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Southfield Schools Open Sept. 4 to 6, 1957

New Buildings, Teachers End Half-Day Sessions

By JEAN DAY

A swimming pool at Southfield high school, a junior high addition to Lederle school and a new elementary school at Twelve Mile road near Southfield will go into use for the first time next week in Southfield school district where more than 6,000 students are expected to register Wednesday.

With the additional classrooms available, no half-day sessions will be needed even though the anticipated enrollment is about 800 students more than attended the spring term.

NEWCOMERS who did not register in the spring roundup are asked by Superintendent Glenn Schoenhals to enroll today or Friday at the schools they will attend. Principals are at all schools in the district this week to take registrations.

Teachers will meet in school conferences Tuesday. After registration Wednesday, schools will begin full-day sessions next Thursday and Friday.

A total of 73 teachers has been added to the staff, Schoenhals announced Monday. Last-minute cancellations and retirements, he said, still leave the district short five teachers. He hoped to have some of these hired by the time classes resume. Two band instructors also remain to be hired.

AT THE HIGH school Robert Hall will begin his first year as principal. Hall, who has served in the Southfield system for 10 years, previously was assistant principal before the resignation last spring of Marinas VanAmeyde.

Karl Buttomiller is principal of the new Twelve Mile road school, which has not been named yet by the school board. William Adcock is principal of Lederle junior high.

The new teachers for Lederle junior high are: Mary Anderson, social studies; Patricia Bausery, home economics; Margaret Crull, home economics; Diane Essinger, English; Bernard Guerin, English; Alice Hachigian, librarians; Robert Harding, science and social studies; Nancy Himes Besemer, physical education; Constance LaDue, English; Millicent Rowe, English; Joseph Church, mathematics.

NEW TEACHERS at Sixth grade school include Iva Ballwin, sixth grade; Carol Reed, first grade; and Suzanne Blair, first grade. Lathrup's school's new teachers are Lois Cervenak, kindergarten; Mary Lawniczak, first grade; Jan Prewitt, fourth grade (returning to the district); Hope Straith, fourth grade.

At the new Twelve Mile road school will be Kathleen Bowman, second grade; Mary Hubert, seventh grade; Isabel Kane, second grade; Ellen Lewis, kindergarten; Robert Riggs, sixth grade; Gladys Schaeper, first grade; William Wall, Nancy Weiber, third grade; Marilyn Maynard, seventh grade.

NEW TEACHERS at McKinley are Margaret Bowman, fourth grade; Ann Feely, second grade; Mary Ann O'Loughlin, second grade; Carol Reed, first grade; Goldie Scrantry, fifth grade; Lathrup elementary will be Frances Cavanaugh, first grade; Joan Karmatz, sixth grade; Earl T. Martin, social studies; Mrs. Martin, third grade; Doris McKinley, fifth grade; Catherine Schultz, fourth grade.

At Angling road school will be Paul Chandler, sixth grade; Marlene Gets, first grade; James Hildebrand, fourth grade; Ray LeFebvre, third grade; Katharine Owen, kindergarten; Nancy Berkman, fifth grade. At Southfield, so 10 will be Nager Griffin, sym-

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Obedience Is the Goal

Mrs. James Bortz, Jr., 27300 Spring Arbor, Cambridge Village, is pictured with her prize-winning great dane, Nita, (right) who recently captured the Sportsmen's Dog Training Club obedience trials at the State Fairgrounds, and her husband's German Shepherd, Brute.

Cambridge Dog Tops In Obedience Trials

By MARION EILER

Mr. and Mrs. James Bortz, Jr., of 27300 Spring Arbor drive, Cambridge Village, Southfield township, are the proud owners of two prize-winning dogs. Trophies on the shelf in the living room of the Bortz home testify to the many feats accomplished by the talented dogs.

Laurado's Nita (Nita for short) is a 120-pound great dane owned by Mrs. Bortz. Although many experienced trainers had told her great dane was too slow for training work, Mrs. Bortz has worked diligently with Nita, now 3 1/2 years old, for the last year and a half.

SHE HAS BEEN showing the dog for the past nine months, and last July 21 Nita was in her fourth show at the Fairgrounds where she scored an amazing 199 1/2 points out of a possible 200 and beat out 166 other dogs.

Nita was handled by her owner and easily went through her paces as a graduate novice at this sixth annual obedience trials held by the Sportsmen's Dog Training Club of Ferndale.

The one mistake that lost that precious 1/2 point was a slight pull at the leash by Mrs. Bortz, during the figure 8.

