

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Do you, or do you know anybody who does not put forth efforts with the expectation of some form of incentive, some form of reward? To be sure, most such rewards come in wages, and wages are used to provide one with material security . . . with food, raiment and shelter . . . and why not a few luxuries? All this prattle that mankind can provide itself with security without reward is absolute twaddle!

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W. B'field Board Says No to Sewer Leases

WEST BLOOMFIELD — The township board refused to ratify two lease agreements recently which are necessary to setting up operation of the Sylvan Manor arm of the Farmington Interceptor. The board did ratify a third lease which allows 16 homes in Orchard Lake Village to tie into the Farmington Interceptor on an interim basis. The lease provides that the homes must tie into the Clinton River sewer district whenever it becomes available. Meanwhile, residents will amortize a \$250 per home connection fee lease over a 30-year payment plan.

THE FACT that the same payment plan was offered to 12 homes in Sylvan City which are included in the Sylvan Manor arm held up approval of a lease agreement on this project. The 12 residents were to lease tap-in rights costing \$300 over a 30-year period at \$6 per year, which includes interest charges.

Residents in the township who are in the Sylvan Manor arm were to pay off the tap-in fees over a 10-year period at \$80 per year plus interest charges. Board members felt that the higher per-year payments by township residents would not be understood.

BOARD MEMBERS refused to sign the overall lease of the Sylvan

Students Join Ski Club at B'field Junior

By MARCIA MOYER
Special Writer

All ski enthusiasts at Bloomfield Hills Junior High School will have an opportunity to take part in the Ski Club this season. An organization meeting was held Dec. 10, to inform students of the skiing program.

The club is an activity of the Bloomfield Hills Recreation Department under the direction of Ed Wichert. Mrs. Eshman is sponsor for the 7th grade club which will be held Monday nights. Miss Howarth is sponsor of the 8th grade group and Mr. Lahfi for the ninth grade, both of which will ski on Tuesday nights.

There will be at least seven trips to Mt. Holly for each group.

DANCING, GAMES and a movie on skiing were the features of the Teen Club's first Social Night on Friday. The club holds Friday night social and sports programs and is open to 8th and 9th graders.

Christmas music is being presented by the school's music department at two assembly programs this year. The first, held last Friday, included holiday selections by the Girl's Glee Club and Boy's Glee Club, the Twelve-tones and the band.

The Barbershoppers, the Madrigals and the choir will sing at the second Christmas Assembly tomorrow.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Merchants Don't Use U. S. Flags for Sales

To the Editor:
This is in reply to a letter from "A Resident" in your issue of Dec. 12.

This letter states that local merchants display a solid phalanx of American flags to advertise sale or bargain days. This statement is absolutely false; this has never been done in the nearly 16 years that I have been here.

I have never known as instance in which merchants either individually or collectively have used the

Next Two Issues: Dec. 27, Jan. 3

For its next two issues, The Birmingham Eccentric will publish a day later than usual.

The Eccentric will publish on Friday, Dec. 27, and on Friday, Jan. 3, instead of Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

All deadlines are revised and all advertisers and news contributors are asked to submit their copy as early as possible.

This week's paper constitutes the Christmas issue of The Eccentric. Next week's will be our annual New Year's edition.

Manor arm by the Oakland County DPM to the township because expiration date of the lease was set at 50 years.

Board members wanted further clarification as to who would then own the arm—the county or the township? If the county still owns the arm, they wished to know what the next step for the township would be at the end of 50 years.

The arm is being paid for in part by a federal grant of funds to the township and in part by a \$550 tap-in charge to users which is in addition to the township's usual tap-in fee of \$250.

The board referred the problems involved in the two lease agreements to Township Attorney Terry Brennan, who will confer with county bonding attorney Charles Moon.

Board Acts On Water Main Jobs

The Bloomfield Township Board alternated its regular meeting, Dec. 9 with adjournments for the purpose of holding public hearings on three water main projects.

In short interim periods, the board managed to accept two petitions for city water, award a low bond bid, authorize a bond issue and wish presiding township Supervisor Homer Case a happy birthday.

THE PETITION for the Williamsburg water main was signed by approximately 80 per cent of the property owners. Estimated cost of the project is \$64,500 at a charge of \$725 per site.

The Vachon Court water main petition was signed by 63 per cent of property owners. Per site cost is estimated at \$725.

The board awarded Williamsburg sanitary sewer bonds totalling \$59,000 to Shannon and Co. on a low bid of 2.8656 per cent interest. It authorized a \$30,000 bond issue for construction of Peabody Orcharde sanitary sewer.

TWO OF the public hearings involved special assessment districts to finance water mains for the Brookside, Stratmore and Longmeadow section of the township. Only one objection was voiced. Approximately 79 per cent of the property owners signed the petitions.

A \$925 per front foot assessment to finance a water main serving Woodward and Hunter commercial frontage south of Big Beaver was approved at the public hearing on that project.

AT THE CONCLUSION of the board meeting, members insisted that Case turn his gavel over to Township Clerk Deloris Little. Then the board adopted a resolution calling for many more "happy birthdays" for the supervisor. Case refused to disclose just how many such birthdays he had already observed.

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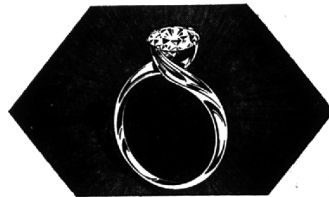
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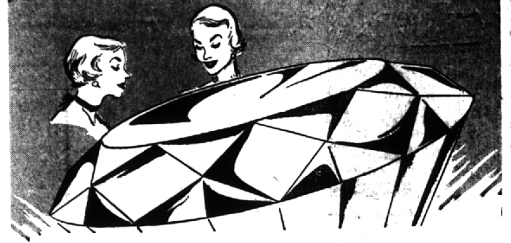
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THE BIRMINGHAM Rotary Club donated over 100 flags to the City and many more were donated by individual businesses. The department of parks and forestry puts all of these flags up all over the business section on appropriate days and takes them in at sunset. These days are Freedom Day, Flag Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day and Mayors Exchange Day of Michigan Week.

During the winter (Washington's birthday for example), it is often impossible to put the flags out because all of the pole sockets in the sidewalks are full of ice.

BIRMINGHAM residents, in my experience, seem to put more flags displayed on appropriate days than residential areas in most cities.

I am sorry that "A Resident" did not think to bring the 11-year-old nephew up town on the Fourth of July; they would have seen a "solid phalanx of American flags" throughout the business section closed for the holiday.

CHARLES MORTENSEN
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