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Township Questions State 'Illegality' Ruling

SOUTHFIELD—Township officials are not too concerned over a ruling handed down last week by State Attorney General Thomas M. Kavanagh that the township did not have the legal power to employ more than two assessors.

"Everyone has received notice of the illegality of our hiring three extra persons to help the assessors reassess the entire township, except the township," said Supervisor Eugene Swem.

At the annual board meeting on April 10, 1954 the residents authorized by a 100 to 89 vote the expenditure of $39,830 for reassessment of the township.

AND on April 19, 1955, Harry Dell, township attorney, gave a legal opinion that three extra men could be hired to aid in the work but would have to be considered assistants to the supervisor, not assessors, and would take measurements but the actual figuring of assessments would be left to the two assessors and the supervisor, Swem said.

"Dell held that since people voted to reassess the entire township and money was appropriated, it was legal for the supervisor or the township board to hire sufficient employees to do the job," said Swem.

THE question of legality was raised by Donald Swanson of 24067 Pennsylvania, at the annual meeting held last April 11. Kavanagh's opinion was delivered on request of Swanson.

Swem said he is waiting for an answer to a letter to Kavanagh written last week which outlines the township's situation. "We'll continue with the three helpers until we are told to do otherwise," said Swem.

Proceed With Plans for Evergreen Sewer

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP 4-H club members last Saturday collected $22 from a bake sale they held at Jacobson's in Birmingham. Money earned by the girls will be donated to help in the construction of a horse barn at the 4-H fair grounds in Pontiac. Working at the sale (above) were, from left to right, Helen Miles, Renee Moultrop, Susan Robinson, Lynn Granger, Carol Brodie and Pat Render. All are from Birmingham except Susan and Lynn, who are from Walnut Lake.

Lathrup Village

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Martins Guests Spend Day At Harsón Island Cottage

With a gala weekend in mind the Ed Martins of Lathrup boulevard set out last Friday for their Harsen Island cottage.

Rev. John D. Ross went along for the fishing, and Dick and Pat Cogger were guests of the Martin youngsters Ed, Jr., Bob and Sandy.

But the winds off the lake grew cooler and cooler. Rev. Ross and Martin, Sr., caught a few fish, but by Saturday afternoon everyone was ready to return to Lathrup, and back they came, hoping for a warmer weekend later in the season.

Gay Herr, one of the recent Southfield High school graduates, has found a summer job to her liking. A skillful knitter, Gay is helping out in the Berkley Knit shop.

Mrs. Charles Thompson, with her daughters, Pat and Joyce, and Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. S. J. Cameron, will make a leisurely trip west this summer as far as Cheyenne and Albuquerque.

The George F. Ross family are planning a vacation trip to northern Michigan later in the summer.

BRIDGE LUNCHEON

Recent guests of Mr. J. W. Andrews at a bridge luncheon at her home on 27375 Goldengate drive were Mrs. E. W. Shaver, Mrs. LeRoy Jarvis, Mrs. R. C. Steger, Mr. J. H. Becker, Mrs. Harry Dale, Mrs. V. E. Blue, Mrs. Dayse Spencer, and Mrs. L. A. Brisebois.

New arrivals recently baptized by Rev. C. J. Keating of St. Bede's were David Allen Balzer, son of Norbert and Dolores Balzer; Laura Jean, daughter of Richard and Marig Ginac; Robert Joseph, son of James and Joanne Thorne; Joyce Mary, daughter of Alfred and Pauline DiMatteo; Eugenia Elizabeth, daughter of Chester and Danette Sayles, and Frederick John, son of Frederick and Mary McEvoy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bloom have returned to their home on Eldorado avenue, after a trip to Minnesota where they attended the 50th anniversary celebration of Bloom's parents.

Don Collier of Ramsgate avenue another Southfield High graduate is spending his summer helping out on a farm near New London, Ohio.

Recent new parishioners at St. Bedes are Mr. and Mrs. Lee S. LePage, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weinch, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Poage, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gagne, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Schler.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Reber who have just moved to 18805 San Jose drive. There are four daughters in the Reber family, Sue 15, Pat 14, Sandra 9, and Kathy 6.

Celebrating her 14th birthday last Friday, Pat was guest of honor at a pajama party for 12 neighborhood girls which ended up at the Detroit zoo the following afternoon.

Reber is district sales manager with Proctor and Gamble.

Congratulations to Mrs. Sigmund Cervinski who received her Bachelor of Music degree from the Detroit Conservatory of Music last Friday evening.

