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Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

ANYONE have a pool table they don't want? Boys Upper Teens club of Southfield, located in their new (and first) home at 23100 Northwestern highway, have about everything they need in the recreation line except the aforementioned pool table, according to Perry Huellmantel, club advisor. If you have one (or two) tables for sale, you are stumbling over the boys' quarters. (Incidentally, their newly acquired phone number is ELgin 6-8888.)

AT LEAST ONE Franklin-ite in a Bloomfield fare took her glasses on when she stepped into the polling booth and consequently voted for one of Bloomfield's opponents. Seems that candidates names on the voting machines were placed in different order than they were on the sample ballot on display.

RUMORS THAT Convoy of the Sacred Heart, now with main headquarters on Woodward Wilson avenue in Detroit, is thinking of moving to the Bloomfield township area, were confirmed this week by church officials. "We hope to build in the Bloomfield township area, but so far have no deed," said the official. The Convoy has a Groesse Pointe Branch.

IRWIN COHEN, Detroit attorney, trying to get an extension on his commercial property at the southwest corner of Maple and Telegraph, drew a lot of chuckles Monday night when he called for his statement. He was asked whether he was a Democrat or a Republican. "I'm neither," said Cohen. "I'm honest." (That isn't quite fair. Mr. Cohen, I know one or two members of both parties that I think are honest.)



ELIZABETH PHOTO

THESE GLADIOLAS might not be record-breakers as far as height is concerned but they'll hold their own with any we've seen anywhere, not only for height—the tallest measured 63 inches—but also in beauty. Judy Winchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Winchell, 24422 Bloomington drive, Franklin, holds up the ends of two of the highest growing gladioli to compare them with her own height. The flowers are products of the Winchells' backyard garden.

Question Legality Of Road

FRANKLIN COUNCIL — At the Franklin Village council meeting Monday night, councilman Philip Van Dyke asked that a letter be sent to William Hartman, village attorney, to clear up legal entanglements and to set a procedure for village action regarding roads by the new Franklin Community church.

The letter asks that Hartman set up in detail for the necessary procedure the council must follow to: 1) Grade Normandy from Wellington to Irving; 2) Re-locate Irving; 3) Close roads from Normandy to Brandingham.

THE LETTER will make clear to Hartman that George Wellington Smith, subdivision owner who gave the property to the church, will pay for the relocation of Irving and has donated the land in front of the church on which the new road is to be built. Answer to the letter is requested by Sept. 10 when Franklin Village council will hold another discussion on the matter. "Hartman's reply should settle the question of what has this bill put in, or at least know where the road will be so we can grade up to it."

THE MOTION, made by Van Dyke and seconded by Robert Mitchell, Franklin road administrator, culminated a two-hour discussion. Franklin Community church representatives, Harry Barr and Norman Kreider, were present at the meeting and participated in the discussion. It was discussed to get this settled. Kreider said, "We want to put in sidewalks and landscape the grounds around the new church before the September dedication, but we can't do this until the road is put in, or at least know where the road will be so we can grade up to it."

"CONFUSION and indecision on the new road, closing of another and relocation of a third, has gone on for more than eight months. Involved is the lack of money in village funds, the lack of a new road, which according to Mitchell would be about \$2,000. The church in front of the church is in question, some believing it to be the Village of Franklin, and others the subdivision developer's obligation to complete a road he had planned but never completed. There is also question as to whether the road was put in at one time but never acceptable to the county. "If the new road becomes the responsibility of F. E. village," Mitchell pointed out, "our charter indicates we can take up any and all building without a two-third affirmative vote of the electorate."

Judge Cross Faces Drunk Driving Court

LATHRUP — Newly-appointed justice of the peace, Bernard Cross, 51, of 18419 Sunnybrook, was arrested at a Monday night drunk driving charge in Clawson. He was appointed July 24 after former Judge F. L. Fykes resigned during a police department controversy. Cross had submitted his own resignation last week but council was unable to act on the request after Councilman Fred O. Johnson walked out of the meeting, thereby leaving no quorum to carry on business. Cross has stated in his letter of resignation that he pressed his resignation to withdraw, but it has been alleged that Cross was asked to resign after a similar drinking incident. Clawson police charge that Cross was driving 70 miles per hour on the wrong side of 4 1/2 mile road when arrested. He was to come before Justice Harry McQuinn last night.

