

In My Opinion . . .

Relative to the riding stable operated by Charles Grant on Squirrel road, we wonder how the Bloomfield township zoning board's attorney, Mr. A. Floyd Blakeslee, can render an opinion on its operation.

By his own admission he has only talked once to Mr. Grant and as both Mr. Grant and Mr. Bigas have refused to discuss the financial arrangements of the operation of the stable, obviously Mr. Blakeslee can hardly have enough facts on which to base an opinion.

IF HIS HAS such facts or if he has had other conversations—as he apparently has—with the operators of the stable, and which he has not disclosed, it is duty bound to give full information to the taxpayers who pay his fees. We would also like to know how Mr. Blakeslee can say that an established riding stable (one that breeds and trains horses in addition to teaching riding) can move from Zone 2 to Zone 3, the most highly restricted zone in Bloomfield township, and be allowed to continue operations under the guise of recreational activity in which he also include our busy county roads which the horses in groups of two and more traverse as "part of their recreation area?"

THE PEOPLE who are paying for Mr. Grant's services, northwest Detroit, Lathrup, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, have no objection to his operation, but they do establish this so-called "recreation area" nearer to their homes.

The decision given by the Board of Appeals, whose chairman is Chad Ritchie, chairman of the Republican organization of Oakland county, concerns everyone in Bloomfield township. Good government begins in small communities, not in Washington, D. C.

MRS. E. B. ETCHHELLS, 376 1/2 W. 11th St., Bloomfield township, Chairman, Committee Opposed to any Foreign Business in our Community.

I.S. Should we expect a bowling alley or possibly a drive-in theater to move into the non-profit recreation area?

On Thursday, Aug. 18, 1955, The Birmingham Eccentric ran a story on Page One, titled "A Story Concerning a Supervisor or Lack of Control of Lathrup to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors."

I would like to comment, in the interests of good government. I question strongly that "recreation" or "amenities" was the time in council meeting. Only one other item on the agenda was taken after "item" on Oakland county. The meeting was quickly adjourned at 10:45 p.m., much earlier than that one council meeting so far this year.

JOHN Campbell, appointed mayor, is directly quoted as saying he and a majority of the council wanted "a city representative in Pontiac who will represent the majority of the people and not commercial or political interests."

This could be construed in many Lathrup homes as an indirect action against the Mayor and William Harvie—former Lathrup supervisors, removed by this council, on a motion by the Mayor.

BOTH Harvie and Mrs. Nelson want the post body. Miss Feyereisen said, "This is Miss Feyereisen's opinion, not fact."

"QUALIFICATIONS for the post body should be spelled out by Miss Feyereisen says. For the information of the council members, the qualifications are spelled out in the Charter, Chapter 15, Page 66."

"BOTH are well and the council recognizes that," says Miss Feyereisen. I asked her to explain when and how the council has a basis in official council action by word or deed.

"THE city was represented at the August meeting of the board of supervisors by the city administrator." The city administrator cannot legally represent Lathrup as he is not the elected official of the city, nor has he a resident of the city for at least two years in order to meet legal requirements stated in the Charter.

In a council meeting recently, when the Florence Bennett firing was in the headlines, Councilman Mackey made such a statement: "I suppose Michi needs special tutoring." French, no less.

"It's those verbs," explains Gloria Mead, 18355 Rowland Lathrup.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These columns each week will be reserved for our readers who have opinions on environmental or community happenings which they would like to share with their neighbors.

Confosin' Nest-Ce-Pas? GILBERT LAKE—"Michi" Gallaudet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gallaudet of Shadow Inn, who has been elected to the Georgetown Board of Supervisors, D. C., in September.

And with a name like Michele Gallaudet, who subject do you suppose Michi needs special tutoring? French, no less.

S'fld Hires Forty New Teachers

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR. Waiting with welcoming smiles to greet their reluctant throng of students will be some 40 new Southfield teachers when schools open Wednesday, September 6.

The new teachers in the math department of Southfield high school will be Wanda Lucille Bell, Edna M. Aiken, and Roger F. Soyars.

HELEN Marie Donnelly comes to Southfield from a physical education instructor after five years' experience, teaching in the separate and combined schools of Los Angeles, Cal. school systems. She has a BS degree from the University of California.

Three new teachers will make up the high school commercial department all having received their degrees this past June from Michigan State University.

