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## Downspout Case Adjourned

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

LATHRUP — Delaying action on the part of alleged downspout violators was carried a step further Monday as some 20 defendants asked for adjournment of their cases until Nov. 25 court date.

Attorneys Nancy Ringland of Lathrup and David Burgess of Grosse Pointe, representing most of the defendants, conferred briefly with Justice James K. O'Leary who agreed to adjournment.

One defendant asked for a jury trial but later joined the main body of defendants in asking for adjournment, while another asked for a hearing before the downspout board of appeals, to which Justice O'Leary agreed.

CHARGES AGAINST several other defendants slated for arraignment Monday were dismissed when the court learned those residents had complied with the ordinance.

Some of the defendants, many of whom signed a petition asking for repeal of the ordinance, sought disconnection law, claim the ordinance is discriminatory in that it applies only to that area north of 11 Mile road.

COUNCIL ENACTED the ordinance in an attempt to halt basement flooding, and within the past two months has urged a crack-down on violators.

Two weeks ago council refused to repeal the law which must now go to a vote of the residents at a special election within the next four months.

The big question in Lathrup now is: What happens to downspout violators between now and the time of that special election?

THE NEXT MOVE in that direction lies with the council, according to City Attorney Everett F. Hayes.

Some residents believe council will take action before Nov. 25 to repeal the ordinance, but it is over the issue, in an effort to head off a legal test of the ordinance by residents.

However, council made it clear at its last regular meeting that it planned to hold its decision to maintain the ordinance.

State Slaps S'field With Liquor Ruling

SOUTHFIELD — Township Supervisor Eugene Swen said this week that Southfield is stuck with the recent decision of the State Liquor Control Commission to issue a license to Food Lanes Market Inc., 10 Mile and Southfield.

"It wouldn't do us any good (to go to court)," said Swen after a trip to Lansing to talk to liquor commission officials.

Southfield board had asked the commission to deny Food Lanes the request for a license until the township had a chance to revise the entire liquor license program in Southfield.

THEY TOOK THIS action after the commission informed the board that Southfield had 20 days to object to a license for the market or Food Lanes would be granted an SDD package liquor permit.

The liquor commission, in granting the license Oct. 14, informed the township that the commission did not agree with Southfield's policy of issuing licenses only to drug stores and that approval by the township for any SDD license was only a courtesy gesture on the state commission's part.

Halloween Parade

NORTH ADAMS—Children will assemble at 6:45 p.m. at Pembroke elementary school Oct. 31 to begin their parade. The best costumes for each grade will be awarded a prize and refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by the Pembroke PTA.

My Neighbors

Let's play the skin-game known as "Federal grant-in-aid." For every \$100 you give me, I'll return \$1.00 in goods and services.

## Westwood Taxation Rates Set

By PHIL THOMAS

WESTWOOD — The five members of the Westwood Village charter commission debated for more than two hours at their Monday night meeting before agreement was reached on taxation rates.

One commission member, Ted Shurtleff, voted against accepting the measure, but the other four agreed to accept it after amendment.

After the chapter on taxation and another on municipal owned utilities was adopted, Marvin B. Cline, commission chairman, said his group probably would finish its work on the charter Wednesday night and then take it to the people for approval.

CLINE SAID three meetings would be held at which the charter would be presented to the people for their approval as well as comments and recommendations. The portion of the taxation chapter responsible for the long-time debate and Shurtleff's dissent originally read in part:

"The annual general ad valorem tax levy shall not exceed one per cent of the assessed value of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the village except as provided by law established by general statute to be made beyond charter tax rate limitations. It is provided, however, that this tax limitation may be increased for a period not to exceed three years at any time to not more than one-and-one-half per cent of the assessed value of such real and personal property by a majority vote of those electors voting thereon at any regular village election or special election called for that purpose."

THE commission agreed to adopt the chapter on municipal owned utilities as amended.

CLINE SAID that after Wednesday night's wind-up session, the charter would be presented to the people at three meetings. The first meeting, for all residents of Westwood, will be held at Valley Woods school, 32605 Belvidere, Nov. 6. The second, for the village area east of Southfield, Greenfield and 13 Mile road, will be held at Greenfield elementary school, Fairfax and 13 Mile road, Nov. 14. The third, for residents of the area between Southfield and Etergreen on Beverly road, will be held at Beverly school, 18303 Beverly road, Nov. 14.

