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Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

If you had been around in 1944 you might have had a chance to pick up some land at a mighty reasonable rate.

I'm thinking particularly of 63.3 acres which surrounds Glenysie road, just south of 10 Mile road in Section 30, and which was purchased by James Egan in that year for \$250.00.

Most of the tax payers along Glenysie would be happy to pay that little in taxes each year. Seems the land way back in the 1820s was Indian reservation which the state set aside for use and support of the University of Michigan in 1826.

Some residents, however, had already homesteaded the land so the State sent out appraisers, set a value on the land and told the settlers to pay up in six months or move on.

The remainder of the northeast corner of Section 30 (10 acres, minus Egan's 53.3 acres) sold for \$300, so says the title held by Henry M. DeMeyer of 24107 Glenysie.

WHENEVER I see a person with two middle initials I always wonder what prompted them to deviate from the norm and add the extra "handed"...

ONE OF THE problems that people (including myself) who use phones a lot run into is the little boy or girl who answers the phone and then delays the caller by asking questions or saying nothing while the frustrated caller fumes...

Don L. Swanson, recent appointee to a place on the township board of trustees, takes a lot of goodnatured ribbing from fellow trustees...

ALWAYS wondered why there were so many Irishmen in the township board of trustees, especially since they come from such a small place.

SOUTHFIELD—Board of Review dates set by township board are March 12 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. until 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and March 13 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. until 1 p.m.

- CALENDAR Today: West Hill WNFU association meeting... Tomorrow: Southfield Optimist Club meeting... Wednesday: Southfield Republican Women's Club... Thursday: Southfield Friday: Southfield Kiwanis: Southfield Kiwanis: Southfield Kiwanis...

- INSIDE THE ECENTRIC 3 Hot Rod Clubs to Have Joint Meeting... 4 Gilbert Lake Column News... 5 Additional Walnut Lake News... 6 Wing Lake-Foxcroft Column News... 7 School... 8 Church...



ROBERT THOM, (right) with Navajo Indian who will be the model for "the medicine man" in a series of paintings, "History of Medicine" which Thom, of Foxcroft is preparing for Park-Davis Co.

Foxcroft Artist To Paint "History of Medicine"

By VIRGINIA COLE

Robert Thom, resident of Foxcroft, is commissioned artist for Park Davis Pharmaceutical Company and has recently returned from a trip to Santa Fe and Gallup, New Mexico.

Research for the first painting in his second series for Parke Davis has his interest there. Thom completed a 40-picture series on the History of Pharmacy last year and is now commissioned to do a 40-picture series on the History of Medicine.

That Thom and Bender were admitted to the Navajo hogan to witness the ritual by the medicine man, Billy Norion as he treated his own wife's mother. This in itself was an exception as the Navajo husband traditionally has absolutely nothing to do with his mother-in-law.

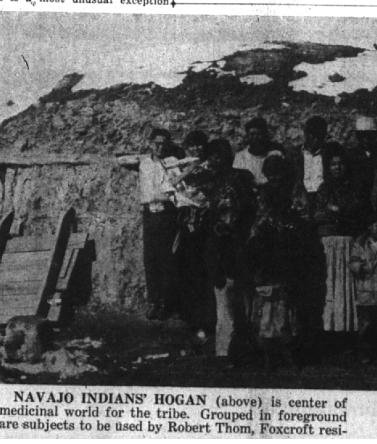
PRIOR TO the actual ritual, Thom and Bender were privileged to take photographs of the ceremony. The facts on this recent act of medicine, the facts on this recent act of medicine...

THIRTY of the 40 paintings have European settings and much of the research will be done in respective countries. Thom plans to travel for these late in the fall of this year and early spring of next year.

IN SANTA FE Dr. Bertha Dutton, anthropologist with the Museum of New Mexico at Santa Fe, arranged for them to contact an Indian trader, Mr. L. Woodard who has a trading store in Gallup, the Navajo capital. Woodard is secretary of the association which puts the Gallup-Inter-tribal Indian Day ceremonial every year. Through him they were able to work with a contemporary medicine man, Billy Norion.

