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Give Final 12-Town Speeches

Final arguments in the controversial 12-Town drain case were delivered before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge H. Russell Holland at Pontiac Tuesday and a decision is expected soon.

The final arguments were given by the drain commission, which is fighting to preserve the \$44,000,000 drain project, and attorneys for Southfield township and the City of Troy which claim the commission did not follow the law in setting up such a project.

HOLLAND IS NOT expected to give his decision until after the Christmas holidays.

Both sides have indicated that regardless of Holland's decision they will appeal to the State Supreme court if the decision goes against them.

The aim of the 12-Town drain is to relieve seasonal flooding in 13 Southeastern Oakland county communities.

For Next Week's Issue We Also Need Early News and Advertising Copy Because of the New Year's Holiday... Anything You Can Do to Get Your Advertising And News Copy In Early Will Be Greatly Appreciated

Three Injured In Auto Accident

SOUTHFIELD—Three persons, two of them from Birmingham, were injured Friday in a three-car collision on Northwestern and J. L. Hudson drive in Southfield.

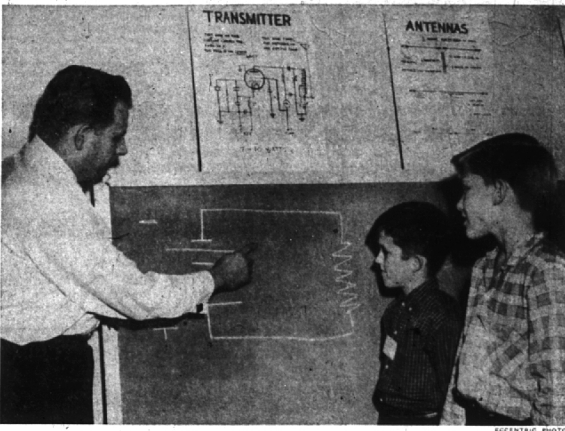
Treated for minor injuries at William Beaumont hospital in Royal Oak were Galina Skarain, 45, and Bronislava Basnin, 45, both of 17995 Birwood in Birmingham, and John H. Chamberlin, 20, of Detroit.

Police say the accident occurred when a car driven by Chamberlin struck another driven by William W. Merrill, 38, of Will-O-Way road, Bloomfield township, which crashed into one carrying the two Birmingham women.



Teens Prepare Gifts for Youngsters

Members of the South Berkshires Hi-Fi teen club met recently to prepare Christmas gifts for the youngsters at the Gleiss Memorial Center nursery in Detroit. Club members collected and restored the toys for the nursery. Shown putting the finishing touches on the presents are (from left) Joe Baltz, club treasurer, Donna Febraro, club president, Kitty Piechocki, club secretary, and Laura Cline.



Radio Hams Meet in Franklin

Ken Alexander of Southfield explains an intricate radio diagram to two young pupils, (from left) Dave Bogley of Birmingham and Gary Ludwig of Southfield. These instructions are given every Monday night when the Franklin Village Ham Radio club gets together at the Community church.

Radio Club Objective Is to Learn Theory

By NITA HARD FRANKLIN—Since the middle of October, every Monday night, the Franklin Village Ham Radio club has been meeting at the Franklin Community church—and you should hear the things they talk about!

From small boys like Dave Bogley, age 10, who attends regularly with his father, Mrs. George Bogley of Birmingham, to grandfathers like Bill Jones of West Bloomfield, the group has a single objective and a strange language.

THE COURSE, WHEN announced in October, welcomed would-be hams in the area and about 30 enrolled, including people from Royal Oak, Southfield township and Birmingham. There are about 15 who come regularly and are planning on completing the course which is expected to run about a year.

Working under the American Radio Relay league the group is studying for the novice license which allows code messages only. Later they hope to apply for a general license which permits the use of microphone and extends the range of meters.

Armed Bandits Rob S'feld Manager A beer store managed by a Southfield township man was held up by two bandits Wednesday night and \$8,000 stolen.

Manuel Horowitz, 41, of 21400 Inkster, Southfield, said the two men walked into Ike's beer store, 8603 W. Eight Mile, with drawn guns and forced him and a clerk to lie on the floor while covering two customers.

Horowitz said the bandits cleaned out the cash register, but secured most of the money from a metal box kept under the counter.

Hold Last Charter Meeting

SOUTHFIELD—The City of Southfield charter commission held its final meeting of 1957 Dec. 18 and will not return to work again until Jan. 6.

At its final 1957 meeting, the commission passed sections of the future charter dealing with civil service standards.

THEY ALSO agreed that during the first elective year, the new city will pay its major \$2,000 annually and its clerk and treasurer \$7,600 annually.

After the first year has passed, the salaries of these officials will be set by the city council.

In other action, the commissioners passed a charter section dealing with qualifications for office which said that no person holding an elective or appointive office in the City of Southfield can run for another elective office.

Southfield Youth Pleads Innocent

SOUTHFIELD—Ernest J. Fenner, 17, of 28508 Northwestern, Southfield township, pleaded innocent Friday at his examination on breaking and entering charges.

Fenner was ordered bound over to circuit court for trial Dec. 30.

THE OTHER eight youths all were from Detroit and have been turned over to Detroit police.

Name Swam to Head Southfield Teen Club SOUTHFIELD—Eugene Swam, Southfield township supervisor, has been elected president of Upper Teens, Inc., which sponsors the Boys' Upper Teens Club of Southfield.

Named trustees of the organization are Congressman William S. Broomfield (R., Oakland county) and Rev. John D. Rose, minister of Community Congregational church in Lathrup.

Cambridge Couple Takes World Tour

By MARIAN EILER A breathtaking 'round-the-world tour was recently completed by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Feeley of 27308 Shagbark in Cambridge Village.

