

City Asks More Study On Interceptor's Cost

LATHRUP—While city councilmen last week approved the Evergreen Drainage District's interceptor sewer in principle, they continued to hold out on cost allocation figures on the project.

Councilman Kathryn Feyerisen summed up her views and the views of Councilman John G. Campbell when she stated, "We certainly don't need to be convinced on the need for the sewer, but we do have to be agreed that our share of the cost is an equitable one."

In his resolution seeking the city's membership in the district's authority, Campbell stated, "The unit figure is not realistic and the city wants more discussion with the authority's committee to review our share of the interceptor's cost."

THE UNIT figure pointed to by Councilman Feyerisen is the number of sewer services estimated for the city by the year 1970. Lathrup's number has been set at 2,650, based on the number of homes now in the city and the number of undeveloped lots plotted.

Councilmen believe that this figure includes hundreds of small lots that will never be developed as small as they are presently plotted. City officials also feel fault with the maximum population figure attributed to the city in the district's formula.

The unit figure appears to be the biggest block in the city's membership in the sewer authority. City leaders contend that the city should not be assessed for 6.55 percent of the entire district's cost, a percentage that would raise an estimated \$179,000 for Lathrup's share of the interceptor.

ONLY COUNCILMAN Thomas Reed urged immediate approval of the cost figures adding that the figures were tentative and could be further negotiated when contracts were ready for signature. Actually the city was included in the district's authority when the Oakland County board of supervisors approved creation of the district a week ago.

Plans, specifications, construction and assessment of cost to be the job of the county drain commissioner's office. Robert Norris, a member of the engineering firm of Ayers, Lewis, Norris and May, the city's consulting engineers, was present to hear protests against the cost figures by the council.

He explained that his firm had not been hired to draw up the preliminary plans and could give no information on the project's engineering.

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LWV Members Hear Of Water, Sewage Needs For Area

W. BLOOMFIELD — A good turnout of the West Bloomfield League of Women Voters attended the meeting called by the Oakland County Community House Wednesday, Sept. 22.

The council is composed of delegates from the Pontiac, Birmingham, Ferndale, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield leagues, with Mrs. Parker Rockwell as representative from W. Bloomfield.

Main project of the Council for the current year is the study of water pollution and supply, and chairman for this project is Mrs. Rowell.

Wednesday's meeting was to give members a chance to get acquainted with the needs in the different localities, and to arouse citizens to the urgency of the many problems which are arising due to water shortage and sewage.

Speakers were Donald C. Egbert, Birmingham city manager; T. Ledyard Blakeman, director of Regional Planning for Metropolitan Detroit; and Donald Pierce, chief of State Health Department's sewage engineering division.

Mrs. Claude Hellenberg, Mrs. Graham Overgard, Mrs. R. C. Banker, Mrs. Chas. W. Nelson, Mrs. E. E. Driver, Mrs. Jack Cousins, Mrs. Sylvester Tryphall, Mrs. Campbell Harvey, Miss Augusta Freiser and Mrs. Fred Blackmore were in attendance from the West Bloomfield league.

Detroit Goes To Circuit Court

TROY — A Detroit factory employee who stood examination before Justice Scott C. Belyea on September 22 on a charge of taking the prize heifer calf and a 14-year-old Troy township girl, was bound over to Oakland county circuit court for arraignment on December 13.

Ralph F. Cook, 30, of 1350 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, was arrested on August 10. He waived examination before Troy court on August 11 and was bound over to circuit court on August 26, then on the request of his attorney, Cook was remanded back to Justice court for examination.

Wilson Herd Stated For International

TROY — Windrow Farms, owned by Edward W. Wilson, will exhibit 24 purebred Abyssinians at the International Dairy Show October 9-16 in Chicago, Ill.

The herd was exhibited at last year's International and included the 1st prize heifer calf and several top ranking winners. Wilson's animals have taken many prizes at major fairs this season.

