

## 'round the towns news

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## 3 Trimmed Off Ballot in S'field

SOUTHFIELD — Three names have been scratched from Southfield's council ballot, leaving 17 candidates for the seven jobs.

Circuit Judge George B. Hartwick ruled Monday that there were insufficient signatures on the candidacy petitions of Harry J. Lippman, Paul L. McElwain and Charles Arthur Nagler.

The court case arose after the charter commission, checking the validity of signatures on the 200 valid names on the petitions of the three men, disqualified them. Thomas Costello, charter commission secretary, said many names were discounted because the signers had not registered for the charter vote.

Lippman, McElwain and Nagler challenged the 200 requirement in the court action, which might have delayed the election.

However, Judge Hartwick ruled that the 200 figure required by the proposed charter did apply in this case. He found that the three candidates did not have enough signatures and that the commission had been right in disqualifying them.

In order to vote April 21, it was necessary for Southfield residents to register specially. Previous registration in Southfield township or for previous charter elections does not count in this balloting.

THE VOTE April 21 is to approve or disapprove a charter turning Southfield into a city. Also on the ballot will be four candidates for mayor, three for clerk, one for treasurer, 14 for council members, two for associate judges and the 17 council hopefuls. Those elected will serve for one year.

## Tax Protest Sent Back To B'field

Appealing in person to Michigan state officials in Lansing for tax relief, a group of 20 Bloomfield township tax protest committee members were referred back to their township officials Tuesday.

Mrs. John H. Huch, 1750 Ward road, said the group was given a written statement from a representative of the Michigan state tax commission.

The statement read, "No state agency has any jurisdiction over the amount of tax levied for township, city, school, county or village taxes."

MRS. BEGOVICH said Bloomfield township Supervisor Arno Hulet had told tax protesters that the blame for recent tax increases lay with the state equalization board.

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## Safety Program Scheduled by PTA

EAST SOUTHFIELD — 7:45 p.m. April 15. A safety program has been planned with representatives from the Oakland county sheriff's office to give the talk and show films. Election of officers will be held.

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Henry Coates, Mrs. Leroy Dowdy, Mrs. Maurice Henderson, Mrs. Robert Grigg and Mrs. Edward Kay.

## Council-Enclosed Slate Wins Vote

## Penniless Westwood Gets Loan, Hallelujah!

WESTWOOD — You've really got to have heart, to be a councilman—especially when the government you serve is in its penniless infancy, like Westwood.

Councilman Ted Shurtleff produced \$1,500 worth of cancelled checks Monday night showing the extent of his personal investment in keeping the wheels turning till money from the state and taxes start rolling in.

Shurtleff had gotten a loan on his own credit to help the village meet its safety department payables. He said, "I've been out of my mind for about \$500 so that a police car could be leased and equipped with a siren and flasher."

The council also took steps to obtain an address which will be used for all official mail and tax purposes. As of April 8, Westwood's official address is 18500 W. 13 Mile road, Birmingham (the Southfield Branch). The council had hoped for a Birmingham post office box number, but some told they'd have to wait until July, at least.

The 13 Mile road address will serve until the village can get an established office space somewhere in the village. At present, records are kept at the Birmingham office of the village. Village meetings are conducted at the home of Mrs. Alice Spencer, 1010 Beechwood, and most council meetings are held at the Beverly school.

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## Curiosity May Not Kill, But, Watch Out, It Tries

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The same curiosity that killed the cat nipped Frank Chaffin here Saturday.

He figures he was lucky. All he got was a cut over the eye. Here's how the curiosity of Frank Chaffin, 19-year-old handyman got him into trouble while he was working on a spring clean up project for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Griswold on Lot 1 Pine road at the entrance to Port Valley road.

As he raked leaves in the grass Chaffin spotted a glimmering "flake of metal about six inches long." Stuck half in the earth, it appeared to be capped with an interesting looking little fuse.

Chaffin wondered if it might be a bomb. So he lit the fuse.

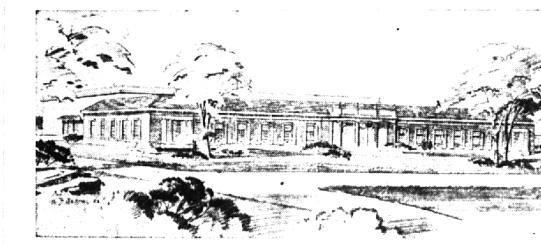
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It went off with a terrific bang, fragments flying in all directions. One caught him over the eye. The Griswolds rushed Chaffin to the General Hospital, where the damage was repaired.

What was the mysterious object doing in the grass? Was it a bomb? A firecracker? An amateur rocket? No one knows. Residents of the area are concerned, too, thinking of what might have happened if some youngster had found it. They figure that a child might have lit it, and bending over when it exploded, been seriously injured.

