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'Round the Towns

Modern American politics, with all the communications gadgets available to it, reveals that basic civic truths seldom wear the apparel of humble sincerity . . . when said "truths" are spewed from the lips of the mere seeker for votes.

Incumbents Gain Nominations in Township Primaries

ELMORE LEONARD AT HIS THIRD BOOK
Lathrup ad-writer at home. (Eccentric Photo)

Novelist, 29, Uses West As Set for Second Book

Writing novels at 29 years old, a Lathrup village author takes the West as his setting and sells the books on the East coast, although he has been neither East nor West.

But the subject matter and good characterization seem to carry the stories for Elmore Leonard.

Leonard's second book was published in January by Houghton-Mifflin, and is a fast-moving tale of a young cowpoke who faces a deputy's job in a western town. It opens as he sees two innocent men lynched.

The book, "The Law at Randado," will be published sometime in June in a paper cover edition. His earlier novel, "The Bounty Hunters," was published by Mifflin in hard cover and by Ballantine Books in paper binding. It also was a Western.

HIS TYPEWRITER may be in either dinette or bedroom as he writes his books at his home, 17406 Redwood. His wife, who first met him when he was writing short stories as he worked for his degree at University of Detroit, says she tried just once to help him type a manuscript.

"It took about a week to do one page," she laughs, "so I gave up. I have enough to do taking care of the three children.

Their youngsters are Jane, 4, Peter, 3, and Christopher, nine months.

ANOTHER CURRENT item from Leonard's typewriter is "The Captives," a novelette in the February edition of Argosy. Argosy used his first story, just before he turned his sales efforts over to a New York agent.

"We haven't met the agent, but she sells all he writes," says Mrs. Leonard.

LEONARD IS A copywriter for Campbell-Ewald, having worked there and for one other ad agency for three years.

His writing is done with considerable research, making up for lack of on-the-spot observations. One of the Leonards' hopes is for a six-month stay in Mexico, where he could write a novel. With this in mind, last year the two studied Spanish.

Just written is a quarter of a book, which he sent last week to his agent with an outline of the rest of the book. If publishers are interested, he will complete it this winter.

Cleveland Teacher Joins Art Staff

CRANBROOK—Thomas M. Wilson of Cleveland, Ohio, has been appointed to the art department of Cranbrook school, announced headmaster Harry D. Hoey.

Wilson, who replaces Richard Hintermeister, has studied at West Virginia Institute of Technology and the Cleveland Institute of Art. He joins the Cranbrook School faculty with teaching experience from the Wheeling, West Virginia, public school system and the Thomas Edison Opportunity School in Cleveland.

While at Cranbrook, Wilson will specialize in instruction of industrial art and mechanical drawing. During the spring semester he will also serve as an assistant track coach.

Army Supply School Graduate from Troy

Pvt. Robert E. L. McDonald, whose wife, Carol, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McDonald, live at 2839 Woodston, Troy Township, recently was graduated from the Army Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, Va.

Private McDonald completed the school's supply records course.

He is a former student at Troy High School.

Six in Orion Family Hurt in Troy Crash

TROY—Six members of an Orion Township family were injured Sunday when their auto ran a stop sign at Crooks and 18 Mile Rds., and crashed into another car, according to Troy Township Police.

Treated at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for cuts and bruises were: Trinidad J. Martinez, 30, of 4853 Jamm Rd.; his wife, Carmen, 25; and their children, Teresa, 2; Annette, 4; Rudolph, 3; and Linda, eight months.

Township Police Chief David Gratopp said Martinez was ticketed for failure to stop at Crooks road. Driver of the other car, Jerome B. Davis, 29, Detroit, was not injured.

Heads Book Week

The Rev. Walter J. Ziemba, librarian of St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, has been appointed as Michigan area committee chairman of Catholic Book Week, Feb. 20-26. Purpose of Book Week, in its fifteenth year, is to bring attention to best books of the year as selected by the Catholic Library Association.

