



## New Town Hall Chief Takes Over

"There's a lot of detail work" is Mrs. Charles B. Kass' word to Mrs. T. Norville Hubbard as Mrs. Hubbard prepares to take over the office in St. James Episcopal Church as Town Hall's new executive secretary. Mrs. Kass, of 1789 Winthrop, resigned, effective March 31, after serving for six years as the

group's first and only executive secretary. Both Mrs. Kass and Mrs. Hubbard, who lives at 615 S. Chester, are originating members of Town Hall which was begun in 1954 and is now the largest in the country. The group is run by St. Anne's Guild of St. James Church.

## Troy Residents Face Possible Tax For Civic Center

City Manager David E. Firestone has proposed a tax increase of 40 cents in Troy's tentative 1962-63 budget. He asks that the entire hike—which would boost Troy's taxes to \$7 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, highest in the city's six-year history—be used to begin a civic center building fund.

FIRESTONE'S proposed tax rate breaks down to 35 per \$1,000 for operating expenses, the limit the city can impose under the charter for operating expenses.

The other \$2 would pay for: The city's share of the Evesgreen Sanitary Interceptor and 12-Town sanitary sewer system; a portion of Troy's 12-Town Drain casts, three minor county drains; the civic center fund.

The proposed \$2 rate for capital improvements would cover: Sanitary sewer casts, 97.3 cents; the 12-Town Drain casts, 15.4 cents; the county drain, 6.4 cents; the civic center fund, 80.9 cents.

If the City Commission should rule against Firestone's proposed civic center fund, the city's tax rate could drop to about \$6.12—\$5, plus about \$1.12 for capital improvements.

## Change Restrictions In Left Turns Here

Birmingham city commissioners have approved changes in left turn regulations at Maple and three downtown intersections.

They agreed Monday night to restrict left turns from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.—rather than 24 hours a day—at Maple and its intersections with Pierce, Henrietta and Bates.

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## Rochester Unit In Hospital Drive Raises \$160,365.75

National Twist Drill and Tool Co. employees in their in-plant solicitation for the Rochester unit, Crittenton General Hospital building fund have pledged \$160,365.75 on a payroll deduction plan according to an announcement made today by industrial division chairman, Clarence J. Cadieux.

The fund will be increased when non-participating employees are called on at home, in-plant chairman D. E. Tolhurst said.

The corporate contribution of National Twist Drill for \$250,000 and the site for the new Crittenton General Hospital, appraised at \$100,000, donated by the firm's president, Howard L. McGregor, Jr., plus the employees' donation total \$160,365.75.

## Curb Replacement Program Approved

Birmingham city commissioners last week appropriated \$30,000 for the 1962 curb replacement program. Streets to be included in the program are: Arlington—Shirley area; Glenhurst—Lincoln—Granbrook—Maple; Oxford—Mohagan—Adams—Kennesaw; Southfield—Lincoln to Maple; Derby—Coolidge—Maple—Grand Trunk Western Railroad; and Buckingham—Adams—Maple—Grand Trunk.

THE CITY engineering department estimates that 6,000 linear feet of faulty curbs will be repaired. City Engineer William T. Kilien said there are no concrete pavements in the city in need of resurfacing this year.

## Driver Education Cuts Down Traffic Mishaps

The effectiveness of high school driver education in cutting traffic accidents received a substantial boost from a study of driving records completed in Lansing.

The study covered accidents occurring in Lansing, during 1960, of 5,295 high school students, who completed driver education between January, 1957, and January, 1960, and the remaining 50,915 older drivers in the city. The study showed the following significant findings:

1. The high school-trained drivers had 20 per cent fewer accidents per 1,000 drivers than the older Lansing drivers.
2. In the nation as a whole, however, the under-20 driver during 1960 had twice as many accidents on a rate basis as the older driver, according to the National Safety Council.
3. Thus, Lansing driver education graduates had less than half as many accidents, on a rate basis, as their peers throughout the country.

THE STUDY was conducted by the Michigan State University Highway Traffic Safety Center, the Safety Council of Greater Lansing, the Lansing Police Department and the Lansing Public Schools.

The year 1960 was chosen for comparison of accidents because it was a census year and the most up-to-date figures on population were available.

The study produced these other findings: Of the 5,295 young drivers, 501 were involved in accidents, or one of every 10.5 drivers.

Of the 50,915 older drivers, 6,165 were involved in accidents, or one of every 8.3 drivers.

THE STUDY also covered both the violation and accident records of the young drivers during their entire driving period ranging from one to more than four years. This showed that 62 per cent of the graduates had never been involved in an accident or received a violation ticket. Another 18 per cent had only one ticket during their driving careers.

Since the Michigan driver education law went into effect in 1956, more than 525,000 high school students have completed the driver education courses, consisting of a minimum of 30 clock hours of classroom instruction and an average of six hours behind-the-wheel training.

Approximately 100,000 of these youngsters have completed the course in Detroit high schools. Detroit is now enrolling about 18,000 students each year in driver education.

## Lathrup Begins Tree Spraying Protection Plan

Lathrup—This spring all elm street trees will be sprayed for protection against Dutch Elm Disease, according to the Lathrup Village tree sever and planting committee. In July, street trees of all varieties will be insecticide-treated.

TO ASSURE the complete success of this project, residents have been asked by the city to give special attention and care to the trees on their own property by pruning, fertilizing and spraying.

The control program inaugurated last fall has cut the losses from a high of 100 trees in 1956 to 17 in 1961. Since the work started 88 new city trees have been planted, financed by Lathrup residents.

THE CITY TREES are planted according to the species designated in the city tree planting plan. A selection of trees available for planting on private property include sugar Maple, Norway Maple, red Maple, London plane sycamore and imperial skyline locust.

## Supervisors Reject Two Building Bids As Being Too High

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors' committees rejected all bids recently for demolition of the old court house in downtown Pontiac.

The supervisors also decided not to make a recommendation immediately on bids for construction of a supervisors' auditorium.

The committees decided both sets of bids were too high. Auditorium bids are nearly \$45,000 more than the estimate and \$20,000 more than the supervisors had set aside.

## Woman Injured In 2-Car Collision

Joe Ann Logie, 26, of Walled Lake, was released last week from William Beaumont Hospital where she was treated for injuries suffered in a car collision April 13. Miss Logie was attempting a left hand turn from Thirteen Mile Road when her car was struck by one driven by Carl Combs, 3318 Garden, Royal Oak.



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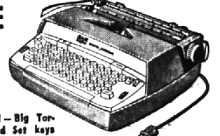
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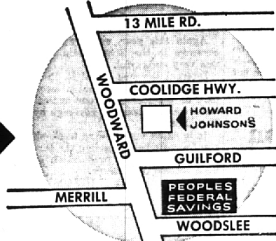


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