

Tornadoes Kill 31 in 3 Midsouth States

Ground Hog Sees His Shadow Today



SIX WEEKS TO GO—Br'er Groundhog came out of his hole today, took one look at his shadow and quickly dived back in for another six weeks of napping. Although no one actually saw the little

weather prophet, a Press photographer managed to pick up his picture at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Ground Hog Goes to Ground

Weather-Wise Marmota Gives Us Chilling News

Marmota Montax, one of the best known and most believed weather forecasters in the nation, today predicted at least six more weeks of winter weather.

Old Marmota (ground hog to you) peeked out of his burrow today, shivered a few times, recoiled at his shadow, and decided spring was still a long way off.

3 to Be Quizzed About Breakins

Woman Nabbed in Car Filled With Loot; Two Youths Also Arrested

Two youths and an 18-year-old mother, two of whom were arrested by Detroit Police last night, will be questioned today by State Police of the Pontiac Post in connection with a series of Oakland County breakins.

Mrs. Rosemary Anderson of Royal Oak was arrested in a parked car filled with five rifles, beer, cigarettes and burglar tools near downtown Detroit, according to State Police. A companion, Robert Isaacs, 18, also of Royal Oak, was taken into custody when he approached the car.

Another young man fled when he saw police near the auto. State Police Detectives Charles Leaf said the second youth, 18-year-old David LaMaster of Royal Oak, was arrested later by Royal Oak Police at his home.

LaMaster is being held in the Oakland County Jail. Police said another man is being sought for questioning.

State Police began a search for the suspects yesterday when three business establishments reported burglaries.

Leaf said thieves entered the Deer Lake Lumber Co. in Independence Township and stole an undetermined amount of money, and a quantity of rifles and tools were taken from the Waterford Hardware.

A grocery store in Berkley also reported a break-in last night when cigarettes, candy, beer and money were stolen.

Reckon as How Taint Hardly Even Dry Now

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP)—A sign on the freshly painted door framing of a store here today read: "Tiz Wet."

Two doors away, scrawled in the same hue was the finger-painting: "Twat, Too."

Police Seeking Marilyn

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—There's a warrant out for the arrest of Marilyn Monroe, issued yesterday by Municipal Judge Charles J. Griffin, who fixed bail at \$100.

The actress is charged with failing to answer a traffic summons last Nov. 21 accusing her of driving without a driver's license.

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Soviet Industry Registers Gains

U.S. Is Challenged as Red Machinery Output Zooms Up

NEW YORK (AP)—The biggest news story from Russia rarely breaks into the headlines: It's the fact that the Soviet Union continues year after year to register big gains in industry. Production of machinery—capital goods and war material—is zooming upwards.

Figures make dry reading. But they are much more potent to tell the final story of war or peace and who wins out in the race for world leadership than conflicts within the Kremlin.

Kremlin leaders agree on one thing—that the industrial building of the U.S.S.R. must be pushed. Only last night the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist party published a new decree reminding the party that its "major duty" is the "further increase of heavy industry."

Here's how the Soviets compared in 1954 with the United States in production of four major industrial commodities generally regarded as reflecting over-all economic strength of nations:

Commodity U.S.S.R. U.S.
Steel 41 80
Coal 346 373
Petroleum 58 512
Electric power 148 544

(Steel, coal and petroleum measured in millions of metric tons; electric power in billions of kilowatt hours.)

Except for coal, U.S. production of these basic items is from two to five times that of the U.S.S.R., but the U.S. margin used to be much higher in some items.

In coal, not only a basic fuel but also a raw material for the chemical and metallurgical industries the story is quite different. Because American coal production has dropped sharply during recent

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TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—Chiang Kai-shek's warplanes hurled new strikes at Communist Yikiangshan early today and Nationalist refugees told how Red bombers in turn had brought civil activities on the nearby Tachens to a virtual standstill.

Nationalist bombers flew through intense anti-aircraft fire in their strike at Yikiangshan, official reports said. The Nationalists said all returned.

While the U.N. Security Council awaits Communist China's reaction to its invitation to talk over a cease-fire, air and sea actions swirl almost continuously around the Tachens. Meanwhile, powerful U.S. 7th Fleet forces supported by swift Air Force Sabrejets await orders to evacuate the Tachens.

U.S. Ambassador Karl L. Rankin conferred for 15 minutes with Chiang Kai-shek today. Details were not disclosed, but the two are believed to have discussed announcements to be issued on the projected withdrawal from the Tachens.

Gen. Earle E. Partridge, commander of the U.S. Far East Air Force, is expected tomorrow for conferences with top Nationalist and American officers and an inspection of U.S. Air Force units on Formosa. There was speculation his visit might be followed by a buildup of U.S. Air Force strength here.

Refugees told of the shattering effects of Red bombings on the two Tachens islands. Schools were closed and civil activities were at a standstill, they said.

The official Formosan provincial newspaper, Hsin Sheng Pao, said 40 children slated for evacuation were killed Sunday when Communist bombers sprayed lower Tachens with firebombs.

U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld has invited Red China to join in talks seeking a cease-fire in Formosa Strait. At U.N. headquarters in New York, it was reported delegates had agreed unofficially to wait a week for Premier Chou En-lai's answer. New Zealand proposed the talks.

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Twister Spreads Death in Southern States



PATH OF DESTRUCTION—A destructive tornado which ripped through the mid-south late Tuesday afternoon caused at least 30 deaths and left some 100 injured. Above, at Commerce Landing, Miss., Henry Hill (right) searches through wreckage of his home from which bodies of his father, Cleveland, 58, and nephew, Albert Hill, 21, were pulled.

Coffee Break Hit but Not Dented or Even Daunted

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—The American custom of a coffee break came in for criticism before the City Council.

Executive Secretary Paul Wilcox of the Associated Property Owners told the Council yesterday that city employees were wasting time "unnecessarily, unjustifiably and dishonestly" by taking coffee breaks.

When Wilcox finished, Mayor George Vermillion announced: "Council will now recess for a coffee break."

Precinct Shuffle Placed on Ballot

City Will Vote April 4 on Amendment Which Affects Three Districts

The spring election took on added significance for Pontiac voters last night when the City Commission placed on the April 4 ballot a charter amendment calling for shifting boundary lines of three West Side city districts.

The action came on a 6-1 vote, with only Commissioner Floyd P. Miles, of District 4, dissenting. There was no debate or discussion on the move.

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Tachen Refugees Reach Formosa After Hard Trip

Formosa today from the Tachen Islands had a harrowing 200-mile journey.

Small junks carried them under cover of darkness from the Tachens to Nankishan, a Nationalist island 80 miles south.

They embarked there on a 3,000-ton transport that was to carry them to Formosa and safety—and almost immediately found themselves threatened by four Communist gunboats.

Nationalist warships escorting the transport raced to meet the challenge and the Reds beat a hasty retreat.

During the trip a baby was born to Mrs. Chang Yu-hua. Her husband was killed in the recent Red invasion of Yikiangshan.

There are still some 15,000 civilians on the Tachens. They are to decide whether they want to stay or leave. Most are expected to choose evacuation.

The U. S. 7th Fleet has been poised in Formosa waters for 10 days to take some 30,000 Nationalist Chinese soldiers and civilians off the Tachens.

A week ago it looked as though the fleet, under President Eisenhower's "fight it out" plan, would evacuate the Tachens whether the Reds liked it or not.

Since then, however, U. N. discussion of a possible cease-fire (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Two Killed, 5 Hurt in Canadian Crash

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP)—An airplane carrying six passengers and the pilot on a flight to Vancouver crashed in the Queen Charlotte Islands yesterday, killing two of those aboard and injuring the others seriously.

Only meager details were available of what happened to the B.C. Air Lines, Ltd., plane on the short hop from Allford Bay to Aero Camp. Scene of the crash was about 500 miles northwest of here.

