

# Summerfield Keys Lathrup Post Office



**O.C.M.A. SOCIETY'S 1955-56 OFFICERS**  
Front row (left to right), Gertrude Slegt, Mary Tar-racks. Second row, Bette Oakes, Betty Dworeck, and J. Helen Rehm.

## Sfield Optimists Hear of Proposed Atom Power Plant

**SOUTHFIELD**—Members of the Southfield Optimist club, last week at the Fruit Ridge Inn, saw a film and heard a lecture on the proposed atomic power plant to be built in the Detroit area.

The speaker was Joseph T. Kelly Jr., nuclear engineer representing Detroit Edison Atomic Power Development associates.

He said that four million dollars has been spent on research for development of an atomic power plant to produce electricity.

THREE reasons that Kelly gave for utilities' consideration of atomic power were diminishing reserve of present fuel, dropping efficiency of present fuel, and aid in solving the problem of development of atomic power.

Kelly said that cost of producing electricity by atomic power will exceed present methods because of need for larger plants, more personnel, increased safety precautions, and disposal of waste materials which must be stored in stainless steel containers and buried 20 feet deep in uninhabited waste land.

## Hickory Grove Elects B of E

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**—A record turnout of 230 voters attended the annual election meeting of the Hickory Grove Board of Education meeting Monday.

Eleven new members were elected to the board, and a new principal was named for the Hickory Grove school.

ELECTED to three year terms were Dr. James A. Reed and L. C. Burch, Jr., and elected for one year to complete the unexpired term of Floyd Levely who resigned was Richard Graves.

Mrs. Everett Harris and Richard J. Wright complete the membership of the Board.

Nathan Hargett, an elementary school principal from Potoskey, Michigan, will assume similar duties at the Hickory Grove school replacing Thomas Thompson who leaves after five years.

THE ANNUAL meeting date of the board was changed from the second Monday in July to the second Monday in June.

Presently the school system of Hickory Grove consists of a single unit, 31 year old elementary building which has enrolled nearly 100 students. In addition, 32 tuition students from grades 9-12 attend Birmingham High school.

IN 1956, however, Birmingham will not accept any more new tuition students thereby presenting Hickory Grove with the situation of having a place for its school children.

**We Heard It Said By:**  
MRS. R. M. MENOCH, 2106 Wyecliffe, Walnut Lake: "The Eccentric is a very fine newspaper. It should satisfy nearly all walks of life—it certainly does. No where in our travels have we received so much for so little. We look forward to Thursdays with great anticipation. That evening The Eccentric has everything we need about reading and recreation. It hasn't let us down yet."

## Bid Accepted On Utilities For School

**SOUTHFIELD**—Low bid of Herbert Pranger, to the amount of \$18,525.90 was accepted by the Southfield Board of Education Monday for the installation of underground utilities at the new elementary school unit now under construction on Nine Mile road between Southfield and Evergreen.

The elementary building with 17 classrooms will eventually include a junior high school addition on the 19 acre site.

A tax rate for the coping year of 16.91 mills on the site equalized valuation was set by the board, and discussion was held for a bond issue ballot to be held next fall.

WITH a reduction in the tax rate, the board is planning a bond estimated around \$2,500,000 to be put on a ballot September 12.

Included in this bond issue would be the purchase of five to seven brand new school sites, including an elementary school in the Cranberry Village housing project, now under way between Southfield and Evergreen on 12 and 13 Mile roads.

This would bring 1,200 more homes into the Southfield and Birmingham school districts and it was expected that more than 100 of these homes would be occupied within the year.

## OCMA Plan Picnic, Swim

The newly organized Oakland County Medical Assistants' Society will hold their July meeting at Walnut Lake. Mrs. Lee Board will be hostess of a picnic and swimming by the members.

The O.C.M.A.s, under direction of their officers, have planned a program for the coming year which is aimed at being both educational and social.

Recently elected to the unit's presidency was J. Helen Rehm, who succeeds Gertrude Slegt. Other officers are: Mary Tarracks, treasurer; Bette Oakes, secretary; and Betty Sworeck, corresponding secretary.

The Medical Assistants' conferences are held annually with the Michigan State Medical Society.

