

Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

DON L. SWANSON, newest member of the Southfield township board, has a motto that might be good for not only other governmental bodies but for individuals as well. He says he is going to ask that he be made the official motto of the board and that it be read before each meeting. (He's serious, so counter-act you!)

IT WAS GRATEIFYING, to say the least, to see and read the many letters and other responses to a story by this reporter about Tom Schind of 125 Highland, Cl. Birmingham. (See details, Section One, Page One.) Letters poured in by the score with the necessary stamps and more than filled the good Tom had to take by midnight. How I'm prouder than ever of you good people of the area, and want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help.

R. P. WUERKER, of 25120 Circle Drive, secretary of the Southfield township zoning board, is not doing a wonderful job. The zoning board thinks so, and you can't get a much better judge than that. The board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday at 8 o'clock at the same board, even though his appointment does not expire until June 28. That's really a vote of confidence.

MY FACE IS a little red. Last week I mistakenly identified David J. Bourgoin of Lathrup as "patron" and I learned this week that that isn't the way it is. It's Lieutenant Bourgoin, who by the way is doing a wonderful job in setting up a license bureau in that city. Council was well pleased with action in that direction Monday.

Optimists to See Wonders of Nature in Film Next Week

SOUTHFIELD—Optimist club members, meeting next Thursday at Fruitridge Inn, Southfield, 6:30 p.m., will see "The Prior Claim," a film produced by Moody Bible Institute, and proceed for a show showing by Optimist publicity chairman, Charles Sherwin.

This fascinating film unfolds the fact that some of the most modern inventions of man operate on the same principle as the God-creatures have been using since the time of creation," Sherwin said.

"Such facts of nature as the archer fish which shoots down its prey with a spider which spins a web, the porcupine which uses its quills as a defense, and the rattlesnake with tiny thermal receptors are presented in the 45-minute film. "Man does not have prior claim to the inventions and developments characterizing this modern age, the film shows, as nature has been there first."

14-Year-Old Youth Hurt by Pellet Gun
BLOOMFIELD TWP.—A 14-year-old township boy was accidentally wounded in the head with a pellet gun Friday afternoon on Northhills golf course according to Police Chief Clark M. Green. The victim, was treated by private doctor and released. The boy was accidentally wounded by a shot, fired by William Fleming, 14, of 6970 Lahner, as the two were walking near their homes.

- ### CALENDAR
- TODAY**—East Beverly VFW Association meeting at home of Mrs. William Simpson, 1801 Franklin, 8 p.m.
 - FRIDAY, APRIL 13**—Oscar Lewis, 2146 Springdale, 7:30 p.m.
 - SATURDAY, APRIL 14**—Southfield W. P. M. Club dinner at home of Mrs. E. J. Seaver, 27027 Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
 - SUNDAY, APRIL 15**—Franklin school PTA meeting at home of Mrs. M. J. Hines, 22125 West 11 Mile road, 8 p.m.
 - TUESDAY, APRIL 17**—Orchard Hills PTO meeting at high school, 7:30 p.m.
 - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18**—Franklin school PTA meeting at home of Mrs. M. J. Hines, 22125 West 11 Mile road, 8 p.m.
 - THURSDAY, APRIL 19**—Franklin school PTA meeting at home of Mrs. M. J. Hines, 22125 West 11 Mile road, 8 p.m.
 - FRIDAY, APRIL 20**—Franklin school PTA meeting at home of Mrs. M. J. Hines, 22125 West 11 Mile road, 8 p.m.
 - SATURDAY, APRIL 21**—Franklin school PTA meeting at home of Mrs. M. J. Hines, 22125 West 11 Mile road, 8 p.m.
 - SUNDAY, APRIL 22**—Franklin school PTA meeting at home of Mrs. M. J. Hines, 22125 West 11 Mile road, 8 p.m.

Strield's \$514,500 Budget Okayed With Little Change

SOUTHFIELD—Little or no resistance was met by township board's proposed \$514,500 budget for 1956-57, when about 125 residents gathered for the Annual Meeting Friday at the high school.

Controversy developed over a proposed \$40,000 increase in road appropriations requested by Mayor R. Marsh of 16964 Beechwood and Charles L. Shull of 32750 Bellevue, but it died quickly when a motion by S. James Clarkson of 23825 Valley View, to table the motion for the increase until next year was supported by the majority of those at the meeting.

TRUSTEE Don L. Swanson and Henry M. DeMeyer voiced disapproval of Fire Chief Al Kruck's request for four more firemen because Kruck had waited until the meeting to ask for the extra help. They said Kruck should have submitted the request for additional help when he asked for pay raises and promotions for his other firemen.

Franklin Fire Commissioner William Albee met some resistance to a request for \$50 more than the \$500 in the budget to cover stand-by protection of Southfield areas.

CHIEF KRUCK argued that the \$1,000 going to Franklin's volunteers could be used by his department to advantage but property owners at the meeting overruled Kruck's objections.

It took two special meetings by the township board to come up with the proposed budget which is \$100 less than last year's \$414,500 expense sheet.

Trustees spent \$12,000 over last year's budget and put the remaining \$324,500 into a special fund plus from the previous year, into a building fund.

