

Extremely Low Water Pressure Alarms Firemen

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE—"It was only a drill so it really didn't matter, but it might have been serious." Bloomfield Village's fire chief, C. W. Higgins said that after volunteer firemen reported for their regular weekly drill Monday evening and discovered the reserve water supply tank was alarmingly low and water pressure far below emergency need.

"We notified our residents several weeks ago that we faced a water shortage," Higgins explained, "and asked them to restrict themselves in sprinkling lawns."

"The ARRANGEMENT was for residents with odd-number addresses to water lawns on odd-number days, and so on. It may be that they have forgotten this request, or that they did not get the notice. Whatever the cause, we must remind them of the seriousness of the situation."

Higgins suggested that women attend to lawn sprinkling during the day, and those relieve the load every evening.

"IT WILL SPREAD the demand," he explained, "rather than have everyone using water at the same early evening hours."

"When we found the shortage Monday evening, we blew the siren and hoped residents remembered that this means all water must be turned off until the siren sounds a second time, or in addition, firemen reported they drove around the Village, asking that unnecessary use of water be discontinued until the pressure was built up again."

"We ask the folks to cooperate with us so that we may have water available to protect their property should a fire start," Higgins concluded.

While area water departments didn't experience any serious shortages during the month of June, their records do show that a lot of water was consumed in the 30-day period.

Gallons of water pumped from Birmingham wells in June totaled 71,873,000 with the highest single day's pumping occurring on June 11 when 3,809,700 gallons came up from the ground.

Cost of all this water was \$11,01.97 or .0152 cents per gallon. Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith's report shows.

WATER CONSUMPTION reached its peak in Troy township on June 30 when 501,000 gallons were used, according to a township official.

Total pumpage in Troy for the month was 14,400,000 gallons.

Because Detroit water is used extensively in Southfield township and Lathrup Village, no accurate determination of the amount of water used in those areas can be made at this time.

However officials of both municipalities agreed consumption was high during June.

All areas report water restrictions are in effect.

To Seek Source Of Mystery Sewer

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — City commissioners are trying to find out the origin of a sewer that spills out on the ground at the rear of Sarrasin's located off on W. Long Lake road.

A citizen complained to the commission Tuesday night that the open sewer constitutes a hazard of neighborhood children who can't resist the temptation to play around the resultant pool.

Source of the sewer apparently is a mystery.

"Maybe the best way to find out where it comes from would be to put the end of it with quick-set concrete; it would have to be backed up and come out somewhere," suggested Mayor A. Beresford.

Commissioners instructed City Manager Elmer Kephart to investigate.

Two Fires Monday For Southfield

SOUTHFIELD—Fire completely consumed an abandoned shack Monday where kids usually play. The house was located on a road belonging to Ray Monarch, 20201 Westover.

The fire department answered a second call Monday to Northland's parking lot A to put out a fire in the rear seat of a car belonging to a Detroit woman. Damage was estimated at about \$40.

Seek Information On Roller Rink

SOUTHFIELD—Township board members Tuesday night refused to take action on a request for permission to operate an outdoor roller skating rink at the Brown Derby picnic grounds, 28875 Franklin, until a written application outlining plans for the project has been received by the township.

The applicant, Chris Nicholson, recently in trouble over the operation of a dance hall in the basement of his alleged Communist leanings, proposes to open his dance floor to roller skating.

Board members asked that an application be forwarded to them stating the hours of the operation and other information concerning the business.

Board Restricts Grave Lot Sale

SOUTHFIELD—Purchase of inexpensive grave lots in township cemeteries forced by board members Tuesday night to restrict further sale and use of lots to Southfield residents and their immediate relatives.

Supervisor William Roemer told the board that outsiders were buying up the lots quickly at the low price and threatened to take all available graves away from township purchasers.

The board also raised the price on grave lots. An eight-grave lot, formerly selling for \$65, was raised to \$120. Thirty-grave lots were set for \$90, four graves for \$60 and three graves will be \$45.

To Study Contract For Fire Protection

LATHRUP—Copies of the revised fire contract between Southfield township and the city were ordered mailed to all councilmen at a special meeting Monday night. The contract, which was prepared by City Attorney William Ewart, to study the terms and take action at the next council meeting.

Many months of negotiations followed to reach the agreement to get fire protection. However, councilmen have agreed not to sign a contract that would be unfair to the city.

Board Authorizes Water System Plan

SOUTHFIELD—To be prepared when the South Oakland County water authority brings Detroit water to this area, township board members Tuesday night authorized Supervisor William Roemer to retain a civil engineering firm to study the water system for the township area to be served.

Roemer explained that an overall plan for a second, larger construction of the SOC authority's water main starts.

