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Editorials

Resolution To Fannie Adams Reflects Feeling

Tuesday night Fannie Adams, Southfield township employee for 25 years, was honored for that service at a Silver Anniversary dinner at Devon Gables. About 300 people turned out to hear a lot of other people say many fine things about Mrs. Adams, all of which reflects the honest and faithful path which led to the testimonial dinner.

"WHEREAS, Mrs. Frances (Fannie) Adams has faithfully served the residents of Southfield township, first as an employee of the treasurer's office then for a term as treasurer, and since 1931 as clerk of the township; and "Whereas "Fannie" Adams has all these years served with the utmost integrity, and has had a genuine interest in the advancement of the best interests of the community, and has evinced a love of the people and their needs; and "Whereas, her untiring efforts, complete devotion to her duties as a public official, charming personality and splendid abilities, have endeared her to those she serves;

"NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, "That the Township Board of Southfield Township personally and on behalf of the township, extend to "Fannie" Adams their good will, and their thanks and appreciation for a job well done, and express the hope that she will continue to serve the people in the future as she has so splendidly done in the past; and "Be it further resolved that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this township board meeting; and a suitable copy thereof be presented to Mrs. Adams, expressing to her every good wish of the township board and those it represents."

Every Citizen Has Right To Serve Own Community

Two prominent Southfield Township men a few days ago uttered similar statements that are part and parcel of the pattern of the American form of free, self-government. In brief, it centers about the willingness of honest and sincere citizens to participate, officially, in the actual machinery of government. In this case, the units of Southfield Township Board of Trustees and the City of Lathrup Village council.

Related to the Township is the statement of Ray C. McLeod, 20852 Van Buren, who has announced himself as a candidate for appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees, as well as to one of four openings on the Township's Zoning Board.

Asked why he is seeking appointment McLeod said: "Frankly, I think it is the duty of every qualified citizen to give some of his time to the affairs of his community. This is my effort to do my share."

THE OTHER CASE is that of John C. Campbell, mayor of Lathrup Village, a member of the city council since incorporation in December 1953. He is the community's second mayor, of nearby Hazel Park.

When asked if he plans to be a candidate again for the council in the city's April 2 election, Campbell replied: "It's a job that really should be shared by citizens who feel an obligation to the community," adding that he would not be a candidate if some civic-minded candidates were available.

HERE, IN A NUTSHELL, is the very essence of the substance that sustains the ideology of free, self-government. Only when honest, sincere and able men and women are willing to give some of their time and talents to govern themselves—especially on the all-important local level—will freedom survive.

Our's still is representative of the best form of government that turns the average man and woman on the loose, so to speak, and allows them to create social, political and economic environments in keeping with their visions, their desires, their abilities, their efforts.

S'fld Democrat Club Will Elect Officers

SOUTHFIELD — New officers for the Southfield Democratic club will be elected at a meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Southfield-Ten school, 10 Mile and Berg roads, according to Don L. Swanson.

Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

ONE OF THE NICEST things that could happen to Southfield (both road and township) would be to require the owner of the Agatlas dump, on Southfield between 12 and 13 Mile to put up some type of green belt to screen the dump. I believe to be a rather unsightly mess.

It seems ironic that governments will require greenbelts to screen a well-built and attractive commercial building, and then turn their backs on something as ugly as this dump which fronts on a road which has attractive residential development to the north and south.

NATIONAL BANK of Detroit's Lathrup 10 Mile and Southfield seemed to be doing a brisk business opening day Friday. Driving by the bank on two occasions I noticed 20 to 30 autos in the parking lot and inside everywhere appeared quite busy. The bank that nobody professed to want seems to have found favor with a good share of residents in the area.

WILLIAM SPRINGER, 6605 Franklin road, publisher of the New Center News in Detroit, was honored this month by the Lions Club which presented Springer with a colorful and artistic hand-painted plaque which read, in part:

"Through his personal interest and through the columns of his publication, he has consistently supported the causes of this and other fraternal organizations in their efforts to aid the underprivileged and handicapped, and in so doing, has been a leader in carrying out the philosophy of Abraham Lincoln: 'With malice toward none, with charity for all, to cherish every man's life, limb and good name as well as our own, to uphold and to defend the just and true rights of all, to cherish the Union, the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America.'"