WETLAUF, who attended the University of Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh, receiving an AB degree and an AB degree.

ELIZABETH J. WALLACE, who taught in the Southfield schools 1951-54, has been obtained and ready for use will be a football, basketball and baseball diamond.

SOUTHFIELD NO. 10. New eighth grade teachers for Southfield No. 10 will be Alfred E. Chambers, Leonard Mayes, George W. Zimmer, Willard Pich, and Helene F. Eastman.

ANGLING, BROOKS, MCKINLEY SCHOOLS. New third grade teachers at Angling school will be Judith O. Pennell and Margaret Budge.

BRACE SCHOOLS. New teachers in Brace include Della H. Blodgett, second grade; Nanette M. Thill, fourth grade; Eleanor Lesiak, third grade; and Ellen G. Otte.

Miss Otte has had 12 years experience in California and California and Miss Otte, three.

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ORGAN ENTHUSIASTS, Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Boehm of 6420 Worlington, Foxcroft, spent many happy hours with their mellow-toned instrument.

Wing Lakers Turn To Organ Music To Entertain, Relax

By VIRGINIA COLE. If you live at Wing Lake and if you listen carefully, any time, you are very apt to hear strains of organ music coming from any one of several homes.

In the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boehm, Worlington road, stands a Hammond church organ. It is played by both of them but often they play duets with Mrs. Boehm at the piano.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Boehm studied piano and other instruments and likewise their two sons, Herbert and Edward were students of piano, violin and trumpet.

MSIC has always filled their home. When the boys were at home the whole family often played together and parties and friendly gatherings at the home seemed always to include music.

Boehm modestly states that he plays only for his own amusement and not too well at that. However, to hear him play is to appreciate his talent and quickly prove his statement to be pure modesty.

To further his hobby, he records his organ playing on his tape recorder and enjoys comparing his interpretation of a number to that of someone whom he has also taped from radio or TV.

BOEHM has recently made a large cabinet in which he installed a hi-fi speaker on one side and a record player and tape recorder cabinet on the other.

MR. AND MRS. Ray Pfeiffer, Thurston road, have a Hammond church model organ. In this home, Mrs. Pfeiffer is the organist with her husband as accompanist.

They particularly enjoy their organ for entertaining guests at home and for playing in singing the good old tunes.

A CONCERT in honor of the census will be given at the Methodist Church at 101 1/2 and Berg roads, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 5.

Census Continues Rise In Southfield District

Boys outnumber the girls in every age group except among the five and 12-year olds. This is according to the 1955 census figures in the Southfield school district.

The census which was completed in May shows a total of 9,613 children between the ages 5 to 19 in the district. Of this total 4,984 are boys and 4,629 are girls.

AMONG the five year olds there are 229 girls and 276 boys, and in the 12 year old group the girls are ahead 284 to 275.

CALENDAR. U.S. Mission Office of the United Presbyterian Church of Southfield, 2500 1/2 W. 11th St., Detroit 42, Mich. WEDNESDAY. Southfield Charter Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 2500 1/2 W. 11th St.

Response Pollution Suit Urged Monday

LAWRENCE Institute of Technology will have a new dean in complete charge of all academic affairs when the college opens classes this fall on its new campus, Northwestern highway and Ten Mile road.

Dr. E. George Lawrence, president, announced Dean Ryan's new appointment. He also announced the appointment of Prof. Morlica M. Ryan, 52, director of Lawrence Tech's Technical Institute for the past year, who will become Dean of Academic Administration, a newly created position for the top academic official of the entire college.

DR. EDWIN O. GRAEFE, who headed the Day College, will be named as Dean of the college of Industrial Management.

Dean Hans Ertman, who headed the Evening College, will be named as Dean of the college of Engineering for both day and night divisions.

HE HAS taught chemistry at St. Joseph college, St. Joseph, Missouri; at Battle Creek college at Battle Creek, Michigan; at Kansas State college, Manhattan, Kansas.

RYAN lives at 141 Waverly, Highland Park. He and Mrs. Ryan have a 21-year-old daughter, Janet, who is studying for a nursing degree at Wayne University.

MRS. ADAMS, who was told to expect a new effort to get out the voters in their areas.

REGISTRARS are expected to be held from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27 and Sept. 10, from 9 to 12 noon.

