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An Editorial Each Councilman Is Equal in Lathrup

To: Mr. Lantz L. Mackey Mr. Richard N. Cogger City of Lathrup Village Councilmen: Two weeks ago this newspaper published an editorial, part of which criticized certain councilmen and actions of four of the five members of your honorable body for what appeared to newspaper reporters to be failure to answer, in public, certain questions asked by citizens in attendance at your Sept. 6 meeting.

The editorial also referred to the fact that editorial "series," or so-called "study meetings" which your council engages in, presumably on public business. Subsequent official action by your Council at regular meetings on various matters, without desired open discussions accompanying each action, suggested a desire not to keep up with the best public interest.

YOUR reply that editorial published here last week, categorically denied our editorial criticisms and you have requested further explanation from this newspaper on the subject.

WE DID NOT deny, and do not now, seek to criticize, unfairly, any of your good members of Lathrup's Council. Our job is to report to your citizens and taxpayers your official acts, the problems and perhaps suggested solutions to your city's concerns.

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IRVING B. BABCOCK, (left) general campaign chairman of 1955 Torch Drive in Birmingham-Franklin, accepts record goal of \$200,485, from Martin R. Hemphill, suburban solicitation chairman for the United Foundation campaign, beginning Oct. 18. Story on Page One, Part One.

Franklin, Farms Officials Study Courses of Action Should S'fld Incorporate

FRANKLIN Village officials met last week to study the incorporation of Franklin into Southfield. The officials are studying the advantages and disadvantages of incorporation as a city and leaving the two areas as the only remaining portion of the township.

In explaining the meeting Harold Roseberry, Franklin Village president, said he directed this group in its efforts for more adequate housing in the children of Southfield school district.

THE ROUTES presented by Ordinance No. 1, which would incorporate Franklin into Southfield, are: 1. Bingham Farms and Franklin combined as a fifth-class city.

PRESENT from Bingham Farms was William King, charter commission chairman, Commissioner of Public Safety, and Mr. Maurice Hawley, candidate for the proposed village's council.

QUESTIONS that group wanted answered, and the answers given by Ellis, were: 1. What are the provisions for entering into township government if Southfield incorporates?

2. MAY Franklin revert to township status? A. Not unless it has a Village vacation clause in the charter, which the group said the charter did not have.

3. What services are required of a fifth-class city? A. Formation of a fifth-class city involves a change, either mandatory or through permissive provisions, in operation of the village's government services.

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Motorists Defeat Road Tax

Ambition Brings Profits Light Ballot Recorded

SOUTHFIELD - About one tenth of the registered voters in the township turned out to vote in the proposed 1/2 mill tax increase which was put to the township's voters at the coming election. Total vote was 1019 of about 12,200 registered voters.

THE ENDEAVOR grew to such proportions that Bill hired an assistant, Gary Knox, Dakota Circle. The boys built their own stand and made their signs and even laid a boardwalk to span the ditch from the road to the stand.

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Parents Appeal to B of E For School Kids' Safety

BLOOMFIELD - Parents along West Maple road between Telegraph and Lathrup, whose children attend Bloomfield Village school, appealed to board of education last week for transportation for their children to and from school and for school members to patrol the corner of Maple and Lathrup.

WEST BLOOMFIELD - Making plans for a school drive, Mrs. O. S. Koshkin, out-county blood chairman of the Oakland County Blood Advisory committee, gives the following names of volunteer workers in the Inter-lake district.

IN REPLY, Norman Wolfe, assistant superintendent of Birmingham schools, explained that transportation comes under state jurisdiction. Birmingham can only conform to state rules.

ASK CONTINUANCE OF MUSIC PROGRAM AT SOUTHFIELD HI

AT the request of several parents, James Burrows, Director of Instrumental Music at Southfield high school, petitioned the School Board last week to permit him to revive the instrumental program, which were termed "highly successful" last year.

UNDER the guidance of three music faculty men, including Burrows, five instrumental programs, which were brought in each Saturday last school year to teach pupils.

THE BOARD agreed to consider the request and notify Burrows of its decision.