Within each normal person there is a desire to help others, even to make sacrifices for them. Even though this urge may be kept hidden much of the time, in emergencies we respond to the needs of others, and become Good Samaritans.



A COLD DRINK OF APPLE CIDER is as much a part of the fall season as college football games, falling leaves, and warm colored woollens. And Franklin's famous cider mill annually is the destination of thousands of people from this area and Detroit. Here Sylvia Morris of Birmingham, pours a chilled drink for Mary Kopus of Detroit, as the two Franklin school teachers take time out from their chores to enjoy early autumn. (Eccentric Photo)

Approve Village Council Meeting Date Moved Again

LATHRUP—Meetings of the city council have been changed for the second time in a month's time. The council vote Monday to meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month beginning in October. Earlier this month they had moved their regular first and third Monday meetings to the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Reason for the latest change is to enable Mayor William H. Franklin, to attend the regular meeting of South Oakland county mayors held regularly on the third Wednesday of each month.

This total does not include Franklin road, Thirteen Mile, Fourteen Mile or Inkster for those roads continue under the county's road program.

Board members did ask that one change be made in the survey—that of designating 2.53 miles of major streets and 18.17 miles of minor streets.

AFTER HEARING of the village's responsibilities of improving and maintaining major roads, the board asked that all village streets be designated as minor roads.

Councilman Harry Rottiers summed up the thinking of the board by saying, "When we sought incorporation we believed that by becoming a village we could preserve the character of the community and not bring in improvements that would change the character of the village."

In the state's report, scenic highway, Wellington drive and Wells between Franklin road and Thirteen Mile were the only streets the state even considered as major roads.

In passing on the mileage figure the village will receive gas and weight tax returns from the state for the third quarter of the year.

Young Driver Dies After Twp. Crash

SOUTHFIELD — A 14-year-old girl died Friday about 9:15 p.m. from injuries sustained when the car which she was driving collided with another car at Evergreen and Twelve Mile.

The victim, Beverly Western of 30000 Southfield, was admitted to St. Joseph Mercy hospital where she died about three hours after the accident.

Reedford Post state police said a friend, Richard Brown, 16, of 25500 Farmbrook, Southfield, was ticketed for allowing the girl to drive his father's car.

Neither Brown nor the other driver, Arthur R. Schumaker, 17, of 19610 San Quentin, Southfield, was hurt.

Funeral services were conducted Monday from the St. Joseph home in Port Huron, where the family formerly lived.

OK Firearms Ord.

LATHRUP—Final adoption of the city's firearms ordinance was made by city councilmen last week. The ordinance, governing use of firearms within the city's borders, becomes effective in 10 days.

Driver Training

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Police Chief Stanley Kevens believes driver training should be a compulsory course in Hills public schools. As it happens the Hills is a voluntary one offered to the high school students. Kevens talked the safety program with driving to two assembly groups at the Vaughan school last week.

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Water System Goes To Vote In November

LATHRUP—Residents will vote on city acceptance of title to the water system in the November 2 general election, city councilmen agreed last week.

Councilmen authorized preparation of a copy for the ballot to allow the city to gain title to the system and join the Southeastern Oakland county water authority.

Attorneys for the city and lessor, Louise Lathrup Kelley, were instructed to draw the ordinance with the aid of city clerk Florence Bennett.

The system, now back in the hands of the developers since a contract for wholesale water from Detroit was signed earlier this year, is now being leased to the city.

OFFICERS of the water authority, who have considered the city a potential member to their group, have included the city's request for water in their water volume studies, contend that action must be taken if the city is to be able to obtain a favorable vote of three-fifths of the electorate is necessary to convey title to the city.

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Board To Study Liquor Licensing

FRANKLIN — Board members voted to defer action on a request for an SRA (package liquor) license in the village until the next regular meeting when some pressure could be heard on the question.

Board members have asked public reaction to the granting of the license to John A. Shovers in a grocery store at 32700 Franklin road, near the intersection of the application be investigated by Marshal Dan Brown.