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Estimate Injured at 100; Property Damage Severe

Mississippi Hardest Hit as Wind Levels Tenant Houses, Rips School

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Deadly tornadoes ripped through three Midsouth states yesterday, leaving 31 dead and about 100 injured along their haphazard paths.

The storms, probing from the furious clouds of a squall line, struck in Arkansas and Alabama—with a bloody jackpot in Mississippi. Extensive property damage was reported.

Twenty-eight were killed near Commerce Landing, Miss., about 30 miles south of here, including an unidentified young girl who died today in a Memphis hospital. Three perished in another twister at Olive Branch, Miss., 18 miles south of Memphis.

Hop-scotching tornadoes also caused considerable damage near Marianna, Ark., and Huntsville, Ala., but no one was seriously injured.

Many of the Mississippi dead and injured were schoolchildren. Each twister had an elementary school dead center in its path.

National Guardsmen patrolled the Commerce Landing area today as survivors searched the Leatherman plantation's splintered tenant houses for possible additional victims.

Most of the damage at Olive Branch centered at Wiggins Negro elementary school. Twenty-three students were at their desks when the twister struck. A teacher and two children were killed.

Ambulances from towns in the surrounding delta area moved the injured to hospitals in Memphis and Tunica, Miss.

The 25-bed hospital at Tunica, about 15 miles south of Commerce Landing, was soon jammed. Volunteers, some of them pretty girls in party dresses, were organized to help the staff. A school was converted into a makeshift dormitory for the homeless.

The Commerce Landing tornado cut a swath 200 feet wide through the 8,000-acre Leatherman plantation, destroying a row of tenant houses, a Negro church, a school and a cotton gin.

W. V. France said the school was whipped away before his eyes, as if a giant hand had snatched it up and tossed both wreckage and bodies into the boiling clouds.

Parties to the treaty, negotiated at Manila last fall, are the United States, Great Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Pakistan and Thailand.

The treaty area specifically embraces three non-signers: Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia.

Among the signers, only the Philippines has not yet ratified the treaty.

Terms of the treaty say that any military action to be taken in the event of aggression will be in accordance with the constitutional processes of each nation. In the event of threats to security by subversion, they are pledged to consult on what counteraction to take.

Most Powerful Jet

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State Stockpiles Relief Supplies

Area CD Official Says Medical Goods Cashed in Central Michigan

Nearly \$4,500,000 in medical supplies for disaster relief have been stockpiled at a point in central Michigan, according to Oakland County Acting Director of Civil Defense Ransford Bromley.

The exact location was not revealed, but it is only three-and-a-half hours drive from Pontiac, he stated.

The stockpiling is part of a current civil defense program to provide both for evacuation of a stricken area and the inflow of supplies needed to care for victims of enemy attack or a natural disaster, he explained.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture has accumulated food and other relief necessities in warehouses which could be dispatched immediately if needed, Bromley stated.

Meanwhile the county road commission, plan commission and sheriff's department are working with Bromley in determining which county roads would serve best as evacuation routes from the Detroit area.

The road commission will provide figures on amounts of traffic roads could handle in event of an evacuation. Then certain roads will be marked as primary civil defense routes to carry a major portion of refugees, Bromley said.

The sheriff's department will be concerned with controlling traffic on escape routes, he added.

After Oakland completes a tentative mapping, comparisons will be made with plans being drawn by Wayne and Macomb counties and a routing made for the three-county area, the civil defense worker stated.

Key to the evacuation would be an expected two to six hour warning from the Air Force allowing distribution of refugees in outlying areas, he added.

U.S. to Test Bypass of 5th Amendment

NEW YORK (AP)—A new federal law, designed to get answers from witnesses who claim protection of the Fifth Amendment, will get its first test in the questioning of William Ludwig Ullman.

Federal Judge Edward Weinfeld yesterday granted immunity to Ullman under the law which was passed in the last session of Congress. This means Ullman cannot be prosecuted for any federal offenses on the basis of his answers and therefore cannot claim under the Fifth Amendment that these answers might incriminate him.

Russian Industry Makes Big Gains

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years, the U.S.S.R. is about to capture first place in the world unless there's a quick upswing in U.S. output.

The Soviet leadership has many serious problems in its economy, particularly in agriculture. But none was serious enough to prevent the Soviet Union from increasing steel output in 1954 by more than 3 million tons, coal by 26 million, cement by 3 million, petroleum by 6 million tons and electric power by 15 billion kilowatt hours.

Pontiac City Affairs

Hearings Set Next Week on Improvement Projects

Public hearings on intention to construct 12 improvement projects were set for next week by the City Commission last night.

The projects include 11 street paving jobs and the laying of a water main on Second and Laurel avenues.

In addition, the Commission passed a resolution of public necessity for 2-inch blacktop pavement on three streets.

The governing body also agreed to sell nine parcels of city-owned property in the Dixieland Subdivision, out Oakland avenue. Lot 46 was sold to Howard C. Hill for \$200. Eight others went to Carolyn McQuaid, for a total price of \$2,050.

In other action, a special assessment roll was confirmed for a combined sewer on Columbia avenue from Barkell to a point 400 feet east.

A communication was received from the Retail Merchants Assn. commending the Commission and city officials for "progress made in 1954."

The 11 paving projects, calling for 2-inch blacktop, include the following streets:

Bondale avenue from Earlwood to east line of Woodward Estates Subdivision. Smith drive from Josephine to James K. Florence avenue from August to Detroit. Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad. Stout street from Green to Palmer. Russell street from Baginaw to Baldwin. Rutgers avenue from Baldwin to University. 61st Clair street from Montclair to University. Strathmore avenue from Baldwin to University. Summit avenue from Hudson to Montclair. Tupperman street from Baldwin to University. Wisner street from Cass to Short.

The city engineer was ordered to prepare cost estimates for blacktopping California avenue from Franklin to Bagley, Wing street from Montclair to Kennett, and Young street from Montclair to Kennett.

The water main will run along Second from Ivy to Laurel, and along Laurel from Second to Third.

County School Offices to Move to Telegraph Site

The Oakland County Board of Education offices will probably be moved from the office building at 1 Lafayette St. to the contiguous hospital on North Telegraph road within a month.

County Auditor John C. Austin yesterday said the switch would be the first in a series of steps planned to ease congestion in Oakland's governmental offices.

Another shift to see the Probate Court's juvenile division transferred to the Welfare Building on North Telegraph will take longer, Austin explained.

The basement of the Welfare Building first must be altered so it can house stores now kept on the first floor of the building where the juvenile division will be located, the auditor explained.

Following transfer of the school offices, the Equalization Department will be moved into the present board of education quarters, he added.

Planners Seek Highway Advice

Tentatively OK Hiring of Engineering Firm to Direct County Program

The Oakland County Plan Commission has tentatively approved hiring an outside engineering firm to help in formulating a future plan for highway construction and expansion in the county.

The commission will probably recommend to the supervisors that money for the project be included in the 1956 budget, according to George N. Skrubba, director.

Skrubba has contacted three such companies who said they could do the job for \$50,000 to \$80,000 and have it completed in about 2½ years.

If the Plan Commission staff does the work alone it would probably take from 5 to 10 years. Skrubba previously suggested the commission might provide \$30,000 over the next three years and the road commission do the same to finance the program.

A proposal that the planners be allotted \$10,000 over their original 1955 budget request to start the survey immediately has been decided against, the director stated.

The long-range plan is termed necessary to help coordinate the county's road-building efforts.

"After the program is completed, individual groups can push their part of the project, but it will benefit the whole county," Skrubba said.

Maximum Road Speed Suggested for Michigan

LANSING (AP)—The State Safety Commission today probed the idea of asking for a maximum highway speed limit in Michigan—but put off a decision pending a full review of the proposal.