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## WXYZ to Start Building

Work will start any day now on this building, which will be the new radio and TV station WXYZ. It is to be on a 92-acre site on 10 Mile road just west of northwestern highway in Southfield township. This building will house studios, offices and transmitting facilities. A farm house on the property will be converted into a cafeteria and other offices and facilities, and other construction will include three towers, one more than 1,000 feet high. The station expects to broadcast from the Southfield building in fall. The whole installation will cost four million dollars. Use of the land for a TV station was approved in a close decision by the Southfield zoning board in February after considerable controversy.

## Rough Ride on Air Waves

It's five minutes before air time in a Cincinnati TV station. An audience participation show is scheduled, but there's no audience. Also no show. Only one musician, a few cameramen and a racing showman.

A standstill announcer gets the word: "Fill in the half hour." "What a predicament I was in!" breathes Jim Wood, Westwood resident who, as is well known, radio and TV personality. However, this Cincinnati soap opera had a happy ending.

Dressed as a janitor, Wood went on the air, chatting about the "good old days," singing "Swing Songs" to the accompaniment of the one musician and thanking his stars. "I didn't happen often."

Playing character parts was nothing new to Wood, who once was in the front of all those people who didn't happen often.

And how does a shy, quiet young man get involved in such dramatics? With Wood it all began in the air force when he took part in a series of half hour radio shows the base was sponsoring.

"I had always been shy," says Wood, "and I thought maybe getting up in front of all those people would cure it."

Apparently it did, for Wood soon found himself a part-time announcer for a Dayton (OH) radio station.

After service, Wood spent two years as a disc jockey in Fort Wayne, Ind., then came to Detroit to work in radio and TV in 1948. On the "Comic Carnival" program.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

Birmingham Hosts State Stamp Collectors

Unitarians Approve Church Design by Yamasaki

Letter Reveals European Trip

Forest Lake Country Club Site of USGA Women's Open

Dr. Wood Offers Physical Exams For Safety Staff

WESTWOOD — All Westwood safety officers will have a physical examination, courtesy of Dr. Doug Wood, who is the town's man who heads the public health department.

Wood volunteered Monday to give complete physicals so that records can be kept on file for future reference by village officials.

As a protective measure, it is expected that all village employees will have their physical records on file also. This information will be used for hospitalization plans, which are still in the formative stages.

Proposed Westwood Law Covers 'Multitude of Sins'

WESTWOOD — An ordinance which will cover "a multitude of sins" literally and figuratively, was given its first reading Monday at the Westwood council meeting.

The town's ordinance is known as the Morals law. It is intended to protect, throw missiles including property, tamper with public property, solicit on the streets, hit-bike, gamble or conduct fraudulent schemes, appear in public in the nude or have anything to do with prostitution. All this because there has to be some way of restraining people from scattering rubbish!

Offenders will have to appear in court, the council said if found in these violations and a host of others included in the law.

Drafted primarily to cover any possible source of litter on the village streets, the ordinance will have its second reading next week along with the first reading of a proposed weed control law.

It is expected that early adoption of a morals law will also protect children from possible sex deviates who crop up in suburban communities along with the opening of the first crocus.

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## Lathrup Majority Backs Incumbents

LATHRUP — Voters here Monday proved they liked their city council even if they didn't like the council's sewer proposal. Incumbent councilmen David Anderson and Elizabeth Mitchell were re-elected by a healthy margin along with the candidate they endorsed, H. Earl Hanson.

Defeated were Emil Mehal, Melvin Humphrey and Stephen Valentine, critics of both the council and the sewer plans.

Anderson received a total of 552 votes, Mrs. Mitchell, 529; Hanson, 519. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes are automatically on the council for the next year.

Hanson will fill a one-year term. The other members of the council whose terms are not up are Richard C. Coggier and Frederick Johnson. Mayor Lantz did not seek reelection.

EMIL MEHAL, closest contender for the council seat, lost 420 votes. Melvin Humphrey followed with 418, and Stephen Valentine came in last with 399.

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## Sound, Fury Shake New Confidence

LATHRUP — If the Lathrup council thought all would be smooth sailing after their unanimous vote Monday night meeting Tuesday night proved differently. The meeting, mostly devoted to road paving, was full of sound and fury.

It was the last council meeting for Mayor Lantz Mackey, who is retiring from Lathrup affairs. The other members of the council will carry on, however, with H. Earl Hanson following Mackey's seat. Elizabeth Mitchell and David Anderson were re-elected, and the two other members have another year in their terms.

Some 40 Lathrup residents were at the meeting about half of them angry. There was an attitude that the council was "trying to put something over on a" and shouts that the paving vote was "way too high."

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