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Township Buys New Load Packer

SOUTHFIELD—Board members Tuesday night authorized purchase of a load packer body on a new Ford truck at a total cost of \$4,970. The township was able to purchase a demonstrator Leach load packer at a discount price of \$2500 from the Auto Equipment Co., Detroit.

The truck chassis will be purchased by the township and the load packer body will be purchased by the township.

Commission Honors Donald B. McLouth

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — City commissioners Tuesday night paid tribute to Donald B. McLouth, Martel road, who died suddenly Saturday in Cleveland, Ohio.

Commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution acknowledging McLouth's contribution to the city as a member of the planning commission which recently formulated a proposed new zoning system.

Refer Request

SOUTHFIELD—Application of George A. Stevenson to operate a grocery store at the Fruit Ridge Inn, 30215 Southfield, was referred to the township plan commission Tuesday night by township board members.

Operating a grocery store in a restaurant is considered a non-conforming use and the township is considering the property is zoned residential.

College graduates, especially males, are presumed to be educated to the point that they can tell their respective talents, and their own limitations, and when they see one calls "salesmanship" is given them 30 jobs, they may receive their just reward.

Township OKs Fire Contract For Lathrup

SOUTHFIELD—First step in providing scheduled fire protection to the City of Lathrup Village was taken Tuesday night when township board members approved the revised three-year contract.

Lathrup councilmen are expected to vote on the contract at a special meeting Monday, July 19.

The contract, which has taken months to prepare, calls for equal fire protection services to the city that are now afforded the township.

Terms of the agreement also include service for the past year during May 22, 1953 to May 21, 1954 at a cost of \$15,500. The interim period between May 22 date of this year to June 30 this year will cost Lathrup \$1,816.80.

Lathrup councilmen contested the first contract drawn up by township attorneys and successfully revised the contract to include personal property from the valuation figure, gain a six-month period of all opinions expressed and gain equal fire protection service.

Board members questioned why the three-year contract clause was not considered in the six-month interim period of the contract. Supervisor William Roemer explained that while the contract was written to extend services to 1957, attorneys for both parties agreed that the six-month period was only an escape clause.

City Shies Away From Gift Street

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Five Epping lane residents want to give their street to the city, but the city isn't sure that it wants it.

Two residents, Frank S. Caswell and Mrs. E. J. Caswell, appeared before the city commission Tuesday night to ask "Since practically all the streets in the city are owned by the city, why not take over the gift street that we want to give to the city?"

Commissioners advised the men that streets must conform to certain specifications before the city will accept them.

The men replied that repairing concrete streets would not be too difficult, but the situation is complicated by an under-the-road storm drain which is believed to be a city project.

"SOMETHING is wrong that causes existing streets to be abandoned," said Caswell.

Commissioners seemed to feel that the street could not be accepted.

However, Road Commissioner John S. Bugas and City Manager Elmer Kephart promised they would examine the road and drain and make a recommendation on the request at the next commission meeting.

Expect Answer To Tax Appeal Late This Week

SOUTHFIELD—An answer to the township's appeal to state tax commission over its 1954 equalization figure is expected later this week, according to Supervisor William Roemer.

The township has asked the state to reduce the county's figure of 1.56 to bring the equalized valuation near the \$51,141,352 established as the township's assessed valuation.

Meanwhile, the City of Pontiac's tax bills, due to be sent out on July 1, have been held up pending state decision on Southfield's appeal.

Pontiac includes taxes on the July 1 with the city levy on the July 1 and cannot set the rate for school taxes until the equalized figure is determined for the entire County of Oakland.

Expect Contract For Fire Service

FRANKLIN—A fire protection contract to serve the village during the interim period of the new government is expected to be submitted at the next meeting of the board.

The officials are negotiating a separate corporation, to provide fire protection, to be delayed until a clear estimate of the cost to the village has been arrived at, trustees learned Monday night.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY: GLEN SCHOENHALS, superintendent of Southfield schools, is being delayed until applications for the post can be more thoroughly examined by Police Commissioner Harry J. Klingler.

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Officials Study Public's Opinions Of Zone Proposal

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—A transcript of proceedings at the June 29 public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance is being a careful going over by city officials, Mayor James A. Beresford said at the Tuesday night meeting of the city commission.

The transcript, a word-by-word account of all opinions expressed at the meeting, is being scrutinized by the planning commission which the ordinance, by the city commission which must rule on whether it should be adopted, and by Fred W. Kraft of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, city planning consultants, who gave technical advice.

When deliberations on the transcript are completed a joint meeting of planners and commissioners will be held in which recommendations on possible changes to the proposed ordinance will be heard.

AT THE public hearing residents expressed opinions of the ordinance ranging from stringent opposition to wholehearted support.

The proposal is amended as a result of the studies now going on, another public meeting will be held.