IT IS A GOOD thing that Southfield township board members had three weeks between their Jan. 21 and Feb. 14 meetings. Otherwise they might not have time for all the reading that will be needed for the first meeting in February.

They might not have the time anyway. They received, for study and future action, the following: From Geert Associates, planning consultants, a four-part report which includes a preliminary neighborhood plan, plat revision and subdivision planning, school site requirements plan, zoning and population report; a 31-page food ordinance; and a weed ordinance passed recently by Redford township. (See SIDELIGHTS, Pg. 2, Sec. 5)

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THREE YOUNG ENTERTAINERS, (left to right) Jim Samanen, Tom McKennie and Roy Almond of East Beverly, raised \$6.45 for the March of Dimes with a neighborhood show last Saturday.

Performers Do "Benefit" For March of Dimes

EAST BEVERLY—March of Dimes treasury will be \$6.45 richer because three boys decided to put on a neighborhood "benefit" performance.

The trio, Roy Almond, 16991 Birwood; Tom McKennie, 16504 Buckingham; and Jim Samanen, 16925 Birwood, gave two performances Saturday in Almond's basement before a near-capacity crowd of neighborhood and school friends.

Roy received a Jerry Mahoney doll for Christmas and since Jerry was just itching to get into the spotlight, Roy thought up the benefit to show off the puppet (or should we say to let the puppet show off?)

ROY was encouraged by his third grade teacher, Miss Norma Stevens at Pierce school, and Tom says Jim joined with plans and helped rehearse the show.

Other classmates made 37 advertising posters which were sent last week along Birwood.

Candidates Must Qualify by Sat. For March 12 Vote

BINGHAM FARMS — Persons seeking election March 12 to one of 6 village offices have only until Saturday to file nominating petitions with Mrs. H. G. Colwell, village clerk.

The two-year council posts, and jobs of clerk, treasurer and assessor will be on the ballot. Registration deadline will be Feb. 12.

Council members whose terms expire are Albert F. Meadows, James McGuire, and James C. Nunneley. Mrs. Colwell's term also ends this year as does those of Treasurer James H. Barrett and Walter J. Gerick, assessor.

Treasurer, clerk and assessor positions are for one year. At least 15 signatures of qualified electors is needed to make a nominating petition valid.

Study Reclassification Of School District

By RICHARD M. KELLEY

SOUTHFIELD—School board decided at a special meeting Monday night to check into the possibility of changing the Southfield school district from fourth to third class, which would increase the size of the board from five to seven members.

Supt. of schools Glenn Schoenhalz told the board the change had been discussed at a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Southfield PTA.

Schoenhalz said the change could be placed on the ballot for voters' approval by act of the board or by petition of 300 township voters.

The board asked Schoenhalz to check into the advantages and disadvantages of third class school district and report to the board at their next regular meeting, Feb. 12.

CONTINENTAL avenue, torn up in the addition to McKinley schools was again brought to the attention of the board by an inquiry from Washington Heights which requested as to the board's intentions to replacing the road.

The board approved the building of Continental in early spring to replace Continental. The board will pay the slag for the road and maintain cooperation of county road commission in constructing the road.

Continental, running north and south from 10 Mile road to George Washington drive, is the only access to 10 Mile from the Washington Heights subdivision.

The new Continental will be used by school buses to McKinley school. The buses are temporarily using George Washington drive which runs east and west from Southfield road.

OTHER BOARD action included reviewing architect's plans for the Southfield high school swimming pool and elementary school for Cranbrook village, approving for the Brace school addition and forming a committee to work two performances Saturday in acquiring school sites.

High school swimming pool will be college length, 25 meters, but the width is still undecided, six or seven lanes will be decided upon pending advice of swimming instructors on the best size. Cost is estimated at \$340,000 for the seven-lane pool and \$15,000 less if the six-lane pool is built.

