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Oiling Is Permitted On Beverly

BEVERLY HILLS—To make good on their promise to keep dust down, the Beverly Hills council Tuesday night allowed the oiling of Beverly road.

At the same time Village Council President Martin E. Cline named Councilman Leo Lonsomper to the job of village road commission chairman. The responsibility for roads was formerly carried by resigning Councilman Robert B. Reed.

The village is spending \$950 to oil the entire two miles of the major road from Greenfield to Evergreen. The work is to be done by today.

The action was taken by the council after residents living on the street complained that the village's program of calcium chloriding was not keeping dust down.

THE CALCIUM chloride is effective for only about two days, residents said.

Road Commissioner Walter Kouha told the council that he personally was convinced calcium chloriding was not adequate for heavily traveled roads such as Beverly. Last spring the council was stormed by a delegation of residents along Beverly, who demanded that the village oil the road. Acting on the recommendation of road engineers, the council stuck to its decision to permit no oiling.

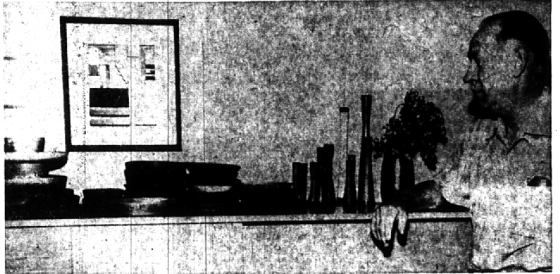
THEY TOLD the residents, however, that they would guarantee to keep the dust down. The council hoped that frequent applications of chloride would halt dust, but approved the oiling Tuesday when residents described the situation existing all summer.

Butterflies, Hawks Plattered Sights On Institute Safaris

CRANBROOK—Cranbrook Institute of science is again offering a series of five Saturday field trips to junior members who are 11 years and older.

Registration may be made by mail or at the reception desk of weekdays 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fee is two dollars for junior members. Those who are not members may join the institute and register for the expeditions at the same time, on or before Tuesday.

First trip is Sept. 19, an all-day expedition to Pointe Pelee. For the hawk and monarch butterfly migration.



Stacked atop a chest of drawers he made and candle sticks which Randall E. Clark are some of the bowls, many of them inlaid, produced on his workshop lathe.

He Makes Pretty Pictures In His Basement Workshop

WING LAKE—He threw away his brushes at 21 when he decided he wasn't talented enough to warrant continuing at a Chicago art school.

Some years later, Randall E. Clark acquired his first shop tools. Since that day in 1940 his skillful hands have shaped an artistic array of vegetable showpieces. They are pictures, in themselves.

He tailor-made many of them to fit the rooms and the needs of his household at 4350 Oak Grove Drive, Bloomfield township.

THE TALL, mustached commercial art salesman turns out bedrooms sets, coffee and end tables, dinner ware and candle sticks in his little Grand Rapids of a shop.

The chests are not just chests—the desks are not just desks—in the handsome modern sets of furniture he built for two bedrooms at his lake-side home. They're custom-crafted craftsmanship.

Every desk and chest drawer is beautifully sectioned and compartmentalized to fit the possessions of its user.

CLARK wanted a place to store his slide film projector and color slides. As he always does before he begins work, he drew a detailed plan first.

He designed a tall, narrow chest to hold the projector in a big top sliding drawer. Below it he drew in enough flat drawers to hold his neatly-filled slides and many more yet to be taken.

He built it of varnished oak to match the custom-built furniture in the bedroom where he stores it. With woods, waxes and oils, he slides the chest out on rollers.

While Clark is building furniture or turning bowls in his well-

equipped shop, his wife is often making more work for him.

IN A BUSY workshop adjoining her husband's, Marie Clark pursues her dual hobby of ceramics and sculpture. If she turns an ice bucket on her potter's wheel, her husband completes it with a snuff-fitting, attractive, wooden lid.

When Mrs. Clark sculpts a new piece, she uses a lathe to finish it fully-finished base from her husband's workshop.

The couple plans to produce even more of their teamwork art a few

years from now, when Clark plans to retire.

They'll be living in a mountain-side home they recently purchased near Asheville, N. C. There they reason, they will be halfway between their son, Robert R., of 1029 Greenree, Bloomfield township (he's art director for a big ad agency) and a married daughter and her four (and a half) children in Florida.

SINCE Asheville is a town where music festivals, creative people and artists' markets abound its atmosphere will probably encourage the Clarks to turn out even more of their artistic wares. And who knows? Randall Clark might even start a new set of pot brushes.

Club Plans First Meeting

SOUTHFIELD—The Riverwoods garden club will hold its first meeting of the season at 10:30 Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Harold Skidmore, 2490 Waycross.