State Police Com. Joseph A. Childs pushed for a speed limit of 60 miles an hour in daylight hours and 50 miles an hour at night, arguing "this year is the year; the people are in favor of it."

Childs said that "a maximum speed limit, plus reasonable enforcement, plus good public support" might reduce highway fatalities in Michigan from the present 7.3 per one hundred million miles of travel to 5.8.

His name is Liu Yu. He was a storekeeper on the Tachens—two high cliffed rocky islands that house some 30,000 Nationalist soldiers and civilians.

The old man said the Communists have bombed the Tachens repeatedly in the last few days.

"They have bombed every place on the island," he said in a shaky treble voice. "It was terrible. They were bombing again when we left."

The old man slung his rolled blanket over his shoulder and was helped into a waiting American-built truck to be taken to a relief station.

Long lines of men, women and children from the Tachens filed down the gangplank of the American-built transport ship all morning. They carried a few pitiful belongings.

Nationalist sailors sprayed each with DDT powder. Most were children. And 214 of the 538 aboard were dependents of soldiers who remain on the Tachens expecting to fight, although American warships and planes are standing by to cover their withdrawal if it is ordered.

The children were dressed in black, high-necked school uniforms. They looked like little penguins with the white DDT powder spilled down their fronts.

They were gay and smiling, but their elders were solemn. Many women carried babies in arms.

Lee Tsui, 30, a school teacher said: "We left because of the bombing and the Communists, but the soldiers who stayed behind are ready to fight."

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Alaska Relying on Big Bases

U.S. Wouldn't Fight Off Invasion of Wilderness, Commander Says

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska (AP)—An enemy attacking this northern stepping stone to the United States, would face a tough tussle for big military bases and cities but he couldn't draw American forces into struggles over remote areas, top military commanders say.

This plan of defense of Alaska's tremendous territory — it's more than twice the size of Texas — was laid out in a news conference yesterday by Lt. Gen. Joseph H. Atkinson, commander in chief, Alaskan Defense Command. He was seconded by Maj. Gen. George R. Acheson, chief of the Alaskan Air Command, and Maj. Gen. James F. Collins, commander of Army forces.

"People ask," Atkinson said, "what we would do if an enemy landed at some place like a little spit over on the coast."

In the first place, he said, "the enemy wouldn't be interested, and if he was we would just leave him there."

Acheson said the military's mission is "not to defend all of Alaska" but to keep big installations and important centers out of enemy hands.

Big Alaskan installations mentioned were Elmendorf, Ladd and Eielson Air Force bases, with Anchorage and Fairbanks listed as "important centers."

Atkinson was asked if he believed there was a possibility of attack by Russians on the ground as well as in the air.

"I don't think there would be any big land campaigns," he replied. "I do not rule out the possibility of at least limited airborne operations. As a matter of fact, that is the only way he could get in except for the possibility of attempting amphibious operations in a few spots."

He expressed doubt there would be more major defense construction in Alaska except for the possibility of fighter plane strips.

Acheson said the approaching advent of guided missiles tends to rule out fields too far forward.

Gen. Collins said plans are being worked on for locating Nike anti-aircraft guided missile sites in Alaska but that no construction has been started.

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and a slim but persistent hope that the Peiping regime might agree not to oppose such an evacuation have brought delays.

Officers and civilians, American and Nationalists alike, are beginning to think the issue has passed into the arena of diplomatic negotiation. Thus, it may be weeks before an American ship points its bow toward the Tachens.

In Keelung, a bent, white-whiskered old man squatted on a rolled up blanket, his head in his gnarled hands, and muttered, "Hon cha" over and over again in a tired voice.

"Hon cha" is "bombing" in the dialect of the Communist-threatened Tachen Islands.

The old man was one of 538 civilians evacuated from the bomb-pocked islands 200 miles north of here who landed in this picturesque harbor aboard a Nationalist Chinese troop ship today.

His name is Liu Yu. He was a storekeeper on the Tachens—two high cliffed rocky islands that house some 30,000 Nationalist soldiers and civilians.

The old man said the Communists have bombed the Tachens repeatedly in the last few days.

"They have bombed every place on the island," he said in a shaky treble voice. "It was terrible. They were bombing again when we left."

The old man slung his rolled blanket over his shoulder and was helped into a waiting American-built truck to be taken to a relief station.

Long lines of men, women and children from the Tachens filed down the gangplank of the American-built transport ship all morning. They carried a few pitiful belongings.

Nationalist sailors sprayed each with DDT powder. Most were children. And 214 of the 538 aboard were dependents of soldiers who remain on the Tachens expecting to fight, although American warships and planes are standing by to cover their withdrawal if it is ordered.

The children were dressed in black, high-necked school uniforms. They looked like little penguins with the white DDT powder spilled down their fronts.

They were gay and smiling, but their elders were solemn. Many women carried babies in arms.

Lee Tsui, 30, a school teacher said: "We left because of the bombing and the Communists, but the soldiers who stayed behind are ready to fight."

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FELL 1,000 FEET—AND LIVED—Lucky even to be in a hospital bed, Pvt. Stanley Melczak, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is examined by S.Sgt. Cleve Joiner, of Montgomery, Ala., at Anchorage, Alaska. Melczak fell 1,000 feet, Jan. 29 when his parachute failed to open and he was too close to the ground to use his emergency chute. He landed on his back in 38 inches of snow and had no broken bones.

OCKC Seeking 7th 'Hero Dog'

Winner to Be Settled at Annual All-Breed Show, May 22

Oakland County Kennel Club is seeking its 7th Hero Dog so that it may award it the annual Hero Dog Trophy at the 19th All-Breed Dog Show to be held Sunday, May 22, at the Detroit Artillery Armory, 15000 West Eight Mile Road, Oak Park, Michigan.

This award is given the winner of a contest open to all hero dogs, regardless of breed. Only requirement is a letter or newspaper clipping stating full particulars of the heroic act of the dog.

There is no entry fee. The winning hero dog will be on exhibition and the trophy awarded at the show on May 22. The dog and owner will be guests of the club at the show with all expenses paid.

A panel of prominent newspaper sports writers will decide the winner.

All entries should be mailed to E. A. Kraft, 5470 Telegraph Road, Route 3, Pontiac.

The long-range plan is termed necessary to help coordinate the county's road-building efforts.

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Fritz Kreisler, 80 Today, Gets Note From President

NEW YORK (AP)—Fritz Kreisler, among the finest of violinists for many years and now an elder statesman of the music world, is 80 years old today.

Among tributes to the dean of violinists, sent from admirers around the world, was this from President Eisenhower:

"Your musical artistry has become an unforgettable part of the experience of people the world over. . . . You have my best wishes for many happy years to come."

Kreisler, who made his American debut in 1888, last performed in public in 1950. He now confines his playing to the privacy of his home but still keeps an alert interest in the music world beyond.

Kreisler's busy birthday schedule today included a reception in his honor by the Hospitalized Veterans Service and Musicians Emergency Fund, an organization for which Kreisler has been chairman since 1950.

A Kreisler fund of \$80,000, to be administered by this organization, is being collected by his friends and associates. The money is to be used to help promising beginners and needy older musicians and to provide musical therapy for hospitalized veterans.

Navy Seeks Recruits for Service School

High school graduates who meet the physical and mental requirements may now enlist in the U. S. Navy service school, Chief Alan D. Simonson said today.

Simonson, recruiter for Oakland and Macomb Counties said study is available for aviation electronics technician, aviation machinist's mate, engineer, yeoman, gunner's mate, machinist's mate, hospital corpsman, dental technician, photographer's mate, radioman, radioman and sonarman.

Details may be obtained through Navy recruiters in the Post Office building here; Elk's Hall, Royal Oak; or Civic Recreation Center, Mt. Clemens.

