

One of life's lamentable facts is that many of us fail to spend every few minutes daily to contemplate properly the eternal things of life...

Local Voters Favor Evergreen Interceptor, Hunting Bans

Ralph Main Reports On John R Sewer

Ralph A. Main, Oakland County drain commissioner, last week took representatives of five communities that Detroit sewer authorities would require money information before they would say how much area a proposed sewer along John R road would serve.

Those interested in such a sanitary sewer are Troy, Avon, Pontiac, Orion and Oakland townships. "We don't know how much of this area can be served by such a sewer until we know how much sewage flow Detroit will be able to handle," Main told township representatives when they met in Pontiac.

MAIN ADDED that Detroit authorities request a composite map of main sewers, which include the John R sewer, the Southeast Oakland County sewer, and the Farmington and Evergreen Interceptor sewers.

From this they would determine about one third of the registered lines from the various trunk lines, how much their system could accommodate, and estimate how much sewage flow they could dispose of from the proposed John R Main.

The John R sewer was originally proposed to relieve areas of Troy, Avon and Pontiac townships, according to Norman Barnard, Troy township supervisor, who originated the idea.

INVITATIONS to Orion and Oakland townships to benefit from the sewer will be extended if Detroit authorities agree they can treat the additional flow. The sewer would be for sanitary flow only.

Next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the Oakland County Annex building April 20, Barnard said.

Best Floral Gardens Won By Local Men

Three area landscapers, all living within a two mile radius of each other in Southfield township, won the annual flower show at Detroit's State Fair Coliseum.

HARTMAN took first prize of \$1,000 by edging his two competitors by a total of only three votes.

Franklin Adopts 1955-56 Budget

FRANKLIN - Village council Tuesday night adopted the 1955-56 budget which was set at \$14,200, but turned down a request by volunteer firefighters for a \$500 increase.

Tinkering With Radios Is Hobby Of Franklin Road Boy

Ever since Bill Springer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Springer, Franklin road, was four years old, he has been fascinated by electrical devices. At this tender age, he didn't seem to care for the regular childhood toys but preferred a couple of batteries, wires and a bulb or two to light.

YOUTHFUL HAM OPERATOR PRACTICES CODE

Bill Springer (above) is radio expert at age 9. (Eccentric Photo)

Hills Voters Make 5 Charter Changes

HILL HILLS - Voters here Monday voted favorably on all five City Charter amendments as well as the four state proposals.

VOTERS okayed the following amendments to the city charter: Section 4 and 5 of chapter 4 was amended to move forward two weeks the last day for filing nominations...

SECTIONS one and three of chapter nine was amended to change the date for the completion of the assessment roll from the first Saturday in May to the first Monday in March...

SECTION 6 of Chapter 14 was amended to permit the city to grant an irrevocable franchise for water mains, sewers or drains, if not granted to a private person...

Begin Engineering On 12-Town Branch

Ralph A. Main, Oakland County drain commissioner, Tuesday signed a \$100,000 contract with Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Birmingham, to begin engineering study of the Middle River, the 12-Town Drain.

Cadet Promoted

LATHRUP - Manita G. Shaver of 1925 W. 12 Mile road was recently promoted to cadet first lieutenant in the Army ROTC at Michigan College of Mining and Technology. The promotion was announced by the commanding officer of Army ROTC at Detroit, Shaver, is senior at Tech, is majoring in chemical engineering.

My Neighbors - A cartoon illustration showing a man and a woman talking. The man says: "Here—maybe you can find my driver's license. I can't see a thing without my glasses!"

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Balloting Light Except In Troy Lathrup

Despite good weather Monday voters locally were conspicuous by their absence from the polls. About one in every four registered voters balloted.

IN Southfield, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, voters cleared the last blocks in the township of the Evergreen Interceptor Sewer.

SOUTHFIELD - A proposal which calls for a 2 mill tax for 20 years to support the Interceptor, as well as a system of trunking sewers and sewer runs, of the 12,829 registered voters, 4,200 cast ballots.

