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Income Taxes Aren't Dead, Mayor Predicts

SOUTHFIELD—They're holding the wade over city income taxes, but the object of the rites isn't dead yet, according to Southfield Mayor Donald Swanson.

While the Southfield area's state Representative James Clark (D) was actively supporting a resolution calling the city income tax "type of piracy," Swanson saw it as an inevitably necessary evil for large cities.

"I am sure the city income tax will bounce back in one form or another," the mayor said. "Because many areas will be facing problems in getting enough money from property taxes."

EACH YEAR as more and more people move in and need for services grows, Southfield itself will be faced with a continuing money-raising problem, the mayor predicts.

"Had Detroit put this in, I think the Southfield situation is very similar to the situation and considered good to the people for approval of a property tax," Swanson said.

Clarkson earned the disfavor of some of his Democratic associates when he voted against a state income tax proposal backed by his party in the state legislature. The measure lost by one vote.

Southfield in cooperation with the National Safety Council and Town & Country Pools announces that it is organizing free classes in swimming instruction.

Water safety and swimming instruction will be given under the direction of a qualified Red Cross teacher. The free classes will be held at Towin & Country's class pool located at 24255 Telegraph, Southfield.

The company employees of the classes are open to anyone who has completed a first aid course. No costs of any kind are involved for enrollment.

THE CLASSES were prompted by a recent announcement from the National Safety Council that 90-million Americans cannot swim well enough to protect themselves in case of emergency in the water.

The council called for home swimming pool builders to sponsor swimming instruction classes in the public interest.

Arrangements for enrollment can be made by contacting the Town & Country office.

Franklin Interiors Denied Request For Addition

FRANKLIN—The Franklin zoning board of appeals has denied the request of Franklin Interiors, Inc., to enlarge a rear porch on a non-conforming structure.

In the opinion of the board, the property can be put to reasonable use within the present building limitations, and the fact that a unique hardship exists had not been established.

THE BOARD ALSO sent formal notice to Gordon McAlpine, president of the Franklin Community association on its ruling to approve the request permission to build a new community hall on property adjacent to the village green.

The opinion states, "In arriving at this decision, careful consideration was given to requirements of Section 7.4 H of the zoning ordinance."

Home Team Rooter Scores Hit, Sets TV Back on Bauls

SOUTHFIELD—The portable television set at the residence of Southfield Councilman Thomas J. Costello was the victim of a home run on May 26.

Costello appeared on a television program, WKXZ-TV's "Sports Bureau," with fellow Councilman John J. Hollywood, portraying the fathers of little league baseball players.

Meanwhile, back at home base, two-year-old Kevin, one of three sons, was rebuffed at the sight of his father on the screen. He charged across the room, shouting "daddy, daddy."

Poiled by the small fry brawl, the TV set fell off the table on which it rested. Costello had to coach his family on the show when he returned home. The TV set is temporarily banded.

Lathrup Seeks New Program For Sewers

LATHRUP—With a mid-June goal set by Mayor Richard N. Cogger for a new program to solve the storm and sanitary sewer problem, the first of two invitational meetings is scheduled for June 3.

Tomorrow night's meeting will feature Stewart Bogie of Pace and Hirt, representatives of interested groups and the council. Discussion will be devoted mainly to hearing one of two groups of petitioners.

THIS GROUP includes Fred Farris, Fred Hitzel, J. A. Farris and 14 other petitioners represented by attorney James Renfrew.

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Chevrolet to Honor Retiring Engineer. A. J. Underwood

BEVERLY HILLS—Tribute will be paid to Arthur J. Underwood, 1858 Riverside drive, Beverly Hills, next week for almost four decades of continuous service to the Chevrolet engineering department.

Underwood, who retired from Chevrolet last week, will be honored by his engineering associates at a farewell party June 7, at the Executive Inn.

THE VETERAN ENGINEER joined Chevrolet in Flint following his graduation from the University of Michigan in 1922. Four years later he was transferred to the central office staff in Detroit and has served in various supervisory capacities in the test laboratory.

From 1941 to 1945 he was in charge of the test lab at the Chevrolet aviation engine plant in Tonawanda, N. Y.

