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My Neighbors



"He just sits looking at that old musket, and thinking of all the unnecessary government spenders in Washington!"

East Beverly Group Names Appointees

EAST BEVERLY — Apollonio officers of the Greenfield-Beverly Improvement Association were announced this week by Association President Robert E. Reed.

William Dupier was named to head the block captains north of Beverly road and Mrs. Chris DuVall will chairmen those south of Beverly road.

Association by-laws chairman is Arthur Prime, Jr. Joseph Braden heads budget and procurement committee as well as roads and parks committee.

SELECTED to supervise building and zoning activities south of Beverly road are M. Greenlee while N. C. Pearl heads a similar group north of Beverly.

Publicity and Newsletter editor is Mrs. Robert W. Spencer. A five-member committee was established to look into incorporation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilfinger were selected to the Dutch Elm Disease Control committee. Incorporation agent is Howard Riemann, and Leonard Kell will chairmen the drain committee.

Upper Teens Plan Activities

SOUTHFIELD — Boys Upper Teens Club of Southfield (UTC) have slated a series of activities beginning Friday with a special rally featuring Soupy Sales of WXYZ-TV at 7:30 p.m. for members only.

Saturday the second annual Upper Teens Outing at Southfield Park will be held from 5 p.m. until midnight. Stage or drag, the recreational-dancing program will cost \$1.

Sunday the UTC Softball league will be organized at the clubhouse at 23100 Northwestern at 2 p.m. Four teams will be formed and a schedule announced. This activity is open only to members who may have enrollments returned by May 26.

NEXT Wednesday at the general meeting the Michigan National Guard will have a light artillery display at the clubhouse, including .50 cal. machineguns, bazookas and mortars.

June 2 the UTC Allstars will face Soupy Sales' softball team at Southfield High school, beginning at 7:30 p.m. No admission charge.

Grant Sam Reeves 1-Yr. Taxi Franchise

BLOOMFIELD TWP. — Sam Reeves, 6425 Gelfin, was granted a one-year franchise to operate the Bloomfield Township Taxicab company at the township board meeting last week.

The board voted to license only one cab company. Reeves is owner of Reeves Standard Service station, Telegraph and Maple roads.

Sideyard Minimum Requirements Hiked

SOUTHFIELD — Minimum sideyard restrictions in Residence One and Two areas were raised Thursday when township board, in special session, adopted an amendment to Ordinance 118.

Instead of five-foot minimums on either side and a 15-foot minimum combination of the two sides as the building ordinance called for, the amendment requires 7 1/2-foot minimum on either side and 20-foot minimum for the combined total of sideyards.

Kiwanis Ladies' Nite

SOUTHFIELD — Southfield's Kiwanis club held its ladies' night Wednesday with a bus jaunt to Detroit featuring Cinema at the MGM and a buffet dinner at the Engineering building. An estimated 60 to 70 persons attended the program.



A Remembrance... and Farewell

Sally Duhn, and her brother, Jim, both 10, planted two evergreen trees at Beverly school as a farewell remembrance to classmates they will leave behind when they transfer to the new Valley Woods school this fall. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Duhn of 31875 Lahser. Sally is a fourth grade student and Jim is a fifth grader. In the background are classmates of the Duhns.

West Bloomfield Players To Stage 'I Like It Here'

WEST BLOOMFIELD — These who attend the forthcoming production of "I Like It Here," by Township Players of West Bloomfield June 13, 14 and 15, may realize during or after the production that they have absorbed a subtle lesson dealing with Americans' take-it-for-granted attitude.

However A. B. Shiffrin's three-act comedy, is hilarious entertainment which strives to entertain rather than teach. The play's chief character, Willie W. Kringle, a middle-European refugee is a handyman, cook, musician, and philosopher who is expert in economics, politics and romance.

DURING the play he recuses a marriage headed for the rocks, prevents one he feels is a mistake, and promotes another he feels is right because it is "American."

Gerald Cohen, as Willie Kringle, has expert support from Harriet Fox, Barbara Baynes, Teresa Spaldoro, Mogens Klupp, Robert Thompson, Jack Bruhn, John Olen and others.

