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People's Column Says Expressways Violate Basic American Rights

TO THE EDITOR: Possibly no greater act of brutality and communistic vandalism can be conceived on the American citizen than the denial of his God-given right to the protection of his rights of his home, and of that environment, so vital to his freedom and progress, that corresponds with the evolved state.

By the absolute dictatorship of governments supposedly democratic and without a vestige of justice, purpose, reason, common sense or explanation, thousands of homeowners living in the most beautiful and thickly populated residential areas of the State of Michigan are to be forced to sacrifice their homes, decrease the value of their subdivisions, and, to the detriment of their children, lower the evolved state of their home environment, for an Expressway.

THIS EXPRESSWAY, coming off the Willow Run Expressway, spilling its commercial traffic into the heart of eighty square miles of residential areas, and jamming traffic from outside areas to jam towns and residential streets, and causing to serve the factory or industrial area within Wayne County, or any property west of Grand Avenue, or south of the suburb of Pontiac.

It will induce heavy manufacturing industries to locate on the cheap, vacant land fringing our residential suburbs, and, eventually, to locate the factory or industrial area within Wayne County, or any property west of Grand Avenue, or south of the suburb of Pontiac.

THIS STATE Highway Commission has the power to sanction the Southfield Expressway, or to reject it. He did not instigate its construction, and to date he has not given it his approval.

His decision can depend on the appeal and silent consent of the communities, or upon the overwhelming support given him by the owners of the affected residential areas and their civic associations.

Police said thieves ripped off a screen and broke a rear window and took \$100 in earnings, a bracelet valued at \$1,300 and a \$100 ring.

Workmen's Diner SOUTHFIELD—Township board voted last week to spend \$162 for blocks and cement to build a workmen's diner in which they can get their lunches. Some materials and all labor will be contributed by the men themselves.

Switch Collection BINGHAM FARMS—The Bingham Farms village council has voted to change rubbish collection dates from the first Monday of each month to the first Tuesday.

My Neighbors... Why, so it is an engagement ring, I can see the diamond plain as anything!

Walnut Lake Club Marks 23rd Year

The Walnut Lake Men's club, now in its twenty-third year, has a history and tradition of public service. Formed in February, 1915 by six residents of the community, the club has grown to a membership of 60 and has increased its participation in civic affairs, youth programs and public improvements in keeping with its membership growth.

MEN'S CLUB members are also active in Little League Baseball as coaches in football and basketball for 9-12 year olds and have handed programs of instruction in swimming, boating and fishing. The men's club also has its social side regular meetings and quickly organized a group which met in the recreation rooms of members' homes.

THE FIRST important effort as a club was made to impress upon the community in general and the West Bloomfield township supervisors in particular, the need for a clubroom on Inkster and Walnut Lake Roads.

AFTER EIGHT years of meetings in homes, Dr. P. L. Granger offered the facilities of his barn for clubroom use and members accepted readily.

AFTER OBTAINING the paved road from the township, the club turned its attention to fire protection for the growing community.

A MODERN firehouse is strategically located in the Walnut Lake residential district. The building by the club obtained street lighting for the shopping area and the Walnut Lake firehouse.

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IT WAS ALSO a preview showing of the finished portrait of Harrison's brothers, close friends and some of his colleagues who agreed that they had indeed captured the personality as well as the physical likeness of the superintendent.

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At Lathrup Church

MISS DOROTHY BIGGS, of London, England, associate secretary of the International Congregational council and editor of the council's publications, Congregational Youth and Congregational Women, will speak at both 9:30 and 11 a.m. services Sunday at Community Congregational church, Lathrup village.

UF Outlines Prerequisites for S'field Boys Club Aid

SOUTHFIELD—Conditions under which Boys Upper Teens Club of Southfield could be affiliated with United Foundation were outlined in a letter to Walter C. Laidlaw, executive vice president of UF, in a letter to The Eccentric.

Nowicki Flooding Problem Dropped SOUTHFIELD—The cause of Edmund J. Nowicki, 16170 Amsberst, has been dropped by Southfield township board which last week announced that it had exhausted every means to bring better drainage to Nowicki's property.

APPROVAL FROM Lansing will take from three weeks to two months, depending upon the work load there. Paving therefor, may not be accomplished until next spring. It all hinges on word from Lansing.

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Franklin Artist's First Commission Unveiled

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Westwood Charter Writers Hold Organizational Meeting

Charter Progress Reported

A progress report from the newly-elected Westwood Village Charter Commission was made to block captains of the area Monday night in an informal meeting at the Community House.

HE THEN ASKED Ted Shurtliff, past president of the association, to explain in greater detail the commission's approach to the problem of services and public safety.

UPON QUESTIONING from a member of the audience, Shurtliff hastened to point out that the figures he used were purely hypothetical and had no bearing, real or implied, on the final draft.

Court Ordered Bonds For Lathrup Village?

LATHRUP—Residents here may be required to pay for a \$300,000 bond issue without voting on whether or not they want their taxes raised, city officials revealed this week.

Vote to Determine Winner of Debate At Speech Clinic

SOUTHFIELD—The annual meeting of the Coach-Judge-Student Speech clinic will be held at Southfield high school tomorrow.

New Rating Sought For S'field Schools

SOUTHFIELD—Will J. Oliver, Southfield school board treasurer, said this week that he is attempting to get a new rating for the Southfield school district which could reduce taxes on bonds as much as one-quarter per cent.

Delay Paving Suit

SOUTHFIELD—Court action on the show cause order asking Southfield township why they should not be required to engage in paving Brentwood street was postponed until Monday, Friday court date was set for Sept. 23.

Cline Elected Chairman

WESTWOOD—This area's newly elected charter commission held their first meeting Monday at the 13 Mile road station.

Parks Commission Wants to Option 99 Acres in S'field

SOUTHFIELD—The township's parks and recreation commission has asked the township board to inquire, through the township board, the possibility of securing 99 1/2 acres in Section 28 for a park site.

Cub Scouts Start To Make Costumes

SOUTH BERKSHIRE—Cub Scouts in den 1 of pack B-24 met Monday at the home of their den mother, Mrs. Richard Vosler of Embassy drive.

Officers Announced By Junior Players

FRANKLIN—With their first venture a success, the Franklin Junior Players met Saturday night at the Franklin Community church to see colored movies and to elect officers.

Need Card to Swim

Starting Monday anyone taking part in the Southfield Swimming program (this does not include instruction part of program) will be required to apply for membership and can attend the party, providing reservations are made by Mrs. Don Odie, Mrs. John Baker or Mrs. Don Hacker.

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