Bim. Zone Bd. Tables Hearing on Telegraph Commercial Extension

BLOOMFIELD TWP.—Township zoning board tabled for one year a petition entered by Irwin Cohen, Detroit attorney, asking that a 500-foot strip zoned commercial along Telegraph just south of Maple road, be increased to 1,000 feet. After Cohen and nearby residents argued for and against the zoning, Cohen voluntarily entered the postponement which he termed an "adjournment." George F. Taylor, attorney representing Steve Darcy, 4120 W. Maple road, objected to the word "adjournment." He believed the word might lead the board to feel that the present board had looked upon Cohen's request favorably.

TAYLOR wanted Cohen's petition resubmitted next year but withdrew his objection when the word "tabled" was substituted for "adjourned." About 30 residents from Foxcroft and the nearby area were present to protest the extension of commercial zoning another 500 feet south of Telegraph.

The property in contention, at the southwest corner of Maple and Telegraph roads, had been zoned commercial for a distance of 500 feet south and west from the corner and was 200 feet deep.

Down Under' Countries Welcome F. T. Harringtons

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR

BERKSHIRES — Since relatively few Americans ever get as far as Australia or New Zealand, those "down-under" countries rolled out their best red carpet and gave an enthusiastic welcome to visitors, Mr. and Mrs. F. Theodore Harrington, West Lincoln, who returned last week from the 22 thousand mile trip. "We were honored," smiled Mrs. Harrington, who often accompanies her husband on his business trips. "The newspapers lauded Mr. Harrington as an automation expert" since he came from Detroit and is connected with the hydraulic industry.

HARRINGTON, vice president in charge of sales for Vickers Inc., traveled to Australia and New Zealand on business in connection with the company's subsidiary, Vickers Detroit Hydraulic Proprietary Ltd. "Industrial firms in Australia are much interested in developing production methods along American lines," Harrington said. "They would like to buy our products, but import duties makes this prohibitive. An American automobile in Australia has a 40 percent import tax. In New Zealand, it's 98 percent. So the people do the next best thing—either build their own cars, or assemble American cars there."

FITTING in eight-seeing expedition between a tight business schedule, Mr. Harrington with his wife, was able to see the usual tourist attractions along with many unusual sights and inspections of out-of-the-ordinary places. "We saw Koala bears, kangaroos, wallabies," Mrs. Harrington said, "but we also went through one of the most modern steel mills in the world in Port Kembla. It was dead winter while we were in Australia," Mrs. Harrington said, "damp and cold, but I was amazed at the tall trees and green green grass. "Several species of American trees were imported and now are grown on huge tree farms. Redwood and Douglas firs are called "exotic" trees there and grow six times faster than in America."

Kiwanis Picnic

SOUTHFIELD — Annual Southfield Kiwanis picnic will be held Sunday at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. John Grimes, 23300 West Eleven Mile road, starting at 4 p.m.

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COHEN was successful in January 1955 in having the zoning changed to make the commercial zone 500 feet at the corner where he plans to construct a shopping center. Now he would like to have an additional 500 x 500 feet just west of the property has been offered by Cohen as a greenbelt or park as a buffer between the commercial zoning and residential property to the west, should the zoning switch be made. "What the people of Foxcroft don't want is a string of commercial buildings, right at the corner," said Frederick M. Lawrence, 6112 Lantern lane.

SEVERAL others also felt that to allow the extension of commercial zoning on the south side of Maple would mean a breach in zoning which could be used as a wedge to build commercially on the north side of Telegraph. Drayton McQuinn, owner of a business at 4076 W. Maple, supported Cohen, saying that increased commercial zoning is needed for additional parking area, both at his own development and at the Cohen location across the street. RAYMOND O. Darling, 6851 Crestway drive, Foxcroft, vice president, said, "We need no further commercial development in this area. If 500 feet by 500 feet (zoned commercial) was adequate one year ago I see no reason for this board to change it at this time." Cohen answered that he needed the extension in order to meet competition of the large shopping center being built at Telegraph and Square Lake roads. Then Cohen proposed the postponement. "Let's adjourn this hearing for one year. Let us go ahead with our project and see what we have to offer. Let us see whether I'm right or you're right," said Cohen. "I will not force the issue."

