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Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS
TOPPER, bright blue parakeet of the David H. Schutte, 3015 Beverly circle, has been among the missing for one week and Mrs. Schutte hopes that someone took the little fellow in before the cold snap which hit early this week.

MANY PEOPLE don't believe in leprechauns, and perhaps it wasn't a leprechaun but a common, ordinary garden variety elf that upset Richard Forrest's birthday party last week. Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Forrest of 27330 Bloomfield, Lathrup, started the celebration by dropping his Mickey Mouse birthday cake while carrying it into the house. Then, with the knife ready for the guest's arrival, Richard's kitchen pulled an armchair over the table cloth until he brought it into the setting down around his ears.

SOUTHFIELD residents might take the lead of their police and fire fighters who are making sure they can handle emergency situations when they arise. All members of the two departments, along with 143 volunteer police, are taking a 10-week first aid course each week at the high school. The program was promoted by Mrs. Lynn Hershey, Southfield civil defense director. And to make sure that polo will not keep them from their duties, Southfield firemen and police officers are beginning the series of three polo shots at their own expense.

In case you saw the Franklin Volunteer fire department in action on Wing Lake road, Sunday and thought they always stand around and take pictures while standing in from the house, your fears are unfounded.

This was a specially arranged "fire" staged solely for the purpose of taking pictures to be used in conjunction with the fire department program. The firemen are quite efficient and speedy, and really are a fire and camera are not part of their usual equipment.

JACK ROBERTS' police car which was stolen from his driveway sometime after 1:30 a.m. March 12, was found on the Friday, near the worst for the experience. The keys were on the floor and the police radio had not been touched. Only thing missing were the handouts, and three quarters of a tank of gasoline.

BOYS UPPER TEENS Club of Southfield have put out requests for a mat to absorb the falls of their wooden boards. Perry Heullmant, club advisor, said the boys have gloves, a punching bag, even three volunteer instructors but no mat. (The idea, boys, is NOT to get punched down.) Gotta mat, buddy?

Burglary Suspects Stand Mute in Court

SOUTHFIELD — Two township youths charged with committing a number of burglaries in the Southfield area over the past year and one-half, stood mute when arraigned in Oakland county circuit court Monday. The pair, David Heuwegan, 18, of 2111 Fraser, and Robert Carlson, 16, of 5207 W. 13, are charged with taking property worth more than \$1,000 in Southfield, Detroit, Lathrup and Franklin Knolls. Much of the property which police say was stolen has been recovered. No trial date has been set.

My Neighbors
Just a minute while I look in my husband's checkbook!

Threatens Suit to Collect Unused Sewer Tax



Lathrup Council Candidates in April 1 Election

(See Candidates Qualifications on Page 2-E)

S'fld Residents Want Answers To 2 Questions

Reasons for Incorporation, Cost of City Government?
By WILLIAM H. THOMAS
Probably two questions stand out in the minds of Southfield residents when they think about the movement to incorporate Southfield into one homerule city.

THE FIRST is: What are the reasons given for incorporation of Southfield?
The second is: Will my taxes be higher if Southfield incorporates as a homerule city?

One reason suggested for incorporation of all of Southfield into one, big city is that should Southfield residents not approve a charter then the area would break up into several communities.

THIS SPLIT most probably will happen if the northern is not adopted. On file are petitions asking that the northern area of Beverly Hills and Berkshire Hills be allowed to become a homerule village and that the remaining southern part of Southfield be allowed to vote on homerule city status.

THE THEORY that Southfield will be run most efficiently and cheaply if it is not split doesn't hold much water, either, when one realizes that a good part of the increased cost of maintaining individual communities in the Royal Oak area (Berkeley, Madison Heights, Oak Park, etc.) is that there simply are more people to be served.

What's With This Natatorium Bit?

BY DOROTHY ZATELL
Swimming pools just aren't swimmin' pools any more, they now are called Natatoriums. When Southfield's summer recreation program gets under way starting June 24, it will be interesting to note how many of the youngsters learn to call it the Natatorium, and how many just refer to it as the pool.

Dam Rouge Near 3 Mile?

SOUTHFIELD — Four property owners in the Eight Mile-Telegraph area who have appealed their tax assessment increases to the State Tax Commission, are discussing possibility of damming a branch of the Rouge river and creating a small lake that would back up from Eight Mile to Beech road.

THE FLOOD plain area, if created, would be taxed at a lower rate and would serve two purposes, Swann said. It would hold back excess storm water from flooding across Eight Mile into Detroit and Bedford township; and it would give people in the immediate area neighborhood parks.

Tentative S'field Township Budget details on page one of Section A.

