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S'field Voters To Choose City Candidates Dec. 3

Franklin Fire Dep't Installs New Radio Alarm

By NATALIE YINGLING

FRANKLIN — To provide faster warning and to advise firemen of the location of the fire, the Franklin Volunteer Fire Dept. Inc. has recently purchased and installed a radio alarm system to augment the persent siren.

Notification of a fire is usually received at one of four telephones, and most frequently by Les Fraser, Deputy Fire Chief, or his wife, Wanda Fraser. Before the phone call is complete, the key on the remotely controlled transmitter is closed, which results in a bell ringing in each of the six monitors located at strategic points in the fire district.

THE VOLUNTEER at each of these stations is advised of the location of the fire as the deputy chief repeats the location to the person reporting the fire.

At this point the Deputy Chief leaves for the fire hall to get the truck and sound the siren, and the six volunteers leave in their cars for the fire while their wives quickly call nearby volunteers.

Because it is not necessary now for all the men to go to the hall to learn the location of the fire, many minutes are saved which might mean the difference between success and failure in saving a life or fighting a fire.

THE SYSTEM, the first of its kind in Michigan, was installed after much research by Vern Converse, chief engineer of the department, at an approximate cost of $2500, and consists of a 60 watt transmitter, which can be controlled either from the fire hall or from the Deputy Chief's house, and the six monitors which are located in the homes of Bill Jones, Stan Warwick, Harry Allen, Chet Jankowski, Jim McGuire and Bob Yingling.

More monitors will be added as available funds permit. The station is licensed as a sub-station of the Southfield Fire Dept. with which the Franklin dept. has a mutual-aid agreement.

FIRE COMMISSIONER William Albee announces several new appointments. Vernon Converse III is now the chief engineer for the fire dept. Bob Yingling is the radio engineer, assisted by Harry Allen.

Stanley Warwick has been appointed automotive engineer, assisted by Arnold Bingham. Pump and hose engineer is now Peter Finn, assisted by Dick Weedon.

Southfield Fire Department Fights Against Time

SOUTHFIELD — With 16 calls in three days, things at Southfield Fire Department really have been jumping. Rubbish fires, grass fires, car fires, interspersed with building fires, Southfield's fire laddies found last Thursday the worst day when two fires and one resuscitator call were all going on at the same time.

The first call came in at 5:15 p.m. at the story and a half frame home on 30418 Everette occupied by Mrs. Ira Kemp. Fire starting from a defective chimney burned the roof, rafters, ceilings and damaged some contents. Damage was heavy, the department reported.

AT 6:02, firemen responded to a call at Fons trailer park where a fire starting in the garage of George Johnson, 17840 Webster, spread to a storage building owned by Stanley Fons. The garage was a total loss and Johnson's home and the Fons building were slightly damaged.

Within 17 minutes, firemen were called to Northland center where Ralph Scott, 51, of Detroit suffered a heart attack and after administering oxygen, patient was removed to a nearby doctor's office.

The day before, construction equipment and tarpaulins caught fire from a flood lamp in contact with a canvas cover at the 10½ mile road Northwood Congregational church addition construction. No damage resulted to the church.

Birth Announcement

LATHRUP — MR. AND MRS. DAVID B. REDWOOD, 18475 San Quentin, are grandparents of a baby girl born Nov. 17 and named Julie Doreen Redwood. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Norton Redwood of Clawson.

My Neighbors

"Isn't this nice, dear? You just push this button and the seat moves back and forth, and up and...!"

Food, Water Supply Vital After Disaster

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

Most of us take for granted the public services that guard our family health. But many of these services would be temporarily knocked out by disaster. Your family should be prepared to solve its own food, water and sanitation problems for at least seven days following a disaster.

BEFORE DISASTER STRIKES:

YOU SHOULD KNOW:

1. Where to find safe water.
2. How to turn off water service valve.
3. How to purify water.
4. What foods to store.
5. How to dispose of garbage.
6. How to dispose of human waste.
7. What to do with frozen foods.
8. What foods are unsafe.

YOU SHOULD HAVE:

1. Covered pail for bathroom purposes.
2. Soap, toilet tissue, paper towels.
3. Stored water or other liquid.
4. 7-day supply of proper foods.
5. Cooking and eating utensils.
6. Large garbage can.
7. 1 quart of household chlorine.
8. 1 quart of 5% DDT.

