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Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

HOW STRANGE it was to hear church bells ringing out "America the Beautiful" at 12 midnight in Lathrup Saturday. When it happened again Sunday midnight, one of our trusty hackprow writers, Mrs. Dorothy Zetell called Mrs. William H. Commons at the Community Church Congregational to find out how come?

Mrs. Commons said some work was being done on the bell system and that workmen had not yet made proper adjustments. Mr. Commons shut off the electrical system Sunday a. m., but someone had turned it on again, hence the late music Sunday night.

I BELIEVE, along with several others with whom I have talked, that Harry N. Dell, Southfield township attorney, deserves a pat on the back for a very effective bit of court work Friday when he argued successfully that an injunction to restrain Southfield sewer franchise election should not be granted.

Dell, without flowery speech, nailed down his case point by point, as a carpenter would in building a house, and when finished there was little doubt that he would come out the winner.

Because an attorney's job, among other things, is often a thankless one, I think it would be appropriate for interested Southfield citizens to take time to thank Mr. Dell for presenting their case so effectively.

DAVID B. REDWOOD, of Lathrup, director of Chevrolet Group club, said this week that his club has selected to appear at the premiere performance of Lowell Thomas "Seven Wonders of the World," which replaces Cinema Holiday at the Detroit Music Hall Tuesday.

Southfield Charter Commissioner Marvin R. Marsh recently enjoyed the thrill of racing in the "Great Lakes" classic.

The first, the annual Bay View Race from Port Huron to Mackinac, was aboard the Starburst, owned by Melburn McPetrie of 18404 Dorset.

The Starburst, with a crew of seven placed Ninth in the "D" Division.

Something from the Starburst to the Meteor III at Mackinac, Marsh then became part of a six-man crew that raced from Chicago to Mackinac in the annual Chicago-Mackinac race sponsored by the Chicago Yacht club.

In "D" Division, the 39-footer finished second, and of 41 boats that started, the Meteor III placed fifth. The Meteor is owned by Henry Burkhard of Detroit.

I imagine there are a good many readers who would readily have traded places with Marsh, who is a former sailboat owner and experienced sailor.

Special Delivery

BLOOMFIELD—A man of few words, as yet, Jimmy Damman, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. a m. n. Chamberlain drive, expressed no fear after his wild ride down a neighbor's driveway.

Climbing into his father's car unnoted, the car was soon traveling at good speed down the drive and into the road, coming to an abrupt halt as it backed into a mail box.

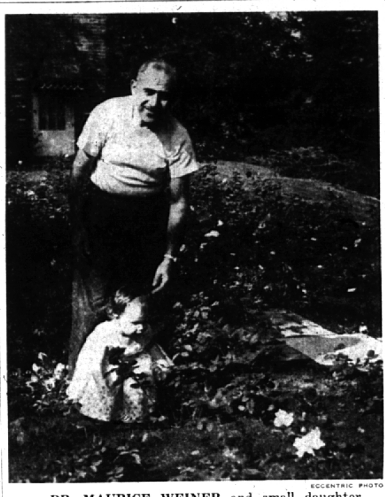
If Jimmy suffered any injury it was by contact with his father's strong right hand.

Returns from Camp

ROTC cadet James M. Taylor Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor, Birmingham road, Southfield township, and student at Lehigh University, has returned home from six weeks of ROTC summer camp at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

Attempt Made to Fire Lathrup City Administrator

About One-Third of Registered Voters Turn Out



DR. MAURICE WEINER and small daughter Anne pause a moment in their stroll through the rose garden adjoining the Weiner home on Lahser road.

450 Rose Bushes Keep Doctor Busy on Day Off

By ANNE YOUNG

SOUTH BERKSHIRES—What does a doctor do on his day off? Well, every man rides his own hobby and with Dr. Maurice J. Weiner of Lahser road, it's gardening.

Decidedly impressive is his rose garden, enhancing the picturesque landscape and quaint charm of the grounds surrounding the farm colonial home. Blooming in a perfect riot of color are 450 rosebushes of some 250 varieties.

It would seem that this would entail a tremendous amount of time, but Dr. Weiner spends five minutes a day cutting dead heads and ten minutes each week for dusting—prefering a rose dust rather than a spray.

ONCE A YEAR in the spring, the beds are fertilized with a good organic fertilizer and to eliminate weeding, the rose beds are covered with blackheat hulls. Dr. Weiner contends that roses should be properly planted and bare root roses are better than potted ones.

He always puts the roses under water, spreads the roots and adds dirt—roses he says, should never be crowded.

