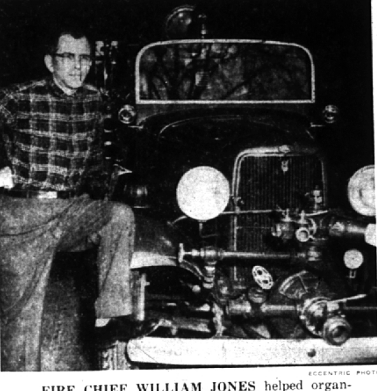


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Sidelights

The red "no smoking signs" were ignored Monday night in the council meeting room at 10 Mile and Southfield, suffered almost a total loss of their equipment and supplies, when the basement flooded during heavy rains last weekend.



FIRE CHIEF WILLIAM JONES helped organize the Franklin fire department almost 20 years ago and has been chief of the department since. Also Franklin's postmaster, Chief Jones is conveniently located just across the street from the village fire station.

Franklin Fire Dep't Recognized by State

By NATALIE YINGLING
FRANKLIN—When Franklinites dial MA 6-3221, have they any idea exactly what happens? Four phones ring simultaneously, in four different locations. Whoever answers first, takes the messages and then dishes to the fire hall to sound the siren and mark the exact location of the fire on a huge wall map.

Franklin has a unique fire department. It is entirely volunteer, with a token salary paid (as required by the inspection bureau) only to the chiefs.

WHEN THE SIREN sounds, from 10 to 35 men respond. All are business men or executives, leaders in many different fields, but united in keeping their community safe from fire.

It is hard to explain the esprit de corps. Says Bill Aheer, committee chairman: "We are 40-50 men, mostly in the 40-50 age bracket, but the fire department is a stronger bond than that of any other organization."

Board Names School After E. J. Lederle

SOUTHFIELD—At a meeting of the board of Southfield public schools Monday evening, it was announced that the new 15 room elementary school at 18106 9 Mile road will be named in memory of E. J. Lederle, former school commissioner in Oakland county.

Sketches for a new school, to be located on 12 Mile road, were presented to the board by William Dolgner vice president of the board. Plans include a 12-classroom building with kindergarten and multi-purpose room. Dolgner will later incorporate changes and improvements as suggested by the board. These will be presented at the next meeting.

At a later date, the board will consider a petition from members of John Grace school PTA requesting a multi-purpose room for the school.

Glenn Schoenhals, Southfield schools superintendent, reported that he now lacks only two teachers for a full high school staff this fall. Although 13 new teachers have been hired for elementary schools, 23 additional are sought.

Board members Larson and Coverdill will work with assistant principal Robert Hall, studying plans for an athletic field storage house on high school grounds.

Approval was granted a salary provision schedule, as presented by Schoenhals. This included a schedule of salaries for non-contract employees.

On the humorous side, the board approved a hall rental reduction for Southfield service organization. Although the group rented the Southfield-10 school cafeteria for a profit making venture, their flap-jack festival was a "flop." They were given a non-profit rate.

August Meeting on 'Co' Recreation Area

Charter Commission Adopts Chapter Two

SOUTHFIELD—Last night was to be the last charter commission meeting to which civic and neighborhood association leaders were to be invited formally to state their groups' views on what should be the second charter.

Two Candidates For Single S'fld B of E Vacancy

SOUTHFIELD—Two candidates have filed petitions to run for the one seat open on the five-member Southfield township board of education. They are Robert H. Logic and Robert H. Larson.

Robert H. Logic, 17592 Addison, has lived in Southfield for five years. He has three children, two of whom attend Southfield schools. One is not yet of school age.

He has been active in school affairs, chairman of the PTA school education committee. Logic said he believes his PTA experience and background place him in a position to know what other parents feel and think about school problems. It is also his desire to promote the best in education for children of all ages.

Incumbent Lew Larson, 2155 Sherman, has resided in Southfield for 27 years. He has two children attending Southfield high schools. Larson has been continuously re-elected to the board since 1947. He cites his knowledge and experience in the building business as a major contribution to the board because building and expansion are growing problems to be faced by the school system.

