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Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS
'I'M NOT SOLD on California but they're building roads out there while all we're doing here is talking about building roads,' said David H. Redwood, 18475 San Quentin, after a recent trip to California.

SOUTHFIELD Supervisor Eugene Kawewski found a use for paper which is only used on one side. After removing clips and wire from the scrap paper the township bundles it and takes it to a company which, for free, fashions pads out of the wastepaper and township secretaries use it for note-taking. Savings economical.

IN A WORLD where so many people would just as soon 'let John pay for it,' we think that something in the opposite direction is not only refreshing, but deserves mention.

One of those who doesn't seem to mind meeting his responsibility is Harry A. Smith, 12111 Naragots. Lathrup, who, when asked by free letter sent to all residents to contribute voluntarily to a city tree-spraying program answered:

I do not have any trees in front of my property which belongs to the city (which are the only trees which will be sprayed) I have all my trees sprayed for Dutch elm each year. I realize, however, that your committee will be disappointed in some of the citizens and I am enclosing my check as a contribution to the cause. This would could use more Harry A. Smiths, and less of his neighbors that make Smith's actions necessary.

SOMEONE always has a word that they like to hear pronounced in a certain manner, and when it isn't they react violently.

The word for one of them, anyway that arouses me is the word "short-lived," meaning not lasting long, and pronounced with a long "i" according to Webster's first usage.

East Southfield PTA Board Plans Annual School Fair

EAST SOUTHFIELD—Sixteen members of East Southfield PTA board met Tuesday evening at the home of principal Marion Simms in Birmingham to plan for the coming fair to be held May 17. Mrs. Arie Klapp and Mrs. Richard Harr are chairman for the fair.

All East Southfield teachers are working with committee chairman on the various attractions and all students will participate in some way to make the fair a success.

The following committee chairman will be in charge: sweet shop, Mrs. Albert Crawford and Mrs. Reed Akers; make-up, Mrs. James Petiprin and Mrs. William Zurie; jewelry, Mrs. Melba Groves.

Doll clothes, Mrs. James Andrus and Mrs. Gerald Eslick; cake walk, Mrs. Ernest Eller and Mrs. Donald Baldwin; plants, Mrs. Dewey Courts; books and records, Mrs. William Lindberg; Mrs. Rose Dore Boschma; finance and tickets, Arie M. Klapp and Johannes Eggert.

Hold Tax Seizure Auction Monday

SOUTHFIELD—Township Treasurer Clara Lane seized two pieces of equipment owned by Don Wells Inc., 26900 Northwestern, Tuesday when that company failed to pay \$1,897.21 of Southfield personal property tax.

At an auction to be held Monday at 10:30 the equipment consists of a E-3.5 ton tandem rollers, Model 3HA, will be placed on the block and sold to the highest bidder. Unless Wells pays the taxes before then.



My Neighbors
'Don't worry, Mr. Glotkin. Old bureaucrats never die—they just tax away!'

Voters to Choose Three for Franklin Village Council



JACK ROBERTS



EUGENE KAWEWKI



DONALD R. ODLER



DONALD W. HUNTER



EDWIN C. PAIGE



ROBERT G. YINGLING

School Equipment Given Top Priority

Equipment for two schools now under construction was given priority rating on a list of upcoming school needs studied by Southfield board of education at a special meeting Monday. Fred D. Leonard, board president, emphasized that Southfield schools have "caught up" with enrollment increases in the district and the board hopes to stay abreast of anticipated increases by planning a new program to carry through 1961. To accommodate increased enrollments by fall, however, Glenn Schoenals, superintendent, told the board it will be necessary to equip classrooms now under construction at Lederle and Twelve mile road schools. He also stressed need for blacktopping playgrounds at "practically every elementary school."

WILL J. OLIVER, treasurer, reported the board has no money available for these projects. It was estimated that needed equipment would cost \$135,000 for the two schools.

The board discussed asking voters for monies for these needs and for an upcoming program at the June school board election. The board decided to wait until Southfield city-township status is known as it will affect the mill rate, and.

