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Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

ELECTION TIME and circulation of political petitions in Franklin brought forth humorous petitions, started by Mrs. Leslie at Leslie's Dry Cleaners and signed by the several employees for presentation to Mr. Leslie... asking for more heat.

FROM OUR front window we at The Eccentric can see a well-laid out window display in Mulholland's store window by Bloomfield Hills 4-H club remaining the passerby that March 4 through March 10 is National 4-H Club Week. The display calls attention to the different projects in which members take part, and demonstrates how they help the community.

IT LOOKS like Lathrupites have a healthy interest in their coming April election. Monday, for registrations, some 100 residents coming in to register kept Clerk Beth Cole busy from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. In fact, she missed her dinner qualifying voters.

LINCOLN PARKER, dutiful member of the Franklin Volunteer Fire department, reports jumping out of his chair at the wall of a siren and a quick dash out of the house before it became evident that the siren was part of a TV program others in the family were enjoying.

LATHRUP councilmen Monday night were discussing a proposed swimming pool ordinance and attempting to find a way in which dangerous pools could be identified so that all open water could be fenced for the protection of youngsters.

At this point Everett F. Hayes, city attorney, opined that "some of the boys might have pools and not know it." Hayes was referring, as some Lathrup residents know all too well, to flooded basements, driveways and streets. (In order to avoid a very touchy subject, I decline to comment further.)

Berkshires Elect Shall President

BERKSHIRES—Charles Shull, 32750 Bellvue trail, was elected president of the Berkshire Hills Protective Assn. at their annual dinner recently at Devon Hotel. Other officers are: Anthony Foley, 32740 Vernon road, vice president; Dr. Russell Seeburger, 32855 Bellvue trail, treasurer; and Albert Gatward, 81820 Bellvue trail, secretary.

Past president Jack Carmichael reviewed past and future plans of the association during the dinner meeting.

MRS. FANNIE Adams, Southfield township clerk, discusses immediate steps to be taken toward the Southfield city charter vote. New members of the board of directors are Gatward and Kenneth Kittle of Westlady road. Besides the officers, those now on the board are Harold Grandy, 29475 Briarbank court; George William, 30650 Marimoor drive; and Russell McKinley, 30313 Stellamar drive.

CALENDAR

- Today: Franklin St. Anne's Guild meeting 12 o'clock luncheon at St. Anne's hall, 107 Main street, Birmingham.
Friday: Southfield Community Council, at Southfield high school 8 p.m., discussion business as water.
Monday: Valley Woods Women's National Farm and Garden meeting, 1:30 p.m. at present Community House.
Tuesday: Walnut Lake PTA, topic of Mental Health, 8 p.m. at school.
Wednesday: Franklin PTA meeting at school, 8 p.m.
Thursday: Franklin Women's National Farm and Garden association meeting 12:30 p.m. at Franklin Community church.
Friday: Franklin Unit 3 of League of Women Voters meeting, 8 p.m. at Franklin Community church.
Saturday: Duder Campbell, 31318 Bingham lane, Southfield PTA luncheon, 1:30 p.m. program at 8 p.m.
Sunday: Franklin Lenten Study Group meeting 8:30 a.m. at home of Mrs. Bernice Kruder, 28425 Millbrook.
Monday: West Beverly Sewing Group meeting 10 a.m. at home of Mrs. William Baiter, 24129 Lecherbush.
Tuesday: Franklin Fellowship Circle luncheon and tea, 1:30 p.m. at Franklin Community church.
Wednesday: Kiwanis Club meeting 6:45 p.m. at Franklin Community church, program on Betanah Children.
Thursday: Beverly Hills Hostess club Shamrock luncheon and Fashion show, at Birmingham Country Club.
Lathrup Bromide Father-Daughter luncheon at Communion, Communion church.
Friday: Franklin Father-Son potluck dinner for Bill Smith, 4:00 p.m. at Franklin Community Hall.
Saturday: Southfield Kiwanis luncheon, toast at home of Mrs. Carl Gilman, Monarch circle, at 8 p.m.



William McGuire Named Westview School Principal

William McGuire, sixth grade teacher at Wing Lake school has been named principal of the new Westview school, Westview road. Westview is a new school to be opened this fall in the Bloomfield Hills school system. McGuire has his M.A. degree from University of Denver. He was a member of the armed services and has had four years of teaching experience. Last summer he served as recreation director of the Wing Lake school playground program and will hold the same position this summer. His new duties will state about Sept. 1.