After weeks of anticipation, Rene Yost and Larry Spencer left Tuesday evening for a four-week adventure in camping. Although Larry has been to camp once before, this will be Rene's first experience. They will stay at Camp Sherwood near Boyne City.

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13 Mile Road Intersections To Get Lights

EAST BEVERLY—Long desired street lights at the intersections of 13 Mile road and Rutland, Sheridan and Pierce streets are scheduled for completion by July 22, Detroit Edison has promised board members of the Beverly-Artesian Improvement Association.

Association members have been concerned with the driving hazard at night along dark 13 Mile road and were informed of the new street lights at the Association board meeting held June 23 at the home of Richard Blackhall, 16978 Elizabeth.

Board members of the association are now investigating all possibilities for the rent or loan of vacant property which may be used as a playground for children of the area.

"A PLAYGROUND is desperately needed here," one board member stated. "Our area is made up primarily of young married couples with a lot of young children and the youngsters have no place at all to play."

If suitable property for a playground is available, the Association will grade it and prepare it for use.

The next meeting of the 12-man board of the Association will take place July 14, when plans for the Association picnic will be completed.

Officers of the Beverly-Artesian Improvement Association are William E. Scollard, 16973 Lauderdale, president; C. M. Moody, 16942 Marguerite, vice president; Mrs. William Goettsman, 16950 Elizabeth, secretary and Robert Jenkins, 31182 West Rutland, treasurer.

Hitchhiking Raccoon Flees to Backwoods

GILBERT LAKE — When the Jim Peabodys of Quarton road pulled into a gas station to have their car serviced recently, the attendant found a small raccoon cowering beneath the hood.

The Peabodys took the little fellow home and made a pen for him, but in the morning he was gone. It is believed he fled to the woods, escaping from a generation gone mad for a new fashion in headgear.

$800,000 School Program in Hands Of Voters July 11

By MARGARET DAY

GILBERT LAKE—Six meetings were held last week at Vaughan and Wing Lake schools to discuss the $800,000 bond issue for school expansion and improvement to be voted on July 11.

"Percentage-wise we have grown as fast as any area," Eugene L. Johnson, superintendent of schools, said, "and these needs are based on a recent survey by Michigan State university."

THE money raised would finance the following long-range program:

(1) A new school east of Woodward avenue. (Which would facilitate the Charnwood and Kenwood subdivisions.)

(2) An addition to Wing Lake school.

(3) The purchase of five sites for future schools. (Four elementary, one junior high.)

(4) Renovation of the old Vaughan high school. (which would be used as an elementary school.)

(5) Drainage, landscaping and general improvement of the above.

Roseville Girl Falls From Moving Auto

BLM. TWP. — Three-year-old Janine Handyside, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Handyside of Roseville, suffered bruises over her entire body Sunday when she fell from the family car at Quarton and Woodward.

Handyside told township police that he was driving about 45 miles per hour when his daughter opened a door and tumbled out. She was treated at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and released.

Smorgasbord

The annual smorgasbord dinner and business meeting of the Franklin Community Association is scheduled for seven o'clock tonight, at the Community hall. Items of business include remodeling of the town hall and plans for the annual roundup and barbecue.

BLM. TWP.—Navy Ensign Joseph A. Gryson recently completed his solo flight in the Navy's SNJ "Texan" trainer at the Corry Field at Pensacola, Fla. Gryson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gryson of 5527 Crabtree road, attended Cornell university in Ithica, N. Y., before entering service. With this initial phase of naval aviation flight training completed he will receive instruction in precision air work along with his regular solo flights as another step toward earning his Navy "wings."

Berkshires Group Will Hold Dinner Dance on July 9

BERKSHIRES — A week from Saturday, July 9, will be the Berkshire Protective Ass'n dinner dance at the Birmingham Golf Club. If you were unable to attend the other dinner dance be sure not to miss this one. Make up your parties of 8, 10 or 12 or just come alone.

For those who may be confused by the different associations, this association covers the area from Maple road to Thirteen mile road between Telegraph and Evergreen roads.

The dinner dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call Mrs. Howard Keating, MI 4-5762; Mrs. James Tran, MI 6-1547; Mrs. Jack Carmichael, MI 4-2808; Mrs. Anthony Foley, MI 4-9524, Mrs. Russ Seeburger, MI 6-0715 or Mrs. Bob Wink, MI 4-8545.