West Bloomfield Citizen's Dog-Tired

By JEAN DAY
WEST BLOOMFIELD—Stray dogs running loose in West Bloomfield township were accused of frightening children and damaging trees, shrubs and grass by groups of irate home owners at the township board meeting last week.

For the second successive month the board heard complaints that the dogs are running in packs of six or more in many subdivisions. A Sylvan group protested that many property owners at ready have planted evergreens twice and that it is unsafe for small children to play outdoors.

A LETTER was read from J. A. Bink, 6180 Eastmor, accusing the township of "going to the dogs." He said the dogs are killing much of the area's wildlife, especially the birds.

A RESOLUTION was adopted for final settlement of property and liabilities with Keruo Harbor, which became an incorporated city. (See CITIZENS, Page 7-E)

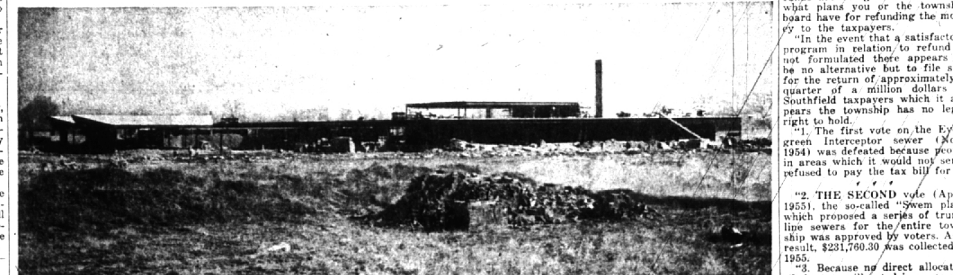
School Boy Auto Victim; City Stirred

LATHRUP — Injury of an eleven-year-old Lathrup boy, hit by a car Friday in front of Lathrup school, has caused a flurry of activity by city civic and government leaders.

Monday Councilman Richard N. Cogger introduced a resolution which requests the county highway department to reduce speed on Southfield road from 40 mph to 25 mph.

THE BOY was hurrying to catch a school bus which would take him to his sixth grade classes at Angling road school, when he was struck by a car driven by Harry Mountain, 35, of Allen Park, according to Police Lieut. Edmund Flannery.

THE BOY waited for one car to pass, then darted into the path of a second auto, Flannery said.



New Greenfield School Will Open in September

Work on the new Greenfield elementary school at Greenfield and 13 Mile road, is progressing rapidly. It is expected by Birmingham school district authorities, that the new school will open its doors next September, housing 812 children. Located on a 10-acre site, the new school will have ten kindergarten rooms, 18 regular classrooms, a music room and an art-audio visual room.

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Wants \$231,760 Returned

SOUTHFIELD — Court action to recover \$231,760.30, collected to pay for a series of trunkline sewers in the township but which was never used, was treated by Henry M. De Meyer in a letter this week to Township Supervisor Eugene Swann.

THE EVERGREEN sewer project is a line which would run from Bloomfield Hills to Detroit down Evergreen and empty sanitary sewer into the Detroit system. It includes six communities including Southfield and Lathrup.

SWANN has proposed a plan which the voters will be asked to approve April 1, which asked for two mills yearly for trunklines. No more than 30 per cent of the money collected would be used on any one project.

OF THE MONEY already collected, Swann said recently his plan is to credit property from which the tax came so no collection would be needed the first year under the new sewer millage levy, if such action is legal.

"We cannot find legal backing for refunding," said Swann, "but we can find backing to divert it to similar projects or to the same project in a different way."

"BASED UPON the following points, you may consider this a formal request for an accounting as to why \$231,760.30 of taxpayer funds are being held and exactly what plans you or the township board have for refunding the money to the taxpayers."

"In the event that a satisfactory program in relation to refund is not formulated, there appears to be no alternative but to file suit for the return of approximately a quarter of a million dollars to Southfield taxpayers which it appears the township has no legal right to hold."

"The first vote on the Evergreen Interceptor, where the two 1934 was defeated because people in areas which it would not serve refused to pay the tax bill for it."

"2. THE SECOND vote (April, 1935), the so-called 'Swann' vote, which proposed a series of trunkline sewers for the entire township was approved by voters. As a result, \$231,760.30 was collected in 1935."

"3. Because no direct allocation of the two-mill voted increase was made to the Evergreen Interceptor, it was impossible to refund the proposal."

"4. With the defeat of the first Southfield charter, where the two mills previously approved by the voters could have been buried in the 10-mill tax rate, an alternative vote was proposed and offered to the voters in Feb., 1936, trying to justify an extra 1 1/2 mills directly to the Interceptor."

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