NORTON arranged for them to actually witness a ritual in the hogan (an eight-sided hut with doors always facing the east and constructed expressly for the healing ceremonies). If the healing of the afflicted one is successful on successive occasions, the same hogan is used repeatedly. However, in the event the patient dies, the hogan is burned immediately. The Navajos have a deep-seated fear of death and even the medicine man, if he suspects impending death of his patient, will desert him.

It is a most unusual exception-



NAVAJO INDIANS HOGAN (above) is center of medicinal world for the tribe. Grouped in foreground are subjects to be used by Robert Thom, Foxcroft resident in a series of paintings he is doing for Parke-Davis Co., called "History of Medicine." Man in center with bandana around head is modern medicine man.

Will Ask Attorney General for Ruling on Legality of Evergreen Sewer Activities

Evergreen Sewer Alternate Would Cost \$812,000

LATHRUP—Don Ringler, chief Oakland county drain engineer, told city officials Monday night that an alternate to the Evergreen Interceptor Sewer could be built for about \$812,000.

The proposed alternate, necessary in case the Evergreen sewer cannot be built, would run from 13 1/2 Mile down Evergreen to Northwestern, then southeast to Southfield and south on Southfield to 8 Mile road and the Detroit system, eventually flowing into the Detroit sewage treatment plant.

IF THE ALTERNATE has to be built, Lathrup officials hope that residents in the south will also be able to take part, cutting costs.

The alternate will be unnecessary if a bill, now in process in Lansing, is passed by legislature allowing Southfield to meet its future even though the area is in the midst of incorporation and has no ability to bond.

Eugene Swem, township supervisor, said Tuesday that all bills which would benefit the township, are in committee and are expected to be put out on the floor within the next few days.

RINGLER said the alternate would serve about 7,200 building sites at a cost of \$112.77 per site. The Evergreen sewer would cost about 25,000 at a cost of an estimated \$81.30 per site, according to Leonard Watchowski, city administrator.

Cost to Lathrup for the Evergreen sewer is set at \$187,000. This would be cut, as would the cost of the alternate, if and when Farmington Interceptor sewer joined the 8 Mile line.

A LENGTH of sewer there, from Southfield road to the Rouge river, would include seven classrooms, a multi-purpose room, kitchen, offices and remodeling part of the old building.

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Seek Way To Avoid Sewer Tax

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Some of the questions of legality concern Nov. 1954 millage vote which was defeated; April, 1955 vote which was approved; and authorizing the township to collect two mills for 20 years to pay for sewers; Feb. 1955 vote which freed 1 1/2 mills of the two mills okayed last April, to pay the township's cost of the Evergreen sewer; and Oakland county's action in establishing a good share of Southfield's cost of the Evergreen sewer; and that of the township to issue bonds for the project.

KING SAID the council was not objecting to construction of the Evergreen sewer, but was opposed to the method of obtaining money to pay for the sewer.

Pointing to methods being used in construction of the Farmington Interceptor and Troy's northeast arm of the Evergreen sewer, King said he believed that the township has the right to object to the project as soon as builders put money in escrow to cover the construction cost.

BUILDERS' who volunteered the money, will be paid back as beneficiaries. Homeowners repay the cost, according to the plan. If the main line of the Evergreen sewer, from 14 to 8 mile road is not constructed, Troy's branch would send sewage to the Birmingham Community disposal plant for treatment.

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BLOOMFIELD TWP.—Oakland county Circuit Judge Clark J. Adams last week ordered that the township issue a restraining injunction to restrain the township from interfering in any way with the construction of a lawful right of use of a metal hobby shop by the owner, Henry W. Griksheit of 5825 Gilbert Lake road.

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School Bd. OK's Bids, Sees Plans

SOUTHFIELD—Bids were opened and approved for the Angling road school addition at a special school board meeting Monday night.

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PLANS for the Cranbrook village school site will be submitted to Geer Associates, Southfield planning consultants, for their recommendation on northern access to the property.

The 9.8-acre site on the north side of 12 Mile road, west of Southfield, was purchased by the board last week from Mrs. Anna Roehi of Grosse Pointe Farms for \$50,000.

The property is bordered on three sides by the Cranbrook subdivision. Plans for a road or easement to the north must be submitted to the township planning board for approval.

RODNEY LOCKWOOD, Cranbrook village developer, has promised his cooperation in platting a road north from the school site. Preliminary plans call for a 13-room school to be built on the property.