Appoint Pack B-11 Executive Council

FRANKLIN — Named as the executive council for Cub Scout Pack B-11 for next year, their duties to begin next fall, are Harry Rottiers and Dr. Lynn Hershey, co-chairmen; John Lackner, cubmaster; Fred Finfgeld, assistant cubmaster; Mrs. John Philpott, secretary; Jim Crawford, treasurer; Mrs. Don Tracy, pack mother; Mrs. Eugene Kawecki, cub reporter; and Norman Meyers, institutional representative.

Committee to Study Community Welfare

EAST BEVERLY — The Greenfield-Beverly Hills Improvement association has formed a committee to make a study of factors affecting the welfare of the community under city government.

Ted Shurtleff, chairman, John Ryckman, David Roup and Art Prine are serving on the committee.

George Murphy, president, reports that the fact-finding committee was formed to filter confusing information, and assemble pertinent, factual data needed to establish association policy.

Ed Hays Sidelined By Fractured Leg

FRANKLIN — Edward Hays, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hays of 27221 Appletree, will miss much of the summer activities which usually occupy the time of a boy on vacation from school.

He is recovering at St. Joseph Mercy hospital from a fractured leg suffered in a fall while climbing a fence last week.

Okay Fireworks

SOUTHFIELD — A request by Lionel Silverman of 27367 W. 10 Mile road for a fireworks permit on August 6 was granted by the township board at a special meeting last week.

Township Okays Second Police Car, New Officer

SOUTHFIELD—A second township police car was authorized by the board last week after Police Chief Phillip LaVigne presented five bids ranging from $1,644.70 to $1,841.

LaVigne's recommendation that a bid from Dawson, Inc., of Detroit of $1,651.15 be accepted, was followed by the board. LaVigne recommended Dawson's bid, which was $6.45 above the low bid, because of convenience and better service provided by the company, he told the board.

THE Civil Service Commission was requested to hire an additional man for the police force by motion of the board, after LaVigne reported that with one more man he could provide 24-hour a-day protection, seven days a week. At present there are some hours in the day when a man is on call but not actively on duty. This will bring the police strength to seven men, including LaVigne.

Subdivision Elects Its New Officers

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Officers were elected for one-year terms at a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Bloomfield Estates improvement association.

Benjamin Brewster, 5360 Brookdale, is president; Walter Eis, 5055 Brookdale road, vice president and Adrian Vonderhaar, 4805 Dover court, secretary-treasurer.

Directors of the group are Donald Riching, 4675 Charing Cross road; William R. Ritchey, 265 Strathmore road; and Philip D. French, 4665 Dover court.

This subdivision, just north of Birmingham and east of Woodward in Bloomfield township, was laid out before the First World War and was one of the first in the entire area to have curving roads.

Here is a list of new telephone numbers of Southfield township and Lathrup Village for your convenience. Clip and paste near your phone to save time in emergencies.

Southfield Township	
Fire Department	ELgin 6-3800
Police	ELgin 6-6622
Township Office	ELgin 6-4100
Water Dept.	ELgin 6-3816
Board of Education	ELgin 6-0400
Southfield High School	ELgin 6-0400

Lathrup Village	
Fire Department	ELgin 6-3800
Police	ELgin 6-3600
Village Office	ELgin 6-2600

Gilbert Lake

MARGARET DAY MI 6-0798

Anthony Rossi Family Back From Long Holiday in East

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rossi, with their daughters, Rosalie and Mary Ann, have just returned to their Harsdale home after a month's vacation in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Florida.

Rosalie and Mary Ann report they especially enjoyed the Stork Club, Sardi's and Peacock Alley in the Waldorf Astoria.

En route to Florida, the Rossis stayed a few days at the George Washington hotel at Washington, D. C. It was here the family thrilled at the panoramic view of the city's lights and the White House at night from the Skyline Terrace.

On Decoration day the Rossis saw the impressive changing of the guard at the tomb of the unknown soldier.

Mrs. Louis Brower gave a luncheon Wednesday in her home on Hills drive. Guests were Mrs. Todd Frederick, Mrs. Harold Hall, Mrs. Milford Taylor, Mrs. Gardiner Vose and Mrs. Edward Wagoner.

Joyce Ketlar has Linda Farbston of Dallas, Texas, visiting her for a week. Joyce is the daughter of the A. W. Ketlars of Golfview drive.

VISIT IN LELAND

Linda and Peggy, daughters of the C. E. Wilsons, Jr., Lahser road, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Muir W. Lind, at Leland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayward York of Lahser road have just returned from the Pottawattami Inn on Lake Michigan. Tony York will spend the summer there while his parents commute.