Larson belongs to Southfield Kiwanis and PTA organizations.

Ask Southfield For Dike to Halt Storm Water

SOUTHFIELD—At the township board meeting May 22, township trustees will be requested to ask the county to build a dike along the eastern edge of the township, to halt storm water from flooding Greenfield road into Oak Park and Berkley.

The request, coming from those two cities, whose basements are flooded every time there is a heavy rain, will be presented to board members by Leonard Lamb, Southfield's water and sewer department head.

Lamb, who decried legality of the dike and claimed the project an "expensive little program," said most of the dike was not estimated. If Southfield township board agrees, the project would be started soon to be completed before heavy fall rains. The dike would begin somewhere near the 11 Mile road, Lamb said.

Approve Amendment On Water Bond

BLOOMFIELD—Township board members, meeting Monday night at the township office on Telegraph, approved an amendment to raise an additional \$25,000 on the bond issue for the water district. Plans for extending the water district were discussed, but no final decision was reached.

Arno Hulet, township treasurer, resigned as civil defense director. Civil defense authorities at Madison Heights were ready to move into Southfield Sunday evening if the necessity had arisen.

By Monday a cold front had moved across the state, causing the temperature to drop and increasing the danger of more tornadoes developing for the time being.

Lathrup Bans Building In 'Critical' Districts

Details Expected In 2 Weeks

SOUTHFIELD If enthusiasm were all that were needed, Southfield township already would have in operation a full-fledged parks and recreation program. Stumbling block, of course, is money and the method of financing. Solution, board members believe, will be a special recreation tax asked of Southfield voters in the August election.

In a report prepared by township trustees Luther Wagner and Henry De Meyer co-chairmen of the parks, recreation and civic center committee, present and long range recreational needs of the township were outlined and presented to the township board at a meeting Tuesday night.

The report recommends major and minor recreation areas and a civic site with a township building. Typical of township board members' reaction to the plan was trustee Don Swanson's remark: "I'm 1000 per cent in favor of it."

They were requested to take the proposed program, revise it to meet present and civic needs of the community, and in two weeks submit it to the township board in a manner as to be presented to voters on the August ballot.

As tentatively planned, the major recreation area will provide a golf course, swimming pool, ice skating, tennis courts and minor sports activities such as archery or croquet. The area will be available for plenary, boy and girl scout camps and a recreation center for all Southfield civic organizations.

A MINIMUM of five minor recreational areas will be acquired throughout the township. These will be of the playground-picnic type and will be equipped with swings, slides, picnic tables and benches.

The civic site is planned from 10-15 acres, centrally located, and will accommodate township building offices, storage of equipment and adequate meeting rooms.

Present growth and development in Southfield Township, Luther and Demeyer reported, indicates all vacant land in the next five-year period will either be occupied by commercial or residential development or platted and reserved for them.

As building increases so do land prices, they said, and areas for recreation and playgrounds become fewer and more costly.

"It is already a fact that the area which we are now acquiring recreational sites will be held at Carpenter Hill in Redford, May 25. There will be a program and refreshments will be served."

S'fld Democrats Plan Dance May 25

SOUTHFIELD—"Polka Dot Jamboree," featuring modern and square dancing and sponsored by the Southfield Democratic club, will honor Gov. G. Mennen Williams and Democratic state officers.

The dance, open to the public, will be held at Carpenter Hill in Redford, May 25. There will be a program and refreshments will be served.

ARNO L. HULET, Bloomfield township clerk, knows the county road commission has checked in on the problem of accumulating water in the area and a special assessment made for

COMING... In the next three issues of The Eccentric:

A special series of articles by Township Editor William Thomas on how incorporation is working in two nearby communities which have incorporation histories similar to Southfield's. Officials were interviewed on their reaction to several knotty problems which caused last December's defeat of Southfield's first charter.

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WAYS OF GETTING rid of this lake on the north side of West Maple between Sunningdale and Telegraph that nobody wants, is being checked into by area residents.