

**The Mourning After**

**Vote 'Yes' on Hills Bonds**

The Bloomfield Hills city commission's proposed \$1.5 million general obligation bond issue, to be voted on next Monday, Dec. 19, we believe is a good, sound plan.

While the surface issue is money, amounting to about \$6.35 in additional annual taxes per thousand dollars of assessed property valuation, the real issue lies much deeper.

It revolves around the immediate necessity and future benefit of all residents in abating city water pollution.

The city is under orders to "cease and desist discharging polluted materials into the Rouge River" by the State Water Resources Board and the courts. As Mayor Henry Woolfenden has said, "The city has no option but to install the sewers, and general obligation bonds are the most economical, efficient and equitable means of financing the project."

AS WITH ANY ELECTION, there will be those opposing the proposal, which requires a 60 percent majority "yes" vote of the residents voting to win.

But such airing of differing opinions is in keeping with the principles of democra-

cy, making necessary the element of compromise upon which majority rule depends.

As John Stuart Mill said in his essay "On Liberty" over a century ago:

"If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be in silencing mankind."

THE INDIVIDUAL VOTER as well as Mill's "mankind" could suppress community progress by failing to cast his majority vote in the coming election.

It is every resident's civic duty to vote. This especially applies where there may be a tendency for opponents to turn out in greater numbers than supporters, even though the supporters are in the majority.

For under such conditions, the non-voting supporter's abstention is as good as a dissent and the majority may not be served.

The Eccentric recommends that voters approve the sewer proposal issue, thereby accelerating Bloomfield Hills' community progress and enhancing public welfare.



**NATURE NOW** By Lydia King Frehse  
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**Rare Kirtland's Warbler Nests Only in Michigan**

Kirtland's warbler is Michigan's own bird. Some 1,000 of them, all that remain of this rare and elusive species, nest only in a restricted area in the jack pine country of our lower peninsula.

When requested to review Harold Mayfield's "The Kirtland's Warbler" (published by Cranbrook Institute of Science) your scribe was on familiar ground for it was on the fringes of this bird's territory that we camped for more than twenty years.

However, during this time we saw him only once. Much later we found the nest in one of the bird's favorite haunts near Mio.

THE BOOK RECORDS a lifetime study of the late Josslyn Van Tyne, curator of birds at the University of Michigan, who during the years of 1930-1956 made yearly pilgrimages to the Kirtland's nesting grounds.

Harold Mayfield, Toledo, Ohio, businessman, who was his companion on more than half of these trips as well as on a journey to the birds' winter grounds on the Bahama Islands.

From Dr. Van Tyne's notes and previously published articles together with the author's own observations, plus those of other devoted field workers, Mr. Mayfield has recorded what is perhaps the most intensive study ever made of the breeding range of a single song bird.

KIRTLAND'S warbler was first described by the man for whom it is named from a specimen taken near Cleveland, Ohio in 1851. Norman Wood described the first nest seen in Michigan located near Red Oak in Oscoda county in July, 1905.

On lazy summer days throughout our camping years, our canoes drifted past this spot on the main stream of the Ausable river between Chase and McMeaters bridges. At that time the stream was a lonely paradise, its flow rarely interrupted by man-made sounds.

What intrigues both the ecologist and the bird student is the Kirtland's selective nesting habits. Under natural conditions it chooses a homogeneous stand of small jack pine growing thickly enough for the branches to interlace but in a location interspersed with openings.

THE TREES MUST have live foliage reaching down to the ground-cover which must conceal the comings and goings of the parents. Since the nest is usually made in a depression in the ground soil must be dry and porous to allow for quick rain absorption. When the jack pines grow up, the Kirtland moves.

The record shows that this warbler nests in loose colonies in a

territory about 100 miles long and 60 miles wide embracing Roscommon, Crawford, Osceola and Alcona counties with some strays spilling over into adjacent territory.

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**Read The U.S. Bill of Rights Again**

It has been said that the Constitution of the United States is the greatest, most humane document ever devised for the protection of freedoms that guarantee the processes of self-government.

Yet this same original Constitution, framed by perhaps the ablest group of Americans ever to assemble for civic purposes, in and of itself was not acceptable to certain Colonial leaders.

Why? Simply because it did not specifically guarantee full liberties to the people, nor the rights of the States against federal oppression.

This is why the Bill of Rights came into existence. They consist of the first ten Amendments to the Constitution, and were adopted Nov. 3, 1791, although December 15 (today) annually is the date when public observance is made.

FOURTH OF JULY each year is a national holiday, commemorating the publishing of our Declaration of Independence. This, to be sure, is mighty important. Yet, in the light of American history thus far, had the Bill of Rights not been attached to the Constitution you may imagine what our individual U.S. status might be—human nature being what it is, and mankind still unable to suppress all of its lusts for power and material wealth.

So we earnestly suggest that you again read over the U.S. Bill of Rights. They guarantee you freedom to speak, to write, to publish, to worship. They give you the right to petition government for a redress of grievances.

You are protected against unlawful search and seizure of your property, your person, and no police officer may arrest and hold you without duly issued warrant. You are assured of having your own legal

counsel, and trial by an impartial jury; you are not required to testify in court against yourself, nor can you be tried twice for the same offense.