Jessie Button, Lahser road, is spending two weeks at Pine Island, 25 miles beyond the Soo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Weeks, North Milleway, entertained 16 friends at a buffet supper which was a farewell party for Elizabeth Coulson of Chesterfield.

Martha and Tommie Unruh are visiting their grandparents in Aurora, Iowa, for two weeks. Martha and Tommie, children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Unruh, live on Ranch lane, Lone Pine Village.

The new family in the contemporary home at 1010 Joanne court, Lone Pine Village, are the W. Nicholas Kerbawys. Antha and Nick have a 9-year-old son, Kyle. The family pets are a dog, Roscoe; a cat, Happy, and two chameleons, Herman and Tweedie.

Nick Kerbawy is general manager of the Detroit Lions.

On Friday after graduation from Royal Oak high school Wayne Wright entertained Louella Hucg, John Ellertson, Joan Logan, Roy Taylor and Caron Kunitz at a small party and on Saturday had the group at a luncheon.

On Sunday when 20 guests were present at an open house party, Wayne's 89-year-old great-grandmother, Mrs. Christine Narrator of Flint, was a guest.

Billy and Jean Wright's great dane, "Big Boy", won first prize recently at an informal showing at the Earl Neumanns' on Colby lane. The Wrights live on Pon Valley.

Bonnie Weeks celebrated a 13th birthday on June 18. Guests at the hamburger fry, badminton, and a swim at Red Run Country club were Paul Ulbrich, Dick Brodie, Larry Erdmann, Amy Miller and Caron McHalpine.

Others were Tommie Lee, Susan Swan, Jane Durham and Billy Weeks.

WELCOME LUNCHEON

Mrs. E. J. Hollenbeck of South Snowshoe circle gave a welcome luncheon for newcomer Pat Wilson also of South Snowshoe. Guests were Mrs. Walter Meyers, Mrs. Dale Miller, Mrs. Hal Houghton, Mrs. Harry Aten and Mrs. Charles Bay.

Saturday night the Joseph Flahertys of Pon Valley entertained 20 guests at a party for their niece and nephew who are houseguests.

Jimmie Moore and Jerry Tilerg, Pontiac, are guests of Bobbie Aten of Quarton road. Jim and Jerry are former neighbors of the Atens.

Robert Schulte, Ranch lane, Lone Pine Village, has been appointed executive chairman of the personnel committee for the Kirk-in-the-Hills Festival to be held at the church in September.

Question Legality Of Switch

SOUTHFIELD — The legality of the switch of "Orphan Orchards," in the northwestern corner of the township, to Bloomfield township, is being questioned by the boundaries commission of the Oakland County board of supervisors.

Harry Dell, township attorney, and Harry Merritt, Oakland County corporation counsel, will meet this week, or early next week to discuss the legal technicalities of the shift of the three families on nine acres from Southfield to Bloomfield township.

BECAUSE Southfield is now in the stage of incorporation, and such a move would leave the three families without a governing body, some way must be found to find a new home for the group along 14 Mile road.

The nine-acre tract could not become a part of the new city because it was not touching, or in contact with Southfield, being cut off by the Village of Franklin.

By joint resolution of the two township boards, after the families petitioned Southfield for the change, the property in question was approved for transfer.

THE TOWNSHIPS believed that after they approved the switch that they would send it to the boundaries committee for their ratification, and that may be legal but the township and county attorneys are holding over the question to make sure that the move will not be in violation of the state laws.

Two Parties Fete West Beverly Girl

WEST BEVERLY — Two prenuptial parties feted the marriage on June 25 of Mary Wesley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Wesley of Devonshire road, to Jack Souder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Souder of Devonshire.

At the first affair given by the bride-to-be's parents at their home on June 19, guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Hockley and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gregory of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haresign, Mr. and Mrs. Souder, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Slayton of Oak Park, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Souder of Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Lorella Baldwin of Detroit, and Mrs. Ned Boggs of Brooklyn, N.Y.

The second party, the last event before the wedding, was the rehearsal dinner, given by the groom's parents on June 24 at Devon Gables. Twenty-three guests were present.

Grant Top Soil Removal Permit

SOUTHFIELD—Permission was granted to Arnold Miller this week for a permit to remove top soil from property in the NE quarter of Section 22, by Supervisor Eugene Swem.

Swem was authorized to negotiate with Miller and sign agreements to the removal upon payment of a $500 bond, by the township board last week.

My Neighbors

By Bill Paterson

"If they can force you to join a union, maybe we can persuade you to go to church!"

