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Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

MRS. LYNN HERSHEY, Southfield civil defense director, tells this tale (science fiction?) about a kitten she acquired one time. Seems the young fellow could not stand or walk very capably on his hind quarters and efforts of a veterinarian for 30 days did little to relieve the feline's condition. So the vet figured the best that could be done was to put the animal to sleep and perform an autopsy to find the reason for the cat's inability to move about. The report (And you can believe this or not, of course, but Mrs. Hershey claims it's true), the cat was not all cat, all part rabbit, the back half, and so ends our tale.

EDMUND Flannery, Lathrup daytime traffic lieutenant who issues driver's licenses, stopped City Manager Leonard Watchowski short the other day. Flannery had just sold a driver's license to a woman motorist who complained about having a kink in her neck. Being an obliging public servant, Flannery, at the lady's bidding, put both hands to the neck to massage away the trouble. Watchowski at this point was in the office and saw Flannery with what appears to be a strange hold on the woman's neck. Flannery's Irish wit comes to the fore at this time and says to the woman, "Now are you going to give me that kink for that driver's license or aren't you?" "I didn't know what to say," said Watchowski later. "I was dumfounded."

West Bloomfield Holds Budget Near Last Year's Figure Opponents Victors

Keeping its total budget of \$200,456 approximately the same as last year, West Bloomfield township board approved salary increases for officials and increased civil defense allotment from \$750 to \$1,500 at its annual meeting Saturday. The overall budget was not raised as the township expects to save in election expenses by not having the department was cut from \$29,550 to \$28,425.

PROVISION was made, however, that \$5,000 be earmarked for a smaller truck if funds are available. The township now has a small pickup-type truck for grass fires and would like to add another. Last year a large \$10,400 fire truck was purchased.

At the meeting, attended by 57 taxpayers, elected officials salary raises were approved and car allowances were incorporated into them. Supervisors Hiland M. Thatcher now will receive \$8,700; Clerk Frank Hallett and Treasurer Lillian S. Warner, each will receive \$5,800.

Elect New Girl Scout Leaders

EAST SOUTHFIELD - Neighborhood association meeting for girl scout leaders and committee chairman in the East Southfield area was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lavin Rex, 2855 Everett. New officers were elected. Mrs. William Ragsdale is new neighborhood chairman. Other officers are troop consultant and organizer, Mrs. James O'Bannon; secretary, Mrs. H. M. Marquardt; treasurer, Mrs. Albert P. Grogan; delegate to girl scout council, Mrs. Calvin Rex and alternate, Mrs. James Stansfield.

Troop 547 with leaders Mrs. Bryn are planning on camping out at Camp Narrin later this month. Mrs. Theodore Weik will accompany the group. Troop 252 will spend a weekend at Froid Lake recreation area later this spring. Mrs. James Stansfield and Mrs. Charles Arty are leaders.

Hearing on Hahon

SOUTHFIELD - Bids for a special assessment water district along Hahon street in Plum Hollow Gardens and Hadley Country Estates subdivisions, will be opened April 15 and a public hearing will be held April 23 at the township hall.

Need Tax Vote To Cover \$573,000 '57-'58 Budget

SOUTHFIELD - Board members got more than they asked for at the township meeting. A small millage increase approved by voters at a special election this year if the 1957-'58 budget is to be balanced. Township officials recommended a budget which called for expenditures of \$573,815, an increase of \$93,000 over what was spent last year, and \$103,000 more than they expect to take in in revenues. The millage vote, of less than one mill, is to cover this \$103,000 shortage.

RECOMMENDED in the budget was an increase in the police department of five men. This was boosted to eight new officers by the department, and hadley Country Estates high school cafeteria last Saturday.

The comparatively unceremonious residents also gave the fire department a three-man increase. All employees making less than \$5,000 were given a \$250 raise.

Table with columns: Precinct, Abel, Chino, Dittich, Dubay, Fiferlik, Guitner, Hollywood, Lemanan, Moloney, Mohar, Prime, Reed, Reburne, Sandusky, Shurder, Sara, Thompson, Wood, Worcester, Total Vote (Total), Registered (Total), Registered (Total).

Campbell Announces Resignation

Mayor's Teens Club Sfield's Plan Board To Be Advisory Group

LATHRUP - With all three of his candidates left without an incumbent, Frederick Campbell has announced that he will resign at the council's organizational meeting Monday.

Two council incumbents who have opposed Campbell in the past two-year terms, and a third member of their slate on April 2, that a handful of the club's members adopted a charter.

Since then the boys have started an employment service, have found themselves a temporary home in a vacant used car office on North-western highway just west of some cafes and have increased their membership to more than 200.

EACH MONTH finds some generous person donating articles of equipment for use at the clubhouse, but the boys' major concern is the need of quarters when they lose their home in June. At that time a supermarket will be built where the clubhouse is located.

To this end the boys have been raising money for a new clubhouse, and they have been successful in donating that building to the boys' cause.

Each, they need additional money for their building and a site, and in Southfield suitable sites do not come readily to hand. But BUTC members are confident that they will have a new home soon after they vacate their old one.

Eastlady Hearing

SOUTHFIELD - Public hearing on Eastlady paving project will be held April 23 at the township hall. The project has been referred to bond sale will be necessary because the project's cost will be paid in advance, according to township clerk Fannie Adams.

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SOUTHFIELD - New bids have been requested on nine disaster warning sirens by township board who last week rejected all bids to date because of a change in specifications.

Bids will be opened at the township hall April 11 and the successful bidder will be awarded a contract April 23, according to township schedule.

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City Foes Take Charter Majority Uncounted Paper Ballots Turn Tide

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

SOUTHFIELD - Victory conceded to a southern pro-city charter commission majority was snatched back late Tuesday when 75 uncounted paper ballots from an anti-city stronghold tipped the balance of power to the northers. Hollywood (Calle) moviemakers could not have built more drama or climactic ups and downs into a make-believe flicker than occurred in this marathon election which saw the last northern precinct returns come in at 6:15 a.m. Tuesday.

It was from this precinct - number seven - that final totals for the charter commission were taken by some hours after other election officials had reported results and climbed into bed.

UP TO THIS point southern forces led every northern candidate by at least 900 votes, but it was known that 1,283 votes had been cast in uncounted precinct seven. Northern sympathizers went home downcast, however, when the phone called gave southern candidates a five-to-four charter commission edge.

The south's fifth man, Lawrence Fiferlik, topped his nearest rival, northern David Thompson by five votes, which at that time was considered the margin of southern victory.

IF THESE figures hold up (See CHARTER, page 2)



WEAVING LINES (above), lack of parking and ticketed autos all deterred voters at northern precinct seven, and many voters were still in line at 11 p.m. waiting to vote, but final totals from this precinct (late Tuesday) gave the northern anti-city forces a victory in Monday's Southfield charter commission election. Seventy-five paper ballots, found Tuesday afternoon put a fifth northern on the commission giving city foes a majority on the board.

McKinley PTA Meets April 9

McKinley school will hold its April PTA meeting 7:45 p.m., April 9. Officers for the 1957-'58 school year will be installed.

Extension Group

EAST SOUTHFIELD - Southfield Woods extension group met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Cecil Matlock, 2806 Everett. Mrs. Eugene Lloyd and Mrs. Gerald Eastlick gave the lesson on "Basic dress and accessories."

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC Area Election Results

League of Women Voters' 25th Birthday

Church News

School News