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Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS I REGRET to say that several people familiar to the political scene hereabouts will no longer be taking an active part in government (at least for the time being) because they did not seek, or were defeated in their bid for, re-election.

Westchester Moves Toward Home-Rule

By ROBERT WEBB In recent village meetings, community-spirited residents of Westchester Village turned out in mass to discuss problems of incorporation. Ninety-five per cent of the residents attended meetings and the first step toward incorporation—the submitting of petitions to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

Road Paving Public Airing Is April 22

LATHRUP—Nine special assessment districts are being considered as part of the city's 1957 paving program and public hearings will be held April 22 to determine if these streets will be included.

Mackey Named Lathrup Mayor: Campbell Resigns from Council

RECENTLY ELECTED Lathrup Councilman Richard N. Cogger and Councilwoman Elizabeth Mitchell take the oath of office from City Clerk Merle Richer Monday night as Mayor John G. Campbell watches in the background. A short time later Campbell read his resignation and left the council platform.

Southfield Delays Action On .8 Mill Voted Increase

SOUTHFIELD—Township board took no definite action to set a millage vote for May 10 asking township residents to approve collection of .8 mill to be used to pay for increased township operating expenses.

Council Vacancy Not Filled

No action was taken to appoint a replacement for Campbell. An "open letter of appreciation" signed by Stephen K. Valentine and George H. Russell, recently-defeated council candidates, however, urged that council should review complaints that had led to a division of council which found Campbell and former councilman Kathryn V. Feyereisen, who resigned in January, in the council minority.

St. Bede's Plans April Polio Clinic

With the approval of the Oakland county board of health and the Oakland county polio foundation, the ladies of the St. Bede's Sanctuary society are going ahead with plans for a polio clinic to be held in the church hall early in April. A definite date will be announced as soon as the supply of serum is available.

Propose Increased Side Yard Areas

SOUTHFIELD—At a second public hearing on increasing side yard restrictions in R-1 and R-2 zones, the zoning board recommended that township board Ordinance 118 to include the following:

See Little Increase In Lathrup Budget

LATHRUP—No increase in the city's 7 1/2 mill tax rate is anticipated by City Manager Leonard A. Watchowski who said Tuesday he has a budget ready to present to council Monday night.

Bendix Opposes WXYZ's Proposed Move to Southfield

SOUTHFIELD—Bendix Corporation has notified township officials that it, too, would be unhappy with the relocation of WXYZ-TV and radio facilities in Southfield.

Lahser-12 Mile Commercial Zoning Requested

SOUTHFIELD—Interested public are invited to the next regular meeting of township board April 23 when a request for zoning commercial at the northeast corner of 12 Mile and Lahser will be discussed.

Need More Money For S'field Schools

"It is going to be necessary for us to go to the people to ask for a millage increase just to maintain our schools at their present level, as well as for additional millage to continue our school building program," Superintendent Glenn Schoenheit told the southfield board of education and 27 teachers attending the board meeting Monday.

An Editorial

To the everlasting credit of the letter and spirit of the American political system of self-government, citizens of Southfield Township have decided, by majority vote, to avoid the creation of a single city to supplant its present Township status.

Asks to Build Homes On Undersized Lots

SOUTHFIELD—Hert Gordon Sales company of Detroit, has asked township board of appeals to allow construction on two lots facing Catalpa which are under the 7,500-square-foot requirement.

Northwestern Bonds

SOUTHFIELD—Bonds to finance the limited access Northwestern highway expansion were approved and sold by county board of supervisors Tuesday.

Woman Constable Asks S'field to Post Bond

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Set Fire Contract Cost at \$21,300

LATHRUP—City fathers will try to work a contract with Southfield township to protect the city from fire by using Southfield men and equipment.

Co-Operation Needed to Build Good Southfield Communities

To the north, Southfield residents who live up to their pre-election promises, this anti-city majority will not complete a charter until late in July by which time the deadline for incorporation of all of Southfield into one big city will have passed.

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My Neighbors

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Had the Southern Pro-City Element

HAD THE SOUTHERN pro-city element been as convinced of their cause as was the north, Southfield would have been a city last December. But many southern residents never were, nor are they now convinced that their best interests would be served by a sprawling, undeveloped single city.

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