Interview Planning Board Applicants

SOUTHFIELD—Two men interviewed last week for jobs on the seven-member planning commission bring to seven the number who have shown interest in the posts.

Additional interviews will be made at a special meeting of the township board tonight.

Those who appeared before the board last week were: Mark L. McGovern, 26485 W. 11 Mile road, chairman of the civic affairs committee of the Southfield-Bloomfield association which opposed the proposed freeway through the two townships; and Alan Wayne Klein, 25292 Orchard Grove, successful candidate for township council seat in the second unsuccessful charter election.



LATHRUP NURSERY, a co-operative, held open house Monday for about 60 guests on the nursery's first anniversary. Here Mrs. G. S. O'Sullivan (right) of 18129 Sunbrook, presents a cup of punch to Mrs. Charles D. Hepler of 27720 Rockham, as Mr. Hepler looks on. Hepler, who had a hand in initial remodeling of the nursery, was impressed by vast improvements made during the past year of operation.

Sewer Cleanout Contract Okayed

LATHRUP—A \$6,678 contract was awarded to Mike Harabandis of Birmingham to clean out a number of city sewers in the critical areas where flooding basements are found after heavy rains. At the same time council told City Administrator Leonard Watkins that bids could be taken to have these cleaned as well. A money to pay for these cleanouts has already been collected from the residents by Oakland county and turned over to the city when Lathrup took over responsibility of the local sewers.

Lines to be cleaned within the next 60 days are: Rackham-Rainbow; Roseland; Sunset (California; California; Golden Gate; San Jose; and San Diego.

Lathrup Advances Evergreen Sewer Engineering Funds

LATHRUP—Council approved advancement of \$3,042.17 for engineering on the Evergreen interceptor sewer project. This amount, added to the \$3,262.83 allocated two weeks ago, brings Lathrup's advancement on engineering costs to \$6,305.

Council also voted to pay one per cent of the engineering for a collection sewer being designed by Ayers, Lewis, Norris and May.

They delayed approval of payment of 4 1/2 per cent of the \$100,000 project, along with the contract with the engineering firm, until a later date.

Early Thaw Breaks Up Eleven Mile Rd.

LATHRUP—Breakup of 11 Mile road through the city has brought a request from citizens that the road be repaired, and, in turn, a request from councilmen to Oakland county that they make repairs in the near future.

Lathrup has no authority to maintain 11 Mile because it is a county road which, according to former councilman David B. Redwood, has never been paved but only has a covering of oil and packed-down gravel.

PRESIDENT of the Lathrup Co-operative Nursery, Mrs. Edward F. Lundberg (left) of 18755 Cambridge, shows daughter, Janet, 4, some of the paintings which decorate the recently-opened upstairs playroom. Mrs. Lundberg painted these, and other fairyland settings in the new room.



SIX SCOUTS from troop B-29 of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church recently received the St. Altare Dei award, highest religious award for Catholic scouts. With the awards pinned on their scout caps are Marty Reddy (left) Mike Schuck, Tom Frederick, John Burke, and Jim Sifferman. John Mahr, not in the picture, also received the award.

Limit Sewer Tax Use On Any Single Project

SOUTHFIELD—Proposal on the April 1 ballot for a two-mill tax for 20 years to pay for trunk line sewers in Southfield, will contain a provision that no more than 50 per cent of the money can be used on any one sewer project.

Because of Southfield's increased valuation, the proposal would furnish enough money to pay for the Evergreen Interceptor sewer, the main reason for placing the question on the ballot, according to Supervisor Eugene Swen.

The Evergreen sewer, a line which would run from Bloomfield Hills and serve six area communities, is needed to clear up Rouge river pollution.

S'Field Seeks Bids On Air Raid Sirens

SOUTHFIELD—Township Civil Defense Director Marty Herby told Southfield board members last week that matching Federal funds had been approved for purchase and installation of nine air raid sirens at an estimated cost of \$14,855.