Answer to Pollution Now In State's Hands

By Norman Douglas

Area communities will be at the mercy of the state's Water Resources Commission today when the state group reviews River Rouge sewage pollution—presumably for the last time—in Lansing, Mich.

Two hurried meetings during the past week failed to solve a rift between communities in the Evergreen drainage district over cost allocations of the proposed interceptor to Detroit.

All hope that the cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Lathrup and the townships of Bloomfield, Southfield and Troy could agree on the project's financing by today's meeting in the state capitol were dashed Monday morning when both Lathrup and Southfield township continued to hold out for a restudy of cost figures.

CITY MANAGER Donald C. Egbert of Birmingham was instructed to write a letter to the commission, reviewing financing difficulties.

No extension of time in answering the state's citation will be asked at the meeting today.

Meanwhile, Oakland County Drain Commissioner Ralph A. Main will make a second study of cost figures of the several municipalities, with Al Roth, consulting engineer, in an attempt to promote construction of the interceptor.

At the next meeting of the advisory committee March 7, Main is to submit his figures to the governing bodies.

Area officials fear that unless agreement is reached quickly, little hope for the interceptor can be looked for in April elections when Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Southfield vote on the proposition.

THE STATE is believed ready to refer action against five of the six communities to the state attorney general's office for probable court suit.

Troy has not been cited for pollution of the Rouge.

Action taken by the state may stop all building activity in areas tributary to the Rouge River.

As an alternative, Birmingham officials will continue to gain cost estimates of suggested improvements to the city's treatment plant in the event the interceptor program is abandoned.

Estimates gained thus far would indicate that some $600,000 would be necessary to improve the plant to state standards. If the interceptor plan is abandoned at this time, Bloomfield township's area within the Bloomfield drains would share costs of the improvements.

Neither state nor local officials see any way out of the pollution dilemma other than construction of the giant sewer to Detroit on a joint basis.

Both point out that separate treatment plants along the Rouge would be costly and probably short-lived, resulting in the construction of such an interceptor in the future.

BUT LITTLE can be done until the area agree on financing the $2½ million project.

Lathrup Village councilmen have long opposed figures used as a basis for cost allocation, charging that engineers for the interceptor advisory committee used out-dated platting and did not consider present and proposed future development of the city.

Cost of the interceptor has been determined on the number of existing and proposed connections that would be made to the sewer. This is the actual unit connections expected in the area by 1970.

Lathrup officials have consistent-is complained that the 2,550 expected connections in the city is too high. Under the engineers' study, councilmen point out that anticipated population of the new city would be near 5,000 while they contend that the maximum population of the city will never surpass 5,000.

THE CONSTANT questioning by Lathrup of the formula used in allocating costs, plus an interest in the figures shown by Franklin Village board members, caused Southfield recently to take another look at the costs.

And they didn't like what they found.

Township Clerk Fannie Adams enlisted the aid of other township workers and made a study of each section in the township. Her figures differed greatly from figures submitted by the engineers.

An actual count of proposed connections, according to Mrs. Adams, totaled 16,410. Southfield's $1,700,000 share of the sewer was based on a connection total of 25,194 as figured by the engineers.

SOUTHFIELD officials have joined Lathrup councilmen in protesting the use of old subdivision plats and inclusion of small business lots no longer provided for in modern zoning.

So while everyone agrees that the interceptor is the only real answer to the problem, they have reached a stalemate so far as costs are concerned.

Murmurings heard from both groups even extend to the thought of an interceptor to serve only Southfield and Lathrup.

PVT. HENRY REYE, JR., whose mother lives at 6455 Golfview, Bloomfield township, is nearing completion of basic infantry training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., with a unit of the 6th Armored Division.

Old Count Jails Southfield Woman

A Southfield township woman and her sister-in-law were sentenced to from six months to five years in the Detroit House of Correction Monday because they failed to pay fines and costs on a 1950 gambling conviction.

