

# 'round the towns news

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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## Bids Sought For Southfield High Additions

**SOUTHFIELD**—Today the Southfield public school board will take bids on bonds to cover the 17 room addition to Southfield high school.

The addition will include an auditorium with a seating capacity of 600. There will be six commercial rooms, a new art center for crafts and hobbies, two language rooms, a physics and chemistry room.

A choral room and band room have been included in the plans along with four new English rooms. There will be a speech and radio room, a conference room and check room for the auditorium.

Space has been allotted to a book receiving and repair room. The cafeteria will be increased in size 42 ft. by 56 ft. The new addition also includes a faculty dining room, an alumni room, newspaper room and darkroom.

At present the high school is enjoying an almost ideal enrollment, but in June approximately 250 seniors will graduate making room for a 10th grade class coming in the fall of 1958 with an enrollment of close to 1,000.

Although construction may not be entirely finished by the fall of 1958, Principal Robert Hall, hopes to have a few extra classrooms available.

## Stabbings, Beatings Mar Football Game

**SOUTHFIELD**—One Southfield high school boy was stabbed in the back twice and another viciously beaten by 15 teenagers at Southfield Friday night at Jefferson school, Oak Park where the game was played.

Bernard D. Willis, 16, of 29975 Telegraph was stabbed twice, and W. Mitchell, 14, of 29015 Telegraph, was beaten and kicked. Willis, who suffered a punctured lung, was treated at Detroit Osteopathic hospital Saturday.

Oak Park police say they have little information on the assailants, who attacked the two boys from behind.

At the time police were busy with another stabbing, that of James E. Doren, 16, of 1337 Marshall, Ferndale.

Police arrested a Royal Oak township resident in the Doren stabbing, Southfield high school won the football game, 14-0.

## Twelve Towns Drain Costs Up

Twelve towns drain costs, which only a few months ago were set at \$41,000,000, according to a report released last week by the county drain office.

Last year, before Southfield and Troy took the drain authority to court, the estimated cost was \$30 million. Drain officials say rising building costs and an enlarged drainage plan account for the difference in price.

Designed to dump storm water from a dozen South Oakland county communities, the drain construction has been delayed at Southfield and Troy court in court that charging an entire community for what will benefit only a part of that community is unconstitutional.

Officials of these two governments also have expressed concern that cost of the sewer to the individual community or property holder would be far more than the benefit obtained.

## Find Charles Bowen Innocent of Larceny

**SOUTHFIELD**—Charles Bowen, 29122 Rock Creek was found not guilty of a simple larceny charge by a jury last week before Justice of the Peace Clarence A. Reid, Jr.

Bowen was accused last summer of taking building materials from the Northbrook elementary school on 12 Mile road. Bowen, who is a law, Bernie Brender of Detroit was the general contractor, Vincent Roto.

Brender was found guilty by a justice court jury and has appealed to Oakland county circuit court where his case will be heard Oct. 4.

## My Neighbors

**THE FIRST** and second grades are fortunate in being given the opportunity of ballet lessons by Mrs. Evelyn Malone who was a student of Theodore Kossloff of San Francisco and has taught ballet for 15 years. Lessons started Wednesday.

Much to the children's delight when they returned to school this fall, they found several new pieces of playground equipment. The gym teachers have been giving them playground work and everything is perfect in that respect except for one very troublesome and worrisome factor—DOGS.

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## An Editorial Ask Bloomfield Millage Vote Approval Monday

Monday Bloomfield township voters are being asked to approve a one-half mill tax increase over 20 years to assure buyers of Evergreen interceptor sewer bonds that Bloomfield township will be a community, put its faith and credit behind the bond sale.

According to Supervisor Arno L. Hulet, this does not mean that the millage, if voted, will be spent, or even collected. Hulet has stated that tap-in charges collected in the past three years at the rate of \$200 a tap-in on new houses, have brought in \$200,000.

WITH \$140,000 of this money already invested in the North Evergreen or Evergreen sewer districts (which will merge into one district if the larger Evergreen sewer is constructed), Hulet says the township still has enough money on hand to pay the township's share of the bonds for the next two years if no additional tap-ins are made.

And with the Evergreen sewer opening up new areas to development, the chances are excellent that this millage would never be collected.

The Eccentric believes that this project, in the making since 1951, should be supported by township residents even though these same residents might have "adequate" septic tanks.

IT WILL BE the users of this system that pay for it, and of course this would include present residents who might wish to tap into the system.

But no Bloomfield citizen will be forced to join the Evergreen system unless 61 per cent or more of the residents in his or her area petition to connect with the sewer, or unless health officials declare that septic tanks in any given area are causing pollution.

We believe that this sewer, which will carry sanitary sewage of six area communities to Detroit for treatment, is another step forward in an area which is rapidly changing from a suburban to an urban community.

The Eccentric suggests that this project, and thereby this millage vote Oct. 8, deserves an "X" in the "Yes" square.

