

Perform Operetta

The operetta "H.M.S. Pinafore" will be given at 8 p.m. today in the gymnasium of Torrey School, Birmingham.



Birney School Greeted Spring with Concert

Birney Junior High School, Southfield, will present its annual spring concert tonight at 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The training band, concert band, and orchestra will provide the music.

Frank Lane will conduct both bands, and Richard Brown will direct the orchestra.

Tickets may be obtained from any band or orchestra member or at the door. The public is invited to attend.

**VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TAKE NOTICE that the Village Council of the Village of Beverly Hills, will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 15, 1964, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., at the Village offices at 18500 West 13th Mile Road in said Village, for the purpose of considering the following amendment to Ordinance No. 29, being the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Beverly Hills, to-wit:

That the following described property be changed from a single family residential zone use to R-M-Multiple-Family Residential District zone use:

Part of the southeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 1 North, Range 10 East, Village of Beverly Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point which is 88 degrees south 29 minutes west along the south line of Section 2 a distance of 635.00 feet from the southeast corner of Section 2; thence along said south line of Section 2 south 88 degrees 27 minutes 43 seconds west 150.00 feet; thence north 01 degrees 32 minutes 17 seconds east 892.21 feet; thence south 89 degrees 53 minutes east 949.59 feet; thence south 01 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds east 962.21 feet; thence south 88 degrees 29 minutes west 301.00 feet; thence south 01 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds east 333.00 feet to the point of beginning.

All persons interested will be heard.

CHARLES E. FERGUSON, Village Clerk

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CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION AND OF REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS:

NOTICE is hereby given that a special City election will be held at Precinct No. 1 Fire Hall — East Long Lake Road and Precinct No. 2 St. Dunstan's Playhouse — Lone Pine Road in the said City, upon Monday, July 13, 1964, at which time will be submitted to the vote of the electors of the City, the question of ratifying a certain public utility franchise contained in an ordinance adopted by the City Commission at its meeting held upon the 12th day of May, 1964, which said ordinance is entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of twenty years.

On the date of said election, the polls will be open at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as may be, and will be kept open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, when they will be finally closed.

The City Clerk will be in his office on the 15th day of June, 1964, said date being the thirtieth day, as determined by statute, preceding the date of said election, for the purpose of reviewing the registration, and registering such of the qualified electors of the City as shall appear, and apply therefor, which registration may be made on said date, between the hours of 8 o'clock AM and 8 o'clock PM, Eastern Standard Time.

Robert J. Stadler
City Clerk

BY ORDER OF CITY COMMISSION.

Music Event Will Include B'ham Pupils

Young piano students from Birmingham are among the 1,000 youngsters who will appear in the world's largest piano festival June 7 at Cobo Arena in Detroit. The 21st annual Michigan Music Festival will be held at 2:30 p.m.

Francis W. Smith, director, will use 200 pianists, 25 grand pianos and 30 organs, all furnished by Grinnell Brothers. Twenty-four members of the sponsoring Festival Teachers Association will play in ensemble and the organists will be directed by Mae Marie DeCleo. Sheila Stephenson, winner of the 1964 Grinnell Foundation's \$1,000 award for advanced study, will be the soloist.

STUDENTS, all dressed in white, will be seated in pairs, playing four hands on each keyboard. They are arranged in three groups from 8 to 18 years of age according to years and accomplishment. The program will include "Two Happy Farmers" by the youngest group, No. 2 from "Fire Trees" by Moskowsky by the intermediate group, and Merkur's "Dance of the Demon" by the advanced group. Free tickets are available at all Grinnell Brothers stores.



PRACTICING HAPPILY for the world's largest piano festival are these three pupils of Mrs. Sharon Elery Rogers, 2942 Berkshire Drive, Birmingham. They are (from left) Janet (Mrs. Rogers' daughter); Adrea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kenyon, 2964 Berkshire; and Barbara, daughter of the Robert C. Dorans, 3586 Burning Bush. Another pupil participating will be Claudia, daughter of the George Reasors, 5565 Sutters Lane.

By LYDIA KING FREHSE
Special Writer

NATURE NOW

Atta Ants Highly Organized; They Even Farm for a Living

It may be a humbling thought that numerically man is one of the sparsest inhabitants of our planet. If one were to draw a circle to represent all that is alive, it is the insects which would fill more than three-fourths of its space. And with the warming days, insects of every kind will intrude upon our privacy. Among these, ants make up one of the most completely organized social groups. And a tribe named "Atta" which cultivate the underground fungus gardens upon which they feed are among the most incredible in an often fantastic life-group.

OF ATTAS, there are some 100 species which range from New York through the Southern states and into the tropical rain forests of South America. They are "the only creatures besides man and a few species of termites which farm for a living. Early scientists who observed the Atta carving and carrying round bits of leaves over their heads like parasols thought that they were used to cover the entrances to their subterranean dwellings. Later students found that their sole purpose was to provide compost for their mushroom gardens. A typical colony of Atta ants may contain as many as 500,000 individuals forming an underground city hundreds of square feet in extent. Spread over this area in special chambers are many rectangular city hundreds of square feet in extent. Spread over this area in special chambers are many rectangular city hundreds of square feet in extent. Spread over this area in special chambers are many rectangular city hundreds of square feet in extent.

THE WELL-DOCUMENTED life cycle of the Atta ant begins when the mated queen leaves the parent nest, carrying a scrap of the cultivated fungus from her home garden in a special cheek pouch. As soon as she has mated, she drops to the ground there to dig a chamber in the soil. Within its confines she then seals herself for life. The new queen tends her bit of fungus, fertilizing it with her own droppings and even with a portion of her first hatch of eggs. At the same time she must rear her first brood who soon wear themselves out caring for the garden. But every colony of Atta ants is based upon the sacrifice of the first-born so their dead bodies are tossed in to the garden for added fertilizer.

DURING THE PERIOD before the garden produces food, the queen lives by absorbing the large molecules which powered her initial wings. Subsequent broods are born to live, to tend and to extend the garden until a four-year-old colony may have as many as 1,000 entrances with many fungus plots. The garden is maintained by a special cast of workers who keep it clean of weeds by licking the fungus plants with their antiseptic saliva. Another group spend their lives foraging above ground and bringing in the bits of green leaves which make the garden compost.

ONLY THE SMALL knobbed fruiting bodies of the fungus are eaten. The mycelium or tube-like parts of the plant remain intact. No spores are produced and the ants propagate their plants by cuttings. The Atta ant tribes are pests in many parts of tropical America where they sip bits of leaves from both native and cultivated plants, sometimes denuding an area. The above species of ants are

completely dependent upon the plant and an animal it is, no fungi which they cultivate for food, doubt, a product of biological evolution and the fungi, in turn, are unknown to which developed gradually except in this type of association, during the 50-odd million years. Their interdependence is a classic since ants have inhabited our example of symbiosis between a earth.

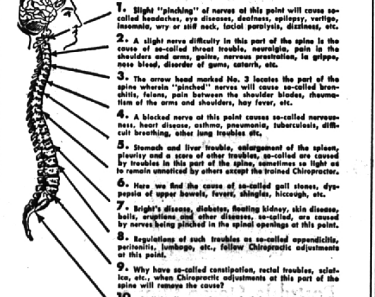


Readying Entries
(From left) Susan Osburn, Valerie Marthaler and Rudy Hartman look over entries they will submit to the Junior Arts Contest of the 1964 Troy Arts Festival. Entrants must be a resident of Troy, attending any school system from grade 1 through 12 during the 1963-64 year.

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