Troy Again Blocks Adams Subdivision

TROY—Board members Monday night again refused to approve Adams subdivision, Tuesday night, for the northeast corner of Sixteen Mile and Adams and returned the plot back to the township zoning board for further study.

Roemer seeks to develop the nearly 35 acres of property with 63 home sites and central septic tank operation for sewage disposal.

Neighbors have protested that the lot sizes being maintained at an acre each have opened Glover's plans.

Nods While Driving, Hits Utility Pole

BLOOMFIELD—A Detroit driver blamed sleepiness for an auto accident that brought injury to himself and three companions on W. Long Lake road at 4 a.m. Sunday, police said.

Richard C. Graywink, 20, told police he was driving a 1951 Buick when his car ran into a utility pole.

Joseph J. Sribniak, 20, was admitted to St. Joseph General hospital with a dislocated hip, and two other passengers, Belores Zaleski, 21, and Eugene J. Sabolewski, 20, along with Graywink, were released for cuts and bruises and released.

All are Detroiters.

Re-Appoint Kephart To City Manager Post

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Elmer Kephart was appointed to another year's term as city manager and assessor at the Tuesday night meeting of the city commission.

It was his seventh consecutive appointment.

Also appointed was J. J. Redman as plumbing and oil burner inspector.

Appointment of a police chief to replace I. C. Banks, who resigned recently, is being delayed until applications for the post can be more thoroughly examined by Police Commissioner Harry J. Klingler.

To Gain Refunds

LATHRUP—A resolution calling for the mailing of water deposit refunds to city residents was passed by city councilmen in a special meeting Monday night.

Refunds of deposits made by residents to the City of Detroit water department, Lathrup recently took up the operation of the city's water system.

Arraignment Set

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Arraignment on a charge of driving under the influence of liquor has been set for Monday for Booker Alexander, 2518 McLellan, Detroit, in justice court, according to City Administrator Leonard Watchowski.

Four Bloomfield Teenagers Win In Horse Show

BLOOMFIELD—Virginia Dudley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Dudley, Charing Cross road, was high-point winner in the Avondale 4-H club horse show, July 11 at Oakland county's 4-H fair grounds, Pontiac.

She earned a total of 10 points by placing first in English horsemanship for participants 15 years old and older, first in English pleasure and third in the condition class.

July Wilde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wilde of Lenox road, placed third in both English horsemanship and English pleasure classes.

JIM PERRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Perry of North Woodward, won second in English horsemanship for youngsters 14 years old and under, and second in the Hunter Hack for a total of five points.

Fred Garlick, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Garlick Jr., Quarter road, earned a total of six points by winning first in Hunter Hack class and second in English horsemanship.

Points earned count toward a trophy to be awarded August 14, at the conclusion of the show.

The next Avondale 4-H club horse show will be July 18 at the fair grounds, in Pontiac, according to Mrs. Robert H. Dudley, leader of the club.

Order Assessment Rolls Prepared

LATHRUP—Bids were awarded for the blacktopping of city streets in a special meeting Monday night, but council members agreed to hold up action on the surfacing of a third street until property owners could decide on the type of road surface they wanted.

Councilmen instructed City Administrator Leonard Watchowski to prepare assessment rolls on the paving of East California and Glenwood, Low bidder, the Detroit Concrete Products corporation, quoted \$3,546.40 for the blacktopping of E. California and \$4,525.50 on Glenwood.

Residents on Lathrup between Twelve Mile and Goldergate split over a decision to blacktop or repave their street.

Councilmen deferred action on this petition until property owners could get together on selecting a road surface.

Surprise Party Honors Couple on 30th Anniversary

TROY—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence DeJoy, 362 East Erie Beaver road, were pleasantly surprised on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary.

Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Shaver, invited them to their home at 345 West Square Lake road, to celebrate their grandson's fifth birthday.

The DeJays walked into the house expecting a children's party with ice cream and cake and when the lights went on, they were surrounded by more than 30 of their friends and neighbors who had previously arrived.

OK Second Account

LATHRUP—A second bank account for the deposit of city tax levies was authorized at a special meeting of the city council Monday night. Councilmen also authorized signatures on this account to include Mayor William Harvey, City Clerk Florence Bennett and City Administrator Leonard Watchowski.

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Village Adopts Plan Commission

FRANKLIN—Village trustees Tuesday night adopted a planning commission ordinance and approved the appointment of a nine-member board.

The ordinance is an up-to-date writing of the Southfield town's plan commission. The ordinance becomes Franklin's second law.

Appointed to the commission were: Earl Keating, 32500 Colony Hill; Carlton Bell, 31800 Brandingham; George W. Smith, 25831 Komary Way; Harry J. Durbin, 25080 Franklin Park; John W. Hill, 32401 Romey; Oliver C. Garwood, 29029 Balsam; C. C. Easton, 21025 Southfield; and Fred Harris, 39670 Rosemond; and John