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Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

MILTON HURD, Southfield high school instructor, always looks for a narrow parking space for his defense weight Volkswagen. It helps to keep young muscle men from picking it up and placing it sideways in the space so he can't back out without moving a neighboring car or getting some muscular passerby to help him square the car around. When it has happened, he is generally lucky enough to have a willing and sympathetic helper set it straight again.

SOUTHFIELD high school bandmen were given the honor of leading 152 other bands from all over Michigan in the Eighth Annual Air Arm Band Day last Saturday.

Band Director James A. Burrows was also honored by a request that his band return for Band Day next year—due in special honor to his membership of the band.

Burrows' band has been continued good conduct.

Saturday, at a crowded-crowd, Burrows marched his band through Ann Arbor streets back to the bus playing enthusiastically.

The rains damped only the drum major's short skirts, which shrank two inches, to the embarrassment of the girls who wore them.

A RECENT suit about Southfield in a Detroit daily may have been misleading to anyone who is a township. The article said the township's present tax rate was \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

This is almost true, but does not show the whole picture of taxes in Southfield. Present tax rate is \$1.65 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, but when school, county and state taxes are added, the rate per \$1,000 varies between \$4.90 and \$4.12 per \$1,000 depending on what part of the township the taxpayer lives.

FANNIE ADAMS, Southfield township clerk, may not have intended to run for the office of clerk for the City of Southfield, but her friends won't allow that. They're drafting her.

Last week, after Mrs. Adams announced that she did not think she would run for clerk, friends took out petitions which are almost completed.

There are 27 little girls at East Southfield school who want to become Brownie scouts very badly, but so far none of the mothers have volunteered for the job.

Mrs. James O'Bannon, who has the responsibility of securing lead paint in the homes of the township, has been contacted by the mothers without success.

However, the little girls may have unlimited faith in Mrs. O'Bannon's ability to produce a lead paint for the homes of the township, the youngsters stand around the halls of East Southfield with their dues money in their hands.

BLOOMFIELD township fire chief Ralph Hemmery, commented on fall burning last week. There is a state-wide order from the Department of Conservation, Game and Fisheries, he said, that burning of fields or brush is a sufficient rainfall.

Burners of leaves and brush are permitted, Hemmery said, providing there is an adjacent open lot or field.

MRS. HAROLD H. HAEGER, 28770 Ranchwood, Southfield township, has had two Springs at her home this year. The pleasant Indian summer has defined buds on a Spring-blooming rose bush and other early-flowering plants are also blooming for a second time this year. (If this wonderful Indian summer continues much longer, Mrs. Haeger will need a horticultural psychiatrist to get them back on schedule.)

Bloomfield Twp. Civil Defense Meeting Called

BLOOMFIELD—Henry A. Houston, Bloomfield Township civil defense director, will be conducting a meeting of civil defense workers Monday at 8 p.m. at Bloomfield town hall. All men in Bloomfield Township interested in civil defense are invited.

North, formerly with the Birmingham auxiliary police, has been appointed to help train town hall auxiliary civil defense units. Volunteer workers in the three departments of welfare, medical and police are needed. Robert M. Clark has been named supply director for the organization.

8,863 Registered

BLOOMFIELD TWP. — Registrations for the Nov. 6 general election almost reached the 1952 total of 8,800. Mrs. Ann Birrell, deputy township clerk said this week. Potential voter strength in Bloomfield township is up to 8,863 qualified electors.

Socony Will Sue Lathrup For Gas Site

LATHRUP—Socony-Mobil Gas Co. has authorized its attorneys to proceed with a suit last year attempting to force permission to build a gas station in Lathrup from city officials, Harry P. Peckheiser, Socony's regional director said this week.

Peckheiser said the case would probably not come before county circuit judges in Pontiac until January.

The suit has been pending while Lathrup fought two other gas companies who also wanted to build in Lathrup.

One of these by Speedway Petroleum Co. for a station at the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Southfield roads, has been lost by the city.

A SECOND suit, pending in Highland Oil Co. against the Michigan Supreme court after Lathrup lost the decision in circuit court.

Peckheiser last month had promised to attempt to take the company's present site on the northeast corner of Sunnyside and Southfield roads back to the city's southeast corner of 12 Mile and Southfield.

The city council said if a trade could be made the city would use Socony's building permit.

Charles D. Peckheiser, who sold the property to Socony, and who owns the 12 Mile-Southfield site, would not trade and council announced last week that they might consider granting permission to build a gas station on what might be Socony's attempt to obtain a permit on the Sunnyside property.

Peckheiser said the city would not build a gas station on the 12 Mile road was granted to the city last week by township board of appeals.

Residing residents feared that new roads to the school would cut them off from property owned by the school site, and the Fairfax would be overloaded with traffic.

Residents also feared that the vacant lots would be used for dumping. This has already happened in some areas, even in back yards of built-up land.

Another problem that must be worked out, said residents, is lack of good drainage and poor road conditions. Supervisor E. E. Swann said the road would be graded before Fall rains start.