Morningside Heights Platen Approval

BLOOMFIELD TWP. — Approval was granted to Mortgage Finance Corp. of Detroit for a hotel plat, Morningside Heights Number Two, in the northwest quarter of Sec. 27. The board listened through questioning the corporation's representative and through Superior Arno L. Hulet, that water and sewage were available to the plat, and that sewage lines had been tapped into that of another subdivision without the township's knowledge. "We had lines in the ground ourselves on other subdivisions tapping into present sewers or pretty soon our own sewers will be installed," said Trustee Mark R. Kraus.

At Press Time

SOUTHFIELD — Disabled AMERICAN Veterans "For-Get-Me-Not" Poppy sale in Southfield Sept. 14, 15, was approved Tuesday by township board.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Southhampton subdivision sewer will be Aug. 21. This was the sewer hearing last almost started before the incorporation vote June 7, 1955, but then never completed because of Southfield's inability to bond. Three other similar requests are pending but there are no petitions on them. SOUTHFIELD VILLAGE EAST

REQUEST FOR commercial zoning on two lots east of Wolverine Hardware at 12 Mile and Southfield was denied by the board. The owner, Dr. F. J. Finkell said a Kroger store would have been built if the land could be switched from residential.

CIVIL DEFENSE spending was directed by township board until CD Curber by Mrs. Lynn Hersey presented a complete alert system and the costs. Board members objected to spending of funds in small amounts, and objected to paying \$100 as the township's share of plastic alert cards on two accounts: 1) The board had not authorized the expenditure. 2) They objected to having a local business (in this case The Eccentric) getting advertising on plastic alert cards which were paid for by the township. The Eccentric's share of the cost was \$250.

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Are You Sure You Are Registered For Nov. Election?

SOUTHFIELD — Residents who are registered with the city of Southfield but not with the township learned this week that they would be unable to vote in the November general election unless they also registered with the township. In a letter to these potential voters, Mrs. Fannie Adams, township clerk said: "In checking the City registration books with the township registration books, we discover that you are properly registered to vote on the charter election to be held Dec. 3, 1956, but you are not registered to vote as a township elector in the Presidential election. "THE STATE Attorney General has ruled that no one shall be permitted to vote at the Presidential election November 6 unless registered as a township elector. In compliance with the above ruling this notice is being sent to you to advise that you must register on or before Oct. 8 if you wish to vote Nov. 6. "The township office is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Saturdays, and Monday the office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m."

Air Gun Ordinance

W. H. M. TWP. — An ordinance regulating use of air guns was introduced by Fred Blakeslee. According to Blakeslee, State law does not permit townships to pass such ordinances, although cities are empowered to do so.

Charter Commission Tables Resignation Of Henry De Meyer

SOUTHFIELD — Charter commissioners tabled the resignation offered by fellow commissioner Henry M. De Meyer —laying it aside until they could wind up the charter and get De Meyer's signature on the document to insure its legality. De Meyer, agreeable to this, was obviously disappointed at what he termed a lack of faith in township officials by Southfield voters who last week turned down three proposals which would have allowed a two mill tax for five years to acquire a large park site and facilities; a series of neighborhood park sites and equipment; and a governmental office site and building.

Meyer who contended that setting hours of police was a city council function. Mrs. James Molnar and Russell H. Cullen abstained. A resolution by Marsh that the justice of the peace system adopted earlier by the commission be switched to a municipal court set-up. His motion was defeated 6-3. Other than setting the first meeting of the city council to be held after Jan. 1, 1957, should the charter be adopted at the Dec. 3 charter election, other revisions made by commissioners were of a routine nature.

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HOLDING THEIR EARS to block out the noise of the Chrysler siren, tested last Saturday, are (left to right) Southfield township Supervisor Eugene Swem, Civil Defense Director Mrs. Lynn Hershey and Franklin Village President Harold A. Roseberry. Roseberry, an electrical expert, said the tests were not conclusive and that the siren did not live up to expectations. Spotting of sirens will be another important factor, said Roseberry. Another test of Federal and Chrysler sirens will be held later this month or next month.

GROUND WAS BROKEN Tuesday for this modern one-story Allstate Insurance Co. regional office building on Northland drive west of Northwestern and Detroit. On hand for the ceremonies were Foster Winter, treasurer of J. L. Hudson Co.; Judson B. Branch, Allstate senior vice president; Horace Carpenter, Northland Center vice president and general manager; and Joseph E. Henry, Allstate midwest zone vice president. A 212-member staff will move into the new quarters. Additional help will be hired locally, according to George C. P. Detroit regional manager, who said the site would have room for a 225-car parking lot.