Two City Managers Attending Meeting Today

Two area city managers are attending the annual clinic of the Michigan Chapter, International City Managers' Assn., in Ann Arbor. A third will attend the last two days of the meeting.

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Gilbert, Sullivan Operetta Chosen for Annual Show

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—For their 12th annual Gilbert and Sullivan operetta to be given late this month, Kingswood and Cranbrook School students have selected "Yeomen of the Guard."

Robert E. Bates, Cranbrook music instructor who will direct the comic operetta, has been associated with Broadway companies of Gilbert and Sullivan musicals.

As is customary, net profits from one performance will be donated to Children's Hospital in Detroit.

City Votes April 4 on Precinct Shuffle

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has 3,994 voters. District 2 has 4,996 voters.

If the electorate approves the charter revision, District 1 would have 5,683 voters. District 7 would have 5,066 and District 3 would have 5,626, according to Donaldson's statistics.

Districts 4, 5, 6 and 7 would not be affected by the charter change. Donaldson's figures reveal that those districts now have respectively, 5,825, 6,380, 5,413 and 5,086 voters.

Miles had said previously that the move was one that "involves changes that should be made after study and not on the spur of the moment."

The shift was suggested for the first time at the Jan. 18 meeting, although Donaldson said he had been considering it for several months and had not realized the deadline for placing it on the ballot was approaching.

Another charter amendment was put on the ballot by the Commission at last week's meeting.

It calls for revision of a pension plan amendment passed in November, but incorrectly phrased.

2 Juveniles, Youth Quizzed in Jackson

Two juveniles and an 18-year-old youth, all of Pontiac, are being held in Jackson today for investigation of four break-ins in that city and another here last night at Riemschneider Bros. auto sales, 232 S. Saginaw St.

The trio was picked up by Jackson Police, who had been given the description of a 1952 Nash Rambler stolen from the Riemschneider garage last night. Police said the auto was registered to M. L. Twiddle of 304 Glenary, Walled Lake, and had been left at the Riemschneider garage as a trade-in.

Detective Sgts. John A. DePauw and Olin Hoffman, investigating recent burglaries here, said they will attempt to question the trio about numerous break-ins in Jackson which occurred in Jackson prior to the trio's arrest.

Capt. Clark M. Wheaton, chief of detectives, identified the 18-year-old youth as Charles Williams of 321 Fisher Ave.

Pontiac Foundation Gets \$1,000 Bond

Purchase of a \$1,000 savings bond for the Pontiac Foundation was authorized by the Pontiac Kiwanis Club directors last night.

The foundation, a non-profit organization for civic improvement, at year's end had assets of \$11,597 in cash, plus stocks and bonds currently valued at \$9,958, for a total of \$21,555.

First goal of the foundation is a building for community activities.

He Can Really Pick 'Em

DENVER (UPI)—Mrs. Garnet S. Robbins told Domestic Court Judge Joseph Cook that she got fed up with the family dog and that's why she wants a divorce. She told her husband to choose between her and the dog and he chose the dog, she said.

4 Youths Charged With Having Beer

Four Avon Township youths were charged with illegal possession of beer by minors today, according to Under Sheriff Elmer McQuern.

Armed with the description of the youths' auto, Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies Jesse Whitlock and Wilson Gardner arrested Robert Samson, 19, of 2500 Longview, James Maybee, 18, of 2627 Frankston, Clement Berger, 18, of 3035 John R. and John Grasse, 17, of 2540 Frankston.

Whitlock and Gardner said they stopped the youths at Featherstone and Opdyke Rds. and found beer in the car. The boys had been drinking the officers said.

The father of a 15-year-old boy furnished the description of the auto after he learned from his son that the youths had taken newspapers from him while he was making his deliveries yesterday. The youngster said the four youths stopped him and forced him to give up his papers. They tore the papers to shreds in front of the boy, according to police.

McCarthy Upholds Cohn's Reputation

LOMBERTVILLE, N.J. (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) today expressed "absolute confidence" that Roy M. Cohn never "worked with" Harvey M. Matusow to prepare false testimony against 13 second-string Communist leaders, as Matusow has sworn.

McCarthy said that Cohn chief counsel to the Senate investigations subcommittee when McCarthy was chairman, always has been "meticulous" in complying with the legal profession's ethical standards.

"He would not allow testimony that was not true," said McCarthy. "I have absolute confidence in this."

The senator, visiting friends here, made the comment in response to a newsmen's inquiry.

Detroit Officer Testifies in POW Court-Martial

FT. SILL, Okla. (AP)—A 33-year-old Army captain returns to the witness stand today to face cross-examination in the general court-martial of Maj. Ambrose H. Nugent.

Capt. Herbert E. Marlatt, infantry officer from Detroit, told the nine-colonel court yesterday Nugent staged a Communist "peace" demonstration among 400 prisoners captured in the Korean War. He was the 10th witness presented by the Army.

The 44-year-old Merrill, Wis., career officer faces 13 counts of collaborating with his captors. If found guilty, Nugent can get up to life imprisonment.

GOP Unwraps Solutions to State's Road Problems

LANSING (AP)—A powerful bloc of House Republicans today pushed its own "package" solution to the state's highway problems, while still another solution was filed in the Senate.

Rep. Emil R. Peltz (R-Rogers City), chairman of the House Roads Committee, introduced a "package" bill combining two measures he had proposed last week.

The new bill, subject to a vote of the people, would increase the state's gasoline tax from 4½ cents a gallon to 6½ and allow local governments to use part of the money to finance revenue bonds for highway and street construction.

Peltz obtained the signatures of some 30 Republicans for his bill and Speaker Wade Van Valkenburg (R-Kalamazoo) said he hoped to see the bill voted on Monday.

In the Senate, Sen. Louis G. Christman (R-Ann Arbor) popped in two bills to increase the gas tax two cents and to revise the formula under which the state and local units share highway funds.

Christman said his measure would permit local units to do necessary work on their own roads instead of placing all new revenues on major trunk lines as he said Gov. Williams intends.

Peltz and Christman agreed their two-cent tax increase would bring in 40 million dollars more a year, about the present 140 million. But Peltz would distribute it according to the present formula.

Christman said his plan would skim off 15 per cent of the highway revenues for State Highway Department construction.

Then he would give the state 40 per cent of the remainder (now 44 per cent of the total), the counties 39 per cent (now 37 per cent) and the municipalities 21 per cent (now 19 per cent).

The result, Christman said, would give the state \$7 million dollars; 26.3 millions more than now. The counties would go up 7.5 millions to 59.8 million, he said, and the municipalities up 5.3 millions to 32.1 millions.

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The Day in Birmingham

Water Authority Nearing Contract Awarding Date

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MEETS NEW MOM—Thomas Hayashi Schuette, 6, Japanese-American orphan, is a bit uncertain as he is greeted by his foster mother, Mrs. Edgar Schuette, upon his arrival in San Francisco aboard the S. S. President Cleveland. Ship nurse Kazuyo Ekimoto stands in background. The Schuettes, who live on a Ukiah, Calif., ranch, already have nine children, but they're all looking forward to Tommy's arrival. AP Wirephoto

Town's Singing Baker Retires With His Arias

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y. (UP)—Residents of this historic village no longer get their bread delivered to the tune of operatic arias. "Pete the Baker" has retired. After 34 years and eight months as a bakery route man, Peter Alotta is devoting himself to his hobbies — music, raising chickens and goats and gardening. Pete's rich Italian tenor used to herald the arrival of his bakery truck with arias from such operas as "Il Trovatore" and "Aida." Two generations of children remember him also for his liberal handouts of free cookies and doughnuts. When asked how he balanced his book at day's end, Pete replied: "Add up happy faces instead of money."

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Does Muggs' Road Show Spell End to TV Career?

