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DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR SOUTHFIELD CHARTER VOTE

Former Registration Does Not Qualify Resident for Election
Township Offices at 26690 Berg Rd. at precinct voting stations
Precincts Open Friday until 8 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. until Noon Monday until 8 p.m.
Deadline—Monday, 8 p.m.



MRS. LOMBARDI



MRS. DUVALL



MRS. SCHNEIDER



MRS. PETOSKEY



MRS. PEARCEY

Council Approves Street Construction
LATHRUP—Council approved plans to ditch and gravel Rainbow Circle, a new street, as proposed by Guy Antonelli, subdivider, at a council meeting Monday night.
Antonelli told council he planned on putting down and rolling compacted gravel in preparation for paving next spring. He deposited \$1,000 with the city to insure the work. Rainbow circle is located between Red River and Rainbow drive.

CALENDAR
TODAY
Beverly Hills W.P.A. association meeting 8 p.m. at home of Mrs. Theodore Wills, 12348 Beckwood.
Annual Meeting of Beverly Activities Club, association at Birmingham Community House 8 p.m.
Mrs. Bertha Collins, 2437 1/2 N. Thruway Circle at home of Mrs. Eleanor J. Lomas, 11404 Redwood, 8:30 p.m.
Beverly Hills P.T.A. meeting at Lathrup school, 1:30 p.m.
West Beverly Garden club meeting at home of Mrs. George Hoffman, 26300 Route 413, 8 p.m.

A SCENE that will be repeated many times in Southfield before 8 p.m. Monday night (Southfield registration deadline) is caught here with a camera during Valley Woods' special registration drive two weeks ago. Mrs. Kenneth E. Walling (left) of 20705 Glenhill, is shown qualifying for the Dec. 12 Charter election, with Mrs. Fannie Adams, township clerk.

Opinions on Southfield Charter Are Divided

SOUTHFIELD—With the Charter election creeping closer, people here are concerned with, and speculating on, the possibility of the charter being adopted by residents.

Opposition of several subdivisions and civic organizations to certain phases of the charter, or to incorporation itself, has lent strength to the belief of some residents that voters will turn down the document, while others feel that those opposed represent only a minority of the populace and that the charter will be given approval.

IN A sampling of opinion, those contacted by The Eccentric for the most part, favored the charter. One person, Mrs. H. W. Hunter of 24405 Beech, although she approved the charter, has lent strength to the belief of some residents that voters will turn down the document, while others feel that those opposed represent only a minority of the populace and that the charter will be given approval.

SOME of those questioned, and their answers are listed below. Mrs. Clare DuVall, 3720 Landow, in opposition to the charter said, "I hope not. I haven't heard too much opposition to it."

Mrs. R. G. Schneider, 23720 Lee Baker, "Yes to both questions, am in favor of the proposed Southfield charter and I think it will pass."

Mrs. Edward Petoskey, 23700 Lee Baker, "I think the charter will go through and I'm voting for it."

"No, I don't think it will pass," said M. J. Northrup of 21301 Telegraph, who said he had no opinion on the charter because he had not studied it thoroughly.

Nine Women Take Oath to Register Southfield Voters

SOUTHFIELD—Nine women took oath to qualify themselves to take registrations during the Southfield Optimist's use of housewives' base step-up registrations for the coming charter vote Dec. 12.

For Fannie Adams, township clerk, administered the oath to Mrs. Edward Petoskey, Mrs. Harry Hunter, Mrs. Arthur Delmetter, Mrs. James Davis, Mrs. Robert Perkins, Mrs. E. G. Schneider, Mrs. Charles Sherwin, Mrs. Louis Lombardi and Mrs. Edmund Jara.

THE WOMEN, serving as temporary deputy clerks, will be assisted by regular election officials during their tour Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The Optimist, according to Charles N. Sherwin, publicity director, has set up registrations, sponsoring the drive. First, it is a civic project, said Sherwin.