All meetings begin at 8 p.m. and Cline urged residents unable to attend the meeting in their area to go to the other meetings.

HE SAID THAT registration clerk would be present at each of the meetings to take registrations and issued registration cards for voting on the charter.

No date for the charter election was given, but Cline said he hoped to meet with the City of Southfield charter commission to arrange a common election date.

Young Rider Prepares for Big Show

Joe Racine, son of the E. J. Racines of Sunnyslope, takes a hurdle easily as he prepares for competition in the national horse show to be held in New York's Madison Square Garden Nov. 5. Joe's mother and aunt, Mrs. Howard Blake of Oak Park, will accompany him to New York. The young horseman has been riding in local circles for six years and qualified for the show by winning the ASPCA horseman-ship class at the Detroit horse show in June and The American Horse Show association medal class at Metamora hunt club in August.

Couple Injured in Three-Car Crash

BLOOMFIELD — Two elderly persons were injured in a three-car accident Sunday on Telegraph at Ward road.

George H. Mosher, 70, suffered severe lacerations of the shoulders, back and right hip. His wife, Dora, 68, had lacerations of the back of the head. The couple, of 1934 S. Center, Highland, Mich., were taken to Pontiac General hospital.

According to police reports, Chauncey F. Smith, Jr., 19, of Keego Harbor, traveling north on Telegraph, stopped to turn left onto Ward road. Mosher applied his brakes, lost control and crashed head-on into a southbound car driven by Herman L. Somers, 19625 Ryland, Detroit. Mosher then spun completely around and struck the back of Smith's car.

BEWITCHING HOURS

VALLEY WOODS — The bewitching hours are tonight, so all homes interested in "trick or treat" will have a goblet of what have you visit them if the porch light is turned on.

## Bloomfield Taxpayers Sue to Halt Tax Levy Use New Grading System in Schools

By VIRGINIA COLE

BLOOMFIELD—Bloomfield Hills schools are genuinely interested in the total development of each child as well as in his achievement in school subjects. They endeavor to guide him in making as rapid growth as is consistent with his abilities.

They feel that many skills cannot be learned properly, if at all, until the child has matured to the point where he is ready to learn the skill. For this reason, it is essential that parents and teachers work closely together as the child grows.

Working on the premise that no two children are alike, they have devised progress reports to be used this fall that will not contain grades as report cards formerly did, but rather a guide and record for the parent and teacher to use in conference. This will show the child's grasp of each subject.

In each subject and where his, if any, weaknesses lie.

BLOOMFIELD SCHOOLS have always used the conference system in grades one through three but now this conference progress report system will be used in grades four through six.

A committee of Bloomfield elementary teachers, headed by Mrs. Kathleen Flint, elementary supervisor, has worked many months devising this system. Committee members are William Schrot, Josephine Long, Mabel Althouse, Marie Saupé and William McGuire and Gwendolyn Roberts.

The committee has met with Parent Teacher organizations in each of the elementary schools this past month to explain this system giving parents an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the program.

FOR INSTANCE, under the heading "Reading," there are five categories:

- 1) Reads with understanding;
- 2) Attacks words independently;
- 3) Reads for information;
- 4) Reads for enjoyment;
- 5) Reads fluently orally.

For each of these five categories, the teacher will prepare her summary of the child's progress under the headings, outstanding achievement, progressing satisfactorily, needs to improve, below grade level.

OTHER SUBJECTS appearing on the report are spelling, geography, arithmetic, science, handwriting, social studies, art, music, physical education, work habits and personal and social adjustment.

For each of the teacher will rate the child the same as for each subject.

At a given date, once in the fall and once in the spring, the parent will meet the child's teacher and in conference they will go over the progress report. In this way, the parent will have a clear picture of how his child is doing.

THE PARENTS will be given a copy of the progress report at two annual conferences and, in addition, a final one will be mailed to the home at the close of school. Each parent will have three reports for each child, each year.