By PHYLIS BAYTELLE
NEW YORK (INS) — They can hedge all they want to over at headquarters for the TV show, "Today" — but J. Fred Muggs, the cohost, is on his way out.

The chimp was a chimp. He had the world in his paw and he let it go; he lived off the fat of the land and its prime pureed baby foods; he made upwards of \$500 a week, his clothes were sculptured by the finest tailors, his fanmail was astounding. And what did he do?

He lost his humility.
Now Dave Garraway, who runs the show "Today" is not at all of the temperament of Arthur Godfrey, who runs a dozen or so other shows and fired a man allegedly for losing his meekness. But it has long been an authoritative whisper around town that Dave could hardly be boss on his own show when the chimpanzee was on camera, and even the blindest employer can take just so much monkey business and he's through.

You simply do not, literally, bite the hand that feeds you and get by with it, this day and age. "Muggs is not being eased off the show," claims Bob Bendick, the producer, when asked for the facts. "He is just going to travel more—go out and meet people, coast to coast, and spread good will."

"(What does that sound like to you, friends, but the squeeze?) "We have another, younger chimp which we are going to use on the show while J. Fred is on the road."

Just like big business, eh? Mr. Brown, meet young Horace Jones, who will take over some of your duties. After all, you've been working for us 25 years and . . .

"This replacement is a cute little female chimp named Phoebe B. Beebe," explains Bendick. (Your services are no longer required, Mr. Muggs. It's a woman's world, you know.)

"She's only nine months old, and kind of scared of it all, but she does all the childish sort of things Muggs did when he was first on. She climbs clocks, and all that."

(There's a world of difference between a clock-watcher and a clock-climber. Fred, and you are now neither.)

"But Muggs is not off the show. He'll just be traveling more," says Bendick. He had to admit, however, that he didn't know exactly what the tour itinerary would be. "All over," he said. And probably far away.

When he first came on "Today," Muggs was a cuddly mass of wrinkles who had been observed by an NBC producer in the hallway outside his studio. The dainty J. Fred had just been up to "casting," where his owners—on-NBC pageboys—had been told there were no chimpanzees roles in the offing.

The owners were sluggishly sad, but Muggs was alert. He wanted to get the heck out of there and back to his friends in the New Jersey pet shop where he lived. So he reached out and punched for an elevator.

Even blase producers are interested in anthropoids with gumption. Muggs was offered a job. He was soon on a sliding-scale contract, and insured by Lloyd's for \$50,000.

But Muggs, who cost his owners \$600 when he was shipped in from the Cameroons had more gumption than was called for; and the bigger he grew, the harder it was to handle.

He also developed an enormous appetite—which was annoying, indeed, to the people on whose fingers and ears he sometimes indulged.

Now it is obvious that he is being eased out, like the main-office salesman who gets hot-head.

Corned Beef Popular

SINGAPORE (P)—Corned beef is the most popular of all American canned goods imported into Malaya. G. W. Duncan, export manager of Libby, McNeill and Libby, of Chicago, said on a business trip here.

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Detroit Moonshiners Still Working at Stills

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit and Philadelphia are running neck and neck for the title of moonshine capital of the north.
Ronald L. Greenberg, assistant United States attorney, says home-style whiskey-making has increased

so rapidly in the Detroit area that the staff of federal agents has been doubled since Jan. 1. He said 76 stills were seized in 1954, more than three times the number taken in 1953. Fifty persons were convicted.

There are about 440,000 producing oil wells in the U. S.

Experimental Plastic Hull Boat Burns in Bay City

BAY CITY, Mich. (AP)—Fire swept through the main shed of the Defense Shipbuilding Co. early today, destroying the plastic hull of an

experimental 57-foot U.S. Navy minesweeper under construction.

Damage was not estimated officially but unofficial estimates placed it at several hundred thousand dollars.

The fire wiped out 10 months of work on the project. The minesweeper, known as the MSB23, was a prototype of a nonmagnetic ves-

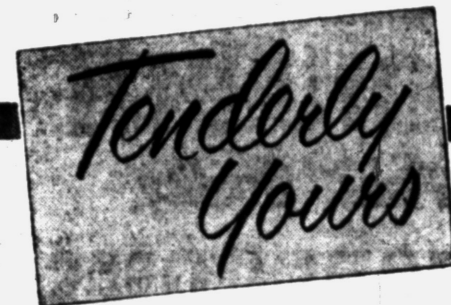
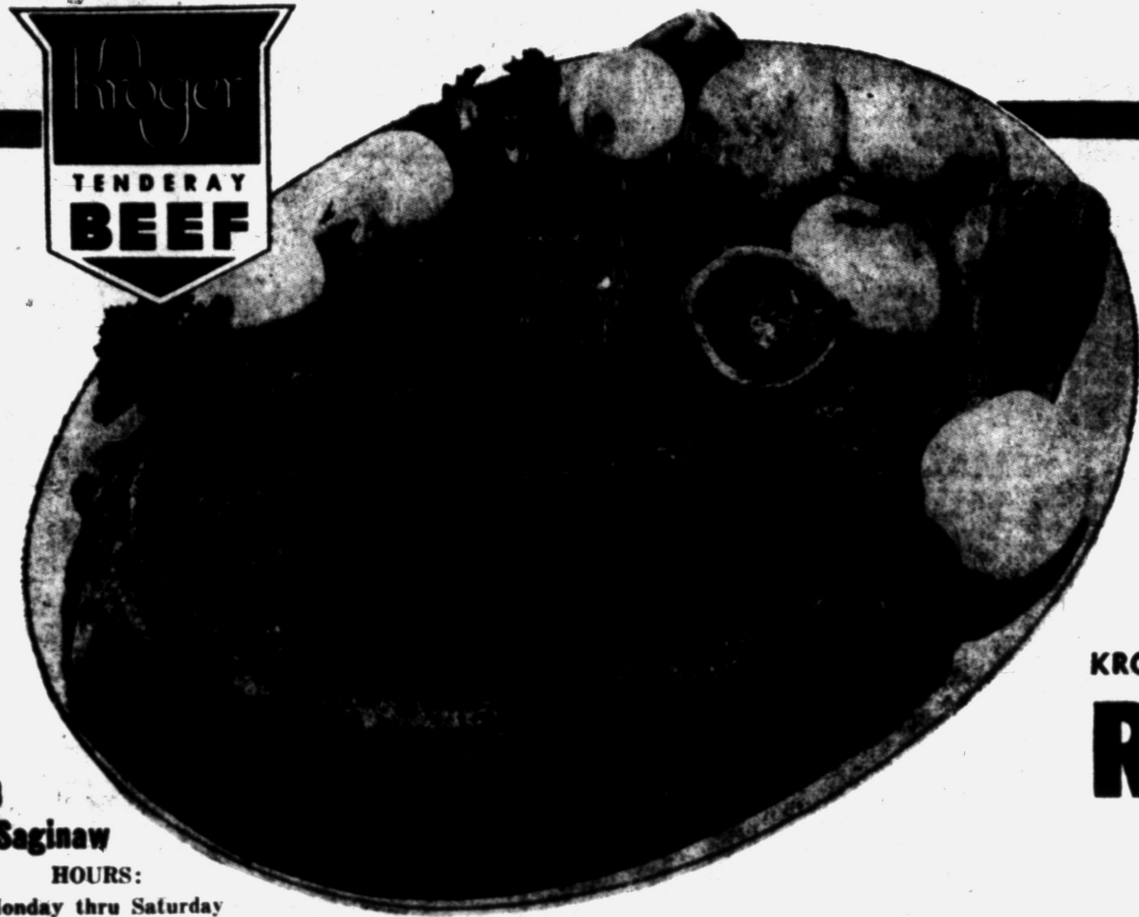
sel under development by the Navy.

