deeds; and Glen D. Harper, drain commissioner.

### Name City Clerk Candidate For Pension Board

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Robert Stabler, city clerk, is one of two candidates named to fill a position on the state pension board by the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement system. The nomination took place Oct. 20 at a meeting of the group in Lansing.

One of the two candidates will be named to the post by appointment by Gov. G. Mennen Williams. Police Chief Stan Kevern accompanied Stabler to the Lansing meeting.

## Goblins to Seek Aid For Children Abroad

FRANKLIN—Halloween has a new meaning in Franklin this year. The 1953 celebration of this traditional trick or treat night saw youngsters going from door to door, not asking for candies and sweets for themselves, but for pennies to buy things for little war victims.

This year's program promises to be bigger and better with a broader community participation expected.

Under the sponsorship of the Community church, youngsters in all parts of the village will carry little banks, supplied by a dairy company, asking for money for UNICEF. As donations are received the children will leave a pumpkin cut-out on the doorknob so others will not make a second call.

## County Candidates Face TV Cameras

Fourteen Oakland County Republican candidates are going to "sit" on television Sunday night, Oct. 31, from 8:45 to 9:00 on WXYZ-TV. They will appear in a program entitled "The Men Behind the Ballot." It will be a "live" performance, designed to acquaint voters with the many personalities that appear simply as names on an election ballot.

Each candidate will also describe the job he holds or hopes to hold, so that many voters, for the first time, will have a clear picture of the services rendered by such county servants as the register of deeds, commissioner of drains, sheriff or prosecutor.

The script for the show is being written by Will H. Connelly, 1743 Greenfield, public relations chairman of the Oakland County Republican committee, who will also serve as moderator. Director-producer will be Jerry B. McMechan, 501 Pilsbury.

Among local cast members will be Drain Commissioner Ralph A. Main and Richard C. VanNusen, state representative.

## Wildlife Photos Now On Display

CRANBROOK—Fifty color photographs of birds in their natural settings by a leading wildlife photographer will be on public exhibit at the museum of Cranbrook Institute of Science from Oct. 23 to Nov. 15.

The photographer, Eliot Porter, was trained as a scientist and has twice received Guggenheim fellowships for his nature studies. His work has been shown at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, and other museums, and 100 of his pictures illustrate a new book titled "Land Birds of America."

The Institute museum is open free to the public daily from 2 to 5.

## Children of the Intermediate and Junior Departments of the Church School will collect their canisters Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the church and then go to their own neighborhoods for collecting.

At 3 p.m. when the drive ends, all will return to the church for their Halloween party and refreshments.

UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, will receive these contributions and use them to purchase food and clothing for children in need, all over the world. An official release cites the power of a penny saying that for ten cents, UNICEF can buy six glasses of milk for a child in Korea, or ten bowls of rice for one in India.

Of special interest this year is a short UNICEF play, written by Joan Lane of Wing Lake.

Miss Lane has been associated with the United Nations for nearly three years, working with the children's aid division. Her play shows the plight of needy children in all parts of the world, and how other children can help.

## BLM. HILLS—Currently on display in the Art Institute's young designers' exhibit in Akron, Ohio, is the work of Gunnar G. Birckerts, N. Woodward. Birckerts' display consists of two metal and cord chairs and an ottoman. The young designer was born in Latvia 29 years ago. He received his degree in Architecture from the Technische Hochschule in Stuttgart and came to the United States in 1949. He is a practicing architect for Eero Saarinen & Associates, W. Long Lake, who designs furniture in his spare time.

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