MR. BORTZ'S dog is a German Shepherd who goes by the imposing name and title of Brutus Von Liebestrom, CD International, CDX, Brute for short. Bortz, who owns the Midtown Motor Mart in Detroit, takes the dog with him every day.

Since instructors feel a dog should have only one trainer, and neither dog obeys the other than his trainer, Brute goes with Bortz each day and Nita stays home with Mrs. Bortz and their two children, Jimmy and Bridget. The two dogs get along remarkably well, and in the evening when Brute come home Nita is overjoyed to see him.

NOW, WITH the novice work behind her, Nita will be training for the open which is retrieving and jumping. After that comes the advanced utility work. Mrs. Bortz hopes to have Nita ready for the progressive show given in September.

Despite the hard work and long hours of training, Mrs. Bortz feels it is well worth it, for as she states, "obedience and training makes a dog more enjoyable."

Okay Junior High School Sewer Costs

There is a "good possibility" that the new sewer for Lederle elementary and junior high school may be installed by the time school starts next week, Southfield Superintendent of Schools Glenn Schoenhals said Monday after the board approved final costs of connecting on the east side of the school into the Northland sanitary district.

At special meetings Friday and Monday, repayment, service and installation costs for the sanitary sewer were pared to a total of \$24,591.43.

THE BOARD rescinded its decision to connect the sewer on the west side of the school, sharing costs proportionately with Hamshire Woods subdivision developer, after contractors' bids indicated construction would be about 50 per cent less via the east route.

Low bid of \$4,446 by J. F. Davis company, mechanical contractor already working on the school, was accepted.

Charges for hooking into the Wedgewood subdivision sewer on the east side of the school, a first extension of Northland sanitary district, total \$20,145.43. These include repayments to Nelson Realty, J. L. Hudson company and a service fee of \$3,110 to Detroit.

ORIGINAL estimate for these charges ran almost \$4,000 higher, but Will J. Oliver, treasurer, met with sewer and subdivision officials Monday to effect the reductions.

The board has a credit of \$8,220 from a planned septic tank installation to apply toward the sewer costs. Work was to get under way immediately in an effort to have the sewer connected by the time classes begin next Thursday.

On European Trip

West Bloomfield Township Clerk Frank Hallett and Ward Eagle, also of West Bloomfield, flew to New York Tuesday to board the Queen Elizabeth. They will spend six weeks in Europe, touring Italy, Germany, Switzerland, France and the British Isles. Hallett is on leave from his township post.

Oakland Hills Artist and Her Work

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Painting Career Beckons To Southfield Housewife

By MARION EILER

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She is currently teaching a small group of ladies who have enjoyed the painting so much they refused to give it up for the summer.

SHE IS ALSO painting a portrait of Rev. John Rose of the Community Congregational Church in Lathrup.

Although Shari has had no formal art training, she has taken many art courses during her travels to Vienna, Rome, France and Switzerland.

Her mother was talented in drawing, and ever since she can remember Shari went around with pencil and crayon drawing faces and scenes familiar to her.

THERE ARE many pleasant memories in Shari's life. During the war years things were very hard in Hungary for her family, and even now when corresponding with her family back there she sends her mail to friends in Germany where they postmark it and send it on to her family.

She feels that might be additional stigma attached to her people if the letters bore a U. S. postmark and she says they have already had more than their share of suffering.

THE DAUGHTER of a university professor, Shari was born in Transylvania, a part of Hungary, and graduated from the University of Budapest with a doctorate in economics.

She lost her first husband in World War II and fled with her family to a village near Salzburg, Austria.

When the war ended and liberation troops moved in, Shari acted as interpreter for them and also became liaison officer for the U. S. Third Army where she met her husband, George Brush, and on May



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SHE HAS MADE a very nice studio in her recreation room with her paintings including a charming self-portrait, lining the walls.

Shari hopes to have a children's class of five or six youngsters between the ages of 10 and 14 starting in September. She would also like an adult class, preferably one of husbands and wives, to concentrate on landscapes, still life and imaginary scenes.

SHARI IS kept very busy these days. Besides her painting she is active at the Community Congregational Church in Lathrup and has received many invitations to speak before groups, such as church groups and the Junior chamber of commerce, about her experiences during the war and as a refugee.

Board Meets

VALLEY WOODS - The board of the Valley Woods association met at the home of president Bob Fisher that evening. Under discussion were plans for the coming election Sept. 16.

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Madison Heights Youth Dies after Collision Friday

SOUTHFIELD - Assistant Oakland prosecutor Leroy McEntee said he may decide later this week whether or not to charge a truck driver with negligence in the death of a 20-year-old Madison Heights youth who died Tuesday after a collision last Friday on Eight Mile road.