In 1953 he was named chief test coordinator and liaison engineer of the production engineering group. His assignment was to coordinate activities of the test laboratories in Chevrolet manufacturing plants across the country.

UNDERWOOD, WHOSE 38 years of continuous service is one of the longest careers in the history of the Chevrolet engineering organization, has no special plans for the immediate future. He expects to have more time now for fishing and hunting, as well as gardening. His three favorite hobbies.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

Geodesic Dome To House Activities For Arts Festival

The Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM MICHIGAN

This Old House is Now Headquarters

George J. Fulkerson can count on at least a baker's dozen of signatures on petitions now circulating in his behalf for the Democratic nomination for prosecuting attorney.

The school board has authorized Supt. Glenn B. Schoenhaus to purchase electric typewriters, if the enrollment reaches the required number. The course will be for six weeks at a moderate fee per session.

Registrations for the classes at Lathrup school will be accepted at the summer fair being held this week at Northbrook school. The fair will end Friday night at 8 p.m.

THE CLASSES have the backing of the PTA curriculum study typing committee.

South-Oak Drain Hits Another Snag

SOUTHFIELD—The controversial South-Oak (Eight Mile) storm drain issue hit another snag last Thursday with the state highway department threatening to pull its \$1.3 million participation out of the \$5.3 million project.

The drain must be under construction within a few months, said Irving J. Rubin, executive aide to Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie, at a North Woodward board of realtor lunch. The highway department "will provide independently for our own drains."

He said it will delay construction, referring to an agreement reached with the state highway department, which is the most completely Evergreen and Farmington Interceptors.

'Ballon Man' To Entertain June 4 At Walnut Lake Fair

WALNUT LAKE—The "Ballon Man," Mel Snyder, will present an intriguing act at the Walnut Lake Fair on June 4.

His act consists of Snyder fashioning balloons into unusual animals and fantastic creations, including audience participation. His impromptu assistants receive the balloons and dress and impromptu creations.

The attraction will be at 5 and 6 p.m. during dinner preparation by the mothers, served in four rooms decorated after Merrie Old, Lading and Dorell Robinson.

FULKERSON PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

is a practicing attorney in the county and lives at 3011 Middlebury lane, Bloomfield Township. His campaign will kick off at a June 4 dinner at the Community activities building in Waterford.

The Oakland county department of public works will hold a public hearing tonight at the Bloomfield township offices to hear opinions on a proposed improvement of a drainage ditch near 14 Mile.

The \$44,000 project calls for enclosing, or tilling, the existing drain which is now open except where it crosses the road. It will run from Forest lane, a quarter mile north of 14 Mile, to the general southeasterly direction to Crosswick road. There it will and Mrs. Robert Bird. The Birds claimed storm water draining from the Marjan High school property at the intersection of the drainage ditch involved is at the rear of the arches property.

Complaints by residents of debris and requests for a ditch cleanup were party responsible for the township's request last year. An injunction, since resolved, was brought against the Archdiocese of Detroit several months ago by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bird. The Birds claimed storm water draining from the Marjan High school property at the intersection of the drainage ditch involved is at the rear of the arches property.

Twenty residents of Forest lane met early last week, objecting strenuously to the assessment. Residents contemplate the formation of a property owner's association.

A SPOKESMAN for the group stated they were primarily concerned about the high cost to individual property owners. He also expressed concern about the water emptying into an open ditch.

They showed preference for warm tones in the kitchen, built-ins including dish washer, range, disposal and oven; automatic washers for standard sized great (even if there is a basement), 20-year mortgages and individual bedrooms and dress.

THE DEVELOPMENT company, subsidiary of the Prudential investment company, Detroit, has approximately 21 acres on the site. The present ditch is probably a natural one that existed when the area was subdivided about 20 years ago, according to Riegler.

HUBBELL, Roth and Clark, Birmingham engineers, prepared plans for the project.

MEADOWLAKE—A select group of 100 women have just returned to their homes throughout the country following three days of discussion-packed conferences on everything in home—from construction to built-ins to appliances to cereal on the table, cosmetics in their purse and even the automobile in the garage.

They are the delegates selected to attend the McCall's third national Congress on Better Living in Washington, D.C., June 10-12, at the McCall's Hotel, 6862 Halyard road, Meadow Lake.