Joint Action Approves \$200-a-Lot Assessment

SOUTHFIELD—In a move to gain added revenue for school and recreational sites, a proposal was passed Monday night by the township and school boards, asking for \$200 a lot from developers and builders of two or more future homes in township.

The two boards meeting jointly to discuss the school site problem, went into separate sessions briefly to approve the proposal drawn up by trustee Henry DeMeyer.

ACCORDING to the proposal, a school and park site fund would be set up with the money put in escrow and jointly administered by the township board, school board and representatives of the builders and/or developers. A committee, made up of members of the two boards, will be selected in the near future to meet with the Metropolitan Builders Association. DeMeyer proposed the resolution as a means of gaining added revenue to the site fund without added taxation. The attitude of the builders on the move is yet to be ascertained.

A SIMILAR resolution is in effect in St. Clair Shores but the legality of the action is untested. The thought behind the resolution is that "unfair burden" is being placed on the present taxpayers of Southfield and new residents who make necessary additional schools should be made to help pay for them. The builder's cooperation is necessary to make the plan work. In other action the two boards agreed to work together wherever possible in acquiring joint school and recreational sites. One problem that could arise is the different boundaries of the township and school districts.

TRUSTEE Luther Wagner told the school board that his group will help the school district acquire sites wherever possible and suggested the board give the township a plan outlining where sites are needed which the township board could refer to before approving plans. At the conclusion of the joint meeting, members of both boards expressed satisfaction in the progress made at the meeting and thought a "step had been taken in the right direction."

Want Government Land Cost Study

VALLEY WOODS—Charles L. Shull, 32750 Bellvue trail, was recently appointed by the Berkshire Hills Improvement Assn. board of directors to make an investigation of property values north of 12 1/2 Mile road. The board also wants Shull to evaluate the cost of operating a township in that area should the township of Southfield eventually incorporate as a city.

NELSON E. PHILLIPS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson E. Phillips, 31844 Sheridan, Southfield township, will play Henry, Prince of Wales, son of Henry IV in the University of Detroit Theatre's "Henry IV, Part I" which opens on the university campus March 14. A junior in the arts college at U of D, Phillips portrayed Bolingbroke (Henry IV) in last spring's production of "Richard II" and was Lord Edgar in "Thieves Carnival." The Shakespears play will run nightly, beginning at 8:30 through March 17.

Expect Light Farms Vote

BINGHAM FARMS—Voting is expected to be light here when residents go to the polls Monday to elect officers for the coming year.

All candidates are unopposed for posts of treasurer, clerk, assessor and three council seats. Incumbents on the ballot are Councilmen Albert F. Meadows, 31010 Bingham road; James C. Nunneley, 32957 Bingham road; and James McGuire, 23600 W. 13 Mile road; Treasurer James H. Barrett, 32827 Bingham lane; Clerk Mrs. H. G. Colwell, 32834 Bingham lane; and Assessor Walter J. Gerick, 23101 Sager court.

All six officers were among those elected last October when the village adopted its charter and selected its first council. Bingham Farms residents may vote at Franklin Community hall between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. The switch is the result of an overload of voters in Precinct 7. Under State law, no more than 1,400 voters may compose a single voting precinct.

Switch Meeting Date

LATHRUP—City council meeting, scheduled for April 2, will be held April 3 because of city elections. At the April 9 meeting officers elected the week before will take office.



ANGLING ROAD SCHOOL students Saturday collected almost 13 tons of waste paper which netted them \$200—which will go towards purchasing a memorial to the deceased kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Doris Sparling. Here Stanley Bridgewater, Dominique Patalidis, George Bergevin, Werner Rimatzke, David Greer, Clement Moore and Jerry Moore unload a truck-load of paper onto a moving van.

Kids' Paper Drive Nets \$200 For Late Teacher's Memorial

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

SOUTHFIELD—Love is a many-splendored thing—even in death. Students and former students of Mrs. Doris Sparling are returning the devotion that she showered on them while she lived.

Mrs. Sparling, kindergarten teacher at Angling road school, died of pneumonia Feb. 16, two days after she attended a Valentine's Day party at the school. Though seriously ill, she had prepared the children a party—and a party they had, though it turned out to be Mrs. Sparling's last.