Taking two months to see some 22 countries, the trip has left the Feeleys somewhat exhausted but excited as they related some of the wondrous scenes they have witnessed.

Starting on their journey the Feeleys first flew to Shannon, Ireland, where they contacted old friends they had known in this country. Dublin was next and the Feeleys were impressed with the cleanliness of this city. Glasgow, Frewick, and then Bremer and Oslo, Norway, where Feeley noticed a good two-thirds of the city appeared to be rock.

On to Helsinki, Copenhagen and then to Berlin where the great contrasts between the construction going on in West Berlin and the standstill in building in East Berlin was noted.

Next on the itinerary were Calcutta, Rangoon and Bangkok (where Feeley purchased two large, carved elephants with a song in the center, which he displays on his mantle) where they toured the marketing canals and even visited an opium den.

Hong Kong came next, where silk was purchased, and then to Manila and from there to Japan.

In Japan, Feeley was impressed with the fine tea rooms and extravagant shows at the hotels and clubs. He says one of the finest shows he has ever seen took place at the Kokusai Theater, where the program was entitled "Autumn Dance." It consisted of 180 girls and about 50 students in the east whose background consisted of much training and discipline.

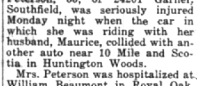
Southfield Woman Injured in Crash

SOUTHFIELD—Mrs. Pauline Peterson, 55, of 24201 Garner, Southfield, was seriously injured Monday night when the car in which she was riding with her husband, Maurice, collided with another car.

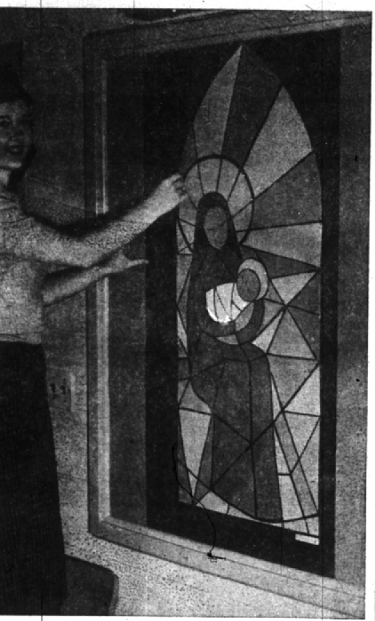
Mrs. Peterson was hospitalized at the Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Her husband was treated for head injuries and released.

The driver of the other car, Robert Glickman, 32, of 13695 Kenwood, Oak Park, told police he was slow down on the slippery road and his car swerved and struck the Peterson auto.

My Neighbors



"Sorry, dear—I can't afford a family and condescendatory taxation too!"



Christmas Work of Art

Janet Donald, a senior at Southfield high, stands before the colorful work of art she has created to office at the school. Janet is to help celebrate Christmas. Janet honor student who has won two created the decoration out of con-gold keys in national art competition paper and it almost looks like titlions.

S'field Ideal Home May Get Occupants

SOUTHFIELD—It looks as though the 1956 Ideal Home at 29060 Lone Elm lane in Southfield township finally is going to be occupied.

The Donald Selby family of 37336 Clinton township won the home at the April Builders' show in April, 1956 by guessing that there were 162,162 nails in a plastic model of the house.

THE SELBY family was all set to move into the new house when Harry W. Gould, 14520 Ashbury Park, Detroit, claimed he had estimated the number closer than the Selby family and secured an injunction preventing them from moving into the home.

The dispute finally was settled out of court recently. The agreement gives Selby the home and Gould a \$7,600 mortgage on it.

THE HOME located a half mile west of Southfield at 12 Mile, has never been occupied and it has fallen into disrepair.

It is estimated that it will cost thousands of dollars to return the home to its original condition, but the Selbys will not have to pay for this.

Selby, an engineer, and his wife, Marilyn, have three small children. They plan to move into the home before the first of the year even though it has not yet been repaired.



Celebrate Mexican Style Christmas

The breaking of the pinata by the children is the highlight of the traditional Mexican Christmas celebration held annually by the Albert Shuttles of Beechwood in Beverly Hills. The pinata seen above is an alligator and made of crepe paper. It is filled with gifts and when it is broken the children select their gifts from those spilled on the floor. Taking a swing at the pinata by Yvonne Shuttles while looking on are (from left) neighbors Cathy and Freddie Narkun and Yvonne's brother, Eddie.

Lathrup Has Three Break-Ins

LATHRUP—A recent rash of break-ins has Lathrup residents on edge and police officers stepping up security measures.

Three known break-ins occurred in the city area last week.

Broken into were Pete's Market, 28911 Southfield, Meyer's Drugs, 28901 Southfield, and the Richard M. Weir home at 27754 Rackham drive.

BOTH THE market and drug store are believed to have been entered by bandits either late Dec. 18 or early Dec. 19. Some \$400 in cash and an undetermined amount of merchandise was taken from the two establishments.

Police theorized that the bandits entered the drug store first by forcing open a back door. They said some \$300 in cash and an undetermined amount of merchandise was taken.

Officers say they think the thieves then went to the market next door where they gained entry through a fan vent in the roof.

AFTER FORCING open the fan vent, police say the burglars dropped down to the top of a large refrigerator and from there slipped down into the store. They apparently escaped by the same method.

Some \$100 in cash, numerous cartons of cigarettes and an undetermined amount of cash was taken.

The Weir home was entered either late Dec. 17 or early Dec. 18. Police have not been able to determine what has been taken from the home since the family is vacationing and efforts to establish contact with it have not been successful.

S'field Gets \$68,330 SOUTHFIELD—Oakland county's share of the state's December state school aid payments is \$2,538,340. Southfield's share is \$68,330.

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