Mrs. Helen Niewinski of 2100 Nine Mile Rd. and Mrs. Virginia Niewinski of Detroit, were making no effort to pay the fines and costs imposed on them as former members of a $3,000,000 a year numbers ring, according to Recorder's Judge W. McKay Skillman, who ordered the pair to jail.

Helen is the former wife of Edward Niewinski, who police said headed the numbers ring. He is awaiting trial in federal court on a highjacking count.

On Maneuvers

Marine Sgt. Bernard E. Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Gardner of 29911 Berg rd., Southfield township and husband of the former Miss Rosia J. Pittman of Hot Springs, Ark., is scheduled to take part in maneuvers in the Vieques, Puerto Rico area during the period February to May.

On Honor Roll

Peter W. Salmen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Salmen, Lathrup Village, was listed this week on the semester honor roll released by the headmaster of the Kentucky Military Institute.

THESE TWO VEHICLES WERE "STOPPED" the hard way Saturday when a pickup truck, westbound on Lone Pine road crashed into the side of a southbound auto on Telegraph. Three persons involved miraculously escaped serious injury. Treated at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for cuts and bruises were: the truck driver, Roy A. Varcoe, 26, of 2142 Park Ct., Keego Harbor; Albert M. Terry, 45, of Royal Oak, the car's driver, and Terry's wife, Kathleen L., 43. Varcoe told Bloomfield Township Patrolman Dick Hoffman that he saw Terry's auto but could not avoid the crash. (Photo by Bud Bush)

OFFICERS OF THE Walnut Lake Men's club are pictured planning the 20th anniversary celebration dinner to be held Saturday, Feb. 26, at the club rooms. Shown are Jim Wallace, treasurer; Bob Karnes, secretary; Stewart Schultz, president, and Dick Nelson, assistant secretary-treasurer. The dinner will end festivities of the anniversary observance. (Eccentric Photo)

Prepare Petitions For Road Surfacing

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE Subdivision Association officers this week are receiving petitions to seek assistance from property owners to resurface the Villages 12 miles of roads at an estimated cost to owners of about 20 cents per foot of road frontage.

Association officers, after many discussions with County and Township officials and local specialists, said property owners could expect to pay about half the cost of the original hard surfacing job, or last about the amount paid out for road oiling.

Pine Hill Resident Named New Manager

Robert F. Grund of 4265 Butternut Hill Drive, Troy township, assistant manager of the Detroit branch office of Connecticut General Life Insurance Company since 1952, has been named manager of the company's Cincinnati branch office, Vice President Stuart F. Snider announced this week.

Grund, who served as a director of the Pine Hill Civic Improvement Association, joined Connecticut General in 1941 after experience in business analysis, sales and finance work.

Academy Galleries To Have Limited Hours During March

CRANBROOK—Because of extensive rearrangements of exhibit space, the Cranbrook Academy of Art Galleries will be open to the public only on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. during March, according to Wallace M. Bell, head of the Galleries.

During the exhibition period, weekday visitors will be able to see the Lewis Collection of works by modern masters and a special exhibition of contemporary Danish weaving, textiles, basketwork, home furnishing, painting and sculpture.

In April the regular schedule of operations, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Mondays, will be resumed. Meanwhile, school-age groups, clubs and other organized groups may make appointments for special weekday visits.

Metalsmith Here Granted Award

CRANBROOK—J. Doss Fox, metalsmith at Cranbrook Academy of Art, received a cash award for standing gold service of silver at the recent opening of a national jewelry exhibit at the Huntington Galleries in Huntington, W. Va. The exhibit, which is on view until March, will be on tour. Cranbrook students will be included in three other shows by the Smithsonian Institution.

Heads Committee

Jonathan Moore of Bloomfield Hills has been named a foundation committee at Dartmouth College. Undergraduates at Dartmouth established the foundation in memory of Milton S. Kramer, a graduate of last June, who was killed in an automobile accident last August.