EARL P. Holiday of 25240 Muerland, and Samuel W. Baird of 29140 Briarbank. BASEMENTS, attics, garages—any place where papers could be found, there you could find people hunting for "paper money" that could be hauled to a waiting van at the school. When finally the papers were weighed just under 13 tons—about \$200 worth—had been collected by eager little bands of boys—and men.

"Perhaps a water cooler, or something on that order," said Mrs. Johnson, of plans for a concrete and purposeful memorial. AND THE paper drive is not over. Until Monday a big moving van will wait in the school yard for the paper to keep coming in. And later, perhaps other drives will be made to increase the fund, says Mrs. Johnson, who reports that out-of-county calls have been received by people who "have paper" and want the children to have it so they might swell the memorial fund. But those offers are a little too far away to accept, says Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Sparling taught the little children—but she also taught the other teachers and the parents a lesson of love. And they are remembering that lesson.

S'field Loses Northwestern Highway Zoning Court Bout

SOUTHFIELD—Township zoning ordinance 118 as it applies to property on Northwestern owned by Rose-Hill Homes, Inc. and Henry S. Alper, last week was declared discriminatory, arbitrary and unreasonable.

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The ruling gave Rose-Hill and Alper, who each own a 100 x 200-foot lot fronting Northwestern north of Nine Mile, the right to build an office building on the lots which had been zoned residential 3 under the zoning law. Eugene Swem, township supervisor, said he hoped the township board would approve an appeal to the State Supreme Court. "I hope we will appeal," said Swem. "If we lose it finally, it would mean we should give up trying to protect residential zoning on any main highway. This (case in question) is as good a case (to defend) as we could have," said Swem.

OWNERS also claim the property is practically useless for residential purposes and is valuable for commercial purposes. Judge Dohy agreed to this saying there was at least a \$2,500 per acre differential. SOUTHFIELD Attorney Harry N. Dell made a four-point appeal to no avail: 1. That there were already homes in the locality with 100x300 foot lots, and set back 50 feet. 2. That commercial development in Southfield is 11 to 30 times more than presently needed. 3. That ribbon zoning is undesirable. 4. And that Alper and Rose-Hill knew it was zoned for residential because of traffic conditions and the fact that two-thirds of Northwestern in the vicinity was zoned commercial or used as such. Township zoning board action was discriminatory, they said, because during the past five years the township, on special application had changed zoning from residential to commercial.

Attorney Studying Swimming Pool Law

LATHRUP—A swimming pool ordinance, which would require pools to be enclosed by 48-inch fences, was referred to the city attorney, Everett F. Hayes for study. Councilman Richard N. Cogger pointed out that the law should include all pools in which a person could possibly drown, and not limit the ordinance to swimming pools only.

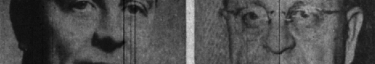
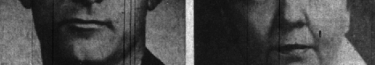
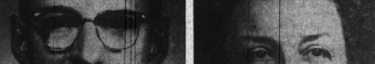
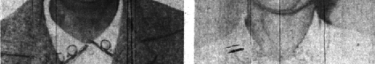
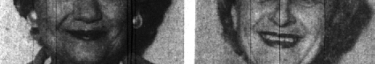
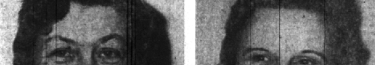
7 Franklin Offices Available

FRANKLIN—Monday villagers will choose a village president, treasurer, clerk, assessor (all for one year) and three councilmen for two-year terms, and will decide whether they want liquor sold by the glass.

The proposals reads, "Shall the sale of spirits in addition to beer and wine be permitted for consumption on the premises within the Village of Franklin under the provisions of the law governing same?" Rosemond Hills now sells liquor by the glass. Two candidates are unopposed. They are Treasurer Norman G. Curran and Assessor Walter K. M. Rodgers.

PRESIDENT Harold A. Roseberry is opposed by Orland H. Ellis. Incumbent clerk Mrs. Faye Hawk is faced by Mrs. Carlton D. (Annie Lee) Bell.

Mrs. Charles C. (Adelaide B.) Layman is the only newcomer in the council race. She is pitted against incumbents Harry B. Rottiers, Homer D. Hyde and J. Robert Mitchell, for one of three available seats. Polls at the Franklin Community (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)



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