

In My Opinion . . .

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Each week this column will be set aside for you, our readers, to express themselves on problems or comments about your neighborhood, community, county, state, or nation in any of its aspects. We feel certain that many times a group of residents will feel strongly along the same lines but through lack of communication fail to take collective action, and we would like you to take advantage of this column to "talk to your neighbors.")

MAY I INQUIRE as to why nothing is done to improve Pierce road, between 13 and 14 Mile roads? In June it was scraped, at least an effort was made, but the large holes were not filled in properly and so they have enlarged themselves into pits.

THE COUNTY ROADS in Upper Michigan and the Upper Peninsula are in much better condition than Pierce (between 13 and 14 Mile roads) and the people there do not pay large taxes like we do.

In fact, closer to home, look at Grosse Pointe's roads, also bus system, schools and utility bills and taxes compared to ours.

In other cities a street in such condition would be closed for repair, yet nothing is being done for all the taxpayers that have to use this road.

THE WONDER OF IT ALL is the beauty of the roads east of Greenfield and west of Southfield compared to Pierce. There are no buses nor industry to blame this shame on. It is neglected.

Also there is a pump house located on a vacant lot on the northwest corner of Locherbie and Pierce. Southfield owns this property yet will not enclose it with a sidewalk and make some provision to cross the culvert on the corner.

PEOPLE GOING TO CHURCH, and children to school, must walk on Pierce road. And on Pierce drivers have to weave like drunkards to avoid the holes.

The population is large in this area and I think we should be given some consideration.

We are anxious to have these conditions improved. If a letter from each individual who drives Pierce, or pedestrian who must get splattered on muddy days, trying to walk around the pump house lot, would get something done, just publish who's office should be flooded with hate letters.

MR. AND MRS. S. W. STEVENSON 16935 Locherbie, Southfield township.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A check with Southfield township reveals that Pierce street between 13 and 14 Mile roads is under the jurisdiction of the Oakland County Commission. However, complaints may be sent to the Southfield Township office, which will send them to the proper officials.)

East Beverly DOROTHY KELLY, MI 47711 Paul Moody Family Home After Rocky Mountain Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Moody, II, and two of their daughters, Carol and Susan, stayed two weeks at Sun Valley Ranch in the Grand Lake area of Rocky Mountain National Park.

First traveling to Denver, they visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Their youngest daughter, 10-year-old Janet, decided to stay at Camp La Ley in Henderson Lake, while her parents and sisters were on vacation. They are all together once more in their home on Bucking-

ham. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greiner and daughter Michele, of Buckingham have returned from their vacation at hotel Berdel on Higgins Lake. The vacation this year was very relaxing one, Mrs. Greiner reports, with swimming opportunities for Michele.

Mrs. M. Hope Curry of Brentwood has had a very active summer. Her sister, Mrs. Edith M. Richards of Grand Rapids, spent the month of July with her before they motored to Maunatawa park near Holland, Mich. for two weeks.

Mrs. Richard's daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Atkinson and her two sons, Robert and Richard joined them there. After a visit to Grand Rapids to stay with relatives, Mrs. Curry returned to Beverly Hills and settled down to work again.

LIT Swings Open Doors for First Time Sept. 12 Co-Educational System, Largest Peacetime Class Mark Opening

New educational opportunities will become available to Oakland County communities when Lawrence Institute of Technology swings open its doors September 12 at its new 65-acre campus at Northwestern Highway and 10 Mile.

For the first time in the college's history, the school will become co-educational. Although two women have been graduated from the school, this will be the first time that complete facilities will be available for them.

The school's largest peacetime enrollment is also expected when classes begin this fall. Anticipated is an enrollment of 2,200, an increase of 500 over the old building's 1,700-student capacity. Half-a-dozen women are included in this fall's roster.

BEGINNING of classes here means the end of a landmark in Highland Park where the school had been housed at 15100 Woodward. Ford Motor company, who leased the building to LIT, plans to dismantle the structure after it

Irate Home Owners Object to Riding Stable Question Use of Stable as Commercial Enterprise

At a meeting of the zoning board of appeals of Bloomfield township last Thursday night, angry owners of property in the Squirrel Lake road area tried to find out from John Bugas, vice president in charge of labor relations of Ford Motor company, whether the stable on Squirrel Lake road which he and other horse owners are leasing, is a commercial enterprise.

THE PROPERTY in question was formerly owned by the Briggs estate and the stable is operated by Charles D. Grant, who formerly ran a riding stable at Adams and Big Beaver.

The meeting was called by the zoning board of appeals to hear the appeal of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene B. Etchells and eight other property owners in the vicinity. From a decision by the zoning board entered in May, 1955, holding that the stable was not a commercial enterprise.

THIS DECISION of the zoning board had followed a private meeting in January, 1955, of the zoning board officials with Bugas.

On Thursday night, the home owners learned that David E. Anderson, supervisor of Bloomfield township, had advised Grant, operator of the stable, in November 1954, that he was violating the zoning ordinance, but that he had taken no further steps to enforce the ordinance.

Anderson further stated that the stable was not a commercial enterprise, but did not require a building permit for the installation of 30 stalls in the stable because it was an interior alteration.

BUGAS TOLD the zoning board of appeals chairman (Chad Ritchie, who is also chairman of the Oakland County Board of Zoning Appeals) and about 25 home owners who attended the meeting, that he was a majority of the Bloomfield Hills city zoning board and believed in strict enforcement of zoning regulations.