The play is directed by James Beall who has appeared in several previous Township Players productions. The play will be staged at West Bloomfield high school, Commerce and Orchard-Lake roads. Tickets will be available at the box office on performance nights, or can be obtained from general ticket chairman, Mrs. George Bender, 1687 Greenfield, Birmingham.

Special Assessment Districts Deadline

SOUTHFIELD — Deadline for acceptance of petitions for special assessment districts in Southfield township was set at June 4 by township board last Thursday at a special meeting.

Fannie Adams, township clerk, explained that by the time hearings were held and bonds sold on districts accepted for work this year after June 4, favorable construction weather would be gone and winter would halt projects or cause lengthy delays or poor construction.

Recover Stolen Safe

BLOOMFIELD TWP. — A safe taken from the home of Dan Russell, 2545 Virginia Park, Detroit, was discovered Sunday by residents of Dianna drive. Bottom of the safe had been cut off and most of the contents removed. Township police had the safe removed to the police department. The owner was traced through papers left in the safe.

Really Not That Bad

Edmund A. Viale, 27270 Lathrup Blvd. prepares for a polo shot from Mrs. Peter E. Tuyenman, 18781 Dolores during first-round administration of polo shots at St. Bede's Sanctuary Society sponsored clinic recently. This scene will be repeated June 4 when second round shots for 645 teenagers and adults will be given. Those who were unable to attend last time may start their series at the next session. Onlookers are Mrs. Alphonse Toppeto, 28631 Lathrup, Father Cyril Keating of St. Bede's and Dr. Peter E. Tuyenman.

Southfield Ready to Cut Services If .9 Mill Increase is Rejected

Maintain Charter's Mill Limit

LATHRUP — Council chopped \$2,500 out of the 1957-58 budget when they adopted it Monday night at a special Michigan Week Mayors' Exchange Day council meeting. The budget calls for a charter limit tax rate of 7.5 mills per \$1,000 of assessed value.

At a recent public hearing council and residents considered a budget of \$123,647, but when they adopted it Monday before River-view Village Mayor Thomas J. McShane, it was thinned to \$121,147.

The surplus from last year's budget showed a decrease of \$1,500 while another \$1,000 deficit appeared in anticipated 1957-8 revenues under the tax, justice court fines.

TO MAKE up for these losses administrative salaries was cut by \$6,414, all eliminating any expected raises, while Justice of the Peace James J. O'Leary's salary was cut from \$300 to \$500 annually.

And while anticipated legal fees dropped from \$2,500, City Attorney Everett F. Hayes compensation was raised from \$720 to \$2,400. This was \$180 increase anticipated for legal expenses, over the previous proposed budget.

An extra \$1,000 was put into the contingent fund and an additional \$500 in election account, making the total general fund expenditures expected for the coming year \$5,000 less than previously proposed.

CAPITAL outlay was reduced by \$256 from \$12,194 to \$11,944 when council decided the city did not need a \$250 police radio.

Public safety, with a total budget of \$58,744 lost \$311 in the general cutback. Police supplies account was reduced \$750 but civil defense was upped from \$250 to \$750 and dog policing was hiked \$100.

Substitution of an accountant termed tree spraying labor, \$600 was made for an account in the previous budget which was labeled "tree maintenance" with a salary of \$3,848.

This and about a 10 per cent cut on most and local street maintenance as well as \$1,000 cut-back on a \$3,000 item budgeted for street construction brought about a reduction of almost \$5,000 in the street department. Now budgeted is \$18,504.

West Blm. Plans Paving Projects

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Petitions for blacktopping were accepted from Westwood Village, Sylvan Manor and Franklin Knolls No. 3 last Wednesday at the May meeting of the West Bloomfield board. Special assessment districts will be set up if the projects are approved by the county road commission.

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The board decided to seek bids for workmen compensation insurance for township employees.

A notice was read from the public utilities commission regarding a hearing for more gas for space heating requests.



Mayors Exchanged

Riverview Village's Mayor Thomas J. McShane (left) listens intently as Lathrup Councilman David Anderson discusses the city's Dutch Elm problems before a Mayor's Exchange Day audience of almost 100 residents. Seated in the middle is Councilman Frederick O. Johnson. McShane, who traded places with Lathrup Mayor Lantz L. Mackey, heard reports from almost every civic leader in Lathrup at the meeting Monday in Community Church Congregational basement.

