

# Ask Bids On School Sewer

By JEAN DAY

Southfield board of education voted Monday to work as quickly as possible to provide sanitary sewers for the new Lederle junior high school scheduled to open in September.

Initial plans for a septic installation were abandoned after Detroit Common Council agreed last Tuesday to a second extension of the Northland sanitary district, allowing the school, Michigan Bell Telephone company and a subdivision of 14 proposed houses known as Hampshire Woods and owned by Nathan Linden to be included.

ALTHOUGH less than a month remains before school is to open Sept. 4, Superintendent Glenn Schoenhals and the five board members present felt it was worth every effort to install the permanent drain.

Schoenhals pointed out that the gymnasium showers going up probably would have put a severe strain on any septic system.

The board voted to advertise for bids immediately and to open them a week and a half contracts Aug. 23.

Schoenhals conceded that opening of the junior high may have to be postponed a few days to complete the installation, a thing he stressed that everything possible should be done to avoid delays.

WHILE the drain will be considerably more costly than the septic installation, there will be no maintenance problem which will be turned over to Southfield.

A special meeting was set for Monday to decide specifications of a cost with Linden and Frank J. DeDecker of the engineering and consulting firm of Spaulding and DeDecker, representing Linden.

The sewer which will extend from the Wedgewood subdivision sewer developed by Linden and Nelson Realty will continue across the south boundary of the school and along the west boundary and branch into Roseland Woods subdivision No. 1.

TENTATIVE costs outlined by DeDecker were \$13,496.25 to J. L. Hudson Company and \$6,088.82 to Nelson Realty for tying into the sewer and its first extension. Of this, he said, Bell Telephone company will pay about \$8,265. Added to the remaining cost of \$11,220 was a cost of \$5,244.50 already paid by Linden to deepen the original extension to take greater loads.

Sharing this total proportionately with Linden, makes the school's share of the tapping privilege fee, according to DeDecker, approximately two-thirds.

CONSTRUCTION costs of a joint usage line were estimated about \$8,500, bringing the total cost to the school to an excess of \$16,000. Added to this will be drain work to connect the sewer to the school.

Some of the \$16,000 will be recovered, according to Linden, when Woodhill and a portion of Roseland Woods subdivision No. 1 tie in later.

Thomas Hewlett of O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach, architects for the school, said that the school will realize a credit of \$9,500 marked for the septic installation.

WILL J. OLIVER, board treasurer.

# 12-Towns

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Biggest objection, said Swem is that the county would have to lend full faith and credit of the county to all of the areas involved, not just Southfield.

The change, too, they say would doubt the best because the DPW cannot get to the project for several months. The DPW will have to undergo Supreme Court test to test its constitutionality before bonds can be sold, county attorneys said, and this would also delay 12-Towns.

SOUTHFIELD'S suit questions figuring and methods of allocation whereby already-established drains are credited to communities which paid for the drains.

It also questions drain board's right to place Southfield into the 12-Towns without Southfield petitioning for such a move and, in effect has declared it would rather take its storm water in another direction.

Swem said the suit questions the right of the county to give an allocation without a hearing.

Of a special assessment to pay for the project Swem said, "It takes quite a lot of imagining how the 12-Towns drain would benefit such areas as Franklin or the John Grace school district.

PAYMENT of the township's share of the drain might easily cripple the township operation because of the limited income under the 15-mill limitation, Swem added.

The drain board placed Southfield in because:

1) Louis Schimmel, financial expert said Southfield could support a \$4,000,000 special assessment bond issue over 30 years.

2) Drainage by the 10 1/2 Mile and Artesian drains to the River Rouge would divert waters from the Clinton river to "already overlanded" River Rouge basin. Both the project alternates to the 12-Towns drain would encounter court action instituted by Rouge municipalities to block these projects.

3) OAK PARK, Berkley and Huxington Woods, "have made it crystal clear in question that the Southfield area in question must be fully assured before the 12-Towns project is permitted to proceed. None of these three municipalities propose to assume the financial obligation involved in the 12-Towns until these flood problems from Southfield are solved."

4) Southfield area (1,800 acres) in the existing Royal Oak drain district and logically should be served by the 12-Towns which will correct drain deficiencies in Royal Oak drain district and other drain districts, all of which have a common outlet in the Clinton river.