ROBERT H. Logie of 17502 Addison, quizzed trustees as to whether civil defense would come under township board supervision, and was told it would be subject to board control.

Hersey of 31230 Ramble, Franklin, CD co-director, told the audience that the raise from \$100 to \$1,000 for the purchase of \$1,000 to \$7,500 was needed to provide light and warning systems in three schools and to establish a series of sirens in the township.

"At least one resident would be about 25c," she said. Each bell and light unit would cost about \$100 and it would take 140 to establish a series of sirens in the township.

SHULL told Mrs. Hersey that northern residents, who take the Eccentric almost exclusively, were getting no benefit from advertising in another newspaper, to which Mrs. Hersey agreed, adding that she would be taking a series of ads for this newspaper if funds were available.

DAVID GERD, Southfield's planning consultant, said the board drew some criticism on the three-year program to provide a master plan for the township.

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VOTERS approved the board's plan to hire a fulltime planning consultant but took no action on the zoning ordinance which the two, as was discussed.

Eugene Swet, township supervisor, who was present, said the \$514,500 budget, which was finally voted \$500, was crowding the limit which the contract with the township board would allow the township to collect within the 15-mill limitation.

Bike Safety Check Saturday at 10 A.M.

All boys and girls in the Lathrup and East Southfield areas are invited to bring their bikes to Lathrup school between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday for a school safety check. Minor repairs will be checked free of charge and bikes missing parts will be loaned. The school will be equipped with reflective tape and a safety seal award.

Southfield Voters Select Charter Commission Model

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Of these 9,545, about 600 are newly registered since the area voted on the first charter, which went down to defeat last Dec. 12. So far, the campaign by the 19 candidates has been quiet compared to past elections on the charter and quarter commission.

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Making a Bow This Week—New Area & Correspondent

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Franklin Players' Comedy On Stage April 19, 20, 21

FRANKLIN—George Kelly's "The Torch Bearers," a satirical comedy in three acts, will be on stage at the Franklin Community Hall April 19, 20 and 21, beginning at 8 p.m.

The "roarin' twenties" era will lend its mannerisms and dress as an added humorous touch to the production being staged by Franklin Village Players.

At Press Time

METROPOLITAN Broadcasting Co., which is proposing an area radio station on 12 acres south of 12 Mile and east of Lahser, won a second reprieve Tuesday night, even though 118 residents in that area had signed a petition opposing the station.

Two weeks ago the station representatives gained a stay of execution by township board to give time for an informal public hearing. Last night a second reprieve came when trustees decided to let the opposing forces get together to give radio officials a chance to convince the people of the township of the need and beauty. They contend it is the only spot where the station towers can be located and still comply with FCC restrictions. The land is residential and would have to be rezoned commercial.

unfinished business they were not able to handle Tuesday night.

WJW RADIO and TV station has offered the township \$5,000 to go into recreation fund in lieu of an earlier promise to allow use of the land around their towers at 19 1/2 and Greenleaf roads as a park site. Board delayed acceptance of the money until a definite fund has been established.

PUBLIC HEARINGS will be held June 7 at Southfield school on several rezoning cases currently being the zoning board. Among these are the Greenway station, sub in Section 10; R-2 to R-4; Jack Lemmons 1.17 acres off Greenleaf road; a map of the district and number of homes. Detroit told township officials. Township officials must authorize the county to act as its agent.

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HOWARD WHITESCAVER, 1755 Edwards, president of Bedford Hills Improvement Association, was granted permission to hold a meeting at the township to discuss \$34,000 to be collected by his division, and to say it towards an extension of the Southwestern Water Authority lines into the township.

RAVINE PLAT, at the North-east corner of Inkster and North Mile, was denied final approval because it did not have county road commission okay. It will be taken up by board members Wednesday at a special meeting.

Board members called a special meeting for April 13 to handle all



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Monoxide Gas Overcomes 10 At Restaurant

BLOOMFIELD TWP.—Carbon monoxide hospitalized 10 employees of Ted's Drive-in restaurant early Sunday in a rear basement when an obstructed vent blocked exit of the gas.

The victims, from the Pontiac area, were: Earl N. Agar, 52; Newell Beaton, 32; Susan Smith, 15; Betty Rowland, 20; Marcel Paul, 16; Wilma Cline, 21; Mrs. Essie Williams, 45; her daughter, Elizabeth Williams, 17; Elizabeth Goodell, 18; and Charlotte Alexander, 16.

COMPLETELY unaware of the near-disaster were the patrons who were eating breakfast in another part of the building.

Beaton and Agar were adjusting a hot-water heater in one part of the basement and the girls were changing in an adjoining bathroom. They were all taken to St. Joseph Mercy hospital, where they were treated.

FRANKLIN—One ordinance was passed by council Monday night, a second was passed pending at council approval, and amendments to a third were shelved for further study.

Ordinance 7, to regulate storage and prohibit the use of explosives in Franklin, was adopted by council. Resident's protests of blasting by well drillers over the past six months prompted the law.

Ordinance 8, a law to control and regulate village roads was approved subject to review and approval by Village Attorney William Hartman.

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