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Wounded Suspect Gives Up

SOUTHLAND — A Birmingham man, wounded by police bullets last week during a break-in, waived examination of the charge Monday in justice court and was bound over to Oakland County circuit court for appearance Monday.

The accused, John W. Smith, 22, of 675 Purley, was turned over to a relative last Friday. He had a bullet wound in the hip which police say was inflicted when he fled from the scene of a break-in at the Beverly Hills Service station at 13 Mile and Greenfield.

PATROLMEN Charles Durbin and Stanley Stokley, on routine check, spotted burglars in the station and fired several warning shots when the pair broke through a plate glass window and fled on foot.

One, Gerald Gravin, 17, of Rockester, halted at the shots and threw himself on the ground, but the other continued and police fired four shots at the thief.

"We thought we hit him because we saw him slagger as he crossed the road," Durbin said later.

Both Gravin and Smith waived examination before Southfield Justice Edward A. Elshardt. Gravin, who pleaded guilty this week to the Great Judge Frank L. Day is free on \$500 bond, awaiting sentence. Smith, unable to furnish bail, is in Oakland county jail awaiting arraignment.

Appoint 1955 Torch Drive Co-Chairman

The appointment of James O. Wright as co-chairman of the 1955 Torch Drive major industrial unit was announced Saturday by unit chairman Walker A. Williams.

Wright, of 6072 Wing Lake Road, is director of purchasing at the Ford Motor Co.

The "Go" campaign will be supervised by the major industrial unit representatives from some 250 Detroit firms with more than 200 employees.

Corporate and employee gifts from major industries received examination before Southfield Justice Edward A. Elshardt. Gravin, who pleaded guilty this week to the Great Judge Frank L. Day is free on \$500 bond, awaiting sentence.

Girl Scout Troop 360 Has Fun, Sees Sights on Trip

By ELIZABETH BURNELL

WALNUT LAKE — Girl Scout Troop 360 returned recently from a campout trip of several days to northern Michigan.

The campers were Kay Graber, Mary Ellen Davis, Jewell Offenstein, Joan Smith, Estella Quick, Janet Roberts, Karen Madden, Rosalind Latham and Margaret Roberts. They were under the supervision of Mrs. Kenneth Quirk, Julian Offenstein and Mrs. James Roberts.

On the first day they journeyed to the Hartwick Pines "Grayling" and camped that night at Weber Lake. The next day they crossed the Straits and reached Tahquamenon Falls, where they stayed overnight.

The third night the unusually warm weather allowed them to sleep on the Leach of Lake Superior, just east of Grand Marais. They climbed the Leach and viewed the Grand Sable Banks, and viewed the Grand Sable Falls. They saw the picture rocks at Miner's Castle and Miner's Falls and camped at Big Bay, near the Huron Mountains.

While driving through the logging trails, but found their way with the help of logging truck drivers. Once through, they camped at Haraga state park.

On the sixth day they traveled to Keweenaw Peninsula, and stayed two nights at Copper Harbor where they saw old Fort Wilkins built around the beach, and visited a copper mine.

While on Brockway Mountain drive, they met a reporter from the Houghton Mining Gazette, who made notes on their trek and took pictures of the troop for an article. The following day they saw the Porcupine Mountains and that night slept again on the beach. They hiked into Lake of the Clouds and stopped to see Horse Race Rapids on the Paint river while on their way to Lake Gogebic state park.

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Committee Undecided On Charter Proposals

SOUTHLAND — Charter commissioners are unsettled over several points under discussion at their last meeting, which must be incorporated in the charter.

1. Whether the city should be one ward or broken into several districts.

2. Use of a term contract for the city manager as opposed to a salary.

3. Whether the clerk and treasurer should be elected or appointed by the council.

4. Spring or fall elections.

5. Use of part-time employees, such as city engineer, comptroller and others until the city becomes built up.

The commissioners are in agreement that councilmen should be elected to four-year terms and that the mayor, with a full veto but no veto powers, should be appointed yearly, according to Township Supervisor Eugene Swen, chairman of the commission.

Adopted at last Wednesday's meeting was a preamble to the charter.

McNamara Would Back Post Office Bid by Southfield

SOUTHLAND — In a congratulatory letter to the charter commission, Sen. Patrick McNamara offered to aid the committee in whatever way he might be helpful, and at the same time indicated that he would make every effort to secure a post office for the new city.

In a letter read to the commission, McNamara said, in part, "It is possible might be useful if I could be of any service to you in need of a post office to serve the new city," according to Commission Chairman Eugene Swen.

Sl-A-Meeting Men Make Village Tick

FRANKLIN — Maybe the Village councilmen are worth more than their money when it makes a tick around in Washington, D. C.

