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Political Maneuvering Marks 'Red' Post-Election Recount

Sidelights Demand S'fld Charter Election Recount

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS WORD COMES to me from Mrs. C. J. Lundberg, head of Lathrup's co-operative nursery that four-year-old Barbara Gallagher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Joseph Gallagher Jr., 18141 Sunnybrook caused quite a stir this week among the nursery tots (and grownups, too) when served a new blend of orange and grapefruit juice during a refreshment period. After sampling the admittedly hissing drink, Barbara warned her fellow playmates, "Stop. Don't drink this. We've been poisoned." Some imagination, isn't it?

LIKE THURMAN and Brittain's Winston Churchill who wrote their memoirs after retiring from public office, so will Southfield Township Trustee Luther Wagner, says he, jokingly, following a lengthy board meeting Tuesday night. "I'll sure have a lot of things to write about," said Wagner, who, with the other board members has been fighting the good fight to bring better government to Southfield.

FRANKLIN FIMON had better watch out because Village Marshal Jack Roberts sez he's going to crack down on the dogs running around loose. He said he's had his ears chewed off by irate women complaining about roaming about ruining their gardens and he's sick and tired of it.

From now on, Roberts states emphatically, Franklin dogs must be penned or on a leash, otherwise they'll get nicked up and hauled off to the Southfield dog pound. Further, it will cost the owners ten bucks to get them out of 'hook' (Since you are already overburdened with complaints, I'll refrain from calling you about a big red Irish setter that chews the birds out of their daily rations in my house, Jack.)

SOUTHFIELD to w's n's employees will enjoy half day vacation Dec. 24, but township board decided that work should continue as usual on Dec. 31, the day before New Year's so employees will be on duty until 5 p.m. that day.

Marcotte Clinic Zoning board last week approved use of a ranch-type home and of land owned by Dr. Oliver Marcotte on the north side of 10 Mile road west of Telegraph for use as a medical clinic. Only a handful of persons objected while 131 residents, by petition, approved the move, according to R. F. Wuerfel, board chairman.

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My recipe's the same as with my neighbors—use all the sugar you can, then double it.

New Police Car BLOOMFIELD—Supervisor Arno L. Hulet was authorized to seek bids on a new police car. Receiving a police car was discouraged by Hulet who said he thought the car would cost less if purchased outright.



LATHRUP LIONS CLUB held an organizational meeting last week at which club officers were elected. Guests and charter members of the new club shown above are: (left to right) Charlie Ray, University Lions; Guy Antonelli, two-year director of the new club; Leonard Watchowski, Lathrup Lions secretary; Tom Kent, District governor; Frank Pecorara, Lathrup president; William Bailey, deputy district governor; John Crawley, Berkeley; Jerald Stone, one-year

7 Election Mistakes Charged

SOUTHFIELD — Three township residents have requested a recount of the Dec. 3 election in which 43 voters turned down the second proposed City of Southfield charter by 43 votes. Charter Commission Secretary (and election commission secretary) Russell H. Cullen announced Tuesday that Patrick Flannery, 25506 Noel; Ray E. Woods, 18480 W. Nine Mile; and Vincent Soto, 23890 Lee Baker drive; presented the petition along with \$60 to cover cost of the recount. Cullen said he would call for the recount at an early date, possibly late this week or next week.

A LEGAL question arises with the north end anti-incorporationists attempting to set petitions on the defacto mayor requesting election of a new charter commission. Do those who want a new commission have 10 days from the time of the canvass (which took place last Thursday) to seek the defacto mayor with their petitions, or do they have 10 days from the time of the petition along with \$60 to serve their re-election petitions.

Most agree that this recount will extend the normal 10-day period to serve their re-election petitions.

THE RECOUNT petition served on Cullen charges:

- 1) That the protective counter numbers were incorrectly read;
2) That absentee ballots were improperly tabulated on the respective voting machines;
3) That voted absentee ballots were improperly recorded on the returns;
4) That the counter readings on the proposition in question were improperly read and recorded on the inspectors' statements on the returns in the respective precincts;
5) That the total number of votes cast at said special election does not correspond with the number of votes shown on the poll lists;
6) THAT A model representing a portion of the face of the voting machine and containing fictitious names was not delivered to each board of election inspector for use on election day as provided by statute;
7) That numerous other errors, mistakes, irregularities were committed which can only be corrected by means of a recount.

Dr. H. E. Jones of Franklin, was named chief of staff of Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital at an annual staff meeting held Dec. 4.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Scheduled Dec. 16 LATHRUP—The official tree lighting ceremony of the City of Lathrup Village will take place Dec. 16 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the north end of Lathrup school. Program Chairman David B. Redwood, assisted by William B. Connors, has asked the Salvation Army Band of Royal Oak to furnish music for the ceremony.

Scout explorers and Girl Scout troops 155 and 167 will present carols. Carols will be sung by cubs, scouts, brownies and girl scout troops, directed by Bernard Lesley, director of music at Community Congregational Church.

Lathrup police will on hand to direct traffic and escort Santa who will arrive in a most unusual manner to distribute candy canes. The 35-foot balsam tree is the gift to the city from Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Kelley of Lathrup Town Hall.



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Set Nominating Deadlines For Twp. Primary Elections

Deadline for filing nominating petitions for township of fices in the Feb. 18 partisan primary elections will be the last week of this month.

In Southfield, according to Clerk Fannie Adams, the deadline is 4 p.m. on Dec. 31 for filing nominating petitions for office of a supervisor; clerk, treasurer, four trustees; one justice of the peace for a four-year term; four constables; and one member of the board of review. All except the justice of the peace are elected for two years.