Radioactive matter can make you sick if enough of it gets in your body, but even a cellophane wrapper may protect food from such contamination if the wrapper itself remains unbroken. Food in your closed refrigerator, deep freeze, or cupboards will be safe, but uncovered food, exposed in the open, might not be.

AFTER an atomic attack, wash or wipe any food or water container before opening it. Radioactive contamination on cooking or eating utensils is another problem. Such substances cannot be made harmless by boiling—they can only be washed away.

Water flush toilets cannot be used, of course, when water service is interrupted. If there was a delay of several days in restoring service to your neighborhood, you would have to make some temporary toilet provisions for members of your family, especially the children.

Provide a covered container for this purpose. A covered pail, or a small kitchen garbage can with a foot-operated lid can be put to bathroom use in an emergency. Emergency disposal arrangements for all types of waste are roughly the same.

GARBAGE should be drained dry and wrapped in several thicknesses of newspaper before being placed in a covered storage container, to reduce decomposition and resulting odors. Later it may be buried under 12 to 24 inches of dirt. Keep a spade handy for this purpose.

VFW to Sell Christmas Trees

SOUTHFIELD — Starting Dec. 9 Veterans of Foreign Wars Dunham Ray Post 9952 will be selling Christmas trees on a lot on 10 Mile road and Southfield next to Nelson Realty Co.

Proceeds will be used toward the memorial home fund. Team captains are Joseph Gross, Norman Arnold, Woodrow Nelson, James Nicholson, William Ray and Herbert Smith.

Teen-Aged Panel At Southfield PTSA Meeting

SOUTHFIELD — Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) will present a panel discussion by teen-agers Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the school.

Discussing views on teen-age problems for an audience of parents and students, will be Sandy Mott, Lois Mattson, Bonnie Murtha, Larry Ternan and Rudy Musich. Margaret Gray will serve as student moderator.

Those eligible for membership who have not joined PSTA are asked to attend this meeting to help the organization reach its goal of 1,000 members.

Bloomfield Civil Defense Seeks Volunteer Workers

BLOOMFIELD—Henry A. Houston, Bloomfield township civil defense director, asks Bloomfield residents to attend a civil defense meeting Nov. 27 at 8:00 p.m. at Bloomfield township hall.

Purpose of the meeting is to seek volunteers for a Bloomfield auxiliary police force; volunteers for medical, welfare and transportation services and for district wardens, who in turn, will ask for block wardens.

There is great need for volunteers for any phase of work in this area, Houston said, whether it be driving, supplying transportation or baby sitting, so others may be free to offer their services.

We Heard It Said By:

ARNO HULET, Bloomfield township supervisor: "Only a few old-time residents come in and pay their township taxes in cash over the counter. In fact, less than five percent of our taxes are paid in cash. All the rest is paid by check."

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

FIVE BOYS of Troop B-17, Kirk-in-the-Hills, were presented Scouting's highest honor, the Eagle award, at the troop's Court of Honor Monday night. Scout Dennis Alix, (left) and Explorers Clark Wareham, Philip Hargrave, Kenneth Quick, Jr., were congratulated by Scoutmaster Don Walter. Bruce Geyman also received the Eagle award. Other scouts receiving high hoonrs were Fred Clark, Sandy Clark and Jack Mason, Bronze Palm and Sandy Clark, Gold Palm. David Sanborn received his Life scout award and Gale Hargrave, Russell Jokela and Douglas Walton became Star scouts.

Press Time

LATHRUP

ENGINEERS WILL investigate and report on a request by J. Raymond Wise, Berkley, to construct a sewer on the east side of Lathrup blvd. at Meadowwood north to Coral Gables so he can build a home on two lots at the Meadowwood-Lathrup junction.

BEFORE SEWER cleaning bids will be opened city council wants to Charles D. Kelleys, subdividers to turn over to the city an unrestrictive quit claim deed to the sewers. The council also would like to obtain a profile map of the city's sewers but so far no one, including the Kelleys seem to know where the elusive maps can be found.

