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Franklin Picks New Charter to Road Head Residents

FRANKLIN — Robert Yingling, councilman, was appointed Franklin road commissioner by the village council Monday night at a special meeting. He replaced J. Robert Mitchell, councilman, who resigned Oct. 15.

SOUTHFIELD — The City of Southfield charter commission will meet the people Nov. 25. The charter commission decided at its Nov. 13 meeting to hold a public hearing so that the people can be present when the commission discusses taxes and what revenues the future city expects to have.

JOHN SCHAUB of the Michigan municipal league, two engineers, Franklin Attorney William B. Hartman were present to answer questions about the roads. The possibility of establishing a special assessment for financing the roads by an amendment to the charter to be voted upon in March also was discussed.

THE PUBLIC meeting will get underway at 8 p.m. at Lederle school, 12325 Nine Mile between Evergreen and Northwestern, according to Thomas M. Costello, commission secretary. Costello asked that residents who plan to attend the meeting use the extreme west driveway at the school.

AT THE COUNCIL meeting Oct. 11 a group of residents requested council to lift a stop order against Paul Schoeffel and permit him to continue remodeling the upstairs of his real estate office, 2244 Franklin, for dual residence.

THE MEETING ended after about two hours with no agreement reached. The matter of a common election date was further discussed by the Southfield commission at its Wednesday night meeting before the full council.

THE RESIDENTS contended the ordinance was unfair because it restricted a person from improving his property. On the scheduled agenda, council unanimously voted to accept and approve the Franklin Hickory acres plat presented by Harry Rotter, councilman.

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Gun Collector Stands As a Unifying Symbol

By VIRGINIA COLE. BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE—A man and his dog, a man and his pipe and a man and his gun are familiar symbols of togetherness, but it is not often that you find a man who unites all three.

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RESEARCH in gun collecting, says Bricker, who started collecting in 1928. He then gave up for several years but returned to it in 1950.

His most highly prized gun is his Texas Patterson, the first Colt made and an original Colt. Walker, both made in Patterson, N. J. There were only 1,000 Walkers made, of which only 100 survived the hard use in the Mexican wars and are available items for collectors.

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BRICKER'S brother, Marley, is owner of the Gun Shop on N. Woodward in Birmingham and together they own a hunting lodge in Canada which they use often.

Girls in Mrs. Donald Baldwin intermediate troop held a tea for their mothers recently at the home of Mrs. William Bryan, neighborhood chairman of Everett.

Westwood Commission Sets Charter Election for Feb. 5

Broomfield Attacks Northwestern Route

A plan to permit the extension of Northwestern highway to stray from its original route has been attacked by Congressman William S. Broomfield (R-Oakland County). Broomfield has criticized State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie for a proposed plan to swing the extension of Northwestern highway westward on 11 Mile to the Farmington-Brighton expressway.

Fail to Agree on Date with S'field

WESTWOOD—Westwood residents will vote Feb. 3, 1958 on a charter for their village and the people they want to run the new government. The village charter commission set the election date for Monday night at a meeting which followed closely on the heels of a joint meeting with the City of Southfield charter commission.

Consider Police Protection

LATHRUP—Safety and police protection were important and time consuming items on the Lathrup council agenda Monday evening. An entire hour was spent discussing bicycle safety and police protection at the St. Bede 12 Mile road crossing.

Two B-7 Scouts Win Eagle Rank

Two B-7 scouts received coveted eagle awards Monday night at ceremonies at Pierce school. They are Robert Haefner, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Haefner, of Sedgewick, Bloomfield, and Gary Poole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Poole of Wetherby drive, East Beverly.

Tom Reed of the road and safety committee presented a report to the council of a meeting with Dr. Gerald Fitzgerald and Rev. John Ross, representatives of the Lions club members who offered to assist with an inspection of bicycles.

Both boys have eight years of scouting experience, and are explorer scouts. Bob has won a Gold and Country award, attended a national scouting jamboree, and is troop senior patrol leader.

ENTERED between these bluntnesses is a weapon called a battle axe, formerly used by the Swiss Guards in parades and ceremonies on royal occasions at the palace. He acquired it in Cincinnati in 1928.

Following the election, the charter, if it passes, will go into effect Feb. 6, 1958. On the same day, the city must re-elect officers who will gather at the fire station, 18500 13 Mile road, to be sworn in and start their terms of office.

His collection also includes innumerable early military arms, flintlocks, and freak and oddity guns. Bricker loves anything American and has in his possession a famous old Civil War drum that went through some 11 battles, including Gaines Hill 1862, Bull Run 1861, Antietam, a seven days fight, Gettysburg, and Harrisburg 1862.

Council Appoints Six Board Members

FRANKLIN — Six new members of the zoning board of appeals were approved by Franklin village council Monday night at a special meeting.

Must Re-Register For Charter Vote

SOUTHFIELD — A notice urging residents of the proposed City of Southfield to re-register in order to vote in the next city incorporation election has been issued by the charter commission.

The village president will be selected from the ranks of the council. He shall act as a part-time village manager until such a time as the council thinks it expedient to hire a regular employee to fill the post.

Because of this incident, Bricker's battle-axe is one of his most choice possessions. HIS COLLECTION also includes innumerable early military arms, flintlocks, and freak and oddity guns.

New Schedule

SOUTHFIELD—Thursday night has been eliminated from the swimming schedule at Southfield high school, Monday and Wednesday nights the pool will be for family use and Tuesday night for teen-agers.

Lathrup Considers Second Policeman

LATHRUP — Lathrup's council members heard a strong plea for a second paid policeman Monday evening.

S'field-Westwood To Get Postal Aid

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Let Road Contract To Detroit Firm

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Robbers Take \$142 From Gas Station

SOUTHFIELD — A Sunday afternoon robbery at N. E. Cross thwarte at 16506 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, was broken into early last Monday night, an estimated \$142 in cash taken.

He took the action after residents petitioned for a uniform mailing address.

My Neighbors

"Well, if big, black cigars make your husband sick, why don't you stop smoking them!"

Franklin Residents Launch Candidate-Seeking Group

FRANKLIN — Some 30 residents have been asked to serve on a citizens committee under the auspices of the Franklin community association.

Thanksgiving Week Issue of The Birmingham Eccentric Will be out a day earlier — Wednesday, Nov. 27

So please have your copy for news and advertising in one day earlier than normal. We'll appreciate your assistance.

Upper Teens Learn Arrow-Making

Boys Upper Teens Club of Southfield members can expect to receive archery lessons this winter, but first the members must learn how to fashion their own arrows.

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