Set Clerk's Pay

FRANKLIN—The annual wage of village clerk was set at \$1,800 by board members Tuesday night.

Southfield Votes To Ban Hunting As State Bypasses Township Plea



HENRY L. WOOLFENDEN, Kenosha road, Bloomfield Hills, has been elected president of the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners. A commissioner since 1951, he has served the legal profession for many years, having been chosen the first executive secretary of the present integrated bar in the state in 1936. A member of various committees, Woolfenden was also a delegate to the American Bar Association for two years. From 1917 to 1919 he served as a member of the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Florence Chekoway Heads Pin League

BEVERLY HILLS — Due to the resignation of Vera Neerimer as club president, West Beverly Hills, Kenosha Bowling League had a new president, Florence Chekoway, who was vice president, has moved on to fill the vacancy and Loris Ruch is vice president.

Vera Neerimer and her family are moving to Arizona, where her husband will develop a new real estate business.

Marge Grant continues to set the pace for the league. On Monday she bowled a 200 game, with a 531 series. Close behind her was Erna Jaechling, with a 188 high game and a 511 series. Erna is a new bowler in this league.

Elva Bakumka, club secretary, is still looking for bowlers as substitutes. She may be contacted at 18240 Devonshire by anyone wishing to bowl in this league.

SOUTHFIELD—Township board members Tuesday night took action to continue the no-hunting ban within township borders.

Acting on the township's right to protect the safety and welfare of its residents, the board passed a resolution prohibiting hunting with firearms until further notice.

A two-year ban placed on hunters under the state's enabling act has expired and was not renewed by the state legislature this year. Failure of the state to extend the township's ban could not be fully explained by board members.

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Sewage Treatment Contract Signed

BLOOMFIELD — A contract for treatment of Bloomfield township sewage for that area now served by the Bloomfield drains was approved by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

Final acceptance of the contract came after commissioners had reviewed plans for the proposed out-of-town layout of Westchester Village, the subdivision being plotted on the old Merrett farm.

Assured that the development would bring no hardships upon the city, commissioners unanimously agreed to the contract that will be retroactive to July 1 of this year and end at the close of the fiscal year at an initial cost to the township of about \$3,000.

A portion of township sewage in the city's plant was seen as a cost saving device and Birmingham Resources Commission's citation of Bloomfield for pollution of the River.

The contract will be continued until the proposed Evergreen Drainage District's interceptor sewer to the City of Detroit is in operation.

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Volunteer Firemen "Boat" To Blaze

The Franklin volunteer fire department borrowed a rowboat to fight its first "maritime" fire last Saturday afternoon when notified that there was a grass fire on Meadow lake, south of West Maple road.

Hand equipment was of no use on what turned out to be a red hot pine fire which had burned a deep pit into the island, the volunteers loaded their portable pump and fire hose and launched the glowing mass of water from an estimated 4000 gallons of water from a definite threat to home owners.

Officials of the department sponsored a meeting of the chiefs of the township's volunteer fire departments last week to work on mutual aid arrangements.

Good progress was made toward agreements whereby one department will go to the assistance of another having an unusual fire on its hands, with a third department standing by to respond to the assistance of the department's area.

The board of commissioners is to meet tonight at the home of Bert Harris for its regular monthly business session.

GOP Members Now Have Two Offices

Republicans of Oakland County now have two headquarters for the convenience of party workers and voters during the 1954 campaign.

South Oakland headquarters have recently been opened at 1603 S.W. Woodward, Royal Oak. The office is in charge of Mrs. John H. Schuck, secretary of the county Republican committee.

North Oakland Republican headquarters are at 65 West Hiram street, Pontiac, and the office is in charge of Mrs. Helmut Guschke.

Edward E. Wilson, county chairman, urges all Republican workers to make use of these headquarters, particularly as sources of information and all types of campaign materials.

Zoning Letter Ordered Mailed

LATHRUP—Residents are to learn by letter of the preparation of the city's zoning ordinance, city councilmen decided last week.

