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Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

TWO THUNDERBIRDS were shot out of Lathrup by Patrolman David Bourgouis after he stopped them for some minor traffic violation.

BOURGEOIS, along with Lathrup's Volunteer Police Chief Kenneth Path, is working on a plan that would bring a driver's license bureau to that city.

I WISH I was a good guesser, like Mrs. W. F. Kussy of Wing Lake, who is close and to the number of flowers used in the Detroit Flower Show with her guess of 268,700 to walk (or should we say drive) away with a 1956 Dodge.

THE MAN who is supervising Lathrup's dog roundup, Vera Hodges, when asked this week if any dogs were being caught, said, "Yes. We're catching a few dogs, but we're chasing a lot more than we catch." That's about average, Vera.

Kiwanis All Set For Flap-Jacks

SOUTHFIELD — "All the panache you can get for just one buck," emphasized Ray Chauvin, chairman of the Kiwanis Flapjack Festival, as he spoke to the club's newest and latest money-making venture, to be held April 14 from noon until 6 p.m. at Southfield 10 school.

Money from the Flapjack Festival will be used for the club's undivided club fund and boys and girls work and club members, including Kiwanigans, and Glenn Schoonhals, Ted Minko and Harry Anderson. Other Kiwanis will be serving, clearing tables and cleaning.

Assisting Chauvin will be members of the Kiwanis finance committee, George A. Watts, Thomas B. Adams, Glenn Schoonhals, Ted Minko and Harry Anderson. Other Kiwanis will be serving, clearing tables and cleaning.

Optimists to Hear Plan Consultant At Meeting Tonight

SOUTHFIELD — Optimist club members will hear David S. Geer, city planning consultant, at their meeting tonight at 8 p.m. at Frutidge Inn, on Southfield road. Geer, of the Geer consultant company, will speak on good community planning and zoning in Southfield township.

CALENDAR

- TODAY: Southfield Optimist club meeting 8:30, Frutidge Inn, Southfield. Franklin Garden club meeting 8 p.m., 22248 West 15 Mile road. Franklin Community association board, at Franklin Community hall.

Mackey Campbell Johnson Lantz in Lathrup Election



DAVID LINDSAY, two-year-old son of Lt. and Mrs. Richard D. Lindsay of Andover, Mass., and grandson of Mrs. George L. Marsh of 19081 Saratoga Blvd., Lathrup, makes friends with Peter Costello just before David went on his first Easter egg hunt at Fort Jay, Governors Island, N. Y. Lt. Lindsay, serving with the army as post veterinarian at Ft. Jay, received his B.S. and D.V.M. at Michigan State University. The Lindseys also have a daughter, Diane, four months.

Builders, S'fld Officials Promise Cooperation

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

SOUTHFIELD — A spirit of co-operation was produced last Thursday night between representatives of Detroit Metropolitan Builders Assn. (MBA) and township school and board members, despite lengthy verbal fencing.

J. D. Harrison, MBA's chairman of community facilities, told local officials that his organization would make every effort to formulate legislation aimed at easing the ever-increasing problem of over-population of schools.

He said a meeting had been set for May 4 at which time Detroit-area governmental leaders and planners would be asked to meet with MBA representatives to initiate the move towards needed legislation.

THURSDAY'S meeting was called by Township Trustee Henry M. DeMeyer who acted as moderator. Its purpose was to find some



LIGHTNING EXPLODED with the force of an artillery shell in the early morning hours Monday, scattering log-sized splinters of this tree (above) in a 50-yard radius, embedding some splinters into the ground, sprinkled some on the roof and threw others on the opposite side of the house from the tree. Kathy Geisel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice R. Geisel of 29150 Sharidale, who owns the tree, and Ann Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Johnson of 27000 Pebbleshore, survey the damaged trunk.

Favor 7-Member School Bd.

SOUTHFIELD — A third-class school district for Southfield was brought a step closer to reality Tuesday night by a resolution unanimously passed by the Area PTA Council recommending the change.

The Southfield school district presently is fourth-class which limits the school board to five members. A third-class district would increase the board to seven members.

The resolution, introduced by Robert H. Logie, chairman of the school education committee of the Southfield PTA, reads: "The Southfield Area PTA Council will take all necessary steps to bring about a vote on reclassification of Southfield school district to a district of the third-class and that the Council indicate its support of this reclassification to all Southfield school electors."

PETITIONS will be circulated immediately with a goal of 1000 signatures, according to Logie. State law requires only 300 signatures to put the issue on the ballot.