Nov. 18 Date Set For Variety Show

WALNUT LAKE—Justice Coll will be the star of the variety show to be given at the Walnut Lake township hall Friday, Nov. 18, at 8:30 p.m.

Paying of 1 1/2-Year-Old Legal Bill Approved

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

LATHRUP—Councilmen okayed payment early Tuesday of an 18-month-old bill due Glenn C. Gillespie for \$1,000 legal fees but only after arguing the bill with spectators into the wee morning hours.

The bill represented, according to Gillespie, 12 days spent defending the charter commission in a suit by Southfield citizens that would have blocked incorporation in Dec., 1953.

In a letter to councilmen Mayor John G. Campbell said he fought alone for withholding payment, said "It is my opinion that the invoice of \$2,000 (amount of original bill) both excessive and unreasonable for the amount of work involved. There was no trial in court, just conferences of short duration, some phone calls and letters."

CAMPBELL also claimed that the charter commission never approved the bill. "As a member of the charter commission, I would not approve such an excessive fee, and as mayor, I would not recommend that such an unreasonable bill be paid," Campbell said.

"We (the charter commission) received no bill, so we couldn't authorize a bill," said Thomas Northrup, one of the original charter members.

THE \$1,000 was included in one of the city's early budgets, but had never been paid. "Why wasn't it paid?" asked Councilman Richard C. Cogger of Reed, a former councilman.

"I don't know. It's a big mystery," replied Reed, who then asked Leonard A. Watchowski, city administrator, "Why didn't you pay the \$1,000 along with the \$5,000 we budgeted for (election costs) to the country?"

"The council never approved the bill so I never paid it," Watchowski answered.

TUESDAY Watchowski, in a telephone conversation said, "The question is whether the city owed \$2,000 as billed by Gillespie, \$1,000 as determined by certain members of the council, or \$500, or whether Mayor Campbell was right in his contention that no amount was ever paid. Payment in this case... was held up until we were absolutely sure of the proper disposition of the bill. That assurance came last night."

Gillespie's original bill was lowered from \$2,000 to \$1,000 after Charles D. and Louise Lathrup Kelley waived claim on \$1,000 they advanced Gillespie as a retainer when suit started.

CAMPBELL alleged that Gillespie's bill was placed at \$2,000 so that he might make a claim for the \$1,000 paid by the Kelleys, but he and Gillespie denied this. Gillespie said the rate meeting which had developed into a verbal free-for-all, Councilman Lantz L. Hickey said, "Inasmuch as your allegations on a rebate cannot be substantiated, I move we pay the bill."

Campbell voted "no" on the proposal. With only four council members present, the vote meeting spends such an amount, Campbell seconds later abandoned his position on advice of the council and Attorney Everett F. Hayes, and voted for appropriating the \$1,000 from unappropriated surplus funds.

1st Justice Court Report Presented

LATHRUP—In the first monthly report of justice court activities for Detroit, the police department reported that \$880 had been collected from disposition of 51 cases closed each week.

Of two remaining cases last month, one was dismissed by Leonard Pytkas and the second was turned over to Detroit for prosecution there.

Mrs. Cole was fined over \$200 on tickets until Sept. 30. Mrs. Cole related that \$2,187 had been received by the city and \$2,222 by the violation bureau.

QUZZED by Councilman Richard N. Cogger on a ticket that had been outstanding since May 4, Mrs. Cole said the defendant had been out of the state until just recently, and had no opportunity to appear. In summing up the year's totals on tickets until Sept. 30, Mrs. Cole related that \$2,187 had been received by the city and \$2,222 by the violation bureau.

Petitioners Withdraw Monterey Vacation Bid



SOUTHFIELD high school cast of the play "I Remember Mamie" pose for a family portrait. Barbara White as Dagmar sits in front of the family group; second row (from left) Ted Hoffman, Pap; Barbara Pierce, Mama; third row (from left) Bob and Nels; Kathy Berberich, Katrin and Carol Mueller, Christine. The play will be presented Friday and Saturday in Southfield high auditorium.

