Round Towns

Troy, Southfield **Incorporation Pros and Cons**

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Let's talk in figures.

Southfield intends to incorporate an area of about 31 square miles, which latest unofficial estimates say includes about, 30,000 people.

They have properties, real and personal, which add up to about \$84,300,000 (county equalized values) after Frankin and Bingham Farms are excluded.

Last year the township listed about 17 percent of its in-

ROYAL OAK, WITH an unofficial census of 64,000, is a city of 11.85 square miles. It had a taxable wealth in 1954 of \$100,000,000 of \$100,000,0

LIVONIA, A TOWNSHIP which incorporated in 1950 as home rule city, is 36 square miles in size and has presently population of about 35,000, based on recent unofficial ensus.

census. The city had last year a county (Wayne) equalized value of \$63,797,224, and approximately 57 per cent of its tax money came from industrial or commercial sources. Well off, as compared to most communities, Livonia has two Ford plants, two General Motors plants, and an MRA race track, the combined equalized value of which is \$59,205,560.

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PROPONENTS OF INCORPORATION claim Southfield never will match, say Royal Oak's density, because of larger lots and restrictions on multiple housing.

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THIS MEANS THAT if Troy and Southfield residents with a low industrial figure was a good industrial tax base from which to pay the holy, and a good industrial tax base from which to pay the holy, and a good industrial tax base, appears in fairly good ships, tax wise, although its per thousand tax rates are holy, and a good deal higher; in many instances than those of Clawson and Roylo, and a good deal higher than Livonia and Southfield. But since there is no way to measure services, it is difficult their tax money's worth.

Thoy and Southfield have notoriously poor roads in many sections of the townships, especially during the spring. Interest was called out by the very department of the composition of the townships, especially during the spring. Interest and was called out again late greates in taxes must come if these roads are to be improved by the two communities with they become cities and go into the road business, which state law requires they must do fix.

TAX HIKES ARE PREDICTED whether Troy or Southfield incorporate or not. How big a jump that will be depends upon the citizens' desires and needs in the way of services which the townships now are not performing.

Perhaps if the people of Southfield and Troy do not clamor for everything that Detroit now affords its residents, then shelp a make gradual improvements, as cities, at a cost that will fit the pocketbooks of themselves and their neighbors.

Market \$150, Halts Liquor Sale 7 Days are with the properties of the properties o

(Next week our concluding article will be by a person more versed in technicalities of government than most persons in Oakland county, George N. Skrubb, director of the Oakland County Planning Commission.)

Troy Okays Track

CRANBROOK—As housewives stock their arsenals for the annual war on moths, one calm young bachelor is deliberately completed eight tenderated that the sagemain night not meet its 500 persons persourcemile quota in order to quality arranged 60 cocons on his dresser, expecting steamheat and warm spring weather to hasten the has carefully arranged 60 cocons on his dresser, expecting steamheat and warm spring weather to hasten the product of a large growth of the same of the state of the state of the state of the state of the same of the state of the state

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FRANKLIN WOMEN BOWLERS completed their Thursday afternoon league play ith a banquet and presentation of trophies last week at the Birmingham Country with a banquet and presentation of trophies last week at the Birmingham Country club. Here the winning team, Leslie's Cleaners, admire their trophies. From left to right they are, Wanda Ross, Lydia Hyde, June Chick and Jeam captain, Beulah Stout, (Eccentric Photo)

We Need Your Help . . .

and Elmer W. Lowe vioted for the track.

THE Turf (This, which was represented at the beard meeting by James Chapman, 17-, of 3300 Lone Pine, West Bloodmelled township, has had a licepase pending before the MRC for about eight.

The club previously tried to establish the race track in Clinton township, near Mt. (Hemens, but objections from local diteras there for the contract of To get copy in early for next week's issue. Can you get it to us today or tomorrow (Thursday or Friday)? It would help immensely.

Moths in Boudoir



Two Southfield Soldiers Finish Basic Training

UNKINKING THEIR NECKS after days of traveling in crates, eight European white ute swans line up on the edge of Cranbrook lake for a view of their future home. hey were so nervous from the trip that they took to the bushes instead of the water, ut are expected to return to their natural haunts at feeding time.





Hickory Grove Wondering Where To Send Students

By BRUNO L. KEARNS

Hickory Grove, a stretching area sendwiched between Bloomfield Hills and Pontiac, is hoping to avoid what could become a serious dilemma for its grade school district.

Presently its school system consist of a single 34-year-hold elementary building which has sentoles some 160 students through the eighth grade. In addition, 32 tuition students from 9-12 grades attend Birmingham high school.

Water Shortage

Acute in Lathrup,
Says Watchowski

LATHRUP—City Administrator
Leonard Watchhowski, in a letter in the council, stated that in 1966 the down with have aiready them conciled will be permitted to continue through graduation.

problem somewnat, watenowsat concluded.

CHARLES D. Kelley, Lathup's representative to the SE Oakland County Water Authority, reported to the council that on July 1, 1956, each city in the authority would make amoul payments to the and must raise water raise as consumption charge.

Lathup's payment will be \$4,500.

My Neighbors

Cranbrook Will Honor War Dead On Memorial Day