

Mother's Day has come and gone, and millions of Mothers received some physical proof of love from their children...

Is Incorporation as a City the Answer for Troy, Southfield?

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of two articles in which we hope to supply voters of Troy and Southfield townships with information to enable them to vote more understandingly...

Is incorporation the answer? We will answer that question (to our own satisfaction) on June 2 when we give our own opinion...

Cranbrook Honors Gardener At Dedication

Name Plaza After Michael Vettrai

CRANBROOK—A plaza hereafter to be called "Plaza Vettrai" was dedicated here Sunday in appreciation of Michael Vettrai...



CRANBROOK HONORS MICHAEL VETTRAI (CENTER) AT FOUNDERS DAY. Mrs. Vettrai and granddaughter, Cecilia Jean, look on as Italian Consul to Detroit, Antonio Carloni, offers congratulations.

THE BOARD of trustees of the Cranbrook Foundation, at a meeting May 5, laid the groundwork with a resolution, which read in part...

"WE ACKNOWLEDGE a debt to the (Vettrai) native Italy, his affection for the world, his growing things, his quest for beauty, his tireless hands and feet...

LATHRUP Eyes \$20,000 Street Paving Project

LATHRUP—An estimated \$20,000 paving program was thrown into the air last night by the council when they accepted 20 permits for making paving on 25 streets and ordered city administrator Leonard A. Watchowski to look into the matter...

OVER 70 per cent of the property owners signed their names to petitions asking that the asphalt projects be undertaken.

- THOSE streets considered were: Sunset from California to Glenwood; Sunset from Glenwood to Bloomfield; Sunset from Bloomfield to Santa Barbara; Wilshire from Southfield to Lathrup; East River from Southfield to Morning-side; Cranbrook from Southfield to Meadowbrook; Colgate from Southfield to W. Caldwell; Eldorado from Glenwood to W. Caldwell; W. California from Southfield to Huntington; Huntington from Southfield to Eldorado; Huntington from Colgate to Bloomfield; Bungalow from Bloomfield to Santa Barbara; Meadowwood from Southfield to Meadowbrook; LaCrosse from Santa Barbara to Bloomfield; San Diego from Santa Barbara to Bloomfield; California drive; Cranbrook from Rainbow to Bungalow; Cranbrook from Rainbow to alley south of 11; Eldorado; Gables from Meadowbrook to Bloomfield; Bloomfield from Meadowbrook to Eldorado.

Mrs. Bennett Rejects Private Hearing Offer

LATHRUP—In a prepared letter to the city council Monday night Mrs. Florence M. Bennett, former city clerk, declined a private hearing in connection with charges made on April 22, when she was fired by City Administrator Leonard A. Watchowski.

Stop Street Plans Tabled by Council

LATHRUP—Traffic regulation number 3 granting temporary authority for a stop sign on Rainbow at Meadowbrook, was approved by the city council Monday night.

HOLLAND IS NOT THE ONLY spot in Michigan where tulips are in full bloom. Many of the lovely flowers are opening under the warm sun in Birmingham area gardens. Here, looking through an arbor to the home of Mrs. Rose Skillman of W. Hickory Grove, Bloomfield Hills, are hundreds of the multi-colored blooms. The tulips are flanked by lilacs, flowering crabs and crab apple trees.

and a certain increase in taxes. THAT TAXES will go up is a generally accepted fact on both sides of the incorporation fence. But pro-incorporation leaders contend that taxes are now constantly increasing to meet greater and improved service demands.

THIS MAY BE true if proper planning is not exercised by those who draft the incorporation charter. It also is true if police and fire departments are left behind in the expansion and remain at the township level of personnel and disposition.

THE FIVE square miles were left out of incorporation petitions because state law requires 500 families per square mile and this exempt area, unincorporated or farmland, would drag the rest of the township below the minimum requirements.

R. W. Macdonald Leads College Fund Drive Here

LATHRUP—Ray W. Macdonald of 1804 Glenwood Avenue, Lathrup, has been appointed chairman of the local Alumni Foundation committee which will raise the 1955 annual alumni gift for the University of Chicago.

THOSE areas which were excluded are: the northeast quarter of section 1; the south halves of sections 1 and 2; the north halves of sections 12 and 13; the southeast quarter of section 12; the southwest quarter of section 13; all of sections 8 and 17; all of White Chapel cemetery; section 21 north of Clever Hill cemetery and west of the railroad; small section of Adams by the railroad; a small section of Lambert property at 13 and Woodward; and lot C in Community Park subdivision one, section 22.

4-H Officers Named by Bloomfield Club

The Bloomfield 4-H club held its May meeting at the home of Pat Bender on 11 Mile road. At this time the group elected its officers for the new year.

Call Special Tax Increase Vote in July

TROY—A special election will be held July 12 to determine whether the people will grant the township board enough money to equal the \$199,000 budget for 1955-56.

Charter Candidates Invited to Meeting

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through his charter, its amendments and ordinances, would have maximum control of local affairs. IT SHOULD be remembered that even though one or both townships vote for incorporation, that does not mean they will become cities. If voters favor incorporation, they will have two years in which to adopt a charter.

THE ENTIRE township, however, would not abandon these people until they become a city. They would not be "abandoned" but would be annexed to the new city as soon as possible, if they desire to be annexed.

Problems Arise Should Troy, S'ld Incorporate

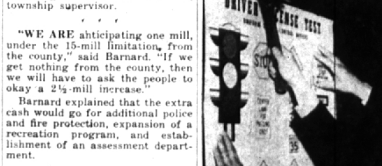
TROY—If voters here favor incorporation June 7, it will leave five square miles, and the 86 families there, as the official township area.

Disclose CD Appointments At Franklin

Appointments to the newly organized Franklin Civilian Defense program were disclosed this week by Franklin Hersey, director. Conductors are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lawton, with Mrs. E. C. Edwards as chairman.

My Neighbors

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Royal Oak township, would be better able to serve their individual community needs. Other points out that each community has other sets of departments for police, fire, public work and all other governmental functions, causing a duplicity that would set up money at the administration level before it got into actual services.

Problems Arise Should Troy, S'ld Incorporate \$83,570 Budget Adopted

LATHRUP—Adoption of a 1955-56 \$83,570 budget was approved by the city council Monday night. Part of this budget is composed of a 7.3 mill levy against assessed property values, one mill of which is for the city of Troy.

LARGEST single item in administration is a \$15,000 outlay for salaries. Capital outlay includes payments on a dump truck, and scraper, voting machines and other city equipment. The building department is considered self-supporting through permit fees.

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