Preliminary plans for the Cranbrook village school call for 13 classrooms and a multi-purpose room. The site for the school on 12 Mile road, west of Southfield, must still be purchased from Rodney Lockwood, Cranbrook developer, who has been out of town.

The school site committee of Will Oliver and Liv Larson, working with Schoenhalz and real estate men, will report to the whole board on the availability of school sites.

BRACE SCHOOL addition will cost \$336,760. Bids were awarded (See DISTRICT, Page 2, Sec. 5).

Special Meeting Called

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

LATHRUP—City officials have decided to wait for Southfield township no longer, in searching for an answer to Rouge river pollution.

This does not mean that they have abandoned Southfield or the Evergreen Interceptor Sewer, but are casting about for some other solution should Southfield's proposal fail to clear before Lathrup and northern communities must snave a court case or shilly, stating how they will abate pollution.

EVERETT F. Hayes, city attorney, was told by council last Saturday at an adjourned meeting, to arrange for a special meeting between county officials Ralph A. Main, drain commissioner, Corporation Counsel Harry J. Merritt, State board of health and water resources commission officials and two engineering firms.

Tentative dates are for Feb. 9, 10 or 15, and purpose of the meeting is to find an alternate proposal, and means of obtaining it, to the Evergreen sewer, which was planned to abate pollution for six area communities, but which has been hanging fire as various road blocks hang in front of it.

LATEST is Southfield's inability to inhibit its area for cost of the sewer while it is in the process of incorporation. A vote Feb. 20 to free 1.5 miles of two miles voted last spring for cost of the interceptor, coupled with a bill to be introduced into the state legislature to allow townships in the governmental vacuum of incorporation, to inhibit their area's future.

Pressure was applied to Lathrup late week in the form of a court order telling them of the May 1 deadline for deciding how they would abate Rouge pollution.

Hayes had leaned heavily on having decree dates that would match those of Southfield, but the township was not given a final order of determination.

WITH SUCH a short time to ready a plan, and with no assurance that Southfield will be closer by May 1 than they are now, to some answer, Lathrup council finds itself with its back to the wall.

Possible answers, but admittedly not as good as the Evergreen sewer, are a treatment plant in Lathrup or an alternate line running to Detroit, or some other community.

This last could be undertaken by Lathrup alone, or it could persuade freholders to join in the plan and share some of the financial burden.

BONDING attorneys, according to Hayes, have recommended an ad valorem (according to value) tax, rather than special assessment to raise money to pay for any sewage system. This would cause present home owners to pay more than those who paid for vacant property. Hayes added.

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MRS. CLIFFORD DIXON (standing), Franklin area blood drive chairman, shows her team captains a poster which will be used in the coming blood drive. Seated (left to right) are Mrs. Winfield C. Hinman, Mrs. Herbert F. Weissinger, Mrs. William M. Cutting, Mrs. George M. Howard, Mrs. Willard F. Chapoton, and Mrs. Ellis J. Fremo. They met at Mrs. Dixon's home on Franklin road.

Blood Drive Plans Being Formulated

Areas west of Telegraph are busy recruiting donations for the Interlakes Blood Bank, which services this district. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit West Bloomfield township hall, Orchard Lake road, February 20, from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Recruiters calling on neighbors in the Wing Lake school district are divided into teams. Some team captains who met at the home of Mrs. Albert Carr, on Franklin road, last Thursday, to receive instructions from Mrs. Otis Fockler, general chairman of the Interlakes Blood Bank, were Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Charles Schurrer, Mrs. Robert Treadway, Mrs. C. F. Buschagen and Mrs. Edgar Thorne. Mrs. Carr is Wing Lake-Foxcroft area chairman.

OTHERS WHO will be canvassing are Mrs. Edward Fuller, Mrs. John Waters, Mrs. Anthony Jennis, Mrs. L. G. Colwell, Mrs. George Taylor, Mrs. Buschagen and Mrs. Fuller will be available for release in this school district as alternates with Mrs. Carr.

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