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Wood Creek Farms Wants Incorporation

FARMINGTON — Wood Creek Farms Civic Association intends to press for incorporation, as a village, a one-mile square area which is bounded by Inkster, Orchard Lake road, 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads...

THE PETITION was held up last fall by request of the association, until the members could get the merits of various forms of government...

Farms Budget Set at \$3,400

BINGHAM FARMS — Residents here will probably be taxed one and one-half mills to make up the difference between an expected \$1,800 from state taxes and a \$3,400 budget necessary for village operation...

OTHER expense items are: No-voice election, \$250; miscellaneous and contingencies \$300; office material expenses, \$250; and treasurer's coat, \$10.

RALPH L. DURBIN, of 4445 Chisholm trail, Bloomfield township, has only four years of auto racing experience, but in that time he has won more than 50 trophies. The silver bowl held by Durbin is his most prized trophy, the White House Trophy, awarded to him when he came in first in a race at Andrews Air Force Base in May, 1954.

Racing Trophies Rapidly Filling Ralph Durbin Home

Just three years ago, Durbin started entering races all over the country and already has won over 50 trophies. Although the greater number of "firsts" have been won with the Austin Healy, he also drives his M. G. in many races.

GLENN W. LEVEY, editor of the Southfield Kiwanian, wants to make the club's weekly bulletin the most outstanding in all Kiwanis International. (You should take lessons from the Eccentric, which has been in existence for 25 years.)

SCOTT W. COLE, Republican candidate for State representative from the fourth district, will talk on "National Security from the Pacific" at the Birmingham Community House May 3 at 1 p.m.

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP Trustee Henry M. DeMeyer and wife, Kay, were seen in Lansing last week while attending a convention of American Association of Post Accountants.

I UNDERSTAND there is an unfounded rumor making the rounds that the Boys Upper Teen Club of Southfield is a club for juvenile delinquents. That is entirely untrue.

Immediate plans call for a temporary club house in a donated, vacant house, location not revealed as yet and the boys are looking forward to police-supervised "drag" races, boating, fishing, skiing, tennis, and other indoor and outdoor sports.

DUNHAM RAY VFW Post 9952 Auxiliary officers of Southfield were installed last week by Mrs. Percy C. Kidd of Ferndale (third from left), past State President. Auxiliary President for this year, Mrs. Norman Dampousse cuts the cake as her staff of officers look on.

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Southfield's Water Rates Going Up



SOUTHFIELD—Water rates are going up, anywhere from 29 to 41 per cent in areas which will be served by Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, the township board was informed by Leonard Lamb, township water superintendent.

Set May 14 Hearing On Lathrup's Budget

LATHRUP—A public hearing will be held on the city's proposed \$117,443.85 budget for 1956-57 on May 14 at House-in-the-Woods and adoption by council will take place May 21.

GENERAL FUND would be increased over last year's \$97,704.05 by about \$20,000. The budget provides for a reduction in city operation tax levy from last year's 7.3 mills to 7.25 mills, plus a half mill allocated for the Evergreen Interceptor fund.

THE NEW budget includes \$7,536.70 for the Evergreen Interceptor sewer fund; an extra \$1,500 for the November election; \$1,456 for a part-time building permit clerk; \$1,100 more for office supplies; and \$3,800 for a 10 per cent raise to city employees.

Itemized Budget

ITEMS FOR which no allotments were made last year, and the amounts allocated are: Police patrol car, \$2,400; tree spraying, \$1,500; tree removal, \$500; dust control, \$1,500; street construction, \$3,000; contingent fund, \$2,800.15; and hospitalization insurance, \$300.

WATCZOWSKI said cost of water would probably double this year, due to the necessity of meeting a ready-to-serve charge of \$4,766.92 for the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority, and a jump from \$.75 to \$1.30 per thousand cubic feet of water.

A MEMBER of Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, Cole is on the Novi board of commerce, member of American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Veterans.

BOYS BETWEEN THE AGES of 15 and 19 are invited to join the Boys Upper Teen Club of Southfield, which has an extensive indoor-outdoor year-around program in the planning stage, according to Perry Huellmantel, (standing left) club advisor.



ELMORE LEONARD

Critics Okay Lathrup Author's Third Novel

Corey Bowen successfully escaped from Five Shadows, but it wasn't easy. Lathrup author Elmore Leonard didn't intend it to be when he created Bowen, a high-principled, rough-hewn and steel-nerved gentleman of the old west who was convicted of a crime he didn't commit and ended up at Five Shadows.

Bell Road-12 Mile Collision Hurts 2

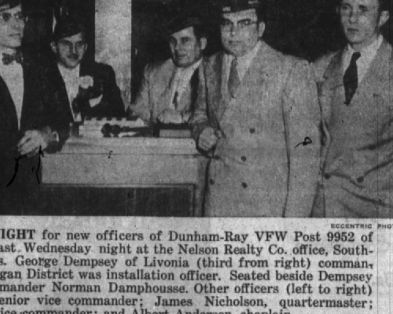
SOUTHFIELD — Sam McBride, 45, of Pontiac, suffered a fractured spine, head and face cuts when his car collided last week with another on 12 Mile road at Bell road.

ROBEN'S escape from the camp covers 213 pages of an action-packed novel recently released by the Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company of Boston through the Riverside Press of Cambridge. The novel is titled "Escape from Five Shadows" and is the third full-length book that Leonard has published under that name.

Elected President

LATHRUP—Leonard A. Watchowksi, city administrator, was elected president of Oakland County Association of Assessing Officers last week in Pontiac.

INSTALLATION NIGHT for new officers of Dunham-Ray VFW Post 9952 of Southfield was held last Wednesday night at the Nelson Realty Co. office, Southfield and 10 Mile roads.



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Twp. Board Has Heavy Agenda Tues.

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THESE THREE are: A. Southfield road area which was served by Detroit water when the township water department was created in 1942. The rate for 3,000 cubic feet of water was \$4.95. A, B, and C now all will pay \$7 per 3,000.

ON TOP of this must be added in a "ready-to-serve" charge which is a fixed yearly payment to the water authority to insure payments on the \$5 million bond issue which will be paid for the authority's system.

Authority water delivery is still expected to begin about June 1. Lamb said in his report to the board Tuesday night, Lamb added that in areas not served by the authority water the rates would remain unchanged.

MRS. MERRITT J. PIKE of 30005 Telegraph was denied a rezoning request for her two-acre now zoned Residential One. Mrs. Pike wanted it rezoned to commercial so she could sell a sporting goods wholesaler in Pontiac Trustee Hugh G. Allerton Jr., in making the motion to deny Mrs. Pike that "we're trying to hold the line on zoning."

THE BOARD declared their intention to rezone all of Hart's Little Farm subdivision in Section 29 that is now R-1 to R-2.

ECO City Subdivision rezoning from residential to R-2 is tabled until major amendment to the zoning ordinance, with the ERO classification is adopted.

MRS. LYNN HERSEY, Southfield civil defense co-director, said it would cost \$13,235 to install four sirens and accompanying bell and light warning devices, plus a bell and light in the high school, and (See RATE, Page 3, Sec. 5)

Table with 2 columns: Region Names and Champ Speller. Lists various regions and their respective champions.