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Evergreen New Village Vote Carries

Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

Mrs. Fannie Adams, recently honored at a silver anniversary for 25 years of service to Southfield township...

AN EDITORIAL

Southfield Split by Political Differences

Apparently it takes more than good intentions to make government work. This is evidenced in the confused, or should we say, divergent views expressed Feb. 1 at a township-wide meeting in Southfield to determine a course to be followed in planning a city charter.

Others WANT clerk and treasurer elected, while some want them appointed by the council or by a city manager.

We don't mean to discourage those who are now trying to form some type of government acceptable to the majority, nor do we try to talk anyone out of his or her political point of view.

WE SIMPLY wish to point out, if we may, that those who would lead Southfield "out of the woods" should study all angles of the incorporation movement, listen to desires of their fellow citizens, and then attempt what may seem to be an impossible task—the drafting of a reasonable charter.

Valley Woods Civic Spirit Is Commendable

A small, public-spirited, enthusiastic group can accomplish a great many things toward the betterment of the community in which they live. Oftentimes these civic-minded groups will achieve in short order what some communities wait for years for township or municipal agencies to do for them.

THEY HAVE ENGINEERED a highly-successful community Halloween party for neighborhood youngsters and repeated a successful community party, at Christmas time, complete with Santa Claus and school authorities for the improvement of 1 1/2 Mile road, between Evergreen and Lahser, near their homes.

ANOTHER TEEN-AGE SOCIAL group was organized last month, with adult leadership behind it, but sitting quietly on the side lines. Latest organization to be formed is a branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden club, which undoubtedly will result in a community beautification program.

Such are the accomplishments of a group of residents numbering about 200. They haven't waited for "John" to do these things for them. They have done them by themselves and all in the space of a year and a half!

Congratulations — and keep it up!

Co-Operative Nursery In Center of Squabble

LATHRUP—Temper flared Monday at council meeting over discussion of a cooperative nursery which had intended to locate in Charles D. Kelley's House in the Woods, present site and seat of the city government.

KELLEY contends that to have plans to submit for to the board of review so they might call a public hearing to sound out nearby residents on establishment of a nursery, and if residents approved, to then give Kelley his building permit.

Paving Petition Deadline March 1; 10 Already Filed

LATHRUP—This summer's paving program, or part of it, was voted Monday night to comply, which authorized engineers and city officials to make preparations for the program which may cost as high as \$75,000.

STREETS for which petitions have been received are: Wilshire from Bloomfield to Southfield; Woodworth from Glenwood to Delores, Red River from Saragosa to Glenwood and Glenwood from Red River to Sunset, (the last two from Wilshire to Sunset; Eldorado from Bloomfield to Glenwood; Bloomfield from Wilshire to Sunset; Bloomfield from Sunset to 12 Mile; San Rosa from Southfield to 12 Mile; and Wilshire from Southfield to Lathrup; Delores from Santa Barbara to Woodworth way, and Rainbow from Red River to Rainbow drive.

Six Candidates File for Office

LATHRUP — Nominating petitions have been filed by six persons for three council seats which will be given to the highest vote-getters at the April 2 election. Three are incumbent candidates. They are: William H. Harvie, 2846 San Williams, councilman from Wilshire to Delores; Lantz L. Mackey, 1857 San Jose, councilman and former chairman of the committee which drafted the city's zoning ordinance.

Careless Children Blamed for Blaze

WEST BLM. TWP.—Fire caused \$1,000 damage to a home at 3726 Lone Pine road, occupied by Marion Rogers. The blaze, which started in the living room, was caused by children's carelessness, said Rogers.

Investiture Ceremony Honors Scout Leaders

LATHRUP—An investiture ceremony to welcome and pin new leaders and special troop committee members was held Monday in Community church Fellowship Hall when Lathrup neighborhood Girl Scout leaders met for their February meeting.

MRS. WEBSTER OWEN, Mrs. W. C. Tucker, Mrs. Charles Gorman and Mrs. A. M. Cattell received a year service award.

Following the ceremonies, Mrs. J. E. Chapman, day camp recruiting chairman, made a plea for 25 mothers to act as day camp counselors. She announced that there will be three eight-day sessions at Indianwood Day Camp this summer starting June 13, July 2 and Aug. 17.

New staff members will be trained on May 3 and 17, while old staff members will meet on May 2 and 16.



EMPTY VOTING BOOTH (in background) sums up the general attitude displayed by Southfield voters Monday on what was considered by some Southfield voters as one of the most important elections in the township's recent history.

Southfield Millage Vote Results

Below is the results of the Southfield special election Monday in which voters decided to free 1.3 of two mills voted last Spring, to pay for the township's share of the Evergreen Interceptor sewer. "Yes" votes are listed first.

Democratic Women Plan Social Meeting

SOUTHFIELD — Members of the Southfield Democratic Women's club met Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the home of Mrs. John Dandzel, 4090 Sherman. Plans were discussed for a social meeting to be held at the Dandzel home on March 21 and a dance to be held on March 22.

Correct Deadline On Taxes Is Given

W. BLM. TWP. — A misunderstanding between the township government and The Eccentric resulted last week in the confusion that last day to pay taxes without penalty is March 29. This is not the case.

Roger Spolar Receives 'God & Country' Award

SOUTHFIELD — Life scout Roger Spolar, 14, of Troop 84 was presented the highly-prized "God and Country" award at recent ceremonies at the Southfield United Presbyterian church on 10 Mile, east of Lahser.

Spolar's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Spolar, were on hand for the presentation. They reside at 24500 Lois lane.

Turnout At Polls Is Light

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

SOUTHFIELD — With approval by voters Monday, 892 to 521, to free 1.3 of two mills for the Evergreen Interceptor Sewer, half the battle to make the EI a reality has been won.

TURN OUT for the special election was light—only 1,419 voters balloted Monday.

Only three precincts voted against use of the millage. Precinct 10, in the township's north-south corner, voted 103 to 57; Precinct six, (Franklin) 12 to 111; and Precinct 10, 44 to 56. Precinct 10 is centered at the Southfield-10 School, 10 Mile and Berg roads.

ALTERNATE sewer referred to Swem and which was under study by Main, was to include those areas along the route of a sewer to run from 14 Mile to Eight Mile road and on into the Detroit system.

ORIGINALLY, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield township and Southfield, composed the authority which would build the \$27 million interceptor.

SOUTHFIELD was not cited in the latest decree because of its half-township status.

City Office Report

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