Southfield Hopes to Ease Dumping Problem With Signs

SOUTHFIELD—Township board members Tuesday night ordered 10 "no dumping" signs, at a cost of $4.82 each, to be placed at illegal dumping spots around the township.

The motion, made by Trustee H. Luther Wagner, was approved by the board who requested that Township Police Chief Phillip LaVigne be consulted as to where the most troublesome dumping spots are located.

WAGNER'S original proposal, which he modified himself, called for the placing of 27 signs at trouble spots and at the limits of the township to warn all persons entering the township of the no dumping law.

Mrs. Margaret Bradbury, trustee, said the signs were needed in unoccupied areas where most of the dumping is taking place.

TRUSTEES feared that illegal dumping was being done by out-township residents living in areas where rubbish pickups were infrequent, leading to a pile up at the out-township residents' homes.

More signs will be purchased in the future, if needed, and if LaVigne reports success with the use of those signs which will be installed as soon as possible.

Will Build Northern Branches

Members of the Evergreen Interceptor Sewer District met last week to continue to work for the completion of the sewer system despite the temporary holdup because of Southfield's inability to join in the project until it approves a charter or reverts to township status.

Working of a proposition on the April 4 ballot did not give enough insurance to investors that money taken in on the 2 mill tax for a system of sewers in the township, would go to pay off bonds which finance the interceptor, according to bonding attorneys' opinions.

Southfield was asked to negotiate the problem of "bootleg" storm sewers into Detroit's sewer system along eight mile road to satisfy Detroit's request that the Lawrence Drain be built to eliminate the illegal connections.

DISTRICT members, assured by Don Riegler of the Oakland County drain commissioner's office that the Farmington Interceptor sewer would probably be completed, felt that a 54-inch line along Eight Mile could handle any overflow to the Rouge River, and would also take care of "bootleg" sanitary connections.

If this is the case and Southfield can agree with Detroit on a method of ending the storm water bootleg connections, the need for the Lawrence drain would disappear.

Al Roth of the firm of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, indicated that initially the flow would be about 25 cubic feet per second into the Detroit system from the Evergreen Interceptor, which would run the length of the township, serving Southfield, Lathrup, Bloomfield and Troy townships, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

THIS probably would be adequate for some years to come—until the area began to near or reached their building saturation point.

Detroit officials have indicated their willingness to give a quota of 70 cubic feet per second (c.f.s.) to the Evergreen Interceptor, and an additional 50 c.f.s. to the Farmington Interceptor.

The 114 c.f.s authorized for the Southeastern Oakland County system and another 20 c.f.s for a sewer line joining the length of Troy township, will bring the total sewage allowed from Oakland County into the Detroit system to 254 c.f.s.

THE six-community body discussed building the north branch of the Interceptor above 14 Mile road and the branch into Troy township, now underway so those two areas would be ready to hook into the system when it was completed south of 14 Mile road to Eight Mile road.

If the Southfield line should never become a reality, those branches already constructed could be used by all communities except Southfield and Lathrup, as a means of bringing sewage to the Birmingham treatment plant.

No mention was made of possible plans to improve and enlarge the Birmingham plant. Members of the District board were optimistic that Southfield could be ready to join in the project within five or six months.

EUGENE Swem, Southfield township supervisor, member of the Southfield charter commission, and representative on the Interceptor board, said that a charter must be submitted within 30 days of the June 7 election, to Gov. Williams and to the state's attorney general's office.

After review and approval a date would be set for election which might take place as early, he said, as five or six months.

If the charter commissioners can write into the charter a provision whereby the governing body can okay a project such as the Evergreen Interceptor without going to the people for approval, it would be possible for the sewer district members to complete plans for the system late this fall or early winter so that work can begin next year.

IF Southfield voters reject the charter, it might be that the district members would have to wait two years until the township reverted back to its original status, before they could go ahead with the Evergreen Interceptor, or at least until the Southfield residents okayed a later charter.

If the township reverts back a new vote would have to be taken in Southfield on a reworded proposal which specifically allotted funds to pay off bonds financing the sewer line.

Re-Elect Carmichael

BERKSHIRES — The Berkshires Protective Ass'n held their meeting and election of officers Wednesday evening, June 22 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stu Ferguson. Jack Carmichael was re-elected pres. Other officers were vice pres., Dr. Russell Seeburger, treas. Mr. S. L. Ferguson and sec. was Mr. C. L. Shall. Other members of the board are H. Dawson, J. C. Evans, Al Yost, Harold Grandy and Anthony F. Foley.