Recent additions to the rose garden are the Sun King, Snow White, Flirtation, Courtship, Twilight and Careless Love. Doctor doesn't have any particular favorites but he fond of the blend roses such as Mojave and Hilltop.

HIS BEST FRIENDS are the Duke Charles, Malloran and Heart's Desire. Dorothy, his wife, is rather partial to Sutter's Gold remembrance.

To date, Dr. Weiner has planted over 400 evergreens and shrubs around the grounds and is now deeply engrossed in terracing a hillside and planting numerous



NEW COMMANDER of American Legion Post 407 in Southfield is Alexander Anderson, (second from right) who took charge of the post for the first time Monday night. Congratulating Anderson is Past Commander Joseph J. Sefernick (right) as Tom Weisheit (second from left), senior vice commander, and Ray Hendricks, junior vice commander, look on.

Proposals Have Ups & Downs in S'fld, Blm. Twps.

About one-third of the registered voters in this area went to the primary polls yesterday and disappointed many a would-be politician as well as some local officials who were hoping that local proposals would be looked upon favorably.

SOUTHFIELD

In Southfield, which has about 13,900 registered voters, only 4,684 turned out.

Three proposals to provide a total of two mills for park and recreation sites and facilities and a governmental site and buildings, were rejected by a 2-1 vote.

Proposal No. 1 requesting .8 mill for five years for neighborhood parks, received 1,316 "yes" votes and 2,195 "no" votes. The second proposition seeking 1 mill for a major park site and facilities, was voted down 1,111-2,422. The third was defeated 729-2,251 for five years for a site and building to house the government, was voted down 1,309-2,281.

A FOURTH proposal, granting franchise to Southfield Evergreen Corp., a private company which plans to build a trunkline sewer between 14 and 8 Mile roads down Evergreen, was passed 1,968-1,706. See Section 1 for further election details.

FRANKLIN

In this area there are approximately 1,100 voters, of which 478 went to the polls.

They turned down the first three Southfield proposals, even more emphatically than did the township as a whole.

On the first, 83 voters said "yes" and 248 said "no." The second was rejected by a 77-252 decision, and the third was defeated 72-251.

The franchise proposal also was defeated by a 133-200 decision.

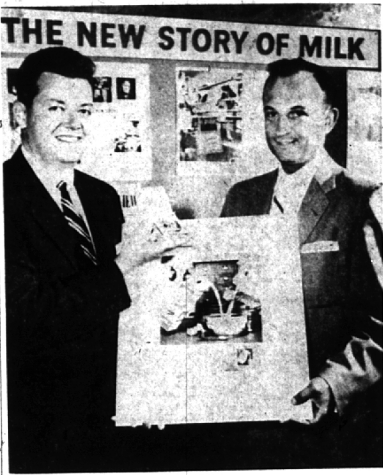
BLOOMFIELD TWP.

In Bloomfield township, where 6,300 residents registered, 2,359 voters showed up.

On the first proposition, which would abolish annual meetings, 1,100 voters said "yes" and 1,258 "no."

The second proposition, which requested 2 mills for 10 years to provide added police and fire protection and more road maintenance, was okayed, 1,051-504.

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RALPH C. CHARBENEAU, (right) advertising and public relations director of Pure-Pak division of Ex-Cello Corp., receives the Silver Award medal for Pure Pak's use of color photography in national magazine advertising. Making the presentation is Dale Brubaker, a member of the board of directors of the Art Directors club of Detroit. Charbeneau lives at 27080 Wellington, Franklin Village, and Brubaker at 6884 S. Clunbury, W. Bloomfield township.

Deny injunction to Halt S'field's Franchise Election

SOUTHFIELD—An injunction, sought to stop Southfield from holding a special election to grant a franchise to a private sewer company, was refused by Visiting Circuit Judge Anthony C. Quinn Friday.

Complainant Myron Greenfield, Southfield real estate broker, was ordered to pay all costs of the court suit which he instituted July 31.

One of his two attorneys, Pliny W. Marsh, former Detroit circuit court judge, said he did not know if the suit would be appealed to the Supreme Court. Greenfield's other attorney is Glenn C. Gillespie, former Oakland county circuit judge.

JUDGE QUINN cited Act 266 of the public Acts of 1909 as the key to his decision. This act gives townships the right to grant franchises to "lay pipes and conduits to private interests, to operate and maintain the same and the right to transact a local business in such township."

"The controlling question is whether or not the above statute can be interpreted to include sewers, even though the term 'sewer' does not appear in the act," said Judge Quinn.