Lance Mackey, chairman of the zoning committee, recommended that the city acquaint people with the names of the committee's members, the aims of the ordinance and also ask for opinions on zoning in the city by residents.

The zoners submitted such a letter and it was approved by councilmen who authorized its mailing to each property owner.

Ask Zoning Change At Township Corner

TROY — Zone board members called a public hearing Tuesday, Oct. 12, to consider rezoning of the northwest corner of Coolidge and Derby to business. William F. Dohany, petitioner, seeks business use for the parcel that fronts 500 feet of frontage on Derby.

A letter outlining the City of Birmingham's objections to the rezoning was ordered by the township board by city commissioners Monday night.

Adult Education Classes To Start

TROY — Public speaking and some 10 other adult education courses will get underway in the city at an organizational meeting Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Troy high school library, according to E. C. Gray, executive director for Troy schools.

Smith said it takes a minimum of 15 persons to organize classes in any one of the following subjects: public speaking, parliamentary procedure, sewing, tailoring, knitting, art, handicraft, paper, metal and wood, typewriting, shorthand, bookkeeping, and cake decorating.

Some 125 persons participated in this program last year.

Persons are asked to contact the high school during the afternoon hours for further details.

Brooklands Hosts Invitational Golf Tourney Oct. 9-10

AVON TWP.—Golfers of the Detroit district, from both private and public golf courses, have been invited by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pitt, owners of Brooklands Golf and Country Club, to play in the Annual Public Links Invitational Rest Ball Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, October 9 and 10. Brooklands is located east of Rochester near Auburn in Troy township.

The tournament will be a 36-hole test, with 18 holes each day. Entries can be sent to L. J. Merritt, Brooklands Golf and Country Club, 655 Michigan rd., Rochester, Mich. The fee will be \$12.00 per team and tee off time is any time after 8:00 a.m.

Anyone who wishes to play in the tournament, but does not have a partner, is invited to arrive at the clubhouse early and will be paired with another golfer, according to Tex Ellison, president of the Michigan Public Links Association and Don Rodgers, Brooklands professional.

Seek Preparation Of Building Code, Traffic Ordinance

FRANKLIN — Two councilmen have volunteered to draft the village's most pressing legislation—a building code and traffic ordinance.

Board Member Harry Rottiers explained that he would do his best to prepare the building code and stated that "it is probably the biggest job we'll be called on to do during our first year of government."

Mayor Harold Roseberry will take on the chore of studying the traffic ordinance. After studying the ordinances of several near-by communities, Roseberry said that the laws of the City of Bloomfield Hills seemed to best answer the problems of Franklin Village.

Water Shortages Put Restrictions On Bldg. Permits

SOUTHFIELD — Issuance of building permits for new construction will depend on the availability of an adequate water supply, township board members voted Tuesday night.

The major decision came as a result of a letter from the township engineer to the township board to restrict the issuance of permits to new construction where the township has no adequate water supply.

Actually the restriction placed on building permits is aimed at those areas near existing water mains where new residents or owners would require extensions of mains to serve their homes.

Provision of proof that a building has an adequate water supply will be with the owner and not the township. The term "adequate" is ruled to mean one gallon of water per person per minute.

DIFFICULT task of screening building permit applications was left to Building Inspector W. J. Gidley who will advise each home owner of the board's decision.

Board members explained that this action was taken to protect township water system from overloading. It also protects a new home owner from building a house and then finding out that he has no water because of lack of water.

Potential builders will now be faced with the question of obtaining a well or waiting until Detroit water is available from the Southfield water authority. Only the eastern part of the township will be served by the SOC water system.

Stop Sign Survey Sought By City

LATHRUP—Action on placing stop signs at intersections on Lathrup boulevard was delayed last week when city councilmen asked for a survey on streets throughout the city.

Because of the newly-paved road had petitioned the council for erection of the signs to curb speeding on the residential street.

Mayor William H. Harris asked that the city's city councilmen recommend such signs wherever needed in the city rather than act on just one petition.