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Lathrupites Heed Clean Mailbox Plea

LATHRUP — You have to admit the Lathrup folk are trying to please our mailman. Just last week he left a plea for a paint-up, fix-up your mail box week, and it is really getting results.

St. Bede's Begins Six Classroom School This Week

Announcement was made last Sunday morning at all masses at St. Bede's church by Rev. C. J. Keating, that construction of a six-classroom building will begin this week.

The unit will be attached to the present church building in a contemporary architectural style carrying over some of the materials from the original building.

Farms to Chloride Roads; Rubbish Pickup Switched

BINGHAM FARMS — "Disturbing" of Bingham Farms streets, including Fourteen Mile road, through the use of a calcium-chloride treatment is being planned by the Parma village council Monday night along with a motion picture with the village of Bingham's public rubbish collection from the first Monday of each month to the first Tuesday.

While sufficient funds are available only to grade and scrape various roads until later this year, council approved "on the cut" application of the calcium-chloride treatment within a few days when it was pointed out by Councilman H. Evan Hiem that the spraying and scraping had to be done jointly.

The first treatment is expected to cost the village \$460. Bingham and Bristol roads, the two streets traveled heaviest in the Farms, will receive three applications of chloride while the remainder of the streets will get just the initial treatment.

A commercial firm will be hired for the chloride treatment of all streets within Bingham while the Oakland County road commission will do the work on Fourteen Mile, the cost to be billed by the village. The cost for chloriding by a commercial firm was estimated at three and one-half cents per foot for the first application.

Northampton Bombs Mosquitoes From Air

NORTHAMPTON — Mosquitoes will be under aerial bombardment this week in the Northampton suburb south of the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Evergreen, weather permitting.

Northampton civil association officers have negotiated with an aerial spraying concern for coverage of their area at sunrise some morning this week, when ever conditions are ideal.

Edgar Guest III To Tour Orient With USO Troop

EDGAR A. GUEST III Edgar Guest III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Guest III, of Bingham late, has been a busy freshman this year at Denison University at Granville, Ohio. In connection with his studies as a theater arts major, he has served for himself a most unusual and exciting summer experience.

Both he and his family are bursting with enthusiasm over his opportunity to be one of a cast of 18 in the play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner", comprising a USO troop which will spend the summer in the Orient entertaining the troops stationed in Hawaii, Tokyo, Korea, Okinawa and others.

S'field Powerless In Berkley School Property Purchase

SOUTHFIELD—Township board members decided they can do nothing about Berkley school of education's purchase of 29 acres in Southfield for a high school—66 to be used exclusively by Berkley students.

Located west of Greenfield and south of 12 Mile road, the school property will be tax-exempt and Southfield will have to maintain roads and public property surrounding the school but can charge upkeep to Berkley board of education.

ACCORDING to a recent attorney general's opinion, based on a court decision, any school may build outside of its school district without appearing before a board or obtaining a building permit, trustees were told.

Review Southfield School Board Candidates Election Monday

SOUTHFIELD—Southfield school district voters Monday scheduled for June 8 from 2 to 7 P.M. will choose from seven candidates to fill two three-year posts and two four-year posts on the board of education.

Four men are running for the two three-year posts: PATRICK B. BRUDER, 19410 Goldwin, is trying for his first public office. He is director of the Catholic Big Brothers for Catholic Youth Services operating in Wayne county. A resident of Southfield township for almost five years, Bruder has eight children,

\$4 Million S'field School Bond Election Monday

By JEAN DAY Even with its proposed new bond issue to be voted upon Monday Southfield school district will have a lower tax rate next year, according to figures studied by the board at a special meeting Monday.

Based on latest available information, Glenn Schoenhals, superintendent, said, next year's state equalized valuation total should be 17.56 as against 18.21 this year.

While the district is seeking an additional three mills for operating expenses, Schoenhals pointed out, the over-all debt service and operating budget will be lower, due to expiring and retired portions of other bond issues.

ALL VOTERS in the district will be able to vote upon the millage increase, but only property owners can vote on the \$4,000,000 bond issue.

The board is seeking the increase for operating expenses as it is opening the addition to Ledyard school and the new 12 Mile road school this fall. To staff these, 43 new teachers are being added.

Schoenhals cited the fact that Southfield school district is fourth from the bottom in operating costs when rated with the 31 school districts in Oakland county. For combined district and operating expenses he added, 24 districts have higher rates.

THE 25-YEAR bond issue being sought to continue the building and site program in view of anticipated population increases in the district.

"We have just gotten the kids of Will J. Oliver, treasurer, 'let's keep them off'."

In discussing the board's first bond issue in 1949, Schoenhals pointed out that its 6.3 mill rate will be reduced to seven-tenths of a mill to be paid off this year. At that time of issue, he recalled, there had been high tax delinquency in the districts before consolidation. To make the 1949 issue saleable the high rate was needed.

NEW TAX figures for 1957-58 are computed by the board as: all previous indebtedness and new bond issue, 5.70; operating 8.86 (according to county tax allocation board figures); proposed operating increase 3. This makes the new total 17.56.