CASH BALANCE on hand in the city treasury after four months of operation in the 1956-57 fiscal year, amounts to $24,000, according to City Administrator Leonard A. Watchowski, who added there was $4,383 in the water budget. Of the city's estimated $111,000 budget for the year, $71,000 has been collected and $48,000 spent. Water budget was set at $69,700 and so far, $31,906 has been collected, and $29,700 spent.

ADMINISTRATOR Watchowski reported that three city rinks near the town hall and school are ready to be flooded as well as two police youth group rinks in the southern area of the city. All are located within a block of Southfield road.

COUNCILMAN Frederick O. Johnson gave the first reading of Regulation Six of Traffic Ordinance Seven. The law provides for restriction of traffic with control signs on the city's internal streets. It is aimed primarily at speeders and those who detour through internal streets to avoid major traffic lights.

DOWNSPOUT ordinance amendments proposed by Councilman Lantz L. Mackey were tabled until the next meeting so Mackey could make the building inspector responsible for decisions on excepting certain homes from disconnecting downspouts due to hardship, health welfare or other reasons. Markey's law would also provide a separate downspout appeals board. Under his ordinance as read Monday, the council was slated to function in this capacity. A special meeting may be called for Monday night.

ADMINISTRATOR Watchowski will prepare for council inspection a pamphlet which would serve as a periodic report to the citizens from the city hall. He feels that such a report would keep the citizens more informed on city business and cause less misunderstanding between residents and city officials.

East Southfield Teachers Explain Reading Methods

EAST SOUTHFIELD — East Southfield PTA open house Tuesday night provided parents an opportunity to meet teachers and see the work accomplished so far by the children.

A panel discussion on various phases of school polices gave the group a clearer picture of the school system.

On the panel were Mrs. Marion Simms, school principal; Glenn Schoenhals, superintendent of schools; William Oliver, member of the board of education and Evelyn Kedni, Oakland county department health nurse. Moderator was Mrs. Robert Boltwood, program chairman.

How reading is taught in each grade was explained in talk and descriptions given by East Southfield teachers Mrs. Katherine Wine, Mrs. Annie Evans, Mrs. Marie Young, Mrs. Margaret Baize, Mrs. Isa Vogel and Joan Konop.

Mrs. Arle Klopp, chairman, reported $105 made on the bake sale to raise funds for playground equipment.

Bake sale committee members were co-chairman Mrs. Richard Barr, Mrs. Milton Sackett, Mrs. Johannes Eggermont, Mrs. Robert Cunningham, Mrs. James Pravel, Mrs. Earl Tiffin, and Mrs. Walter Spodek.

The PTA has increased its membership by over 100 per cent from last year. There are now 220 members.

Bloomfield Amends Zoning Ordinance; Lot Size Increased

BLOOMFIELD — Bloomfield township's zoning ordinance was amended at last week's meeting when a resolution was passed requiring lots without water and sewer lines and with adequate percolation to be not less than a half-acre in size.

The township's zoning ordinance needs a complete revamping, board members believe.

"There is nothing in the present zoning ordinance on parking facilities for new buildings," township supervisor Arno Hulet said. "We had better get busy on a new ordinance in a hurry."

A study of other communities' parking requirements will be made before the next township board meeting when an amendment on parking facilities to the present zoning ordinance is expected.

29 Candidates Seek 11 Offices

SOUTHFIELD — Just 12 days from today (Thursday) residents here will accept or reject a charter which, if adopted, will make Southfield a full-fledged city of 30 square miles.

On that same day, Dec. 3, voters will also decide on officers who will run that city government, should they approve the charter.

In order to give voters a better understanding of the men they will be asked to vote upon, The Eccentric is presenting a thumbnail sketch of each candidate.

WE WOULD LIKE to remind the readers of two things:

1) That regardless of how you may cast your ballot on the charter you should also vote for the selection of candidates for city office, and

2) Those of you who live in Ward Two, who have no candidate for council from that ward, may select a councilman by write-in vote. The person receiving the highest write-in vote will be your representative if the charter is adopted. Otherwise, your candidate will be selected for you by the council elected in the other wards.

Ward Two is that area which includes Section 3, 10, 16, the north half of Section 15, and parts of Sections 4 and 9 which are not in Bingham Farms Village.