POWERS NOT DELEGATED to the United States by the Constitution are reserved to the States, or to the people. (This guarantee continually is under attack by certain so-called "liberals" in the federal government, and others—so you can imagine how much less liberty you would enjoy if the Constitution's Article X. (Bill of Rights) were not part of that great document.)

Yes, we urge you to read the Bill of Rights again and, what is equally important, discuss it with others, including your own children.

Don't forget that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty!"

**From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .**

About the only other dirty trick Khru-shev could have pulled while here would be to ask for asylum.

A firm plans to market a new type of corn that will increase yields up to 25 percent. Just what's needed to solve the surplus problem.

Chairman Morton says the GOP is short of money. The Republicans have debts and the Democrats have Kennedy.

Americans were first to get a message-relaying balloon into orbit. Heard in the Kremlin: "Well, that's the way the message bounces."

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**Happenings of Long Ago**

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 16, 1910  
School closes Friday afternoon for the Christmas vacation and re-opens again Jan. 3, 1911. At a recent meeting of the boys of the high school officers were elected for next year. Baseball manager, Bert Shuler; captain, Charles Martin; treasurer, Earle Randall; football manager, Earl Randall; captain, Ira Martin and treasurer, Ernest Burtraw.

D. G. Fisher, on the Wm. Allen farm two miles west and one mile north of Birmingham, Dec. 27 at 1 p.m. will have an auction sale and M. H. Bunt will do the selling. Two peeler cuts, bees, eggs, incubators, cutters, farming tools, implements and household goods, everything goes.

The Sigma Tau sorority will give a holiday party at the Johnson-Shaw hall Dec. 29. Finney's orchestra will furnish the music.

The Cowans are happy. Hurrah! Hurrah! From Spokane Bridge, Wash., a letter signed by Mrs. Robert J. Cowan reads as follows: "Enclosed find money order for two dollars I believe we are owing you from last February, and it is a sure enough fact we can't do without the Eccentric."

30 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 18, 1920  
Birmingham's Legionnaires have pledged their cooperation as an organization to assist in the welfare and unemployment work of the village through the Birmingham community house and have plans to register all former service men in conjunction with a national program of the organization for unemployment relief.

Which reminds us of another loss that was "Sweet Charity" gain. It was reported to this department recently that a group of genial gamblers in these parts (Oh, yes, there are such persons!) played for stakes totaling \$5,000 and the winner of all the money turned it over to various charities. For which he or she, as the case unfolds, may be wins our fervent congratulations.

Almost 500 bottles of genuine (?) beer, whiskey, gin, moonshine and other liquors went down the drain Thursday at the Municipal building when State police conducted their regular confiscation visit to the Birmingham Police Department. The liquor had been seized, mostly from drunk drivers, during the year.

15 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 13, 1935  
Old Man Winter seems bent on the "Mr. Fall" right out of the picture before his rightful day to leave—Dec. 22. The present cold wave has been threatening to move into Birmingham for several days and actually did hit the city with its low temperatures on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Some reports yesterday told of temperature readings of 12 degrees.

The William McClintock gasoline service station, Woodward and Adams, was burglarized Saturday night, thieves making away with about \$55 in cash.

In these days when cars are hard to get, along comes a fire and burns one up. The car belonged to Arthur Saffan and the blaze was Monday night, near the intersection of East Long Lake Rd. and Kensington, in Bloomfield Hills.

Roxane Lambie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John S. Lambie of 280 Aspen Rd., arrived at Manila on Thanksgiving day, after being stationed on Guam since April. Roxane is a hospital staff assistant with the American Red Cross.

**Hathaway's new muted stripe**  
(woven in the cause of restraint)

MEN'S SUITS and ties will be quieter than ever this year. We salute this trend with Hathaway's new muted stripe—a quiet little contribution to the cause of restraint. Come in for a close look, and you'll see that each stripe is actually three pencil-thin lines, interwoven with white. The result is an ingeniously subtle stripe.

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**ONE THING OR ANOTHER**  
BY GEORGE WM. AVERILL

It's one of those things you may not have noted before, but the highly esteemed New York Times places a period at the end of its name on the heading on page one, as well as in all inside page folios.

This column has always wondered why yet never sought to find out—until a few days ago.

We wrote the Times' editor, Charles Merz, to learn the reason.

By return mail came Merz' concise and acceptable reply:

"Thank you for your letter of November 29th. The question you ask in it is one we are often asked and one for which we have no answer except that the period has been there for a long time and we are reluctant to remove it."

Is there any among us brave enough to board an airplane which

has no destination? Then why are so many people leading lives which have no objective or purpose?

The Birmingham-Bloomfield area has a wealth of amateur and professional singers, vocalists, and instrumentalists. How wonderful it would be if they could be combined into an annual program and let them demonstrate their talents to an appreciative audience which would pack the auditorium to the rafters?

It is conceivable that the event could last five or six nights, a sort of music festival. Musical comedy, operettas, choruses, individual renditions would be a musical feat as well as a feast.

With so much good music in the world, it's sad that it isn't expressed more often. This is a challenging suggestion, but Birmingham-Bloomfield has the talent and the audience. All we need to make this an accomplishment is a coordinating director.