

S'field B of E Approves Plans Of Holiday Dance

SOUTHFIELD — Plans for a New Year's Eve dance for the young people of the community were given a go-ahead signal Monday by Southfield board of education when it approved rental of the high school gymnasium for a group of Southfield churches for the event.

The board acted after hearing a letter from Southfield Community Congregational church outlining plans for a supervised youth dance with an orchestra to be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with cooperation of several area churches. The youngsters, it said, would return to their respective churches afterward for an early breakfast.

In renting the gymnasium for a minimum rate of \$25 and custodian fees, the board joined out it was departing from its usual practice as this was the combined effort of a group of churches rather than a single group. It emphasized that all young people of the district would be able to attend.

"IF WE ONLY HAD A community hall, there would be no need to rent school facilities," mentioned Ernest J. Coverdill, Charles L. Curtis agreed, but pointed out this event was for the benefit of young people who were going "to go somewhere" New Year's Eve.

Superintendent Glenn Schoenhals reported that he and Robert Hall, high school principal, had studied the plans for the dance and felt it was worth trying.

Rouge River Plan Being Studied

SOUTHFIELD — A plan to set up a public authority to acquire all of the flood plain area of the Rouge River is being studied by the township parks and recreation commission.

The plan was presented at the commission's Nov. 4 meeting in a letter from Harold K. Shone, county DFW director.

Shone wrote that it "would be to the best interest of the residents along the Rouge to have, wherever possible, all of the flood plain area of the Rouge acquired by a public authority land preferably in your case, the township of Southfield where control would remain in the township."

"However, if this is not done, the Huron Clinton metropolitan authority has indicated some interest in acquiring in land acquisition along the Rouge as part of their land purchase program for recreation. The lands purchased would be contemplated to be used for recreational areas primarily and flood plain areas secondarily."

Shone pointed out that while such acquisition would result in the "proper solution of the flood control problem, it may not serve the best interest of the citizens of the communities adjacent since the recreational areas so acquired would be open to general public use. It would therefore appear that if it were at all possible, that the local unit of government should acquire such lands."

Big Tree Topples On Bloomfield Home

BLOOMFIELD — An overhang at the S. E. Steeves home, 3660 Forest Hill, Bloomfield township, was torn off last Friday when a large tree toppled on it during a violent windstorm which swept the area.

The tree also shattered a window and damaged one of the house walls. No damage estimate has been made as yet.

Mrs. Steeves, who was home with three of her four children at the time, estimated the toppled tree as about 75 feet tall.



Upper Teens Officers Elected

New officers for the Boys Upper Teens of Southfield, 23100 Northwestern, got together around the club's piano for a little noise and fun while the photographer snapped his shutter. Club leaders, (left to right) are: Ed Maruz, first vice president,

23555 Northwestern; Mike Yoshonias, president, 29535 Northwestern; Richard Wandhoff, secretary, 21820 Tuller court; Robert Brown, treasurer, 18743 Greenwood; and James McCann, second vice president, 27610 Lahser, seated at the piano.

Board Grants Liquor License

BLOOMFIELD — A request from Kinsel Drug Co., 2245 S. Telegraph, for an SDM liquor license was granted Monday night by the township board at its regular meeting.

The license permits beer, wine and liquor sales by the bottle. The board said it saw no other recourse but to grant the request in view of the recent Southfield ruling in which the State Liquor Control Commission rejected the township's bid to deny a license to a supermarket and granted it anyway.

After granting the Kinsel request, the board said it planned to contact the liquor commission in an effort to find out "just where we stand" on liquor licenses in the light of the Southfield decision.

Study Multiple Housing Ordinance

SOUTHFIELD — The township planning and advisory board has resolved itself into a committee of the whole in order to discuss the matter of a multiple housing ordinance.

Purpose of the move is to eventually enact an ordinance which will control multiple housing in the township. The board plans to study these factors in connection with the study "comparative tax base," "the highs and lows of space requirements," "living density," "types of buildings," "location of buildings," and "parking problems."

The statue of liberty was erected in 1886.

Playground Equipment For School Approved

SOUTHFIELD — Additional playground equipment for Magnolia school was approved Monday by Southfield board of education, which accepted Magnolia PTA's offer to share costs equally.

James G. Glasgow, Jr., PTA president, presented plans for a climbing gym and a merry-go-round at a total cost of \$340. The board also approved his request for screening over kindergarten windows to permit baseball to be played on the grounds after school.

The PTA also sought a winter skating rink. Superintendent Glenn Schoenhals reported that plans are under way in the site improvement program to have part of the playground backstopped. This area, he said, could be flooded easily.

SCHOENHALS REPORTED to the board that new noon hour regulations are in effect on a trial basis at East Southfield elementary school. Since most pupils live close to the school, he said, they are being asked to go home for their lunches.

Exceptions, Schoenhals added, are being made in cases of first through third grades living more than half a mile from the school whose parents prefer them to stay at school. Children who have to cross 12 Mile road and those with working mothers who are sole support of the family also are exceptions.

For these children who must remain at noon, Schoenhals assured the board, there will be teacher supervision on a rotation basis. The new program, he said, leaves teachers free to relax and to use the time to plan their teaching programs, rather than tying them up completely with lunchtime supervision.

BOARD PRESIDENT FRED D. Leonhard reported that signing of the district's new bond issue should be completed this week. The board

Board Denies Paving Request

BLOOMFIELD — A request by Sylvan Lake village that the township pay for the paving of 400 feet on Pontiac road between Telegraph and Orchard Lake roads was denied Monday night by the township board.

In rejecting the proposal, the board ruled that the responsibility for the job was not the township's "under the circumstances" but that of the state highway department.

Westwood Has Eye on Sputniks

WESTWOOD — The Westwood Village charter commission thinks their future village council will be the only one in the nation to have regulation over airborne missiles and spheres.

The commissioners say they wrote such a provision into the charter shortly after the Russians launched their first Sputnik.

Missed by Five

SOUTHFIELD — Back in 1953 when Southfield school district was projecting future enrollments for a bond issue, it estimated that in 1957 enrollment would be 6,000 students. Glenn Schoenhals, superintendent, reported to the board of education Monday that the esti-

mate was just five off as 1957 enrollment turned out to be 6,085 students.

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