Want to Build Homes On 40-Foot Lots

SOUTHFIELD—A request to build homes on 40-foot lots in Southfield Woods subdivision in the Spruce Street area, east of Section 13 was tabled by board of appeals last week.

Residents of the subdivision are left and cannot be matched with buyers. The board of appeals will discuss the request at a Nov. 6 meeting.

Press Time

SOUTHFIELD

VACATION of Maple Ridge road for one-half block just north of Eight Mile road in Southfield township land planner in an effort to head off industrial use of residential land in that area for parking. Maple Ridge would be opened to the north onto Melrose, and the half block vacated that portion of the street.

This decision resulted from a request by Federal Industries, Inc., of Southfield township, for a lot of the north of their property for parking. Board members will and backed up to present zoning commercial property the Vineyards.

ROSELAND Woods subdivision at Nine Mile and Northwestern Avenue, was given approval by township board of appeals last week. James Hickey, land planner, told board members that the subdivision would be developed by a private company and would be a residential development.

AVON LAND special assessment district for water mains was approved by board. Total cost to be \$46,412 or \$24.8 a front foot to be paid over a 10-year period.

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LC-1 EXPLORER scouts who will work with Lathrup Village police during the Halloween season are Jeff Zetell, (left) Phil Vesteich, Bill Muller, Gene Courley, Alfred Herr, Bob Ewert, Darryl Pfister and Don Harshman. Standing back of the explorers are Lathrup policemen Henry Koepke (left), E. L. Flannery, Robert Wood, Chief Kenneth Farnham, Joseph Zafarana and Arley Van Meer. Photo is from Dr. Gerald Fitzgerald, newest addition to Lathrup's volunteer police force.

Home Defense Includes Underground Shelter

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last in a series of six articles on civil defense prepared by the Ec- centric in cooperation with Mrs. Lynn D. Hershey, Southfield CD director. These articles are applicable to natural as well as man-made disasters.

If your house does not have a basement, or if it is not practical to build a basement shelter, you can build, at a little greater cost, an outside underground shelter which will give you adequate protection.

Choose a site for your underground shelter that will not be covered by debris if your house should be blown down. The more earth cover the better, up to a maximum of 3 feet.

If you live more than 15 miles from downtown Detroit, your need for shelter from blast is not as great, but you still need protection against nuclear radiation from fallout. In fact, no matter where in the United States you live, you may need this protection. Thus, if you live outside a large city, your shelter should provide, primarily, shielding against nuclear radiation.

Flagman Waves Woman Into Crash; Two Girls Injured

WEST BLM. TWP.—Two Orchard Lake girls were critically injured Monday afternoon when the car in which they were riding was struck in the side by another car on W. Long Lake and Middlefield roads, throwing the girls from the car, according to township police.

Admitted to Pontiac General hospital were Karen Popek, 4955 Pontiac Trail, with a fractured skull, concussion and severe scalp cuts, and her sister, Kathleen, 5, with severe leg cuts and hip injuries.

The girls were riding with brother, Tom, 21, who was traveling west on Long Lake road. The crash occurred when a flagman, working on road repair, waved on a car driven south on Middlefield by Agatha W. Natio, 63720 W. 12 Mile road, Farmington, Mich., and her car struck the Popek auto.

Police said Popek had right of way and made a left turn, parked near the intersection, blocked vision.

YOUR emergency supplies should be near your shelter. These include blankets, warm clothes in cold weather, pliers or wrench, heavy gloves, paper cups and plates, eating utensils, extra bulbs and batteries for your flashlight and portable radio. A supply of old newspapers, toilet tissue, sanitary napkins, invalid supplies if you have illness in the house, and disposable diapers if you have a baby.

Hickey also told the board that sewer lines along Southfield road to serve the subdivision would be re-located at Federal expense when the expressway was constructed.

DR. OLIVER MARCOTTE'S request for rezoning from residential to ERO on 10 Mile road, one-quarter mile west of Telegraph to be might build a medical clinic, was turned over to the zoning board for study.

If approved the clinic would have two to three doctors with eight examining rooms and parking for 30 cars. Trustees Don L. Swanson and Walter Wagner opposed the rezoning, saying that it weakened zoning laws elsewhere in the township.

MICHIGAN State Plumbing Board has requested a meeting with Southfield township officials Friday to discuss complaints lodged with them against the township's plumbing code.

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"My husband's hobby is arguing about politics. How about yours?"

Franklin Newcomers Are Listed

The Charles Hall family moved from Holden, Mass., into the former Bevin house at 26356 Wellington road early in the summer. They stayed in Franklin just long enough to get unpacked and then headed for Cape Cod. The Halls have four children, Judith, 12 and Dave, 9. The family is interested in painting and the girls are looking forward to trying it.

Mr. Hall is with the Field Machine Co., Detroit. He is an enthusiastic photographer and develops his own pictures. Mrs. Hall enjoys painting and has already joined a class.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mac Alpine have moved into their new home on Ramsey road. Although formerly Detroiters, they have lived the last eight years in Grand Rapids. Mr. MacAlpine is with Ex-Cell Corp.