It was Quinn's opinion that Michigan statutes give authority to inhabitants of any township to make "all such orders and by-laws for directing and managing the prudential affairs of the township, as they shall judge most conducive to the peace, WELFARE and good order thereof."

QUINN FURTHER ruled that when the act was passed sanitation had no connection with the term, "welfare" but today, "Especially in heavily populated areas as are involved here, welfare immediately connotes sanitation, among other things."

The term "pipes or conduits" in the act, under present day conditions certainly can and does include sewers. If this is true, statutory authorization for the action taken by the township board exists, concluded Quinn.

FRIDAY Gillespie cited, among others, three major reasons why he thought the injunction should be granted:

21) Township has no authority to grant a franchise to a private sewer company.

22) Township has no authority to company was a means to put in the Aug. 11, when a new law gives townships that express power.

Harry N. Dell, township attorney, told the court that the township has only one problem, that is the novelty of the application of the law.

POINTING out that Southfield (See ELECTION, Page 2, Sec. 5)

Councilman Johnson Calls Move 'Steamroller' Tactics

LATHRUP—An apparently unsuccessful attempt to fire the City Administrator Leonard A. Watchowski, was made Monday by two members of council.

With Councilmen Lantz L. Mackey and Richard N. Cogger out of town, Councilman Kathryn Feysereisen asked that "old business" on the agenda be placed in the number one spot for immediate consideration.

Then she read a type-written resolution which would end Watchowski's employment the third week in August.

Councilman Frederick O. Johnson, apparently indignant, termed the resolution "steamroller tactics" and left the room before a vote could be taken on the issue.

THIS ENDED the council meeting because there was no longer a quorum, but Mayor John G. Campbell, who backed Feysereisen, requested a roll call vote and received two "yes" votes.

Johnson, as he was leaving, was told by Feysereisen that he left the meeting he would be guilty of misconduct in office by refusing to take a "yes" vote which would take a "yes" vote of at least three of the five councilmen to quit Watchowski.

Miss Feysereisen's reason for asking for Watchowski's dismissal was his alleged pressuring for a paid position, which three members of council had apparently settled at a special meeting on the afternoon of Aug. 27, with Feysereisen and Campbell absent.

CAMPBELL called for an adjourned meeting to be held Saturday at 10 a. m., but it is doubtful if the meeting will take place. Johnson, who walked out of Monday night's meeting in disgust, said he would be out of town until late Saturday. The other absent councilmen are not expected to be back by Saturday.

The council did not have a chance to consider a letter of resignation from newly-appointed Justice of Peace L. Bernard Cross, appointed two weeks ago.

Place Leonard V. Pytkas, whose letter of resignation touched off controversy, was paid and volunteer police and resulted in the resignation of Lathrup's only fulltime policeman, David J. Bourgeois.

THEY ALSO were interviewed, but could take no action in appointing a replacement to Beth Cole city clerk, who resigned last week. She said her resignation had nothing to do with the police department but was because of family responsibilities.

The repercussions of Feysereisen's resolution also left Attorney Hayes wondering about policy in connection with a court suit slated for Friday in Oakland county circuit court in answer to a writ by State Water. Hayes said a dispute which wants action taken by Lathrup to end pollution of the Rouge river. "Now I've got to go ahead and use my own judgment and make policy," said Hayes.

AS TO THE legal aspects of Monday's meeting, Hayes said that according to Michigan law, a council has no vote taken on Watchowski's dismissal.

Johnson's alleged misquestion, Hayes said the big question is whether he can walk out and deliberately destroy a quorum. "I don't have to vote for anything that, in my mind, is not good for Lathrup," said Johnson when contacted Tuesday.

"IT CERTAINLY is a minority opinion trying to be fostered in the name of the council," added Johnson who stated that as far as he was concerned there would be no more meetings of the council on Watchowski's dismissal until the full council membership was present.

Of the meeting itself Johnson said, "It was certainly a behavior of the council which was foreign to the past proceedings of the council, in the fact that the matter was of grave importance, was presented without the prior knowledge of other members of the council." Johnson also pointed to the settlement of the police controversy as another reason why the resolution came as a surprise.

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WORKMEN ARE completing construction on Bloomfield Hills' newest elementary school—Eastover. The long, low L-shaped modern building will contain 6 classrooms, kindergarten, all-purpose room, clinic, and offices. When completed, the school will cost approximately \$300,000 and is designed so that additional classrooms can be added. Location of Eastover is on Westview road off of N. Adams and will accommodate 200 students in the Fall from that area.