A Navy official hinted that the loss of the hull may result in calling off further work on the experimental project valued roughly at 1½ million dollars. The project reportedly was half completed. Cause of the blaze could not be learned.

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Holly Residents to Ballot Again on Sewage Plant

Council Decides to Resubmit Plan

March 14 Voters Face \$348,000 Bond Issue for Disposal Unit

HOLLY — Village residents will again vote on a proposed bond issue to support a new sewage disposal plant in Holly's village elections March 14.

This was decided unanimously last night by the village council. The proposed bond issue calls for the loan of \$348,000 to the village, by both revenue and general obligation bonds, on a 30 year basis.

The proposal was vetoed by villagers last year.

At present, only one quarter of the homes are served by the present sewer system. The state has forbidden the village to expand any of the present lines, until adequate disposal means are taken.

Commenting on the sewage disposal plan, village president North Hiltchcock, said "the taxpayers of the village must be educated to the facts of a new plant, and we have a short time to do it. If we can get this project through this year, it would be a great stride in the community's future development."

Councilmen have decided to discuss the plan with individual organizations. The proposed plant which has been approved by the Michigan Department of Health, would cost \$320,000, while the main sewer trunk line would cost \$116,000.

Village lawmakers commented that studies have shown that assessed valuation on homes will not have to be raised to cover the expenses.

PTA Holds Co-Op Meal

NEW HUDSON—The New Hudson PTA will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the school for a co-operative supper. A musical program will follow.

Group Selects Project

OXFORD — The 15 members of the Helping Hand Club have chosen raising money for a seeing eye dog as their annual project.



GOT A PIN? — Helping with the balloon preparations for the Donelson School winter carnival to be held Saturday at the school are Candace Barker and Kerry O'Brien, with the supervision of Mrs. Preston Clark and Mrs. James Nye. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase additional visual aids and library books for the school.

Donelson School Carnival to Be Presented Saturday

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP — A ham dinner and a carnival midway will highlight the traditional Donelson School winter carnival, to be held Saturday at the school.

Engineering Costs Studied by Officials

How to finance the preliminary engineering costs of a proposed interceptor sewer to handle the Waterford, West Bloomfield, and Farmington townships, and Farmington City area were discussed by representatives of these areas and Oakland County Drain Commissioner Ralph Main yesterday.

Main said the preliminary engineering costs would be about \$4,000. Waterford has already approved paying its share.

Also present to aid in the financing discussions was bond attorney Claude Stevens.

President Re-elected

IMLAY CITY—C. A. Bryant has been re-elected president of the Goodwill Firetruck Co. Other re-elected officers are Charles A. Smith, Lyle Watkins, Harry Penzien, and Howard E. Lee.

Courses Start Monday

ROMEEO—Adult education courses will begin at the Romeo Community High School on Monday, Merlin Kerry, director of the program, has announced.

Most of the U. S. highways bear even numbers for the east-west routes and odd numbers for the north-south.

Pass Ordinance in Walled Lake

Approve Building Code as First Law Created by City Council

WALLED LAKE — The Walled Lake City Council last night adopted its first ordinance, governing building in the newly-incorporated city.

The building code, to become effective immediately after publication, will be the abridged building code as drawn up by the Building Official's Conference of America.

In other action, Mrs. Elvina Moss was named deputy city clerk to be on duty at the city office daily.

The council is preparing to appoint a board of review. Commissioner Marshall Taylor is investigating the placing of parking and traffic signs in the business district.

The city's sanitation code is now being typed, and is expected to be ready for final review at the Feb. 8 meeting. A planning committee is also being selected for the city, and candidates are being interviewed by the council.

County Deaths

Mrs. Grace M. Dondero

ROYAL OAK — Service for Mrs. Grace M. Dondero, 62, of 501 S. Lafayette, sister-in-law of Congressman George A. Dondero, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Virgo - Kinsey Funeral Home, with burial in Oak View Cemetery, Milford. She died Tuesday.

Surviving are three brothers, Clarence Armstrong of Southfield Township, Lee of Elizabeth Lake Road, Etoson of Melvindale, and a sister, Mrs. Edna King, of Detroit.

Oscar G. Elender

OXFORD — Service for Oscar G. Elender, 62, of 2269 Lakeville Rd., will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer, with burial at Attica Cemetery. He died Tuesday.

Surviving are his widow, Lucy, four sons, Thomas of Peck, William of Saginaw, Maynard of Lapeer, Floyd of Oxford, four daughters, Mrs. Illa Boeneman of Pontiac, Mrs. Geraldine Boeneman of Pontiac, Mrs. Wanda Gilliland of Ann Arbor, Mrs. Mabel Goss of Rochester, four sisters, Mrs. Maggie Snover of Kingsmill, Mrs. May DeWitt of Hull, Mrs. Martha Coulter of Lapeer, Mrs. Della Stendow of Saksatchewan, and three brothers, John of Gladwin, Floyd of Imlay City, and Lee of Stockbridge.

Michael Edward Fultz

ROCHESTER — Service for Michael Edward Fultz, 1-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Fultz, 2084 W. Avon Rd., will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Dudley H. Moore Funeral Home, Auburn Heights, with burial in Mt. Avon Cemetery. He died Tuesday.

Southfield Township

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MRS. MARY A. HIXON
Mrs. Mary A. Hixon Named Home Agent

Mrs. Mary A. Hixon has been appointed Oakland County home demonstration agent for the Michigan Cooperative Extension Service. In her new duties here, Mrs. Hixon will give homemaking information and aid in the training of project leaders in the 93 home demonstration groups.

She will work with Mrs. Freida Bennett, the county's other home demonstration agent.

Mrs. Hixon served in the same capacity for the University of Maine Extension Service from 1932 to 1934. She is a graduate of Framingham (Mass.) State Teachers College, where she received a B. S. degree in education. She has also taught home economics.

A Birmingham resident, Mrs. Hixon attends the Congregational Church there and is a member of the Women's National Farm and Garden Assn.

IOOF, Rebekahs Joint Installation Held at Imlay

IMLAY CITY—At a recent joint meeting, Douglas Buik was installed as Noble Grand of Imlay City Lodge 116, IOOF, and Mrs. Kay Snyder became Noble Grand of Rebekah Lodge 161.

Other IOOF officers are Harry Dahn, George Nobel, Ralph Tucker and Jay Coleman. Other Rebekah officers are Mrs. Eva Gordon, Mrs. John Sekey, Mrs. Walter Kennel, Mrs. Floyd Willie, Mrs. Alden Schell, Mrs. William Lindstead, Mrs. Pauline Burnett and Mrs. Charles Heacock.

Also serving are Mrs. Charles Upleger, Mrs. Keith Winslow, Mrs. Floyd Rayment, Mrs. Blaine Rogers, Mrs. Howard Tanner and Mrs. Lyle Spencer.

County Births

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Holly Board of Education Meets With Citizen Group

HOLLY — Donald Coleman has been named chairman of the citizens committee which is meeting with the Holly board of education to help solve school problems.

At a recent meeting, the group heard Supt. of Schools Charles Coggins, who outlined briefly the

background of the Holly Area school system. This followed a tour of the high school class rooms.

Presentation of the present school problems was made by Board of Education president Eugene Rogers, while Holly High School principal Raymond Barber outlined curriculum difficulties of the present system to the committee.

Barber stated, "In any system our size, it is hard to please everyone—our space facilities are limited."

The purpose of the citizens committee was described as "to study and explore the needs and problems of the present school system, and to determine what is needed to improve the system."

It was also pointed out by the school board members that they would not be directly responsible to carry out the committee's suggestions, although each suggestion will be considered.

Three six-member committees were named at the meeting, for building, curriculum and finances. A fourth group, to study growth, had previously been appointed.

The next citizens committee general meeting is slated for 8 p. m. Feb. 21 in the Holly High School agriculture room.