Mrs. Frank Weir and Mrs. Glen Wisely will act as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Myron Greenfield will discuss her trip to the Higgins lake conservation camp and show a movie entitled "In the Beginning."

Officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. Hugh Joseph, president; Mrs. Cleveland Nixon, vice-president; Mrs. Raymond Anderson, secretary; Mrs. Hillur Londal, treasurer and Mrs. Stephen Baldwin, corresponding secretary.

Committee heads include: Mrs. C. Nixon, program; Mrs. Nell McGreor, ways and means; Mrs. Andy Hoard, membership; Mrs. Richard Arnold, hospitality; Mrs. John Campbell, publicity; and Mrs. Irving Vollbrecht and Mrs. Eugene

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Hill, flowers and cards. Officers are Mrs. John Zink, librarian; Mrs. Joseph Mough, year book and scrap book; Mrs. Frank Weir and Mrs. James Shott, flower arrangements; Mrs. Herbert David and Mrs. Myron Greenfield, international cooperation and conservation.

Southfield to Permit Apartments in City

SOUTHFIELD—The city's soon-to-be-completed master plan will include areas for multiple dwellings that will allow apartments in the city.

A new ordinance will set up two new zoning classifications, M3, three family apartments and M4, four or more family apartments. Duplexes will be prohibited.

Falcon Meets Public In Ford Man's Treetop

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Perched 70 feet high in the tree top, the falcon stretched and fluttered his mighty wings. Behind the clump of trees which obscured him from the casual glance, on the crest of the hill, the impressive English manor house was silhouetted against the sky.

It sounds like the beginning of an eighteenth century English novel.

But, no... the setting is Bloomfield Hills... the time, last Sunday... the scene was not waiting to bring down a carrier pigeon bearing a secret message... as the novel might have read... instead, the bird was imprisoned in the tree top—a rope attached to one leg hopelessly tangled in the tall pine tree.

THE FALCON was first spied in the tree located on the crest of the Elwood P. Engel home on Franklin road, by Engel's son, Lloyd, and his friend, Kenny Smith. It was a close association, 13 years ago, when the bird was first seen like—but can never find school books and socks).

HOW DO YOU rescue a bird 70 feet straight up—especially one that could conceivably tear an arm to shreds?

A number of neighbors, who gathered on the Engel's lawn offered suggestions.

Aid from the fire department was sought to no avail. The Detroit Zoo was called and it sent out two men, equipped with long protective gloves and a forked pole, but they could do nothing to capture the bird until it was within reach.

ELWOOD ENGEL has sharp shooting medals acquired in World War II, so he got out his 22 rifle and tried to sever the rope by shooting it.

The bird seemed to sense that it was not the target and sat quietly on a branch while rounds of shot were fired only inches away. But, while the bird was not hit, neither was the rope.

Next a 50 foot ladder was



The falcon and Detroit Edison crewman Al Ouellett

County Kills DPW's Evans Ditch Project

Franklin Council Awards Contract For Road Work

FRANKLIN—By skipping concrete handrails and tailoring engineering details to match available funds, Franklin's council awarded its major road maintenance contract to Sterling Clark Tuesday night after a week's study of bids. In the second go-around on bids, the first rejected as too high, costs were shaved by two companies with Garrett's \$35,554 the low offer.

Franklin roads will receive their final treatment of calcium chloride soon after Sept. 14, except Wellington and part of Scenic which will be prepared for major work to begin about Sept. 18.

It is expected that the maintenance program will not interfere with normal traffic flow, except where the necessary cross culverts are being installed.

PONTIAC—The big Rouge No. 1 project is finished.

The county's \$414,000 program for cleaning out, widening and deepening the huge drain known as the Evans ditch through Beverly Hills, Lathrup and Southfield was vetoed Tuesday. Already the three communities are working on separate plans for clearing up the ditch's filth and stench.

A three-man board of determination unanimously passed a resolution to drop the Oakland county department of public works project. They stated that in their opinion the municipalities involved should get together and solve the problem themselves.

Their action was taken after three hearings at which property owners and officials in the communities involved vigorously opposed the Rouge project.

PROTESTERS objected to the cost and also to safety hazards they felt the open ditch would create. Plans called for the ditch to be widened to 28 and 30 feet and deepened to eight and ten feet in places.

Drain Commissioner Daniel W. Eury said Wednesday the board's decision is final, and that the only action remaining for the DPW is to spread the necessary taxes to collect payment for the \$13,000 worth

of engineering plans prepared on the project.

The DPW originally drew up the plans after residents of the drainage district petitioned for action.

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to clean out the portion of the ditch running through Lathrup.