## Want Vote On Charter By Nov. 1

**SOUTHFIELD**—Township Supervisor Eugene Swem this week said that charter commissioners hope to be able to hold a charter election not later than Nov. 1, and that registration for the vote probably would not start until early in August.

AS FOR the charter itself, the commission last week adopted a plan providing which they hope to include in the charter.

At the same time they appointed an attorney, Julius Berns, who will attend future commission meetings and make the final charter draft.

THE commissioners accepted the following for the planned charter:

1. A seven-member city council.
2. Staggered council terms with four members to be elected for four year terms and three for two year terms at the first election.
3. A mayor to act as president, goodwill ambassador, and will have equal voting rights but no veto powers. He also will have emergency executive powers.
4. City manager to be appointed by the council.
5. Non-partisan government.
6. Area (single ward) representation.
7. Continue civil service for police and fire departments. Other departments will come under civil service at council's discretion.

WARDLEY McMASTERS, defeated candidate for charter commission, prepared a list of suggestions on the charter, which were given to the commissioners for study. Other suggestions will be welcomed by the commission if nine copies of suggestions are prepared, so each commissioner may study them between meetings.

Registration of residents for the charter vote will be delayed until new affidavits on registration forms arrive. The forms are expected within a few days.

## Southfield Women Served up Best Picnic for Michigan's Governor



**SOUTHFIELD WOMEN SERVED UP their best picnic fare for Michigan's governor on Sunday afternoon, when Gov. G. Mennen Williams arrived at the Democratic family picnic at the John Dzendzel yard on Sherman near 8 Mile. Shown at his left is Mrs. Dzendzel, whose husband is secretary-treasurer of the A. F. of L. and who has two sons in active Democratic politics, and at right, Mrs. Edward H. Lloyd, who heads the council of Southfield Parent-Teacher associations. The Dzendzels, who all worked with the picnic sponsoring Southfield Democratic Women's club, include Raymond, 17th district representative; Burdett, member of the Southfield Board of Review, and John, who has been a candidate for school board. See additional picnic view on page 1, section 1. (Eccentric Photo).**

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## Details Not Yet Completed

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

LATHRUP—U.S. Postmaster Arthur Summerfield has given his tentative approval to establishment of a postoffice in Lathrup.

At a northern Michigan retreat last weekend by Todd Herman F. Lathrus of 2677½ Meadowbrook way that he would grant approval of either a branch of the Birmingham post office or a separate office to serve Lathrup and possibly the surrounding area.

Lathrus said that Summerfield promised to direct a regional office from the Chicago office to Lathrup to confer with Lathrus on the establishment of a local office.

## Army Studies G-B Association For 2 Weeks Preparing Facts On Incorporation

**EAST BEVERLY**—The regular monthly meeting of the Greenfield Beverly Improvement Association was held at the Loren Beach home on Thursday, July 7.

Chairman of the block captains, Loren Beach, reported that he plans to start the 'Active' new captain. It is hoped many women will accept the captain's job this year. The board feels block captains are especially important this year because of the vital charter question to be voted on United and informal action will be important.

A special committee is checking all the facts on the incorporation and charter question and these facts will be reported to the residents of this area.

IT IS planned to investigate the possibility of obtaining reduced tree spraying rates. Persons would apply for spraying through the association and make payment direct to the sprayer.

All association members are invited to attend meetings of the board. Bring any questions or problems related to your area with you.

## Explorer Scouts Take Canoe Trip

**WALNUT LAKE**—Eight Explorer Scouts took a canoe trip down the Au Sable river on the weekend of June 25 under the leadership of Don Walters, Reginald Smith, Bill Phelps and Kenneth Quick.

Scouts in the party were Bill Balesner, Ken Wood, Ben Bam-bas, David Smith, Don Zimmerman, Jack Mason and Ken Quick, Jr.

A number of boy scouts are planning vacations at the Charles Howard reservation in Brighton. Sandy Clark, who is on the camp staff, will be there during the entire season. Don Zimmerman has already been at the camp for two weeks, and David Smith, Phil Hargrave and Ken Quick are there now.

## At Press Time

Lathrup Village councilmen amended zoning ordinance 18 with ordinance 22, creating a transition professional zone on both sides of Southfield from California to Redwood, permitting high-grade professional office or similar use.