Hazel Kominski Repeats Vows in Brown City

DRYDEN — Former Dryden resident Mrs. Cora Bell has announced the marriage of her daughter Hazel Kominski to George Hildebrandt of Pontiac, Saturday.

The ceremony was performed at the Methodist Church parsonage in Brown City.

Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Burton Harrington of Dryden. The newlyweds will make their home in Pontiac.

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County Calendar

Troy
The Women's Association of Troy Center Presbyterian Church will hold its monthly meeting next Tuesday at 10 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Bert Jackson, 6733 John R.

Aven Township
The Elmwood School executive board will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday at the school.

Mixed Opinions Voiced on Proposed Incorporation Law Changes

Representatives of four Oakland County communities have voiced mixed opinions on proposed legislation which would change the incorporation laws.

The four areas are Walled Lake, Keego Harbor, and Madison Heights, all of which have just incorporated, and Rochester, which is considering the subject.

Officials generally favored two of the measures suggested by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors to the Michigan Legislature, but questioned a third change.

Under the present law, incorporation petitions are filed, and if found to be valid, a voting date is set. But if a census of the area to

be incorporated is required to discover what class city the area will become, it is impossible to set an election date, until the census is completed.

This delay would be eliminated in legislation recommended by the supervisors. It would allow a vote before the census is complete.

The second recommended change is that areas incorporating not become cities when the residents vote in favor of it, but when the charter for the area is completed, approved, and filed with the county clerk and secretary of state.

At present, if no charter is approved after the residents vote for incorporation, the area reverts back to its township or village status.

A third proposal encompassed the financing of the incorporation process.

In the midst of work brought about by voters approving incorporation Dec. 14, 1934, Keego Harbor charter commissioners Benjamin E. Covey, Lyla Ross and Wilma Webb have spoken in favor of both advancing the vote date and staying under township rule until the charter is approved.

Their area is one which waited until a census was completed before voting. This trio agreed with the county supervisors that the area incorporating should foot the costs of the change-over.

Both officials of the newly formed city of Madison Heights in Royal Oak Township, and the village manager of Rochester, an area which is now studying such action, also expressed general approval of the changes proposed.

Charter commission members John B. Michrins, Mrs. Virginia M. Selberg and Willie D. Pierce felt that the incorporation would have been easier under the laws as proposed.

Village Manager Robert Stone, while citing the necessity and importance of a census, saw no harm in moving the election day up to before the completion of the necessary census.



COMMISSION AT WORK—It takes more than a few votes cast to start a city, as these members of the Keego Harbor Charter Commission will tell you. Seated at their weekly work on the charter are commission members Lyla Ross, Ross O'Dell, and Wilma Webb, while standing are

Charles Leaf, the commission's attorney, John Estes, and commissioners Jack Loveland, Ed Covey and Ben Mosher. Absent were W. W. Abbott and Lewis Doyle. Voters in Keego approved incorporation Dec. 14, 1934.

Stone said that the incorporation petitions as drawn up in his area stipulate the raising of \$500 to cover the costs of incorporation.

The supervisor's third recommendation would prevent the county from getting stuck with the costs if the incorporation fails.

This measure drew the fire of the Walled Lake City Commission, which was elected when the area approved a charter Dec. 7, 1934. Residents had voted for city-status in June of that year.

"There is no statutory requirement for the \$500 deposit accompanying incorporation petitions to the supervisors," a combined statement said.

The requirement seems to defeat the principle of home rule government, because the deposit could be set higher than the petitioning group could raise, the council explained.

The law provides for any group of citizens to petition to become a village or city, and regulations which make such action difficult or impossible are wrong, the statement concluded.

County Assistant Corporation Counsel Charles A. Davis said the \$500 deposit required with incorporation petitions is enforced by rule of the board of supervisors, and admittedly has no statutory grounds.

"If we didn't have the requirement, many people who were not serious about the matter would be filing incorporation petitions," Davis said.

"If the incorporation is accomplished, we bill the new city for the costs, and return the deposit to those making it," he explained.

In the event that the incorporation does not become an actuality, the cost of the process, including

printing the ballots, paying the election board, and for the canvass of the votes, are deducted from the deposit, and the remainder returned.

"This is a practical solution as far as the cost is concerned, and we feel that the supervisors have the power to require the deposit," he concluded.

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Grains Steady
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CHICAGO — Steady prices ruled for most grains in relatively dull trading on the Board of Trade today. The market lacked any important news incentive and therefore was allowed to drift along in an aimless manner.

At the outset March wheat showed a little strength, possibly in reflection of overnight sale of 2,880,000 bushels of hard wheat to Greece. Tye upturn was very quickly lost, however. New crop soybeans, recently strong, were unable to maintain their advance. Wheat near the end of the first hour was 1/2 lower to 1/4 higher, March \$2.30 1/2; corn 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher, March \$1.54; oats unchanged to 1/4 lower, March 78 1/2; rye unchanged to 1/2 lower, March \$1.26 1/2; soybeans 1/2 lower to 1/4 higher, March \$2.79 1/2; and hard wheat 8 cents lower to 3 cents higher, March \$12.65.

Grain Prices

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May	2.27½	May	1.30
July	2.13½	Soybeans	
Sep	2.16	Mar	2.78½
Corn			
Mar	1.53½	May	2.75½
May	1.56½	Sep	2.57½
July	1.58	Nov	2.49½
Sep	1.53½	Lard	
Oats			
Mar	78½	May	12.65
May	79½	July	12.70
July	71½	Sep	12.85
Sep	71½	Soybean Oil	
		Mar	11.93
		May	11.73

Unknown Donor Sends \$1 to Feed Bereaved Puppy

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A little dog that kept a lonely vigil over another killed by a car has a dol-

lar's worth of biscuits waiting for him.

But Works Director H. T. Meiners can't find the black puppy with the white-tipped tail.

His search started yesterday after an anonymous writer explained he saw a picture of the

vigil and sympathized with the "dog who is left behind. I hope this dollar brings him happiness."

If the puppy can't be found within a week, Meiners is going to buy dog biscuits for inhabitants of the pound.

"After all, they have been 'left behind' too," he said.

Commies Bilk Attorney Into 3-Cent Gift to Party

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A Salt Lake City attorney says he was bilked into contributing 3 cents to the Communist party.

He was angry enough about it

to take his story to the FBI and a Salt Lake newspaper. But he declined use of his name.

The attorney says a letter, with no return address, was delivered to his office yesterday with 3 cents postage due.

After paying the 3 cents, the attorney says he discovered the en-

velope to contain a mimeographed sheet telling about the Communist party, over the name of "The Communist Party of Utah."

Mephistopheles' originally was one of the seven great princes of hell, each of whom was associated with one of the planets.



BEAUTY OF THE DEEP—This is a model of a colonial jellyfish, fashioned of blown glass, this object is part of a display of undersea creatures at the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh. In life, this jellyfish is found in large schools in the Indian Ocean.

Sees Stalemate Over Formosa

New York Times Says Government Is Betting on Uneasy Balance

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Times said today the Eisenhower administration believes an uneasy stalemate in the Formosa Strait is more likely than either fighting or a formal cease-fire.

A Washington dispatch to the Times said:

If the Chinese Communists challenge the United States, either by a testing action or a full-scale attempt to take Formosa or one of the islands related to its defense, the administration is prepared to engage in limited war. This would include "hot pursuit" to the mainland of the attacking aircraft or naval vessels.

No need is seen for United States ground troops in such a program, the story said. The highest military authorities, it said, believe the job can be done with U.S. air and naval arms, plus Chinese Nationalist troops.

Authors of this policy were said to regard it as defensive and resembling "containment" more than "liberation."