Present Poppy Poster Contest Savings Bonds to Winners

SOUTHFIELD — Awards were presented Monday night to the winners of the busy poppy poster contest, sponsored by the auxiliary to VFW Dunham-day post No. 9952. First prize of a \$25 dollar savings bond was presented to Martha Kronauge, 27461 Golden Gate, 12-year-old pupil at St. Michael's school.

Second prize of \$15 went to a 14-year-old pupil of Southfield 10 school, Freya Figas, 24849 Glenview Drive. Third winner was 12-year-old Elaine McElwain, 23570 Samost trail, also from Southfield 10 school.

Mrs. Jesse Richter, poster contest chairman, and Glenn Schoenhals, superintendent of public schools, made the presentations. The public school district of Southfield and the parochial school district were presented with nine sets of books of three each of the Fictorial History of World War II, volume one of "War in Europe," volume two, "War in the Pacific," and volume three, "Fictorial History of the Korean War."

James Nikolosh, commander of the post, made the presentation to Glenn Schoenhals representing public schools and W. G. Kronauge accepted the books for St. Michael's school. Presentations were made Monday night at the Nelson reality building.

Mrs. Lynn Hershey, Civil Defense director, spoke to the auxiliary and friends present on the women's role in Civil defense and what to do in case of disaster. Civil Defense and community service chairman of the auxiliary, Mrs. William Block, was in charge of arrangements.

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Budget Short \$115,730

SOUTHFIELD — Residents here may, or may not, know that unless a June 3 millage voted increase is approved by the electors at the polls, services in Southfield township will drop sharply.

What many residents do not know is — what services will be chopped from the present budget if the township does not get the .9 mill voted increase at the polls.

Township board members submitted the unbalanced budget at the annual meeting in April knowing they were \$115,730 short. Township residents are asked to vote the entire budget, indicating that the board should go to the voters for backing on the additional needed millage to cover operating expenses.

The additional taxes, equalized to about \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, would be collected for one year only.

BOARD members, facing the possibility of defeat, in a resolution at a special meeting last week outlined exactly what will not be included in the \$506,497 budget. The board decided that the following items would be deleted from the budget if voters do not approve the .9 millage increase June 3:

Clerical salaries to be reduced from \$32,400 to \$28,000 and the bookkeeper and clerk authorized, will not be hired. Car allowances for elected officials, amounting to \$1,500, will be eliminated after June 7.

UNDER road maintenance, labor funds would be reduced from \$15,000 to \$13,500 and no extra help would be available. Gas and oil consumption would be cut by \$400. Ditching, weed control and traffic light maintenance reduced.

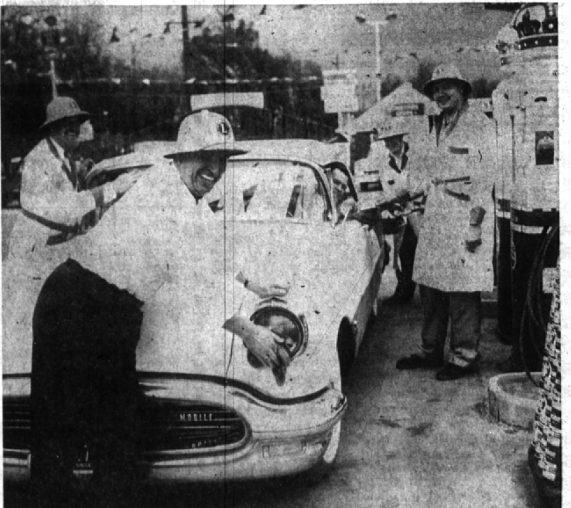
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NEXT WEEK'S ECCENTRIC WILL BE OUT ONE DAY EARLIER

—ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 29— because of Memorial Day

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Profits Go to Lions' Sight Fund

Bloomfield Lions Club took over Sam Reeves' gas station at the corner of Maple and Telegraph last Wednesday for a 24-hour period during which all profits went to the Lions sight conservation fund. Ellsworth Guerin (in the car) of Auburn Heights receives super service from (left to right) Gene Whearely, Sam Reeves, J. A. Martin and club president, Robert J. Stadler, taking Guerin's money.

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