Statistically, their group was drawn from 41 states and represented averages in income, of \$3,400; in age, of 33 years; and in family size, of 2.4 children. Over half the families they represent have two or more cars and 92% of them own their own homes.

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Among the preferences brought out at the conference and reported by the two Detroit-area delegates are the colonial ranch (two-level) touch, main-level laundry room space to have more living space.

"Among the most-wanted room features," she added, "are a living room with a fireplace, a dining room with a built-in breakfast room, a built-in wardrobe in the bedroom, a bathroom with a built-in tub and a built-in linen closet."

THE GROUP FELT, generally, that they would prefer a built-in breakfast room, a built-in wardrobe in the bedroom, a bathroom with a built-in tub and a built-in linen closet.

PTO Reviews More Candidates For Hills B of E

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—As the June 3 deadline nears for registration in the Bloomfield Hills school board election, voters are being given the opportunity to learn the qualifications and views of individual candidates through the efforts of the Bloomfield PTO council.

A "Know your Candidates" meeting was held Tuesday night at the Junior high school, with candidates available for public questioning.

The council's newsletter, mailed to all potential voters in the school district, contains biographical data and prepared statements from each candidate.

In cooperation with the council, The Birmingham Eccentric is publishing excerpts from the newsletter on each of the four candidates for the two four-year terms. (Similar material on the five three-year term candidates was published last week.)

MERRILL C. BATES, 920 E. Long Lake Road; 51, married, three daughters; the youngest attending Bloomfield Hills school; attended University of California; former

clergyman; member Hills board of education 1952-50; currently president of Hills board of education; member of Oakland County Citizens League; former director Oakland County school board members association; currently president of Oakland association of school boards.

"Eight years of experience serving on the school board has given me a background of understanding our school standards and needs. During my years on the board, we have built the high school, moved over, Pine Lake, the junior high school and an addition to Wing Lake.

"We are increasing our foreign language department. We are constantly improving subject matter and methods. We stretch each available dollar to its limit. Improvement of all plans in our libraries... has been a greatly enlarged library budget."

WILLARD EARL GIBBENS, 3857 Lakeland Lane; 41, married two sons, the youngest attending Hills school; school district resident five years; B.S. American U., Washington, D.C. and Northwestern, A.T.E. degree; Hoising school of aeronautics; Ford Motor Co. transportation incumbent Representative James C. Clarkson is suggested thus far on the Democratic ticket.

The fourth district includes all of Southfield township and the city of Southfield.

Home or Garage, She Knows Modern Americans' Taste

McCall's

Congress on Better Living

Congress on Living

MEADOWLAKE—Mrs. Hans M. Hierta, 6862 Halyard road, Bloomfield township, attended the third annual congress on better living at Washington, D. C. She was greeted by congress co-ordinator Jack Bolster. Mrs. Hierta was one of 100 delegates from across the country selected by McCall's to attend the session. She was sponsored by builders Patterson-Sharkey, Inc.

Always on the lookout for more \$1,000 to insure that the exterior parts of a home are more quick-dried than that of their neighbors. They also said that they wanted a terrace built onto their home at the time of construction and that they would be willing to sacrifice bedroom space to have more living space.

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Talk of the Towns

Certain girl I know walked into a Bloomfield store carrying a coat, fresh from the cleaners, on a hanger.

She stood beside the man who was showing her a selection of merchandise. When she decided against the buy, she turned to walk away. But she couldn't budge a step.

She looked to see what was holding her back, saw the hanger hooked caught on the portion of the man's trousers that houses a zipper.

It was so ridiculous that the girl couldn't help laughing. The clerk didn't think it was a bit funny.

His neighbors are still lending their wheelchairs to support to Bloomfield Hills resident George Homney. Last winter Romney Homney had for residents in our state to rise up and seek some answers to its fiscal dilemma.

one of the state's largest groups. They have met every two weeks, some of them more often than that, to study the state's problems.

Now their recommendations have gone to CPM headquarters and they'll be supporting candidates who are pledged to carry out the immediate aims of the state organization.

WALNUT LAKE women's club chose Mrs. Mahlon R. Sutton to be the subject of their "This is Your Life" and recently session. She has only missed two meetings.

She had an even better excuse for missing the second time. She became the mother of twins.