SUBDIVIDER Louise Lathrup told the board of determination last week, "The members of our committee are ready to clean out the ditch if the county will get out of the way."

Southfield plans to clean out the section of the ditch running from 12 Mile to 13 Mile, at an estimated cost of \$46,000.

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Beverly Hills Council Names McClanathan

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The council also named Edward P. Dolan and David H. Raup to the village council posts from which Herbert Herzberg and Clifford F. Wright recently resigned. McClanathan, 42, lives at 3185 Kenworthy. He was defeated in his bid for election to the village council last year.

COUNCILMAN Ted Shurtleff notified John A. McClanathan for the post. It was the only name offered in nomination.

The new councilman's term will expire next March, as Reed was elected to a two-year term of office

Franklin to Get New Post Office; Building, Lease Contracts Signed

Architect's rendering shows the colonial theme will be carried out in Franklin's new post office.

FRANKLIN—A contract has been signed for the construction and leasing of a new post office building for Franklin. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield told Congressman William S. Broomfield today.

To be located at the northeast corner of Franklin road and Carol street, this modern post office structure will provide 1,815 square feet of interior space, an outside loading platform, and 7,200 square feet of hard-surfaced space for parking and truck maneuvering.

SUCCESSFUL bidders were Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Schoeffel of 1000 Franklin road.

Construction of the new post office is expected to start immediately and the completion date is set for early January. The lease will run for ten years with renewal options up to 20 years.

General Summerfield pointed out that the new post office is part of the program in Franklin is typical of many others going on elsewhere throughout the country.

AND THE new post offices, he said, contain not only the modern patron-services counters and fluorescent lighting, but a separate patron lobby to allow patrons use many extra hours a day.

NEW MECHANICAL equipment and furnishings will be provided. The building is part of the painting program throughout.

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To Sketch Round-Up Visitors

FRANKLIN—Under gaily colored canopies Birmingham caricaturist Peter Jepson and Robert Herzberg, pastel painter, will sketch artist of Royal Oak, will treat visitors to the annual Franklin Round-up and Barbecue Sept. 19. Beginning with a ballgame at 10 a.m., the event runs until sundown.

The artists are an additional feature to the art show being held the same day, exhibiting Franklin area talent in painting, sculpturing and crafts.

Art show entries will be accepted Sept. 14 and 15 at the Franklin Community church, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those who have not sent in entry blanks by the Sept. 5 deadline should bring them when submitting work. Labels should be affixed in the front of each entry and pictures should be wired for hanging, sculpture on bases, if possible, and prices marked if item is available for sale.

THE COMMITTEE also announced that exhibits should be picked up immediately after the show.

Bill Fay and Mrs. Clarence Dickinson are co-chairmen of arrangements. Bill was graduated from U of M and staged student art shows on campus. His contributions are Jack Meserve of Franklin interiors, Mrs. Wendell Young, Mrs. William Pearce, Mrs. Mary Pearce, Mrs. Mark Diez and Mrs. Benjamin Swayer.

The wide variety of window displays shown by Franklin artists to publicize the event have been responsibility of Mrs. Jack Souder. Posters were done by Dennis Bender, Mrs. Edward Ravits and Bill Bieker of Wood Creek.

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No Grass Clippings, Beverly Hills Asks

BEVERLY HILLS—Wet grass clippings and newspapers are causing extra wear and overtime work for the men who handle Beverly Hills' trash disposal, Councilman Leo J. Linsenmeyer said Tuesday night.

He asked that residents refrain from putting grass clippings with their trash, and that they use a trash can lid or other cover for newspapers ready for pick-up, to prevent rain from soaking them.

JOHN A. McCLANATHAN in March, 1938. Reed announced his resignation last week to accept an out-of-town business transfer.

An assistant automotive manager at Liberty-Owens-Ford Glass company in Detroit, McClanathan is the father of four children. He accepted his appointment late Tuesday after he was notified by phone.

After the council's unanimous approval of McClanathan, Village President Martin E. Cline referred to another defeated council candidate, Herman J. Draxick, 31943 Pierce street. Draxick ran ahead of McClanathan by 30 votes in the March council race.

CLINE emphasized that Draxick was needed to carry on his present work for the village in his capacity as planning commission vice chairman. The commission is busy preparing a village master plan.

Without referring to Draxick by name, Cline said, "We have tremendous talent in the village and in the commissions now serving us. The work these men are now doing is extremely important. We hope that all these men have the same outstanding talents and serious capacities of village work."

BOTH NEW members of the commission appointees have been active in property owners' association and village affairs.

Dolan, of 31946 Carl Elder, is a department manager with Lincoln-Mercury division of Ford Motor company. Raup lives at 16375 Locherie, Detroit office manager for Minneapolis-Honeywell.