

Trophies

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"All drivers are licensed, having passed a driver's test, a written test, and a physical examination before entering a race."

Because many of the trophies are so tremendous, space in the Durbin home has become inadequate to display them. Not only has he won the annual type of upright figure trophy of bronze and gold, but also many beautiful usable pieces of silver.

ONE WHICH MRS. DURBIN as well as her husband particularly prize, is a three gallon silver silver punch bowl inscribed "White House Trophy, Andrew A. Force Base, Washington, D. C., 1955."

A beautiful silver platter bears the inscription "P. O. L. (Push on regardless) 1954 First place driver, Detroit Region, S.C.A.A." Many silver bowls of various sizes and shapes as well as trays and cups complete the collection of silver pieces.

The one trophy which perhaps is most significant to the driver himself is the Robert O. Collins memorial trophy denoting a driver in his sports car. This, too, is of silver mounted on a mahogany base which holds a small plaque engraved with the names of the annual winners of the greatest number of points won during the year. This remains in the possession of that driver only as long as he maintains that record.

DURBIN has entered races at Washington, D. C. where he placed first in '55, Cumberland, Maryland where he also placed first, Pat-in-Bay, O.; Elkhart Lake, Wis.; Chautauque Field, Lockport, N.Y. and Offutt Air Base, Omaha. In March of this year he entered three races at Waterbury, N. H. winning two trophies, a first and a second place.

Harry, the Durbin's 18 year old son, has already denoted a driver in his sports car. This, too, is engraved with the names of the annual winners of the greatest number of points won during the year. This remains in the possession of that driver only as long as he maintains that record.

There are other children in the family who, no doubt, will eventually feel the urge to join in the excitement and thrills afforded by racing. There is Richard L. Wesley, 7, and Christine, 4.

East Southfield 5th Grade Presents Program to Parents

EAST SOUTHFIELD — Fifth grade of East Southfield school under the direction of Miss Phyllis Kopko, teacher, presented a program "Our North American Neighbors" Friday to parents and students.

Karen Pfister was master of ceremonies for the program and guides for exhibits of Canada, Mexico, Central America and the West Indies were George Brown, Steven Carpenter, Wayne Longshore, Carolyn Womack, Marshall Messner and Jill Peron.

The students have been studying North America in social studies class.

Den 3-Pack S-8 Are Bird-Watchers

EAST SOUTHFIELD—Den 3 of pack S-8, East Southfield school went on a bird-watching hike in keeping with the monthly theme, "Cookies and lemonade were served at the Robert Bush home, 10018 Webster. Cubs attending were John Shart, Bill May, Carl Caldwell, Robert Bush, Paul Henderson, Steven Henderson and John Trudeau.

Optimists Elect New Officers

SOUTHFIELD—At the annual Optimists meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Ed Bush, Forestview, Mrs. Thomas Luskin was elected president; Mrs. Robert Perkins, vice president; Mrs. Ralph Quint, recording secretary; Mrs. James J. Weber, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Ernest Haynes, treasurer.

Preceding the business meeting, Charles Damm, of the Huron-Clio Metropolitan authority and a naturalist at Kensington park, showed slides and described this vacation spot within an hour's drive.

Mrs. Herb Starkey and Mrs. Fred Leonard were co-hostesses.

Elect Edward Bush Optimist President

SOUTHFIELD—Optimists elected Edward Bush president at the Optimist club meeting last week. Other officers are Ar. Peltier and W. G. Kellogg, vice presidents and Elmer Polzin, treasurer.

On the board of directors for a two year term are Bill Emery, Neil McGregor and Gerry Wardman. Eugene Erzbacher was elected to the board to fill the unexpired term of Pelletier.

Officers of recording secretary and financial secretary will be appointed by the president.

Hire James Hickey As Plan Engineer

SOUTHFIELD—James H. Hickey, now employed in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been hired by the township board as planning engineer at a \$7,300 salary.

Hickey, formerly with Oak Park city, was hired to the position which was recently created because township board members felt a full-time planning engineer would expedite a master plan.

S'field Assessed Value is \$80 Million

SOUTHFIELD—Assessed valuations for Southfield township for 1956 amount to \$80,859,230, before county or state equalization.

Of this amount, \$67,119,800 is real property assessment and \$13,739,430, is personal assessed valuation.

By school districts, assessed values are: Birmingham, \$23,099,250 real estate, and \$680,240 personal; total \$23,779,490.

Lincoln, \$35,407,990 real and \$7,491,210 personal; total, \$42,899,200.

Oak Park Fractional 3, \$8,612,650 real and \$5,567,890, total, \$14,180,540.

Mt. Clemens Man Wins Idea Home

SOUTHFIELD—A Mount Clemens engineer won the \$40,000 Home as 29609 Lone Elm Lane, Cranbrook Village, by guessing closest to the number of nails in a small plastic model.

Donald Selby, 28, the winner, came within four of the exact number of nails—162,166—with a guess of 162,162. Selby, married and the father of three children, said he learned the number of nails held in the model last year; he then figured how much larger this year's model was over last year's and then made his guess.

The Selbys have not decided whether they will live in the home. They now live in a \$10,000 home which Selby bought through the GI bill.