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E. L. GARNIERE, 6945 W. Dartmouth, W. Bloomfield township has been appointed sales promotion manager of the Detroit Diesel Division of General Motors. He was formerly the Division's director of service training.

Foreign Film Club Being Organized

The Foreign Film Club, a non-profit group open to the public, will hold an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at Cranbrook Institute of Science, action chairman James Cairns has announced.

After the meeting, which will deal with membership, the group will exhibit two of the Swedish film, "Torment." Director Mai Zetterling, will be Jonas Venstrom, in the past, been asked to make volunteer contributions at each session.

Future programs will be made up in quality to those of the previous month. The film to be shown next will "experimental" film, directed by Chardin, the French painter, "Topaze" and "Caesar" (1950) and "Men Are Not God," a British feature starring Gertrude Lawrence and Michael Anthony Hopkins.

Beverly Student Passes NROTC Exam

Last week William A. Zelander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zelander, 19400 Beverly, Beverly Hills, passed the Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps examination at the University of Michigan.

Young Zelander, a senior at Seaholm High, takes physical and a personal interview.

Those who meet the minimum requirements may get scholarships in the Navy's education with room and board at a cost of $600 a year.

Two Hurt When Car Skids on Ice

TROY—Icy pavement caused an auto to skid into another car at Crooks and Maple Rds. Monday, causing both motorists.

Mrs. Estella Mason, 44, of 2255 Orrington, was treated at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for back injuries and bruises.

She was westbound on 16 Mile when a car driven by Donald F. Krauskopp, 28, of 301 DeVillen, Royal Oak, slid into the intersection and the two autos collided, according to Troy Township Police Chief David Gratopp. Krauskopp was treated for bruises.

Turnpike Group Defends Stand On Proposed Road

The proposed Rockwood-Saginaw turnpike battle continues in the news.

In a recent release, William E. Slaughter, Jr., chairman of the Michigan Turnpike Authority and Franklin resident, stated that "a good deal of misinformation has been disseminated" concerning the route of the toll road.

To stop further rumor, from circulating the project, the authority states that the route will not impede or interfere with normal traffic flow on existing state, county and local highways.

"School bus, mail and other similar service routes will remain unaltered" because turnpike overpasses and underpasses will enable such vehicles to follow existing routes. Thus, the authority points out, the "Chinese Wall" argument fails.

THIS STATEMENT would seem to settle the fears of commuters who travel through Southfield and Bloomfield township.

Secondly, the report explains that the turnpike will not cross any streets in Southfield or Bloomfield.

The third statement refutes earlier reports that the authority would be asked to build a link connecting State Highway William P. Rosendale (Royal Oak R.) to the Turnpike.

The authority outlined that the route was selected by A. D. Little, after careful deliberation, for the good of all the people in Michigan.

Figures have proven that the grain present from Rockwood to Saginaw is far less at a revenue producing rate under present law.

THE REPORT further states that the turnpike would be open traffic by 1958, barring legal delays.

No other plan being considered in Lansing, or Washington, D.C., can produce such traffic relief in so short a time, the report concludes.

Housewife Injured

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Mrs. Helen A. Hudson, wife of 4155 Butternut Hill Drive, Bloomfield township, suffered chest injuries when her car collided on Woodward and hit a tree on Lahser Monday morning. Mrs. Hudson was treated at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

My Neighbors

By Bill Paterson

"You were right, dear. You're supposed to carry the wallpaper draped over your head—with the paste side OUT!"

Only 10% Of Voters Go to Polls

Only 1,732 voters out of a registration of over 10,000 went to the polls in Troy and Bloomfield townships Monday to cast their ballots in the township primary election.

Lack of contests in both Southfield and West Bloomfield townships nullified the need for a primary election in those areas.

Only two nominations to office were up for decision in Bloomfield township where only a Republican ticket was offered.