At the meeting Monday the board also discussed a proposed elementary school, to be used later as a junior high, at Evergreen and 11 Mile roads. This, according to Schoenhals, would be one of the first projects if the bond issue is passed.

BRUDER is a member of the Lathrup community association and has taught in Detroit and Toronto schools. As a school attendance officer and in his present job he has worked with youth.

In commenting on his candidacy Bruder said, "I have observed a real tendency to water down education to students' lack of ambition by offering not too solid courses and would hate to see this trend continued in Southfield. I would be interested in seeing that there is a variety of subjects with body, it makes a difference when students want to enter college." Bruder added he has "no objection to the present bond issue."

CHARLES L. CURTIS, 25525 Edgemont, has been a Southfield township resident since 1948. He is a postal transportation clerk. Curtis is a member of Southfield No. 19 PTA and is a neighborhood commissioner for Southfield Boy Scout Troop Two. He has two sons, one high school and one at Southfield No. 10.

WALNUT LAKE PTA Fair Saturday MRS. GEORGE C. WIRTH, 4955 S. Clinbury, Bloomfield Farms, gave chairmen for the Walnut Lake PTA scheduled for June 8 from 2 to 7 P.M. gives John Steele, 7, of 6790 E. Dartmoor,

Waters Reject S'field Millage Request

SOUTHFIELD—Only two of Southfield's 13 precincts gave approval to the .3 millage request township officials said they need during the coming year to maintain governmental services, as electors refused to tax themselves by a vote of 1,315 to 1,118.

Blast Injures 2 Workmen

SOUTHFIELD — Two workmen were injured last Wednesday when an explosion tore one side out of a pump house on the Bendix Aviation property, Northwestern and 10 1/2 Mile road.

Mail-Box Cleanup

JUNE 3-15 has been declared mail-box paint-up, fix-up, clean-up week by Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield, and many people in the area are complying by beautifying mail boxes so they are more pleasing to the eye, and easier for postmen and passerby to read.

Homeowners Consider Lawsuit to Save Well

SOUTHFIELD—Residents served by the Southfield Woods Water Co. well probably will fight efforts of the Michigan Department of Health to force them to use Detroit water, if those residents can purchase the well site now owned by a Detroit realty firm, it was announced this week.

through the South Oakland County Water Authority. So far the township is not involved in the controversy. Authority water has been flowing into Southfield since June, 1956, and the health department has already sent three letters to the realty company, Murphy, Meyerling and Wevo, to change over to Detroit water.

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PRESENT BOARD PRESIDENT FRED D. LEONHARD, 18418 Dorset, is running for re-election. He has served on the board ever since (See CANDIDATES, Page 2-E)

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13 Per Cent of Electorate Cut 1957-8 Budget \$115,370

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Southfield Millage Vote By Precinct

Precinct	'Yes'	'No'	Total
1	97	128	225
2	53	65	118
3	89	89	178
4	85	131	216
5	23	55	78
6	65	61	126
7	101	128	229
8	101	122	223
9	99	128	227
10	62	129	191
11	165	42	207
12	89	118	207
13	89	135	224
Total	1118	1315	2433

TOWNSHIP Clerk Fannie Adams said seven votes were spoiled. Only 13 per cent of the 18,122 voters went to the polls Monday. Failure of the proposition to gain approval means township officials must cut \$115,370 from their \$696,497 budget.

Elect Jos. Mysza Northampton Pres.

NORTHAMPTON—Joseph Mysza, 19151 Coral Gables, was elected president of Northampton Civic Association for the 1957-8 year. Northampton, a small community of 86 homes, is located in the southeast corner of Evergreen and 11 Mile road.

S'field Plan Bd. To Advise Only

SOUTHFIELD—A nine-member planning commission will act only in an advisory capacity to the township board, township board declared by resolution last week.

Promotion, Baby Arrive Together

SOUTHFIELD — Charles Durbin received an addition to his family and a job promotion to help pay for the new addition—all within the same week.

A girl, the sixth child of the Durbin of 18850 Albany, was born May 17 at New Grace hospital.

LATHRUP—The girl scouts of troop No. 200 went on a pioneer camping trip to Lapeer, north of Port Huron, and stayed from Friday afternoon to late Sunday afternoon. The girls pitched their own tents, cooked on open fires and did all their own planning.

WICKI SPARLING, daughter of the late Dorris Sparling, Angling road teacher, unveils a drinking fountain which students at Angling road paid for with money raised through paper drives. To Vicki's left is her father, Basset Sparling, and Mrs. Sparling's twin sister, Mrs. Dorothy Fuhrman. Another sister, Mrs. Lois Level is at the extreme right. Mrs. Sparling, beloved kindergarten teacher, died of pneumonia in February, 1956, after attending a Valentine's Day party for her young pupils. Angling school students passed single file past the fountain in silent tribute to Mrs. Sparling following dedication ceremonies last week.

Fountain Is a Memorial



Walnut Lake PTA Fair Saturday

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Frank Vaclavik, 5, of 0100 Bloomfield Glens, and Margie Marx, 6, of 6824 N. Clinbury, a private sampling of one of the games, a bean bag toss, included in PTA Fair activities.