## Traub Memorial Scholar Spends Summer in Europe

**GILBERT LAKE**—As one of the first recipients of the Robert C. J. Traub memorial scholarship travel fund Susan Kennedy, 4905 Stoneleigh, Bloomfield Hills, spent the past summer traveling in Europe.

Susan, who graduated with honors from Bloomfield Hills high school in June, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Murray Kennedy.

She was art winner and received \$850 toward expenses under terms of the scholarship.

During her trip, Susan and her husband, who died in 1950, recognized of his efforts to encourage the cultivation and expression of artistic and musical talents.

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## Immediate Widening Of Maple Rd. Denied

**BLOOMFIELD**—Rumors that Maple road west of Lahser would be widened to 100 feet were denied by Oakland county road commission officials this week.

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Through interior decoration intended Susan at one time, she is now considering the possibility of industrial art. She hopes to work in an art studio during summer vacation to learn the practical side of art.

Upon their arrival in each country they were met by a student guide from a university who would show them around the countryside and introduce them to other university students.

IN SALZBURG, Austria the group and Susan, along with four other girls, were four days in the home of an Austrian woman.

## Dogs, Ballet, Spices Enliven Wing Lake School Activities

**WING LAKE**—The intricacies of projects, integration of school program and assimilation of school children back into the routine of their books and studies would hardly make it seem possible that there had been an interruption of three months of summer vacation.

Wing Lake school is buzzing with all kinds of activities already. The gym teachers have been giving them playground work and everything is perfect in that respect except for one very troublesome and worrisome factor—DOGS.

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## One Ward In S'field Favored

**SOUTHFIELD**—J. Leo Walton was elected to head the City of Southfield's nine-man charter commission at the board's second meeting Monday.

At the first meeting a 4-4 deadlock vote developed between Donald L. Swanson and Thomas M. Costello with John J. Hollywood absent.

At the first meeting Walton, along with Eugene Swem and Robert F. Wuerfel declared they were not seeking the permanent chairmanship. Swem conducted that first meeting, held Wednesday, as temporary chairman.

MONDAY Costello withdrew his name and Swanson asked that a unanimous vote be cast for Walton. This unanimity carried over a resolution Monday by Costello putting that body on record as favoring a one-ward system. Commissioners agree, however, that it is a trial balloon launched to draw public reaction.

The nine-man group also designated meeting nights as the first and last Monday of each month and the Wednesday which fall in the second and third week of each month.

THESE DATES are as follows: Oct. 7, 15, 23, and 28; Nov. 4, 13, 20 and 25; and Dec. 2, 11, 18, 23, 30 and 31.

Budgets and probable costs will be the major matter of business at the second meeting, Oct. 16.

Monday night's commission adopted a preamble, chapter one on name and boundaries, chapter two on municipal powers and authority, and chapter three entitled Registration, Nomination and Election (all of which is exactly the same as the second charter with the exception of the one-ward system).

COSTELLO was requested to find a suitable attorney to act as an advisor for the commission.

Swem reported that Oakland County Corporation Counsel Harry Merritt said Township Clerk Nand Adkins could be deputized to register city voters, and that old registration cards could be used, but voters must reappear at the polls with a new date stamped on the card to validate them.

City of Southfield registration cards now in the hands of the individual voters, however, are invalid and must be re-issued.

The commission also decided to mail to all subdivision associations copies of the commission minutes and the associations make such a request to the commission.

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## Downspout Law Repeal Request Faces Lathrup Council Monday



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## Kiwanis District Elects Robt. Servis As Lt. Governor

**SOUTHFIELD**—Robert C. Servis, 31770 Arlington, has been elected Lt. Governor of the Third Division of Michigan District Kiwanis International at the recent district convention held in Grand Rapids.

Past president of Northfield Kiwanis club, Servis was born in Detroit and is a Detroit Country Day school graduate.

He attended Denison University in Ohio before World War II and the University of Colorado after serving three years in the US Air Corps. Servis is married and has four children. He has been in the photographic business in North-west Detroit for the past 10 years.

## Elsewhere in the Eccentric

**B'ham Police Officer Shot**—A B'ham Police Officer was shot in the back by a man who fled after a chase. The officer was taken to a hospital and is expected to survive.

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## Ticketed Residents Arraigned

**LATHRUP**—Charges against three alleged downspout violators were dismissed Monday by Justice of the Peace James K. O'Leary and two others pleaded not guilty at a mass arraignment.

The three dismissed told O'Leary they had complied with the ordinance which requires all downspouts north of 11 Mile road disconnected unless special approval is granted by the city.

TRIAL DATE for the other two was set for Oct. 23. By that time council will have had a chance to consider a referendum petition signed by residents of the Saratoga drain area asking that the ordinance be repealed.

Council holds a regular meeting Monday and it is expected that the petition will be discussed then. Council must either take affirmative action on the request for the downspout law repeal or place the issue before the voters at a special election.

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