MAYOR

Three men are in the race for mayor. They are:

HOWARD COLEMAN, 58, of 21200 Telegraph road, who has resided in Southfield for 23 years. He is married and has no children. Coleman is an auditor for International Union UAW and is president of Southfield Citizen's League. He is assisted with an attempt to incorporate the southern section of Southfield two years ago. Following graduation from high school, he completed business college and graduated from Detroit City College with a BA degree.

DONALD L. SWANSON, 35, of 24068 Pennsylvania drive, is married and has four children. He is general manager of the Michigan State Fair. Swanson holds a master's degree in educational administration from Wayne University. He was a legislative candidate for the fourth district in 1954 and is a Southfield charter commissioner and township trustee.

EUGENE SWEM, 71, of 21369 Telegraph road, has been Southfield township supervisor for the past year and one-half; before that was a township trustee for two years, and has been a teacher in public schools for 49 years. Swem has lived in Southfield 16 years. Married, he has one child and one grandchild. He attended Central Michigan Normal College, Mt. Pleasant, Wayne University and Columbia university. He is an officer in Southfield Improvement association, former officer in the Southfield Federated association, and former officer and still a member of the Goodfellows, Community council, and represents the township in the South Oakland County Rubbish authority, South Oakland County Water authority, and is a member of the advisory committee for the Interceptor district and secretary of the Southfield-Evergreen corporation.

COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

THOMAS M. COSTELLO, 28, of 27466 Lexington, Parkway, is the only candidate for the at-large post. Married and the father of two children, Costello is a graduate of Detroit university where he captained the football team. An air force veteran, he is a practicing attorney in Oakland and Wayne counties and is active in Cambridge village association and Bede's church. Costello was a member of the second charter commission.

WARD ONE

HUGH G. ALLERTON, JR., 31, 18585 Hillcrest boulevard, is married and has one daughter. A graduate of University of Michigan with AB and LLB degrees, he is a practicing attorney and teaches law at Highland Park junior college and Wayne university. Allerton is serving a second term as township trustee and was a member of the charter commission. Allerton is a delegate to the South Oakland planning council and is past president of Beverly Hills Association.

N. FRED CRONA, Jr., 43, of 28763 Everett, has lived in Southfield seven years and is employed as a die maker with Chrysler Corp. A veteran of World War II, Crona is a member of the American Legion and Disabled Veterans; is a Mason and Shriner, and is chairman of Southfield Woods water company. Married, no children. Crona attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

WILLIAM O. MURPHY, 42, of 20439 Marshall, has lived in Southfield 10 years. He is employed as manager of an aluminum window department of a Detroit distributor. Murphy attended business college and state teachers college in Pennsylvania and has had courses in residential building and cost estimates. Married and the father of eight children, Murphy is active in boy scout work and is explorer advisor of B-29. A member of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church he is also a member of American Federation of musicians and was an unsuccessful candidate for Oakland county register of deeds this year.

JOHN J. HOLLYWOOD, 48, of 27389 Shagbark drive, has lived in Southfield for years. Married, he has no children. Hollywood is employed with Associates Discount Corp. in Detroit. This is the first time he has ever sough public office. Cambridge Village association president for the past two years, Hollywood is also vice president of Southfield Rotary club. He attended Mechanics Institute, New York City and was formerly in the air line business for 15 years.

THEODORE J. SURA, 40, resides with his wife and son, Theodore Jr., 2, at 18830 Kirkshire. A graduate of University of Detroit in 1938, Sura served more than four years during World War II with military police. He holds a major's rank in the active reserves. Following the Second World War, Sura served with the Veteran's Administration as an attorney and entered general law practice four years ago. He is a deacon in the Birmingham Congregational church, and has lived in Southfield four years. When the first charter was defeated in Dec. 1955, Sura was a successful candidate for one of two justice of the peace posts.

WARD THREE

DONALD HANFORD, 43, of 26300 Telegraph, is married and has two boys, Donald Jr., 11, and Thomas, 9. Hanford, an IBM tabulating supervisor with Michigan Tool Co., has lived in Southfield almost four years, and before that lived in northwest Detroit. He is secretary of Southfield Kiwanis club and active in Angling Road school PTA. He studied civil engineering for three years at Union college, Schenectady, N.Y., leaving there in 1934 to join International Business Machine Co. Hanford has not been active in politics previously.