Duplicate bids on the radio-control sirens will be sought before March 14 by township officials who will send copies of the bids to Lathrup, which participates with Southfield in the civil defense program.

We Heard It Said By: ALBERT MEADOWS: Bug-hunter, Farms co-owner and road administrator: 'I know the roads are in bad shape but I don't think we should do any grading now with the frost coming out of the ground. For a temporary measure, I would suggest we dump some gravel in the real bad spots.'

Southfield Leaders Give Views on Incorporation

Pro-City Views

"The trend is to large areas (incorporated) as far as cities are concerned," said Henry M. De Meyer. "Duplication of service is becoming very costly," he added, pointing to taxes which go to Federal, State, county and local governments for services.

To answer the argument that the north and south areas of Southfield have no common interest, De Meyer said, "You don't need a common interest, you need a common enemy."

Pointing to Royal Oak township and its break up into a dozen communities, De Meyer said that cost of servicing these multiple communities would be 50 to 75 per cent more than under centralized service.

"THERE IS NO reason why (See PRO-CITY, Page 2-E)

Anti-City Views

"I believe that this incorporation (of Southfield) was a result of the township's rejection of the Evergreen sewer," said Marvin R. Marsh in giving his reasons for opposing incorporation of Southfield.

Marsh said he based his opinion on action taken to bring the sewer into existence after the 1955 charter defeat.

"The added cost of a city government on an already high tax bill will be an unbearable burden on a community which developed on large lots and low taxes," Marsh pointed out.

"THIS ADDED cost of government will not provide any services for the northern community since this area was provided (the normal) which preclude the normal (See ANTI-CITY, Page 2-E)

Other Posts Unopposed

FRANKLIN—To be elected in the Franklin village elections Monday are three trustees, from a field of six, and the village treasurer, clerk and assessor who are unopposed.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Franklin community hall.

Working on the election board will be Mrs. Norman Curtis, chairman, Mrs. Arthur Kreeger, Mrs. John Hill and Mrs. Fred Worley.

Running for trustee on the village council are Donald W. Hunter, Eugene Kawewski, Donald R. Odle, Edwin C. Paige, Jack Roberts and Robert G. Yingling.

DONALD W. HUNTER, 58, of 29220 Carol, works for the Standard Accident Insurance company, handling the safety and bond business.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Hunter is a civil engineer and a registered architect. He and his wife moved to Franklin in October 1945.

During World War II he served in the navy three years as a commander in the naval reserve, and as the public works officer at the training center in Pointe Claire, where he reports for duty once a week.

"I want to retain the quiet, quiet qualities Franklin has so long enjoyed," Hunter said. "However, I believe consideration should be given to a long-range plan for the development of the business area, including building design, parking, tennis courts and group play areas."

EUGENE KAWEWKI, 27250 Wellington road, is a design engineer, having received his mechanical engineering degree from Wayne State University.

During World War II he was an officer in the Army engineering corps. Kawewki, his wife and three small children have lived in Franklin for 2 1/2 years.

"Franklin's prime problem is the bad condition of the roads," Kawewki declared. "They are the most valuable asset the village owns, yet have received practically little attention. Road damage has increased to the point where many cases traffic rides on the bare concrete foundation."

"Immediate action should include 1) emergency repairs; 2) planning to bring the roads up to present traffic standards; 3) planning for good maintenance; 3) planning (See VOTERS, Page 7-E)

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Campbell Appointed

LATHRUP—Mayor John G. Campbell was appointed Monday night to serve on the election committee with permanent committee members City Clerk Myrtle Richards and City Attorney Everett F. Hayes.

LATHRUP—Board of review will meet Tuesday, will meet again Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to discuss assessments with residents wanting more information on why their property is assessed as what the city assesses it. Review members will also meet Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m.

LATHRUP—Any cleanup of the Evans ditch will get come before May 3 when the county expects to complete gathering data and designate the actual district. Petitions will then be circulated requesting the cleanup. The stream cleanup is assessed as an aid in stopping basement flooding.