At least they are getting paid for it. At least they are getting paid for it. At least they are getting paid for it.

Councilmen here are dollar-a-meeting men. This holds good until the end of next year, estimated that it would cost about \$300,000 to bring an end to basement flooding.

HE SET up nine sectors, each of which could be completed separately from the others, by the use of relief sewers to the Rouge river.

FRANKLIN — An application for rezoning of property owned by Helen Green of 37830 W. 14 Mile road, from residential to commercial, was rejected Monday by the Village council.

Green wanted the back half (50 feet) of lot 5 in subdivision plat 8, changed from residential to commercial. The rezoning would allow her to run the bill over \$25 a year.

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2 Object To Alley Vacation

LATHROP — Two objections were voiced Monday night at the public hearing on the vacation of the alley between the bank between 11 Mile and Sunnysbrook from Southfield to Meadowbrook way.

Hartwick objected to the vacation of the alley because of the clients' rights of ingress and egress, and because of the status of existing sewers.

PETITIONS which called the alley be closed, were signed by all property owners on Sunnysbrook street, in a block of those on 11-Mile, according to Mayor John C. Campbell.

No objections were raised by public utilities on the closing which was initiated by National Bank of Detroit officials who promised to build a green belt on their half of the alley to shield residents from the commercial property.

"It seems logical to me that this alley should be vacated," said Hartwick. The other voters who signed the petitions are on the alley along Southfield which would be paved.

EACH property owner stands to gain 10 feet more of property if the alley is closed-down, but city officials indicated that some easement would be necessary in the alley way to allow access to existing water lines.

Hartwick left the impression that his clients might be willing to give up their easement on the closing after the drain commissioner, Ralph A. Main, rules on the legal right of existing easement, and the clients have had a chance to consult further with those involved.

The council took no action after the hearing ended.

City Will Lose One Supervisor

LATHROP — The city will lose one of its two representatives on the Oakland County board of supervisors by the time the board meets Aug. 2.

With reappointment of the board, the council will be reduced to 16 members. It will be necessary for the council to elect a new supervisor to replace the one who has resigned.

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Legal Battle

Call Two Witnesses Tuesday

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

PONTIAC — The 16-n g-awarded court test between the City of Lathrup Village and the gas firms attempting to build within the city limits, finally got under way here in Oakland County circuit court after several weeks of postponement and legal maneuvering on both sides.

Lathrup attorney Pure Oil attorneys faced each other Tuesday before Judge Frank L. Day, while about 100 spectators listened to testimony by two persons before the court.

FIRST to go on the stand was Pure Oil vice president, Jack Rinehart of Bloomfield Hills, followed by E. Mueller, chief planner for the Detroit City Planning Commission. Both witnesses were put on the stand by the oil company.

Rinehart told the court that he had no knowledge of a zoning ordinance prohibiting the construction of a gas station in Lathrup, before he purchased the land for his company.

RE SAID that when he bought the land at the NE corner of Glenwood and Southfield from Louise Kelley last fall for \$31,000, she told him of a zoning ordinance which he had no knowledge of at the time he purchased the land, which he had no knowledge of at the time he purchased the land.

Under cross-examination by E. Mueller, Lathrup city attorney, Rinehart said he did not know at the time he purchased the land, which he had no knowledge of at the time he purchased the land.

IN AN effort to point out the lack of need for stations in the area, Hayes reviewed the number of stations within the trading area of Lathrup.

Mueller testified that it was not his duty to build a single type of building, such as are called for under the city's present zoning ordinance, but to build a station that lay along Southfield road.

He said that the city was lacking 200 types of houses, and that the minimum needs of the community, and that many uses of the land within the trading area (Southfield) were an objection of more so than the gas stations.

DONT see how houses can be built on Southfield that would be in keeping with the rest of the city," Mueller told the gas station attorney, E. Gillespie and James G. Hartwick.

Arthur E. Moore, working with Hayes for Lathrup, attempted to point out in questioning Mueller, that 20 foot lots could be built up by combining several lots.

He cited the need of the transitional-professional I. (TPI) zoning district to cover the need for more professional services in the city.

P.I., which is a recent amendment to the zoning ordinance allowing residential home office buildings, is in the area where Pure Oil would like to build.

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A SURE THING—OR WISHEFUL THINKING? Lathrup says, "No gas station here," but courts must decide. (Eccentric Photo)

Acquire Automatic Resuscitator By ANGELA DADSON

Will Complete 12-Town Drain System by 1957

Thankful for Stop Sign at Intersection

Lexington Lassies at Dessert Bridge

Water Extension Reviews Asked

Fire Chiefs Confer

Bloodmobile Here Aug. 8 from 2 to 8

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Society

My Neighbors

Ask for Weed-Cutting Program

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