IN Southfield and Bloomfield township balloting was favored by an 8 to 1 vote. Of about 6,000 voters in Troy township, 3,027 cast ballots, which favored the incumbent Republican candidate by a narrow 200-to-300 vote margin.

NORMAN R. BARNARD, supervisor, called off about 1,630, to defeat Democratic candidate, Roy L. Duncan who gathered 1,145 ballots.

LATHRUP - Muncie up to pre-election predictions with a heavy turnout of voters by intra-council feud and the people's desire for an immediate zoning ordinance.

INCUMBENT Republicans in Southfield swam in Democratic opposition. Winning Southfield Democrats (umping 3,027 votes) were J. Skowron, with 1,324 votes for constable, and Edward A. Elsrrell, who polled 1,308 votes to gain the justice of the peace office.

THE GOP is composed mainly of Bloomfield township residents who opposed the Michigan Turnpike Authority, which plans a toll road through Southfield and Bloomfield townships somewhere near Telegraph road.

Pearls Of Michigan

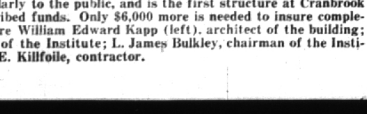
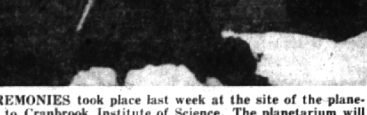
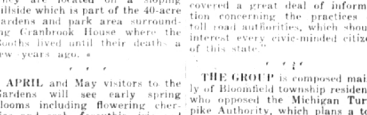
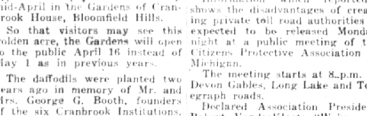
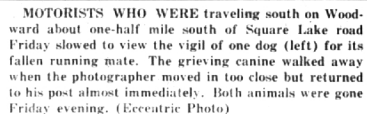
CRANBROOK - Pearls of Michigan will be featured in a special exhibition during April at the museum of Cranbrook Institute of Science.

THE pearls, of various forms and colors, were found in Cass River claim shells by Fred L. Dustin, a Saginaw archeologist and historian.

Recessed Budget Meeting To Convene At Troy High School

TROY - An annual meeting of the township board of trustees last Monday was recessed until this Monday at 8 p.m. in the Troy High school cafeteria where it will consider their 1955-56 fiscal budget of \$399,000.

At the recessed meeting salaries for supervisor at \$6,500, the clerk at \$5,500 and the treasurer at \$4,000 were approved.



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THE proposed budget is an increase over the 1954-55 cost, of about \$42,000, Barnard said, and added that the new budget includes increased fire and police protection, more money for parks and recreation, and the creation of an assessment department.

One pay raise proposal last Monday called for a flat 10 per cent increase to top officials. The mayor asked for a raise in Barnard's pay to \$7,500; and the third sought a pay increase for Barnard of \$500 which would bring his salary to \$7,000. All were voted down at Barnard's suggestion.

Cadet Award Given To Wing Lake Man

WING LAKE - Cadet Dennis W. Wright recently received a coveted cadet letter in the Infantry ROTC battalion at Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind., when he won the Cadet Rifles (CR) award.

The award is granted on the basis of written and oral tests for marksmanship, safety rules, and knowledge of military movements, military courtesy, the manual of arms, guard duty, arm signals, and other military knowledge.

A fourth classman (freshman) at Culver this year, Cadet Wright is a member of the ROTC team.

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GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES took place last week at the site of the planetarium building to be added to Cranbrook Institute of Science.

The planetarium will be the state's first open regularly to the public, and is the first structure at Cranbrook financed with publicly subscribed funds.

Financed with publicly subscribed funds, only \$6,000 more is needed to insure completion of the project. Showers are William Edward Kapp (left), architect of the building; Dr. Robert T. Hatt, director of the Institute; L. James Bulkeley, chairman of the Institute's trustees; and Thomas E. Killifoe, contractor.