ALAN WAYNE KLEIN, 27, of 25292 Orchard Grove, is employed at Young and Rubicam, Inc., Detroit advertising agency, in public relations work. He has lived in Southfield with his wife and one child for four years. A University of Detroit graduate, Klein is a Korean War veteran making his first attempt at public office. He was a member of United Press for 3½ years prior to his present employment, and for two years has been corresponding secretary of the Oakwood Hills Homeowners association. A Delta Pi Kappa fraternity member, he is also associated with the St. Francis De Salle club.

WARD FOUR

LUTHER WAGNER, 41, of 24585 Martha Washington drive, is married and has three children. He has lived in Southfield for five years and has served on the township board for three years. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Lawrence Institute of Technology where he majored in mechanical engineering, and is employed as a development engineer for U.S. Rubber Co. He is a director of the Washington Heights Civic association.

EMANUEL CHRISTENSEN, 64, of 17350 Cornell, has owned and operated his own insurance business

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Building Boom Slackens During 1956

Local Restrictions Curb Some Home Construction

Issuance of residential building permits for the first three quarters of 1956 has dropped 8.8 per cent in Oakland county over 1955, reports the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, which said at the same time that residential building in the region fell 17.4 percent below last year.

Five communities in Oakland county issued more than 500 residential permits during this nine-month period. They were: Royal Oak, 741; Waterford township, 709; Bloomfield township, 649; Southfield township, 555; and Farmington township, 551.

DECREASE in residential building has not been confined to the Detroit region, reports the planning commission, adding that home building has been slowing up across the nation during 1956.

"High cost of construction and labor plus a tightening up of the money market has been blamed for the decrease. Locally, building bans were imposed in areas where spring floods were bad. Where water, sewer and drain facilities were inadequate for the rapid new home development that was taking place some communities issued the ultimatum that no new homes were to be constructed until adequate facilities could be assured," stated the commission.

GREATER decreases in the number of building permits issued in Wayne and Macomb counties, according to the commission, caused Oakland's share of building permits issued in the Region to jump from 27.6 per cent in the nine-month period of 1955 to 31 per cent of regional building during the same period in 1956.

Turnout of building permits in Bloomfield township began a decline in July and August, and nosedived sharply in September when the Oakland county health department required percolation tests on all property to be built upon before a permit could be issued, according to Mrs. Ruth Davison, township building department employe.

THIS DECLINE can be noted in the number of residential permits issued beginning in June with 132. In July Bloomfield issued 68, and in August, 64. September's total output was 22 permits, but building came back strongly in October with the issuance of 81 permits for residential construction, said. Mrs. Davison.

There were several reasons why residential building was down in Southfield over the same period last year, said Building Inspector Frank Gidley, who pointed out that increased commerical construction more than made up for the residential drop.

One reason was the percolation test required by Oakland county, said Gidley. "It slows down the routine," observed Gidley.

"THIS HAS not been a selling year," Gidley noted, saying that in some areas of Southfield homes built on speculation are still offered for sale.

Southfield's building inspector also pointed out that the township imposed a building ban on the eastern central part of Southfield because of heavy rains which caused basement flooding. This ban was in effect for about four months.

In another area some 157 homes were not built because the contractor did not meet sewage and drainage requirements in time to begin building this year. That builder was held up for several months working out these requirements, Gidley stated.

ANOTHER road block to building has been a township requirement that a producing water well be constructed before any building take place on undeveloped property. With well drillers overloaded with work many people must wait weeks before they can get a well drilled in some is and drill a well.

Township officials took this precaution within the last year because too many homes were being constructed in the township before a well was drilled, only to find that there was no water, or not enough water on the property to serve the home's needs.

COMMUNITIES and the number of residential permits issued during the first nine months of 1956 were Birmingham, 144; Bloomfield Hills, 47; Bloomfield township, 649; Franklin, 46; Lathrup Village, 73; Southfield, 555; City of Troy, 254; Troy township, 19; and West Bloomfield, 176.

Troy, too, has been beset by holdups in that area because of water, sewage disposal and drainage problems.

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