SOUTHFIELD Monday, Aug. 29, is the last day registration will be accepted for the Sept. 27 special election at which the township hopes to register new voters.

Registration is required only if the voter has not previously been registered to vote in recent township elections.

HOURS for registering will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday from 9 to 12 noon, and Monday residents may register at the township offices at 2600 Berg road.

Voters will be asked to approve an \$50 assessment per \$1000 of assessed property value. The money will go into a fund from which the township will be able to borrow money from that fund to start work.

MICHIGAN stands in the top 10 states in the 1954 Christmas Seal sale, highest gross increase and highest gross Seal sale receipts categories.

CHAS. RITCHIE, Chairman of Zoning Board of Appeals, is investigating the breaking and entering of a gas station, 2000 Telegah at 101 1/2 and Berg roads, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22.

Law Perkins, owner of the station, is checking his stock and books to determine the extent of the loss. Some money may have been taken but bills of \$50 and nickels were ignored by the thieves.

SOUTHFIELD—Speeders beware. Southfield police this week added a second patrol car to its fleet, a "police interceptor," termed by Police Chief Phillip LaVigne as, "hotter than a red hot pepper."

"Individuals can't buy them," LaVigne said. "We hope that it will cut our speeding down on Northwestern."

The car was purchased from Russ Dawson of Detroit, low bidder.

A PETITION from residents in the area of 10 Mile and Lahser, asking that no zoning changes be made in their area, was awarded to the township board this week.

The citizens feared a switch to residential zoning would be made when one resident advertised his property as a possible site for a gas station and stores. No zoning changes have been contemplated for the area, the board said.

Register Charter Voters

LIT Professor Named Dean of Administration

Zoners Favor Stable

Monday Last Day To Register for Sept. 27 Election

Southfield Girls Attend Y-Teen Conference

Is This Due To The Heat?

OLQM Youth Club Holds First Meeting

Investigating Gas Station Breakin

S'field Purchases Police "Interceptor" To Halt Speeders

My Neighbors

Well, thank heavens for the "right-to-work"

Blairville communities, Southfield high city and township, Lathrup, Birmingham, Bloomfield, township and Bloomfield Hills, have been petitioned by the State Water Resources Commission because of their contamination of the Rouge, over 100,000 gallons by the state.

Four of these governments, (excluding Southfield as a city and as a township) along with Ralph J. Main, Oakland County drain commissioner, had been scheduled to appear last Monday in court, but the hearing was postponed because of a busy court agenda.

State attorneys general officials in Lansing and Southfield was not called to court at present because of its separate and time and effort spent for the problem which Southfield suit to be considered at the time.

THE TIME was launched when Southfield township could not hold its financial end of the Evergreen operation of a horse drain system running from the several communities through Southfield and over the problem which system. The Interceptor had been a means by which the community could have ended Rouge pollution.

Southfield, although the voters allowed an extra 2-mill increase for 20 years to finance the sewer, was unable to sell bonds because of title bonding attorneys termed "misleading" of the proposal on the April 4 ballot.

ALTHOUGH all communities agree that the Evergreen is the cheapest and most permanent solution to their problem, many of them are turning to Birmingham in an effort to escape the state's wrath.

Considerable talk has been had regarding the Birmingham plant as an alternate solution to the sewage problem. This has prompted Lathrup and Southfield township to consider the matter as a problem which the two might work out jointly.

MANY officials feel, however, that the state will take no punitive action, but is only trying to induce some sort of action.

Some expressed the hope that they could take the State long enough to give Southfield a chance to improve its city charter.

When the Birmingham plant is closed the city commission would be empowered to issue bonds without approval of several communities, and the clearing of the Evergreen's latest stumbling block project next Spring. Two townships, one of the six communities, was not voted by the State.

LATHRUP is hard to believe, but over in the N. A. Ringland garden are three crazy mixed-up bushes of Persian lilacs sending out tiny little "snags" of flowers. It's a case of they look like lilacs, they smell like lilacs, but even the lilacs look as if they doubt that August is the time to bloom.

THEN there's the case of the flowering almond by the R. J. Gaudin's planted in their garden. For a year it gave promise of being a lovely pink bush, but this spring the blossoms changed to white. Look now the flowers are hanging in a fine crop of apricot.

My Neighbors. By Mrs. Paulson. "Well, thank heavens for the 'right-to-work'"