Petitions must be turned over to the school board 20 days before June 11 school year opening. If the reclassification is passed by district voters, two additional board members will be elected in June, 1957, Logie said.

The resolution was introduced at the meeting after letters received from Clair L. Taylor, superintendent of schools, cleared up questions brought up at the Council's last meeting.

Taylor certified the district has a population over 10,000, minimum necessary for a third-class district.

Taylor's office said that state aid to school transportation would be affected in no way by the reclassification.

With these two questions cleared up, the resolution immediately won popular approval of the group.

ADVANTAGES of a seven-member board cited by the PTA are: "1) Would give broader representation to our rapidly growing district."

"2) Would allow broader occupant representation on the board."

"3) The board acquires broader powers in matters of lease or exchange of school property, condemnation of land for school use and transportation of pupils."

The school board has taken no official stand on reclassification status. The Lindseys also have a daughter, Diane, four months.

Donald Ryckman, 5, Hurt Critically

EAST BEVERLY — Five-year-old Donald Ryckman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ryckman of 16099 Beverly, was injured in a condition Wednesday from injuries suffered when he was struck by a bus on the petition when it is submitted about July 1, Swen said.

Elect Mrs. Finegan GOP Unit Leader

BLOOMFIELD TWP. — Mrs. John C. Finegan, 5710 Crabtree, was elected chairman of the Township Republican Precinct Organization at a meeting at the township hall last week.

Others elected were William R. Russell, 4175 Squirrel road, vice chairman; Mrs. F. W. Rockwell, 1855 E. Millway, secretary; and Gordon T. Getzinger, 1445 W. Squaw Lake road, treasurer.

Appointed as precinct captains were: John W. Eden, 1715 Gracefield road, precinct one; Jamie M. Martin, 456 Tilbury, precinct two; John A. Roberts, 4247 Carey lane, precinct three; Charles T. Maloney, 1219 E. Square Lake road, precinct four; and Warren B. Oakley Jr., High Oaks, Blufffield Hills.

Roberts succeeded Mrs. Finegan as precinct three captain, and Mrs. Finegan took the place of Getzinger, last year's chairman.

PTA to Organize School Fair 10th Meeting

EAST SOUTHFIELD — Parent Teachers Association of East Southfield school will meet Tuesday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. for its regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. Theodore Boschma, president, states there will be no speaker this month so full meeting time may be given to the organization of the school fair to be held May 4. Refreshments will be served by first grade room mothers Mrs. Howard McDonald, Mrs. Robert Pettit, Mrs. Gerald Eastlick, and Mrs. Gregory Papp.

Township Board To Decide Budget

BLOOMFIELD TWP. — Township board will decide the size of the township's 1956-57 budget when they meet Monday at 8 p.m. at the township offices.

Arno L. Bulet, township treasurer, said the proposed budget was set at \$162,000, about \$50,000 over last year's figure.

About 30 persons were on hand Monday afternoon to grant the board permission to finalize the budget at the later date. Monday's meeting lasted about one hour, Bulet said.

Southfield Prepares Post Office Petitions

SOUTHFIELD — Petitions requesting a post office for Southfield are in the making, it was announced this week by Eugene Swen, township supervisor.

About 5,000 signatures are wanted on the petition when it is submitted about July 1, Swen said.

New Voting Station At Lutheran Church

SOUTHFIELD — Voters in precinct 13, who normally have been voting at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church, will vote at Peace Lutheran Church on 13 Mile road just west of Pierce road.

Princt 13 is in the south half of Section One and the north half of Section 12. It is bounded on the north by Beverly, on the south by 12 1/2 mile and on the west by Southfield road, according to Mrs. Fannie Adams, township clerk.

Kiwanis Meets Next With West Pontiac

SOUTHFIELD — Kiwanis club will meet next week with West Pontiac club. The meeting is a divisional get-together. About 40 Southfield members plan to attend the meeting Wednesday at Scrib's restaurant.

Last night Mrs. Lynn Hersey, of Franklin, co-director of Southfield Civil Defense was guest speaker. Robert Yinging, also of Franklin, technical advisor for the organization, accompanied her.

Convent Home Request Is Denied

SOUTHFIELD — Board of Appeals turned down the request that a 40-bed convalescent-nursing home be built across from Holy Sepulchre cemetery on 10 Mile road. Frank Gidley, building inspector said township zoning laws allow a technical hospital, a convalescent hospital but that no provisions are made for private hospitals. Borough board of appeals approval.

Permit Lathrup Postoffice To Use House-in-the-Woods

LATHRUP — City Board of Appeals granted the temporary post office use of the House-in-the-Woods' basement for six months after retiring from a public meeting Thursday.