"The doctrine of instant, massive retaliation is out the window so far as this area is concerned," the story continued. "The United States might bomb airfields and ports from which attacks on United States forces are launched, but the administration is not thinking of atomic attacks on Peking. All the probabilities are that the United States would let the Chinese Reds strike the first blow."

Four City Officials on State Committees

Four Pontiac city officials are currently serving on Michigan Municipal League committees.

Heading the list is City Manager Walter K. Willman, who is chairman of the highway committee. Mayor William W. Donaldson is a member of the committee on federal-local relations.

Assessor W. Raymond Ransom is assigned to the plat law committee, while Joseph B. Jewell, DPW head, is a member of the training committee.

15 Reds Captured

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—The Nationalist Defense Ministry reported tonight 15 Chinese Communist prisoners were aboard the transport that brought 538 refugees from the Tachen Islands today. They had been captured near Nankishan, 80 miles south of the Tachens.

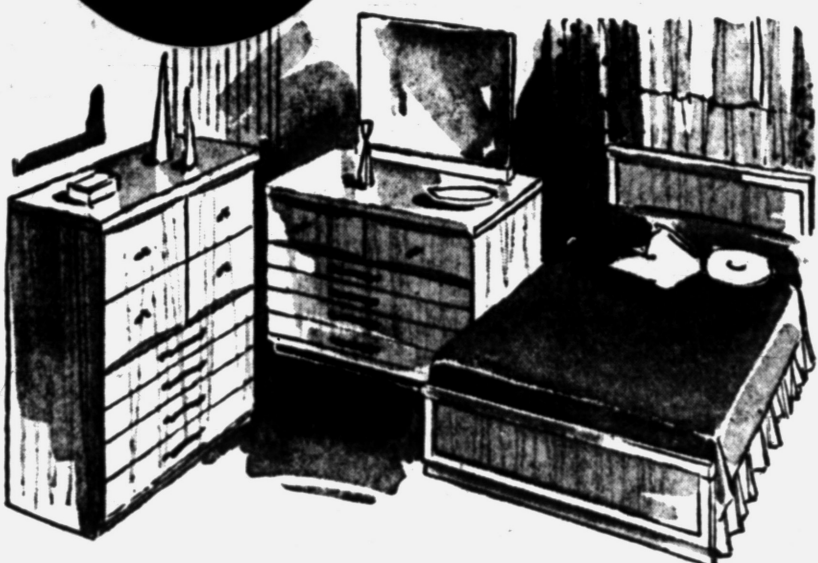
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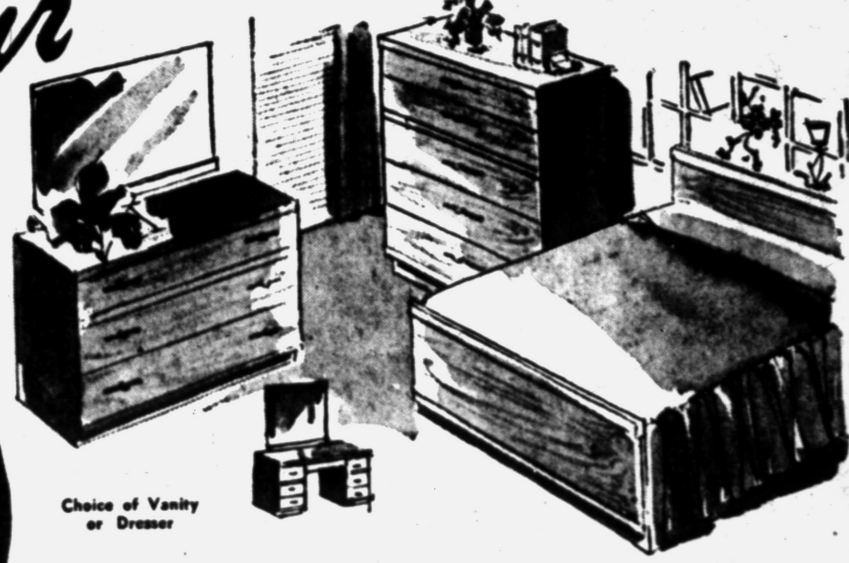
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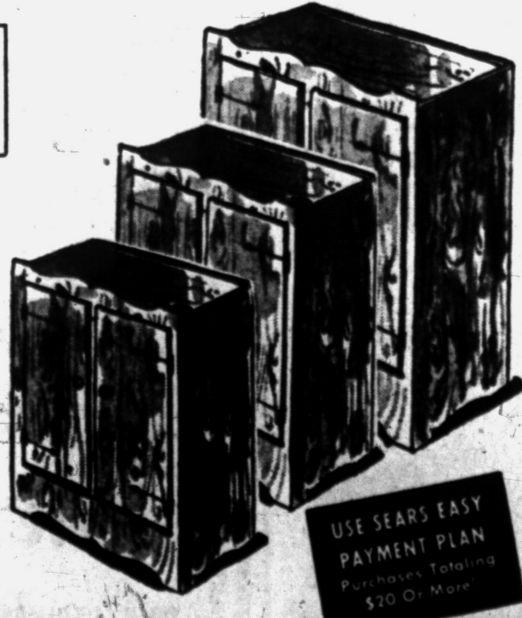
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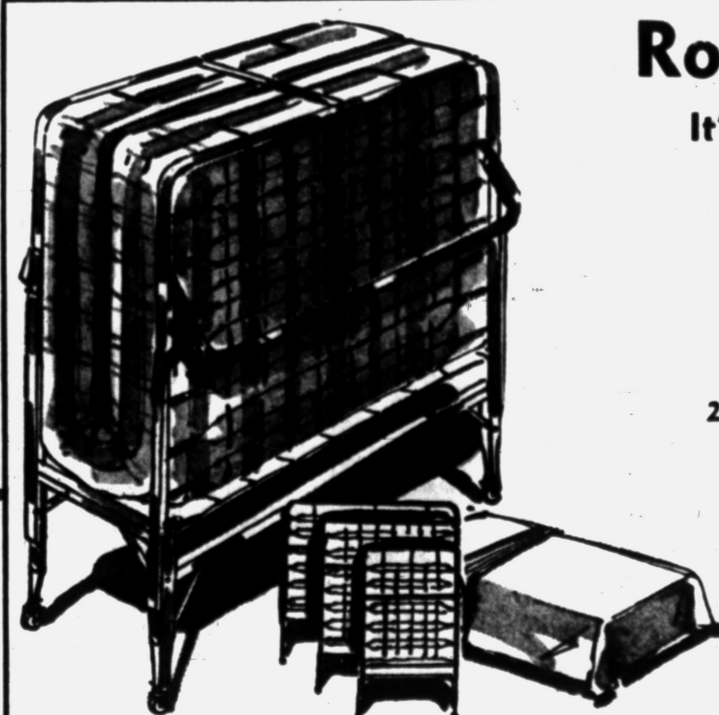
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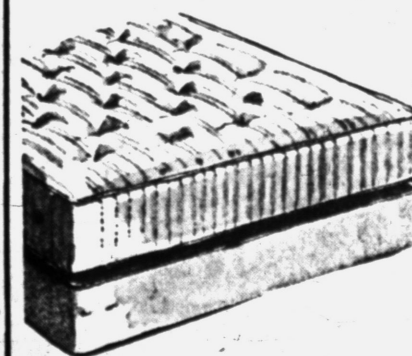
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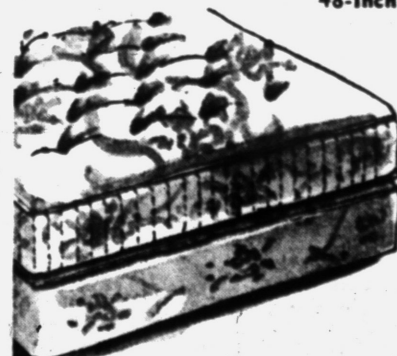
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