CALENDAR TODAY: Walnut Lake - Club meeting 7:30 p.m. MONDAY: WNF meeting at home of Mrs. Kivi D. WNF meeting at home of Mrs. Kivi D. WNF meeting at home of Mrs. Kivi D.

INSURANCE bids from six firms were received and are under consideration by the township insurance committee. The bids cover workman's compensation, liability and property damage.

WALNUT LAKE - Boys' club will accept nominations for new officers at its meeting tonight, beginning at 7:30. Next Thursday evening at 7:30. Next Thursday evening at 7:30.

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Pontiac Men Charged With Church Theft

LATHRUP - Two Pontiac men accused of breaking into the Community Church Congregation here last week and taking about \$500, will appear Monday in Oakland County circuit court on the charges.

THE pair, Ronald P. Shelton, 21, and James M. Acheson, 20, were arrested by Michigan State Police Depts. Walter Calkin and Calvin Lajunen of the Redford Post, where they learned that one of the two worked for a company which 10 days before had delivered a safe to the church.

THE two admitted they knew the combination to the safe and entered through an inside door exposed because of construction work at the church, police said.

ANYONE interested in more information about the trip should contact their nearest YMCA branch.

DON'T MISS THE STUDY BY THE ECCENTRIC ON SALARIES OF YOUR MUNICIPAL, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIALS, PAGE ONE, SECTION ONE.

S'fld Democrats Plan Picnic Oct. 2

SOUTHFIELD - A family picnic will be held by Southfield Democrats at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hizenold, 2000 Sherman, Oct. 2, from 12 to 3 p.m.

THE event was prompted by the success of an earlier picnic held at the home of Mrs. M. J. Williams attended, Southfield Democratic Women's club will serve refreshments and entertainment.

SOUTHFIELD Democrats are also making plans for the 18th County Democratic Convention, held at Northwood Inn, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. Tickets may be reserved by contacting Don L. Swanson, 24058 Penn.

Sub 2 Association Elects Officers For Coming Year

WALNUT LAKE - Julian Ofsenstein, 5454 Putnam, was elected president of Sub 2 at a general meeting held at the club house Sept. 11.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT OF Diane Mott, 5487 Sunnecrest, West Bloomfield, may or may not have won a prize at the Walnut Lake WNF Club's recent flower show, but she never had a chance to find out.

At Press Time

TOWNSHIP trustees Tuesday decided to go along with recommendations of Southfield, State and county police departments to restrict parking along 8 Mile between Sherman and Berg roads.

Homeowners Rally To Defeat Rezoning

SOUTHFIELD - A request by Howard T. Keating to rezone a portion of Section 16 met stiff opposition from homeowners who said rezoning would result in a decrease in the value of their property.

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Review Bingham Farms Charter

BINGHAM FARMS - For easy reading The Birmingham Eccentric has reduced the Farms' proposed charter to what we believe are the essentials, so that voters here may more easily learn the ingredients of the charter which they will be asked to vote upon Oct. 4.

CHAPTER One provides that the Village of Bingham Farms shall be, generally, bounded on the north by the section 9 west to the edge of the Bingham Village. This excludes Brooks Park Subdivision on the south.

GENERAL powers of the village are discussed in Chapter Two. The village may acquire by purchase, gift or lease personal property of less than \$1,000 without bond approval. Anything over \$1,000 must be done by ordinance.

OFFICERS shall take office on the second Monday after the municipal election, and shall meet at least once per month, or at special meetings called 24 hours before the meeting by written notice to each councilman; any special meeting at which all members are present shall be a legal meeting for all purposes. All council meetings shall be public at any reasonable time.

FOUR councilmen shall be a quorum, but less may adjourn and conduct absent members' attendance shall be treated as present by set up by ordinance.

VILLAGE shall have a chief executive officer, shall provide at least one full-time police officer.

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My Neighbors by Bill Falkson. A cartoon illustration showing a man in a suit and a woman in a dress talking. The man says, "We certainly can't take it with us. The Government takes it first!"