

Clarkson Files For Re-election

Southfield City's S. James Clarkson (D) state representative, has income tax platform. When his fled for re-election in South Oakland's fourth district. His recent pronounced stand against Detroit's income tax proposal has drawn the ire of some fellow Democrats. However, there is no indication of a party effort to dump him in the Aug. 2 primary.

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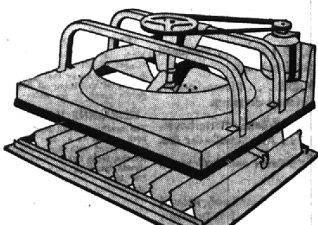
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Maple Tree's a Beauty In Every Season of Year

As spring merges into summer many plants have already set their seeds. Among these are the red and silver maples. Because of the abundance of their winged seeds plus the bird's efficient dispersal, these so-called "keys" are now being sown far and wide, covering walks and lawns.

It is in his book of "Michigan Trees" lists 13 species of maple in North America of which seven are native to our own state. All have simple leaves with lobed margins except the box elder which has a compound leaf. The red and silver varieties are well loved both as shade and for their wood. Several introduced species including the Norway are widely planted as ornamentals. Last week we saw another of these beautiful imports, a variety from Japan with striking rose-purple leaves.

THE SUGAR MAPLE (Acer saccharum) found throughout the state is our most important hardwood tree.

It blooms in early May but does not ripen its seeds until September. The male and female flowers grow in separate clusters and sometimes appear on separate trees. Perfect flowers may also be found among the above. In our forests this stately tree may reach a height of 100 feet showing a broad crown of spreading branches for half this distance. Sugar or "hard" maple is tough, fine-grained and durable. There is scant space here to list its many uses. It is turned into furniture, floors and fuel; into chopping blocks, implement handles and wooden utensils.

MAPLE BECOMES smoother with use. My grandmother used a rolling pin throughout her lifetime which was made by her brother, a master craftsman in wood. Her granddaughter is now rolling her pies with it.

A friend recently told me about the floor in her house in Ann Arbor, Michigan, which was old before the town was destroyed by a saw-dust fire. Here an inventive hand had laid a floor alternating a maple board with one of oak. The maple boards were smooth and intact while the oak had grown rough and worn.

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People's Column Education

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JA Writes; Note Says 'Thank You'

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THOMAS B. ADAMS
Chairman, JA Public Relations Committee

Walnut Lake Road Repair Work Set

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Walnut Lake road, from Orchard Lake road to Farmington road, has been selected by West Bloomfield township for improvement in 1961.
The township will match funds with Oakland county road commission for work done.
Selection was made at Wednesday night's township board meeting after the road commission and township fire and police officials had agreed on the importance of improving this section of road.

THE BOARD ALSO resolved to make up the difference in the cost of blacktopping Pine Lake Manor and Hammond Lake estates, after a delay by municipal finance committee in approving financing caused an increase in the roads' construction costs.
Approval of a plat for Brian subdivision, located in the northeast section of the township, was granted by the board, subject to road approval by the county road commission.

in a crude slash made in the tree. The squaws collected the sap in pails of birch bark or elm sewn with pine pitch. Evaporation was effected by throwing a series of hot stones into a sap-filled wooden trough.

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