At Press Time

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP board members Tuesday night referred the Labore subdivision plan in Section 25, north of Nine Mile and East of Southfield, to the planning commission. The development involves about 40 acres.

SIDEWALKS were requested for the frontage of the township water department at Pierce and Lochry by neighboring residents who said the sidewalks there were badly in need of repair. Officials will check the complaint.

DISCUSSION of the appointment of two members to bring the five-man zoning board up to normal 7-man strength, was tabled Tuesday night by board members.

Appoint Designers Of Southfield Hospital

SOUTHFIELD—Giffels and Vallet Inc. and Louis Rossetti, associated engineers and architects of Detroit, have been appointed to design the new 35-bed Providence hospital at Nine Mile and Greenfield, according to Sister Mary Elizabeth, hospital administrator.

The \$8 million structure, to be built on a 15-acre tract, will consist of one multi-story main building, a five-story nurses' home and school, and a one-story power plant and maintenance shop.

Drawings are scheduled for completion within the next two years. Sister Mary Elizabeth said, and completion of the hospital is slated for 1959 or 1960.

Conferences With Kelleys End Issue

LATHRUP—Allegations were made Monday night that outside pressure had been the reason for withdrawal of petitions for vacation of Monterey Street.

Because of the withdrawals by trustees of Community Church (Congregational and Dr. James T. Howell of 27007 E. California, "The Matter of Monterey Street," was shelved, after discussion.

Sunday, Rev. W. D. Rose announced from his pulpit that petitions were being withdrawn, following a week of negotiations with petitioners and Charles D. and Louise Lathrup Kelley.

IN A LETTER to council, Dr. Wendell B. Doering, chairman of the church's board of trustees said, "This is an inopportune time for the vacation proceedings. The church does not wish to cause any hard feelings among citizens of Lathrup Village."

Mayor John G. Campbell objected to withdrawal of the petitions on the basis of time and money spent by the city in arranging for Monterey's vacation. "When can someone come in and withdraw a petition?" Campbell asked Everett F. Hayes, city attorney.

HAYES answered that in matters involving paving or other expensive projects, a certified petition cannot be withdrawn, but that in a case such as Monterey's vacation, it did not seem likely that it would be illegal or costly to withdraw the petition at any time, before vacation was approved.

"Campbell alleged that the church had been bluffed by the Kelleys who have final say on approval of any improvements to the Church according to deed restrictions. The Church is in the process of erecting additional classroom space, approved by Kelley, he said, and the building permit has been issued by the city."

"I THINK it is an insult to the church to say they have been bluffed into anything," Kelley replied.

"Isn't it a fact that Mrs. Kelley refused to approve plans for the new classrooms if they went ahead with the Monterey vacation?" Hayes asked Kelley.

"Not just that way. You ask her. She can tell you better," Kelley replied.

KELLEY said Tuesday that he and Mrs. Kelley had withheld plot plan approval in favor of closing rather than vacating the street. "It wasn't necessary to have a 100-foot-wide street vacated. A closure on the churchside only would have served the purpose," said Kelley.

"We had a conference with the church at their suggestion and arrived at this solution," said Kelley.

"There isn't much else we can do (about Monterey vacation). You can't deny property owners' requests," said Hayes.

BOTH HAYES and Kelley were careful to insure that the word "present" petition were inserted into the record to clear the way for any future action.

"I live in the hope that the entire Southfield school will someday be a part of Lathrup school," said Kelley, intimating that such a move would involve street vacations.

And so the "Matter of Monterey Street" was closed, for the present, anyway.



PRESENTING THEIR FALL production "Goodbye My Fancy" tonight at Community Hall, Franklin Village Players will give repeat performances on Friday and Saturday. Pictured above (from left) are three important characters in the comedy, Ed Green, playing the part of Matt Cole; Dick Probst, Dr. Merrill and Elsie Garwood playing the leading role of Agatha Reed, a congresswoman who returns to her old school to receive an honorary award.

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