Roger J. Archambault, the victim, died in Mt. Carmel hospital Saturday of head injuries, according to Southfield Police Chief Philip LaVigne.

ARCHAMBAULT was a passenger in an auto driven by Robert Moore, 22, of Hazel Park, which was in collision with a truck driven by Paul Duncz, 37, of Garden City, who was released.

Duncz, who drives a cement truck for Armored Concrete Co., 19300 W. Eight Mile, was just leaving the company driveway when the crash occurred, LaVigne said. Moore's car was pushed into another driven by Larry Fisher, 23, of Detroit. Fisher was not hurt and Moore, who was thrown from his car, was treated and released for minor cuts and bruises. Duncz police said, was not injured.

Special Assessment District for Fire Protection Approved

BLOOMFIELD - Nine of 12 eligible voters went to the polls in a special election last Thursday and unanimously approved a proposal which creates a special assessment district to raise money for fire protection.

Supervisor Arno L. Hulet said a public hearing has been set for Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the township hall to hear any objections from residents in the northeast corner of Section 27, which is at the southeast corner of Quanton and Covington roads.

HULET SAID cost of the special assessment has not been set but will probably be one mill or about \$750 total. This applies only to 1958 and each year may be more or less than one mill.

Fire protection would come from the Lathrup Village station on Broadway, just northeast of the Lathrup-Maple intersection.

"They Went Thataway" Changes Sept. 8 Site

By NITA HARD

FRANKLIN Although putting a play on in the big tent used for the Franklin Bar-B-Q and Round-up had tremendous appeal for both the Franklin Junior Players and villagers who plan to see it, insurmountable problems developed and arrangements have been made to stage "They Went Thataway" at the Community Hall instead.

So, September 8 at 3 p.m. the cast, directed by Mrs. Faye Haik with assistance from Gene Karrow will present the first performance of the zany western 3-act comedy.

CAST FOR the matinee are Carolyn LeVan as Charlotte Pelham; Jill Marce as Lil Bower; Bob Adams as Sheriff Jackson; Doug Van Dyke as Freddie Buck; Robin Odle as Joe Chuckwagon; Shelly Doyle as Princess One-Blossom; Cindy Starrett as Elmira Spring; John Starlette as Waxy; Bill Frenno as Slim; Bev Ristow as Sue Castle and Buffy Baker as Tootsie.

Christina Carr and Pixie Vingling will handle lines for the afternoon show.

AT 8 P.M. the cast, including Sally Bates as Charlotte; Judy Haik as Lil Bower; Bob Adams as Sheriff Jackson; Dick Lee as Freddie Buck; Robin Odle again as Joe Chuckwagon; Dawn Ristow as Princess One-Blossom; John Opitz as Elmira Spring; John Adams as Waxy; Paul Jones as Slim and Roulaine Hacker as Sue Castle with Buffy Baker repeating her role as Tootsie, director John Baker and his Junior assistant Marilyn Owens will present their version of the rollicking adventures of two young ladies who go into the dude ranch business.

JANET ANDERSON and Darrell Agnew will prompt behind the scenes for the evening performance.



Junior Players Have Double Cast

Franklin Village Junior Players here pictorially reflect the fact that their upcoming comedy, "They Went Thataway," will be presented twice Sept. 8—each time by a different cast. The casts practice alternate nights under supervision of

Franklin Players adult representatives John Baker and Mrs. Faye Haik. Pictured (front row, left to right) are Judy Haik, Sally Bates, Doug Van Dyke and Dick Lee. Behind the screen are assistant directors Marilyn Owens and Gene Karrow.

spend the summer months working up a play to fit in with the annual Round-up affair.

"They Went Thataway" by Peter Williams fits the bill in every way and from the consistent interest of the youthful participants a junior theatre group seems destined to share the limelight and become liaison officer for the U. S. organization, the Franklin Village Players.



Pay Tribute to First Council Members

Two of Lathrup's first council members were honored last week with plaques presented by Mayor Lantz L. Mackey. Former Mayor John G. Campbell, one of the city's charter writers and its first mayor, was honored, along with Miss Kathryn Feyereisen, a member of the first council and each succeeding one until her resignation last January. Campbell, who resigned

April, told the council and those present that he would like to see some arrangement made with the Charles D. Kelley, for purchase of the House-in-the-Woods, now used as city offices. Miss Feyereisen expressed the hope that political division in the city would some day be healed and that persons not backed by any faction would take more interest in the local government.