He said his attorney had passed on the transaction and assured him that his group of nine horse owners was not violating the zoning ordinance by renting the premises from Crestwood Chapel of the Foundation, of which he is a member, during a lease to look after their 29 or more horses and

teach their children to ride.

AFTER THE HOME owners present, all of whom objected to the stable, had stated their objections to the operation of a stable housing 22-30 horses in this area of expensive homes, they tried to question Bugas, to no avail.

Bugas finally admitted that he did not know how the rental charge of \$250 a month was paid by the nine tenants to the Foundation. The zoning board of appeals members accepted Bugas' statement of operations and asked only a few questions of him.

On Feb. 14, 1955, at a meeting of the zoning board the property owners were present but Bugas and the other lessees as well as

Grant elected not to attend.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED in May 1955 by a closed meeting of the zoning board and the board then issued the ruling appealed from.

A. Flood Blakeslee, attorney for Bloomfield township, said that the opinion rendered to the zoning board (that the stable operation is not a commercial enterprise) still his opinion.

"It is a private enterprise," he said, "and not operated for profit. The zoning ordinance provides exceptions for recreation activities and doesn't go so far as to tell the farmer how many stalls to put in his barn."

THE ZONING board of appeals has not yet rendered a decision on the case, but is expected to do so soon.

Head-On Crash Kills Lake Orion Man and His Son

BLM TWP. A Lake Orion resident and his 4-year-old son were pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Detroit after crashing together on Telegraph road about three-quarters of a mile north of 14 Mile road Sunday morning.

Killed were John W. Hazard, Jr., 36, and his son, Robert, 4.

BOTH suffered bad skull fractures when a car driven by John E. Carnahan, 40, of 2100 W. Falkenberg, Farmington, sliced across the center of the path of Hazard's well-laden auto, according to Township Patrolman Norman Hoffman.

Carnahan was admitted to the hospital with a possible broken neck.

Hazard's wife, Patricia, 29, was also admitted with a possible broken neck. She was taken to the hospital with a possible broken neck.

Three of the Hazard's children, Carl H., 9, Sandra, 7, and John III, 5, were admitted for observation.

Monterey Vacation Weighed by Council

LATHRUP. City Attorney Everett F. Hayes has been asked to prepare a resolution on the vacation of Monterey street, directly behind the Community Church, Congregational.

With the addition of the new educational administrative wing, additional area, especially on Sunday, will be needed for parking.

Hayes' resolution may include a phrase giving the land to the church for a five year period, subject to renewal because of suggestion by subdivision Charles Kelly, who indicated that it possible sale by the church to a commercial firm at a later date would be objectional to the neighboring home and head.

The vacation action affects 106 feet behind the church.

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Water District Is Set Up BLM TWP. The township is going into the water business. Three of the wells which are owned by Bradway, serve Bloomfield Village. THE TOWNSHIP board will gain the newly created water district. Plans call for connecting the system, the construction of more water mains and the building of a million-gallon reservoir in the township.

Field for Lathrup Post Is Narrowed to Harvie

MAYOR John Campbell of Lathrup told The Eccentric Wednesday morning that "I think a change in the supervisor's office is advisable." He indicated he and the majority of the council wanted "a city representative in Pontiac who will represent the majority of the people and not commercial or private interests."

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With apparently no other alternatives for supervisor of Lathrup than the two previous ones—Mrs. Georgia Nelson and William Harvie, Mrs. Nelson told The Birmingham Eccentric Tuesday that she would not be interested in the position.

At Monday's Lathrup council meeting, the decision of who will fill the position of supervisor, vacated at the last meeting rather than pick one of the two, was sidestepped.

Councilwoman Kathryn Feyer said she was not interested in the position.

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Kate's Birthday Party Is An All Night Affair

LATHRUP. Kate Dicker's birthday party was celebrated her 12th birthday in unique fashion last Saturday evening with a "Red-Roll" party.

Invitations reading "8 p.m. Saturday until 10 a.m. Sunday" went out in the form of miniature bed-rolls complete with paper cutouts of the things the girls like to bring, toothbrush, brush and comb, and pajamas.

Favors were very cloth bags for each girl, with the toes stuffed with candy.

BEHIND DOWN on the Bedford road for the night, the girls ate ice cream, cake, potato chips and pop and conversation kept up all night.

Kate aided and abetted by sister Lily, made up the breakfast menu of hot dog and hen fruit (bacon and eggs), juice balls (melons), juice (orange juice) and squashed butter (waffles).

Guests were Isabel Owen, Sally Stevenson, Sharon Milne, Sharon Smith and Liz Dicker.

William E. Foust Stationed in Hawaii

LATHRUP. Specialist Third Class William E. Foust, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Foust, Lathrup, is a member of the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

He is a 1953 graduate of Michigan State University and a member of Theta Chi fraternity.

Barbara Bunnell to Direct Activities at Wayne Fork Camp

WALNUT LAKE. Barbara Bunnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bunnell, 6449 West Park road, will direct 30 student leaders supervising activities for Wayne Fork Camp, Bowling, Mich.

Barbara, who was president of the Association of Women Students at Wayne State University, is a senior in the college of education at Bowling, Mich.

Freshmen and student leaders will spend three days at the camp where the newcomers will learn campus do's and don'ts. During the novel vacation-like orientation, all questions of college activities will be answered.

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