Township board tabled the drain board's request for \$1,400 to pay for engineering on the 12-Towns. Southfield already has invested \$3,400 in engineering.

suror, questioned the division of costs with Linden. It was based he was told, on maximum capacity for the school. DeDecker promised to have exact figures ready Monday.

Charles L. Curtis, acting as present pro-tem in place of vacationing Fred D. Leonard, expressed a general feeling of the board that while initial costs were higher there would be no future costs and much greater efficiency.

# Road Oiling Question Shelved... Temporarily

By LES LINE

FRANKLIN—Weary Franklinites have finally been given a respite from the community's long, drawn-out road treatment controversy.

Not that the matter of oil versus salt has been buried for good. It's just been shelved for a while.

It will, without a doubt, be back in the Franklin limelight next year—and every year until—some day—roads here are paved.

The question which has brought countless political headaches to the "town that time forgot", literally split the village into two factions and brought the town its first court trial in history was temporarily sidetracked Monday night.

THE FRANKLIN council at its regular monthly meeting decided it would look favorably on application for great local roads only to lay out. An Oct. 15 deadline was placed on any treatment to give the road administrator time to scrape roads before winter.

Even then, however, it took a breaking vote by Village President Harold A. Roseberry to decide the matter.

Councilmen present voted 3 to 1 in the resolution, Donald Hunter and Jack Roberts favoring the matter and Robert A. Mitchell, Robert Yingling and Homer Hyde voting against.

HAROLD ROTTIERS, out of town on a business trip, knotted things up with a "yes" vote by proxy in writing. He also made the resolution by proxy, a move which kept it from being amended.

# Wing Lake Junior High Contracts Let

Contracts totaling \$179,059 for the new Bloomfield Hills junior high school at Wing Lake and Quanton roads were awarded Monday. Due to greater competition in bidding, Eugene L. Johnson, Hills superintendent of schools, said, the bids are five-and-a-half per cent below estimates.

Three major contractors awarded to low bidders were general contractor—Pulte Strang, Inc., for \$78,092; mechanical contractor—Great East Power Piping Company, for \$24,800; electrical contractor—Rogers Electrical Service, \$104,400.

CONSTRUCTION, which is to be started immediately as rough grading at the school site already is done, will be completed in a year with the building to open in September, 1958. Johnson pointed out that the school is proceeding on schedule with storm drains also completed and the deep well nearly finished.

The board, Johnson added, was well pleased with the bids and contractors' records of performance. Total building cost based on these will be slightly in excess of \$15 per square foot.

OTHER contracts were awarded Monday to Great Lakes Hotel Supply Company for kitchen equipment at \$25,184; Republic Steel Corporation for steel lockers at \$16,047; B. F. Farnell Company for special classroom equipment, \$40,325; St. Charles Kitchens for home economic equipment at \$7,249.

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# Visit

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be eligible to teach. She stayed out of school for three years, during which time she did hospital work and took additional courses for extra college credits.

Compulsory subjects are English, Swedish, history and religion. A teacher must also be able to play the organ for hymn accompaniment in the classroom.

"I HAD ALWAYS dreamed a bout going away to some country like Spain," Ann said, "but never dreamed I would ever come to America. It seemed so far away. I promised my mother when I left that I would return home and finish my last year of school."

"Perhaps some day I will come back. I love it here so very much and everyone has been warm and friendly. I don't really think I fully realize yet what all this has meant to me."

A CITY dweller, Ann thoroughly enjoys her suburban living. All new to her are baseball games, drive-in theatres and our "dating customs."

Ann was born and lived in Stockholm until she was seven, when the family moved to Hansarod, about 300 miles north of Stockholm. Her father is the district judge in Hansarod.

Brother Kedy served in the air force, has a master's degree and has one more year to complete his education. Ann enjoys winter sports, knits in her spare time and has made some of her own dresses.

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# Lathrup Still Without Chief

LATHRUP—No police chief was appointed by council Monday to replace retired Chief Kenneth Farnham, and it seems unlikely that any appointment will be made at the next meeting, Monday night.

City Administrator Leonard A. Watchowski asked the council to wait for the return of vacationing Councilmen Richard N. Cogger and David Anderson so the whole council might come to final agreement on police force regulations now in the making.

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