Incumbent Township Board Members Albert A. Clark and Mark R. Kraus won the nod for the two vacant seats to the board in the primary, defeating Mrs. Bessie M. Griswold. Clark gained 438 votes, Kraus, 417, and Mrs. Griswold, 72.

IN THE ONLY other contest, Justice Albert A. Clark (3313) won the nomination to reelection against William R. Rudell (1334).

Write-ins for constable has confused board members. With three candidates on the ballot for the four vacancies to the post, the names of Ralph Mink and C. Mark Harper, Jr., were added on single write-in votes. To select the fourth candidate on the April 4 election will be a question for election officials.

Other nominees are Maurice S. Morey with 372 votes, Karl E. Rhodes, 382; and Russell W. C. Pickering, 384.

Incumbents rounded out the slate as Supervisor David E. Anderson received 443 votes, Clerk Robert H. Dudley, 410; and Treasurer Arno L. Hulet, 430.

WITH NO PARTY opposition on the April ballot, these nominations are tantamount to election, barring a heavy write-in.

Troy township's ticket offered contests for several nominations on both the Republican and Democratic slates.

In Troy, 1,226 out of a total of 5,700 registered voters appeared at the polls.

Republican incumbents led contestants on the GOP slate.

Unopposed were Supervisor Norman R. Barnard who gained 578 votes, Clerk Clifton Truesdell, 542; and Justice of the Peace Scott C. Belyea, 451.

Other lone Republican candidates were George Bolton for highway commissioner, 483 votes; George T. Jeffers for the vacant justice post, 445; and park commission candidates Bertha Trost, 496; Frank Hambidge, 476; Erma L. Hampson, 435; Walter Benos, 450; William L. Catto, 456; and Howard P. Estes, 477.

TREASURER Fred Hildebrandt claimed nomination to reelection defeating his opponent, George A. Stureckle, by a vote of 502 to 81.

Incumbents J. Wesley Smith, Lyle J. Walker and George W. Ford won the nod for trustee nomination. The fourth trustee bid went to Elmer W. Lowe. In the voting Smith gained 356 votes, Walker, 456; Ford, 476; and Lowe, 283.

Unsuccessful aspirants were Gerald F. Hannaford, 206; and Donald L. Fornwall, 218.

On the Democratic side, Roy L. Dream defeated William G. Lambos for the supervisor nomination by a vote of 404 to 150.

Bid for the party's clerk post went to Harold M. Brown with 219 votes. Other contestants were Frances J. Curtis, 160; Marvin W. Kuschinsky, 142; and Esther Griffin, 53.

FOUR TRUSTEE names to appear in April will be William R. Jenkins, 437; Gerald L. Scofield, 387; Frank M. Fandale, 377; and Henry O. Biroth, 307. William Stachya received 281 votes.

The four constable candidates will be Thomas R. Tucker, 429; Robert D. Hartley, 380; Barbara Rightmyer, 345; and Victor E. Schade, Sr., 340. The fifth seeker was Robert Schalock, 263.

Edward J. Armstrong, who was the sole party candidate for treasurer, received 450 votes. Other unopposed candidates were Henry F. Kurtz for highway commissioner, 434; Grady Moore for board of review, 405; Joseph A. Gallas for the vacant justice seat, 341; and Orville H. Mason for the four year justice post, 427.

Democrat park commission candidates will be James King, 478; Orla R. Munyan, Jr., 378; Glenn A. Watson, 420; Donald J. Flynn, 437; and Lloyd A. Stage, 395.

County Officers Discuss Probation

The various phases of probation in the county will be discussed Tuesday evening, March 1, at the Community House.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Oakland Citizens League.

Speakers will be Oakland Circuit Judge H. Russel Holland, A. P. McKanna, county probation officer; Prosecuting Attorney Fred Ziem, Fred C. Bates, state corrections department; Newswriter Boyd Simmons and Floyd Andrews, chairman of the Oakland board of supervisors.