BLOOMFIELD township Treasurer Homer W. Case said deadline is Dec. 28 at 4 p.m. for filing nominating petitions for office of supervisor; clerk; treasurer; four trustees; one justice of the peace for two years; four constables; two board of review members; and two trustees, one for a two-year term, the other for a four-year term. All other offices are for two year terms except the justice of the peace post which is for four years.

DEC. 31 at 4 p.m. is the deadline for filing nominating petitions in West Bloomfield, according to Hilary Thatcher, supervisor. Offices to be filled there are: supervisor; clerk; treasurer; one trustee for two years; one for two years; one board of review member; one board of review member; one board of review member. Other offices are for two year terms.

WATER Superintendent Leonard Lamb recommended that the township board hire a fulltime engineer to check all future sewer construction in Southfield. He also went along with Lamb on the acceptance of responsibility of Rodney Lockwood's Cranbrook Village sewage treatment plant as of Jan. 1, but will not take formal action until the next board meeting, Dec. 18.

Lamb was requested to try and bring about desired changes in the sewage plant's operation and construction before Jan. 1.

ON MOTION of Trustee Wagner the board declared their intention of upgrading sidewalk requirements from a minimum of five and ten feet to 7 1/2 and 12 1/2 feet. He will ask the zoning board to call a public hearing.

A THREE-STORY retail development on the east side of Telegraph and South streets, present commercial development at Northwest, was sent to the planning commission for recommendations.

IN THE future, all persons concerned in special assessment districts will be notified of the final confirmation of the rolls.

PUBLIC hearing on petitions for changing Henry road from Sheridan to Madison will be held Jan. 8 at 8 p.m.

PAVING COSTS for Lafayette Circle will be \$20,175.71 or \$5.40 per front foot. Low bidder was A & A Asphalt. The work will be over 10 years at six per cent.

WATER MAINS in Bedford Villas will cost \$27,434.32 or \$2.76 per front foot. Low bid of 20 submitted was by Ben Fyke Co. Payment will be over seven years at six per cent.

Want Dryden Lane Improvements Made BLOOMFIELD—Bloomfield Estates subdivision residents have petitioned the township board for extension and improvement of Dryden Lane between Brookdale and the Grand Trunk railroad in section 24. Trustee Albert A. Clark noted that the area be set up as a special assessment district and that the township advertise for bids and call for a public hearing. Every resident in the area signed the petition.

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Petitioners Want New Charter Commission

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS SOUTHFIELD—Leaders on each side of Southfield's political fence are sitting on the edges of their chairs watching the cat-and-mouse maneuvers being played out on both sides. Those on the winning side in the recent defeat of City of Southfield's proposed second charter have three petitions asking for election of a new charter commission.

Those seeking to set up the remaining time between now and June 7 when, if Southfield hasn't adopted a charter it reverts to the complete township status it had when residents voted for incorporation June 7, 1955.

THESE anti-incorporationists, centered in the Berberie and Beverly Hills areas of northern Southfield, but to do this they must block a third charter vote.

The maneuvering becomes even more complicated because the identity of the defacto mayor, who must process any petition for election of a new charter commission, is not clear.

Donald L. Swanson was elected defacto mayor at a candidate vote when the first charter was rejected. However, his term was to run "until a charter is adopted," so says the law.

BUT THE SECOND charter was not adopted and another man, Supervisor Eugene Swem was top vote-getter.

Who then is the defacto mayor? The position of a new candidate must be served on the defacto mayor within 10 days of the candidate vote which took place last Thursday. Which means the petitions must be served by Saturday.

Or does it? Tuesday south-enders disappointed by their defeat by such a narrow margin (45 votes) have petitioned for a re-election. They believe that anti-incorporationists have to file a petition for election of charter commission no later than the day of the recount which has not as yet been held.

TO MAKE SURE they serve the right man, petitioners, headed by Ted Shurtleff have readied three petitions—one for Swanson, one for Swem and one for Thomas M. Costello, elected councilman-at-large at the Dec. 3 charter election. Swanson and one for Thomas M. Costello, elected councilman-at-large at the Dec. 3 charter election. Swanson was supposed to be elected immediately after the election. Swem was supposed to be out of town so he would not be served with an election petition, and Costello was supposed to be in town.

In reluctantly accepting petitions for a new Charter Commission, by their own admission, the petitioners by making myself "unavailable" under the provisions of the law, Southfield still can have a seven-member board which will be the better for having done so in a proper and legal manner, he concluded.

SWEM, OUT of contact with all but a few persons, but who has been absent from his post to attend conferences in Lansing, to visit his sister in Chicago and now on the advice of his doctors has taken a vacation which will end sometime this weekend.

SHURLEFF and his aides have openly announced they are attempting to serve all three—even and offices.

According to Shurtleff, Swem, returning through his secretary, said he had tried to contact Shurtleff Monday night, just before he left on vacation, but was unable to contact Shurtleff either at his home or office.

Shurtleff said Tuesday that neither his secretary nor he had received any call from Swem during the two-hour period in which Swem said he attempted to call Shurtleff.

IF FORCED, "I would be in court and their time to write a third charter) would be fleeting. If they try to meet with the present charter commission we'd go to court," added Shurtleff who said that should the north-enders be forced to go into the City of Southfield because of slush tactics, pro-incorporation leaders it would mean the political downfall of those persons because the north-enders would vote solidly against them in ensuing elections.

"I would be extremely surprised if Swanson should back out (make himself unavailable) during the 10-day serving period," Shurtleff said. "Swem is in the Democratic party, is General Fair, as well as a township trustee.

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