The Mac Alpines have four children, Susan, 10, David, 8, Steve, 4, and Nancy, 3. They are interested in ice skating and swimming.

Carl and Doris Webster and their sons Donald, 8, and Brent, 7, have moved from Bay Village, Ohio, to their new home on Long Lake road. Mr. Webster is with the Scottish Union & National Insurance Co., Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Gallagher and daughter Kathleen, 9, have moved from Detroit to the former Houston home at 3915 South Greenbrier. They are interested in golf and bowling. Mr. Gallagher has his own business in Detroit.

Costco Discusses Charter Tax Limit

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last in a series of nine articles written each week about the proposed city charter by a different member of Southfield's second charter commission. The charter will be approved or disapproved at an election Dec. 3.

By THOMAS M. COSTELLO

I am extremely grateful to The Birmingham Eccentric for affording me this opportunity to express my personal views on the newly proposed charter for Southfield.

Inasmuch as the previous writers have discussed the character of the charter, I shall limit my remarks to my opinion of the charter and a basic element of the tax balance system in our government.

Further, I feel that the element such as the charter must be flexible enough to cope with the change of events and circumstances which will inevitably occur in Southfield in the years to come. If in the future we have through experience, that there are certain sections and provisions of this charter which are not workable, then the voters may amend the charter.

It must be remembered that the own Constitution has been amended on twenty-two occasions since its inception. In my opinion, this charter is a good one upon which to build the future of Southfield Township.

TODAY, we the people of Southfield are confronted with problems such as inadequate sewers, proposed freeway through our community, and the loss of our youth to other parts of our population. In meeting this problem and many others, I believe we must unite, and that the charter as written, will afford to us the best implement to deal with these problems of our new city.

Therefore, I urge each and every one of you to exercise your inalienable right to vote on Dec. 3 on the issue which will resolve the future of Southfield.

Church Thievery

LATHRUP—Someone walked into the Community church congregational last Wednesday night during the service and stole a fellowship meeting and carried off a church model bank containing \$5 in change.

Attempt to 'Revive' Big Evergreen Sewer

Small Sewer 'Sleeping'

SOUTHFIELD—The "little Evergreen" interceptor sewer, which would serve Southfield and Lathrup, is "sleeping" according to Supervisor Eugene Swann, who said further work to bring about the small sewer will await efforts to revive the larger interceptor that in decades four more communities.

The little interceptor was to be financed by private interests who would be paid per tap-in fees paid by users of the system.

The larger sewer would also be paid for by tap-in fees, but so far Southfield's inability to bond has held up the large project along with approval to get from Detroit a commitment as to how much sewage they would treat.

Nancy Williams Honored Guest In Southfield

SOUTHFIELD—Today will be "Nancy Williams Day" for several hundred women in Southfield when Mrs. G. Menner Williams will be honored at a series of parties.

Starting the day's activities will be a coffee hour at the home of Mrs. John Drendzel, chairman of the Southfield Democratic Women's Club. Co-hosting will be Mrs. Howard Coleman, who has made a special centerpiece of Hawaiian food roses.

Serving guests will be Mrs. Burdett Drendzel and Mrs. James Clark of Southfield. In addition to Mrs. Williams, guests of honor will be Michigan Supreme Court Justices George Edwards and Talbot Smith, and Paul Sutton, Democratic Congressional candidate for the 18th Congressional District.

Last week a plan to have State lawmakers pass legislation to allow counties to back local authorities bond issues with the counties' full faith and credit, revived the larger interceptor.

SWEN SAID that attempts would be made to increase the county drain commission's "revenue" to allow the county to do preliminary engineering on projects without having to get financial advances from the communities involved. This plan will be proposed to the County Board of Supervisors by the county committee, which must approve it and then the board of supervisors would also have to approve the fund.

Membership Drive Brings In Eleven New VFW Members

SOUTHFIELD—Eleven new members were inducted into the VFW post 9953 last week. They are William Block, Arthur Hintz, Victor Hatchman, John Anthony, William Kiskadee, the late son, Roland Suter, Robert Langston, Adolph Anselmi, Jr., and Stewart Le.

Guests at the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Draher of the VFW. Membership drive for the post is now in full swing and interested veterans and their families are urged to join the membership committee.

William Ray, 25150 Farmbrook, Birmingham or Joseph Grand, 27270 Everett, Royal Oak.

Stuart Le and Don Cadieu at Nelson Realty are chairmen of a fruit cake sale sponsored by the post.

Okay Valley Wood Elementary School

SOUTHFIELD—Approval was given to Birmingham board of education to build a school on Bellevue trail north of James Mile road by township board of appeals last week, subject to a study of greenbelts, sidewalks, road and fences by the appeals board.

Although the township board agreed that the school was present, they also felt that a greenbelt rather than a recreation fence would be more acceptable.

Dr. Richard L. Featherstone, an assistant superintendent of schools, said the school has been planned to leave as many trees standing as possible.

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