Cause of Fatal Fire Still Being Studied

SOUTHFIELD—Cause of the fire which took the life of Clifford D. Christian, 22, of 2724 Bryn, is still undetermined, according to State police of the Redford post.

Christian suffocated when his home was gutted by flames early Saturday. He had returned home alone after a party attended by him and his wife, police said. His body had stayed with a sister in Farmington.

Cause has been narrowed to determining whether the cause was a short circuit in the kitchen or a gas leak. Christian's body was found by Southfield firemen in the kitchen area after passersby discovered the blaze about 3 a.m.

Rate

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That half of this would be paid by the township and the other half by matching Federal funds. A yearly rental fee of \$35 for the light system and installation cost of \$2,600 for sirens was included in the figure. Township trustees, requested that rather than paid advertising in newspapers, Mrs. Hershey instruct the people on civil defense measures with free government pamphlets.

TENTATIVE approval to filling Agassiz dump subject to final approval of the Area rubbish authority. Township must first condemn the property and after it has been filled they plan to purchase the land, probably for a recreation site.

Eugene Swen, township supervisor, presented estimates on cost of increasing township office space with construction of a 22 by 26 foot building for \$2,779.49 or a 32 by 26 foot addition for \$4,100.

Drinking on Highway

SOUTHFIELD—Frederick Richard, 21, of 148 W. 8 1/2 Mile road and Lee Erickson, 19, of 21344 Evergreen, were each fined \$35 and \$15 costs by Justice Edward A. Elsworth last week after they pleaded guilty to illegal possession of alcoholic beverages and drinking on the highway.

Adjourn Public Hearing On Paving Until Monday

LATHRUP—Council adjourned the public hearing on 16 special paving districts until Monday at 7:30 in order to give council and the road commission time to study one of the districts which was disputed. About 75 people packed the meeting.

The district involved is Number 75, a three-street section which is composed of Woodworth Way from Glenwood to Dolores, Red River from Saratoga to Glenwood, and Glenwood from Red River to Sunset.

About half-a-dozen residents living on the last section, most of whom signed the petition which brought the paving question before the council, wanted to back out because they felt the usual method of paving with 2 1/2 inches of blacktop would not give a serviceable road for any length of time unless a substantial amount of work was done on eliminating a muck base.

THE ADDITIONAL work would mean extra cost to residents on that street, and if the work can be done satisfactorily and the cost is not out of line, most of the objectors would be willing to go along with the paving program.

Engineer Arthur W. Gillispie estimated the total program would cost about \$80,000, with prices ranging from \$1.21 to \$2.80 a front foot, depending upon what type of road bed existed and how much ditching and culvert work was necessary.

THE PROJECTS, their total cost, and front-foot costs (all estimates) are:

- 1) Wilshire from Southfield to Bloomfield, \$5,907.80; \$1.84.
- 2) Bloomfield from Wilshire to Sunset, \$2,779.00; \$1.21.
- 3) Woodworth Way from Glenwood to Dolores; Red River from Saratoga to Glenwood; and Glenwood from Red River to Sunset, \$10,070; variable costs per block, averaging \$1.60.
- 4) Bloomfield from Sunset to 12 Mile, \$2,985.00; \$2.10.
- 5) San Rosa from Southfield to Lathrup, \$1,704.30; \$2.44.
- 6) Eldorado from Bloomfield to Glenwood; \$9,775.00; \$2.00.
- 7) Dolores from Santa Barbara to Woodworth Way, \$2,230.50; \$1.70.
- 8) Dolores, Bloomfield to Sunset, \$3,419.05; \$1.80.
- 9) Avilla, Southfield to Lathrup, \$4,214.55; \$2.10.
- 10) Rainbow Circle, Rainbow drive, southwesterly to Red River, \$3,091.45; \$2.10.
- 11) Rainbow Circle, Red River northwesterly to Rainbow drive, \$3,419.05; \$1.80.

Southfield Cemetery, Park Hit by Vandals

SOUTHFIELD—Vandals tipped over 19 tombstones, breaking some, and left Southfield cemetery in a state of chaos. It was reported last week by Eugene Swen, township supervisor.

The destruction was found by Mrs. Clyde Uley of 24275 10 1/2 Mile road, and occurred sometime between Good Friday and last week said Swen.

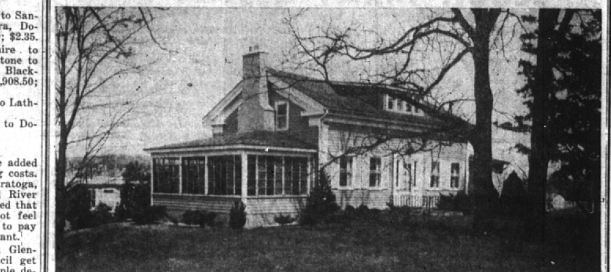
Investment Clubs Topic of Meeting

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Formation and operation of small investment clubs will be topic of the meeting tonight sponsored by the West Bloomfield township library, 8 p.m. at West Bloomfield town hall.

Clayton Call, account executive with a Detroit investment firm, will speak for husbands and wives making carefully considered investments. He will discuss investment groups he has helped form in nearby communities. Call, in the investment business for 10 years, will hold a discussion period following his talk.

A social hour and refreshments will follow. There is no admission charge.

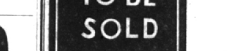
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