The council referred to the city attorney, Everett Hayes, and to the city administrator, Leonard Wabrowski, for their opinion on amendment to the building code which prohibits installation of the fields.

They also referred a supplement to the electrical code to the two men and asked them to draft ordinances on both proposals. The first regulations would require heavier wiring in kitchens and wiring which would better serve general appliances. Both ordinances would affect only new construction. The second controls outside illumination signs.

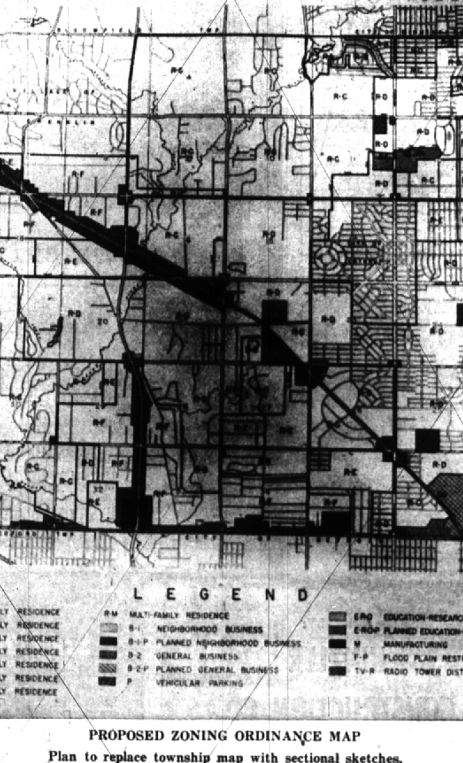
**SOUTHFIELD**  
July 22 was set for a meeting with Drain Commissioner Ralph A. Main and the council to review the flooded basement relief sewers which Main estimated would cost the city about \$60,000.

Petitions to rezone lots 40 to 45 in Meadowdown subdivision from residential to commercial. Others in sub asked that zone be changed from R-2 to higher classification R-3. All petitions referred to planning board.

Residents in Northland area objected to ERO classification for the 6-Mile, Northwestern area.

## SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN



## Zoning Changes Reviewed

**SOUTHFIELD**—To familiarize themselves with the proposed major amendment to the township zoning ordinance, trustees last week met in special session to review the changes and compare them with the old ordinance.

Some of the proposed changes are:

- Redesignation of residential zoning classifications, R-1 through R-6 have been shifted with R-2 taking the place of R-1 zones and R-4 replacing the highest assessed valuation/homes, or R-5 classification.

AN amendment to the main ordinance, a technical research (T-R) zoning classification, calls for controls on dust, smoke, chemical waste, electrical magnetic interference, noise, odors and gases, as well as methods of measurement.

"We had zoning controls of noise, smoke and the others in the old ordinance," said Supervisor Eugene Swem, "but methods of measurements were not set down."

Other zoning districts which have been added or altered are Flood Plain Restricted District (FP-R), Radio Towers District (TV-R), and Manufacturing (M).

THE FP, according to Swem, would designate areas, such as along the west branch of the Rouge River, where top soil is removed. Any region too low for services at that would not be suitable for building, would receive FP classification and would be made into a park or similar public property.

The TV-R district covers three radio and television towers now in use and others that may come later.

Manufacturing district was enlarged north of Eight Mile and west of Telegraph, from a depth of 300 feet to one-quarter mile and extends north of Eight Mile for about one-half mile.

OTHER M districts now existing are: one-half mile east of Evergreen almost to Lahser; along Telegraph from Eight Mile, almost to 10 Mile; and two small parcels along Eight Mile in Section 31. (See ZONING, page 3, S.)

## CLARE CUMMINGS

**Cummings to Meet With Magicians At Ohio Gathering**  
**EAST BEVERLY**—When members of the International Brotherhood of Magicians convene July 28 and 29 at Kenton, Ohio, where the group was originally founded, Clare Cummings of Auburn drive will be one of the performers.

Cummings was asked by IBM to put on his Milky TV show because he is one of the three magicians who have been on the same TV show with the same sponsor for the longest time. Cummings, who performs as Milky, the clown, on the Twin Pines TV show is in his fifth year in this spot.

Cummings and Mrs. Cummings returned recently from Pittsburgh, Pa., where they both attended the IBM convention. More than 1,000 magicians from all over the world gathered there for a week.