The decision brought applause from the audience and the handful of people who had come in protest were silent.

Veld E. Blue, acting postmaster, said he had six months in which to find another, permanent quarters and if he had a site picked out and work was started, he could ask for, and would be granted another six months' use of the temporary quarters in House-in-the-Woods.

IF NO PROGRESS has been made to secure permanent quarters, the board of appeals would refuse to grant an extension of the permit, Blue was told.

Some concern has been shown among Lathrup residents about using the House-in-the-Woods as a temporary post office because they feared it would further establish a pattern of commercial use for the building in case the present owners, the Charles D. Kelleys, or some future owner wanted to convert the building to commercial use.

It is now being used as housing for city offices and civic groups.

AMONG THOSE who protested were Councilman Lantz L. Mackey, who said the Appeals Board should not grant the request.

Blue told the board that he could not go ahead with plans for a permanent post office until he was sworn in as acting postmaster, and that he would then work with a committee from the district post office to find permanent quarters.

Among those who attended the meeting, presided over by Clayton F. Detmers, were City Attorney Everett F. Hayes; Councilman Coghers; the Kelleys; and Herman Lubra, head of the city's post office committee.

Lubra said the post office would serve Lathrup city and that Southfield, which has fought establishment of a Lathrup post office, would have its own when it became a city.

734 Go To Polls Monday

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

LATHRUP — A three-man slate captured the three council seats by a sizeable majority Monday and in so doing, turned one incumbent out of office.

Winners were incumbent Councilman Lantz L. Mackey who led the six candidates with 583 votes, incumbent Mayor John G. Campbell, 550, and Fred O. Johnson, who polled 506 votes.

Mackey and Campbell, the two highest vote-getters, won two-year terms while Johnson's term is for one year.

THE OTHER candidates fell far behind as 734 voters—less than half the city's 1,700 registered electorate—went to the polls. There were 13 absentee ballots counted in that total.

Incumbent William H. Harvie trailed well behind Johnson's three places total, with 209 votes. James K. O'Leary, former mayor, polled 187 and Miss Nancy Ringland received 176 votes.

The empty seats for the Mackey-Campbell-Johnson faction displays a hearty endorsement by the majority of the voters for their program which includes a determined bid to keep gas stations out of the city.

High Court To Hear Two S'fld Cases

SOUTHFIELD — Michigan Supreme Court is hearing two cases this week that stem from Southfield township.

One of these involves a zoning case lost by the township in Oakland county circuit court, in which the land owner, Edwin White, 26635 Franklin road, wanted to rezone land within a triangle bounded by Franklin, Telegraph and Northwestern, from residential to commercial, possibly for use as a drive-in theater.

The other case is a private suit involving Township Clerk Fannie Adams, Mrs. Marion White, former co-publisher of the Four Corners Press and Betty Lewis, present publisher.

THE THREE were sued for \$200,000 by Dudley Frame, former township supervisor, who claims a letter written by Mrs. Adams and published in the Four Corners Press libeled him.

He was voted out of office in a 1951 primary shortly after the letter appeared.

Frame, presently employed by Paul Schoefe Realty, is seeking a new trial after losing the original court fight.

Frame, asking for \$100,000 punitive damages and \$100,000 for defamation of character, lost the original decision in circuit court.

Wife of Senator To Be Honor Guest At Spring Tea

SOUTHFIELD — Mrs. Donald Swanson will entertain at a tea Thursday, April 12 at her home at 24085 Pennsylvania. Guest of honor will be Mrs. Patrick McNamara, wife of U. S. Senator Patrick McNamara.

Guests will be members of the Southfield Democratic club and residents of 1,300 Washington Heights subdivision.

Mrs. Swanson's table will be centered with a flower arrangement of pink carnations, Japanese iris and daffodils. Four Royal Oak, mother of Donald Swanson and Mrs. Harry Brown of Royal Oak, mother of Mrs. Swanson.

Greeting guests will be Mrs. Alfred Savary and Mrs. Edna Jones. About 60 guests are expected to attend.

Set Annual Meeting For Friday, 8 p.m.

SOUTHFIELD — Township's Annual meeting, called to order Monday at 1 p.m., was postponed until Friday at 8 p.m. in the Southfield high school.

Motion to postpone was made by Frank Gidley, 22550 Telegraph road, and seconded by R. F. Wurfel of 25120 Circle Drive. The meetings are usually adjourned to a nighttime date to allow greater attendance. Last year's meetings are called on the first Monday of April at 1 p.m.

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