

Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

GREENFIELD-BEVERLY association members are being encouraged to put a little extra thought and work into their outside Christmas decorations...

VERY FEW American flags were seen displayed in front of Southfield township residents' homes Monday in commemoration of Veterans' Day...

EDWARD J. BUSH, 26443 Foxview, Southfield, announced this week that Nov. 11 to Nov. 17 is Optimist Week...

SOUTHFIELD police learned the hard way that Southfield residents read their local newspapers. A reporter, due to incorrect information from the Oakland county department of health...

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MEDICAL RESEARCH gained a new ally when Bryce A. Miller, 17, Southfield high school senior, was awarded first place in the national Fisher Body Craftsman Guild contest...

Beverly Kochan To Accept Award For Y-Teen Clubs

SOUTHFIELD — Beverly Kochan, 25123 W. 10 Mile road, will accept the 1956 Carol Lane Award for Traffic Safety at a formal presentation of the certificate of merit won by Detroit Y-Teens.

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Greenfield School Ice Rink Wanted

EAST BEVERLY — Birmingham board of education has been requested to consider allotting space to an ice skating rink at the proposed Greenfield elementary school on Greenfield just south of Amherst...

BOARD members will learn that the Greenfield association will finance the rink, including insurance, and leveling and flooding.

GROVE DUVAL, 25645 W. 14 Mile road, has been named president of Kiwanis club of Central Detroit.

THREE FLAGS chapter of the DAR, Mrs. Harry B. Alger, Dolores Avenue, Lathrup.

3 Flags DAR Hears Tape Recording At Lathrup Meeting

SOUTHFIELD — Members of Three Flags chapter of the DAR, husbands and friends, met Monday evening at the home of past regent Mrs. Harry B. Alger...

Meeting Postponed

FRANKLIN — Lack of a quorum cancelled the Franklin Village Council meeting Monday night. The meeting will be held Nov. 10.

Hearing on Doctor's Clinic Slated Dec. 6

SOUTHFIELD — Public hearing will be held Dec. 6 on the rezoning of Dr. Oliver Marcotte's property at 25000 W. 12 Mile road from residential to education-research-office classification.

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Struggle for Votes in Dec. 3 S'field Charter Election Begins



MEETING informally before debating merits of Westwood Village and City of Southfield are Ted Shurtlett (left) shaking hands with Thomas M. Costello as Richard Blackhall, Beverly-Artesian president looks on.

Haste Not Always Wise In Rescue Operation

ERITOR'S NOTE: This is the fifth in a series of six articles on civil defense presented by The Eccentric in cooperation with Mrs. Lynn N. Hershey, Southfield C.D. director. These articles are applicable to natural as well as man-made disasters.

Legion Auxiliary Hears Girls' State Delegate at Meeting

SOUTHFIELD — American Legion auxiliary unit 407 had Mary Lee Wick, delegate to Girls' State in Ann Arbor as a guest at the unit's monthly meeting.

Key Club Members Visit Kiwanis Club

SOUTHFIELD — Kiwanis club meeting last night was conducted by the Southfield Key club and music was provided by the Key club band.

Beverly-Artesian Members Present at Opening Debate

A struggle for votes—for and against the Southfield charter—began in earnest last Thursday when Thomas M. Costello, charter commissioner, and Ted Shurtlett met in a debate before the Beverly-Artesian Improvement association.

The struggle will last less than a month with the winners being revealed Dec. 3 when Southfield citizens decide to approve or disapprove the second charter for the proposed city of Southfield.

Greenfield-Beverly 'Get-Out-The-Vote' Campaign Planned

EAST BEVERLY — Greenfield-Beverly association board of directors and block captains will meet at the Birmingham Community House Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. to map a get-out-the-vote campaign aimed at the Dec. 3 Southfield charter election.

SOUTHFIELD has only to adopt a charter to take on full city status. However, there are various groups, chiefly in the northern part of the township, who oppose being part of the City of Southfield, and who battled successfully against the first charter.

City of Southfield's proposed charter will be found in this issue of the Eccentric. Southfield citizens are advised to study the document and then put it away for future reference.

the first charter along with others who felt the charter was poorly drafted. About 35 to 40 Beverly Artesian residents attended the annual meeting.

"We believe a village charter is much better for this area than incorporating into a City of Southfield," Shurtlett told the group, "because it is of the same general character and is for the most part well developed by subdividers and owners and therefore our interests are the same."

WESTWOOD Village, according to Shurtlett, would be a 100-acre and-one-quarter-square-mile area bounded on the east by Greenfield, on the south by the north end of Evergreen and 12 1/2 Mile road from Evergreen to Bingham Farms village on the west by Bingham Farms, and on the north by 14 Mile road.

To make this hope of a village come true those in the north end must first defeat the City of Southfield attempts to adopt a charter or the north end will also become part of the City of Southfield.

If no charter is adopted for the City of Southfield by June 7, 1957, the area reverts to township status.

"BY ORGANIZING as a village, we are confident that we will have a maximum control in determining our future by retaining most power in the hands of the voters. Furthermore, and very important," Shurtlett continued, "because Village government is more restricted in its operation, its administrative costs are lower."

Costello explained that the City of Southfield's proposed charter is set up on a similar basis to the United States Constitution, providing for executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.

"THE LEGISLATIVE body would consist of seven councilmen, one from each of six wards, and one at large. The council and ordinance laws and the term for these men or women would be two years," said Costello.

The executive branch provides for a mayor to be elected for a two-year term with veto power. It also provides for a justice court which at the end of four years would pass to a municipal court," he added.

Tax limit, explained Costello, would be five mills. "For example, if a home is assessed at \$5,000, the maximum city tax would be \$25. This does not include the county or school tax as they are independent."

Costello pointed out that present township revenue is approximately \$134,000 from property taxes, three mills on the property would bring that \$242,000, four mills, \$323,000, and five mills, \$404,000. Under the proposed limit, much more money would be available. (See CHARTER, Page 2, Sec. 2.)

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale in Town Hall Program

Photo-Feature—Feeding School Kids is Big-Time Operation

Opera First Nighters

CHURCH NEWS

BLOOMFIELD VLG. COLUMN

NORTH ADAMS COLUMN

SCHOOL NEWS

DICK BLACKHALL, (second from right) president of Beverly-Artesian Improvement association, turns over the president's gavel to George Hedges, elected president at a meeting held last Thursday at the Birmingham Community House. Seated (left) is newly-elected treasurer, John Janos, and (right) Robert Kratt, vice president. Mrs. Frank Tomaneck, the organization's new secretary, was not present.