When the child enters junior high school, these reports will be sent from the elementary school to the junior high, thus enabling the teachers there to better understand each child's growth and progress during his elementary experience.

FRANKLIN — A special meeting of the Franklin Village council was called last week to appoint Grant L. Sivier as successor to Harry Rotters, who resigned from the council recently.

The new councilman has been an active resident of Franklin for about eight years. Widowed last spring, he lives with his daughter, Pamela, at 27201 Garden Way.

He is an officer in the firm of Supton and Sivier, Inc., paving contractors and road engineers in Detroit.

Whether Sivier will also assume the role of street administrator vacated by Robert Mitchell in October, is doubtful. He presumes he has offered his assistance in road problems but adds that due to business commitments, he cannot assume full job responsibility.

Sivier is expected to be formally sworn in before the next regular council meeting on November 11. His appointment is for the unexpired term, ending in March and the spring election.

LAST WEDNESDAY, commissioners were unable to agree on what officials, such as mayor, city manager, councilmen and/or city administrator would constitute the legislative and executive body and what their powers would be.

Commissioners are expected to go into this phase at their meeting Monday. They also have called for a meeting with subdivision association leaders and the public Nov. 13.

Members of the Franklin branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden association were just a few days ahead of the cold weather when they planted tulip bulbs around the Franklin Community church recently. Mrs. Paul Ziegelbauer, president;



Trick 'r Treat

Leslie Fraser, 4, and David Plank, 3, but they like the idea, anyway. Hundreds of local spoons and saints and witches will be out tonight rap-rap-rapping on your doors, so be prepared.

Council Traffic Mishap Claims Life of S'field Bicyclist Filled

SOUTHFIELD—Donald G. Wise, 12, of 29005 Southfield road, was killed last Thursday at 6 p.m. when the bicycle he was riding on 13 Mile road just west of Southfield road, was struck by an auto.

The victim, son of Clarence Wise, who operates Pete's Market in Lathrup, was pronounced dead on arrival at William Beaumont hospital. Donald was delivering newspapers when the accident happened.

MRS. ROBERT WARDROP, 38, of 4800 Beach road, Troy, driver of the car which struck Donald, told State police she was driving east on 13 Mile road at about 40 mph and that oncoming headlights obscured her vision.

She reported that the boy, also wearing seat, had no lights on his bicycle and was wearing dark clothing. By the time she saw him it was too late to avoid the hit, she told police. Mrs. Wardrop was not held.

Thieves Take Safe

SOUTHFIELD—Burglars hauled away a 200-pound safe from the Mobil gas station at 13 Mile and Southfield roads Tuesday night, according to Southfield police. Station owner said the safe contained about \$100. Entry was gained by smashing a rear window, police added.

Ordinance Passed

BINGHAM FARMS — A motor vehicle ordinance was passed Monday night by the village of Bingham Farms Council which regulates the use and operation of motor vehicles within the village.

It would require that Southfield would buy 100 acres in the ravines section along Southfield western border to provide a revenue bond issue. Land cost is estimated at about \$350,000.

THEN SOUTHFIELD would lease 50 acres of the land to the rubbish authority which would use the land to bury rubbish and incinerator refuse.

Gradually the site used would be built up to a two-sided sloping hill and when covered with dirt would be used for a ski and toboggan slide. Picnic tables would be placed on a plateau at the hill's top.

The authority, now running out of area in Madison Heights, is casting about for a suitable location, and have looked in Troy and in Southfield, Swen said.

Attend Ceremonies

WOODCREEK—Boys who earned the God and Country award last year, Dick Lam, Carter Billis and Dale Pruse, accompanied by Rev. Robert Seamus to two special ceremonies held in Detroit recently.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

Birmingham Halloween Parade

Around the World 1-A

Believe in Yourself 1-B

Mackinac Bridge Opens 4-B

Enjoy Ballet 3-F

4-F

Tulips for Franklin Church

Mrs. Harry Barr, past president; Mrs. Carleton Bell, civil improvement chairman; and Mrs. Roy Nelson, program chairman (from left to right) pose for the photographer before the planting session started.