In other matters, the board approved Archie Leonard as school board attorney for another year with \$1,000 retainer.

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At Press Time

SOUTHFIELD REQUEST For change in zoning in Southfield Gardens from R-3 to R-4 led to a motion by Township Trustee Luther Wagner that Side Yard minimums and parking, as proposed in the major amendment to the zoning ordinance be disjunctive from the regular township board meeting.

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Lathrup Club Honors Bloodmobile Worker

LATHRUP—Honoring the American Red Cross and Mrs. Robert Vint, Sunset drive, co-chairman with Mrs. E. Robert Isbell, Saratoga avenue, of the Southfield Bloodbank will be the Lathrup Women's club at its meeting at the House in the Woods on Monday, March 5, at 1:30 p.m.

Former chairman for South Oakland county of the American Red Cross Bloodmobile, Mrs. Vint has worked with Red Cross for over 20 years. Through her efforts the first blood bank was held in Lathrup Village Nov. 20, 1952.

To date some 988 pints of blood have been collected at the blood bank, sponsored by the Lathrup Women's club, makes blood available to all residents of Southfield township.

LATHRUP'S was the first blood bank to provide a nursery with Girl Scouts taking care of children. This practice has become widespread and is being put into the directives at St. Louis.

Dr. John Marra, director of laboratory at Pontiac general hospital, will speak on the history of blood transfusions and the use of the North Oakland County Unit of the American Cancer Society and is on the board of the American Red Cross.

A pathologist, Dr. Marra is a graduate of Georgetown University Medical school. He has had postgraduate study at Harvard Medical school and the University of Southern California. He is a Fellow of the American College of Pathology, the International Society of Hematology, the American Medical Association and the American Public Health Association.

HE HAS BEEN with Pontiac General Hospital for 2 1/2 years. Before coming to Pontiac, Dr. Marra was associated with the Armed Forces Institute in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Marra has accepted an invitation to be a guest at the meeting. Chairmen of the committee are Mrs. Albert J. Marshall, Mrs. Albert J. McClaren and Mrs. Herdie G. Englund. Mrs. Lee G. Billston, Mrs. Harry Orrick and Mrs. L. W. Childs.

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EUGENE SWEM, township supervisor, and Leonard Lamb, water superintendent, were instructed by township board Tuesday to work out a contract with Samuel A. Walker Jr., professional engineer, and Thomas C. Hanson, consulting engineer for Mason L. Brown, Engineering, under which the township might agree at a later date to take over a disposal plant proposed for H. T. Keating, realtor, and Miller Homes, Inc. The plant would serve homes intended to be constructed west and north of the 13 Mile-Lanser intersection. Lamb was also told to draw up a report of problems facing the township in regard to increased temporary sewage plants being built locally.

A SPECIAL meeting has been called for March 8 by the township board to discuss the 1956-57 budget.

Extra Candidates Assure Interest In Franklin Vote

FRANKLIN — With the deadline for filing nominating petitions now past, the township board has approved that method of raising the issue of the township's right to object to the project as soon as builders put money in escrow to cover the construction cost.

Unopposed are treasurer Norman G. Curran and Assessor Walter K. M. Rodgers.

Two seek the one year term of president. They are incumbent, Harold A. Roseberry, 20280 Wellington; and Gerald H. Ellis of 24600 N. Cromwell.

Mrs. FAYE Hank of 32383 Franklin, incumbent clerk, is opposed by Mrs. Carl D. (Annie Lee) Bate of 31808 Brandingham.

Four candidates are seeking three two-year terms as trustees. They are Adelaide B. Layman 30425 Greenbriar; Harry B. Rotter, 25295 13 Mile road; Homer D. Hyde, 22883 Franklin; and J. Robert Mitchell of 24684 Riverwood. The last three candidates are incumbents.

Also on the ballot will be a proposal by which villagers will decide whether they want liquor sold by the glass within the village.

Upgrade Zoning of Residential Land

SOUTHFIELD — Grand River Park subdivision in Section 31 has been rezoned from Residential One (R-1) to Residential Two (R-2) and all of Section 25 has been changed from R-2 to R-3, by township trustees last Thursday at a special meeting.

The reclassifications, both more restrictive, will take place after publication of notice.

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