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Westwood Roads Shift Into High

WESTWOOD—Westwood is driving a straight course to roadway betterment. Traffic surveys, road bids, signal lights and drainage ditches sparked Monday night at the village council meeting.

The council, in an attempt to fulfill the Michigan state highway department street means report, employed the services of Johnson and Anderson, Pontiac consulting engineers.

FELIX ANDERSON, representative of the firm, told members they have approximately 75 per cent of the physical data required to complete the report. A "not to exceed \$1,500" price tag was attached to the job to be a co-operative venture of the village and the engineers.

Waldo Asbury, road administrator, will survey traffic counts and work with Anderson in the preparation of the street maps and predicted longevity scale of individual roads.

The council voiced the opinion that the 20-year estimation of S'field High School Slates Registration For Aug. 18 to 25

SOUTHFIELD—All Southfield students are to stop at the high school sometime during the week Aug. 18 to 25 to pick up textbooks, schedules and pay fees, according to Principal Robert E. Hall.

The bookstore will be opened from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Students will receive class schedules, locker assignments, textbooks, class rings and complete registration.

Letters have been mailed to all students listing the items they should pay in order to receive admittance to Southfield high school. School will start officially at 8 a.m. Sept. 3. Students will be dismissed at noon.

Westwood to Select Auditor for Village

WESTWOOD—Westwood Village council announced Monday night that it is accepting applications for a village auditor. A final selection will be made Sept. 2.



PRINCE CHARMING has claimed an eight-year-old Bloomfield Cinderella. Peggy Heinen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heinen, 4655 Burnley, walked off with the slipper fitted by Prince David Barby of 1958. Peggy is now the queen of the castle at home too. The five Heinen sisters (standing left to right) Judy, 12; Kitty, 10;

"Taint Monopoly" What's This \$300 Game Anyway?

WESTWOOD—When the county got \$300 of Westwood villagers' money, it wasn't Monopoly they were playing. So eight Kirkshire residents said Monday. They complained to the village council that they pooled \$300 in 1951 and gave it to the county as a deposit on a new drain.

When no action came, they said, they requested their money back and were told that it had been spent on repair of the drain. Not so, said the villagers. There has been no repair. They asked the council to help them get a rebate.

Feelings regarding the situation ranged from "you miss your next turn to 'go to jail, directly to jail—do not pass, go. Do not collect \$300."

Westwooders Look for Plan Commission

WESTWOOD—Westwood is looking for a planning commission. According to Tom Dillon, deputy village attorney, the commission could be composed of the council president, an administrative officer, one councilman and six residents.

A second type of commission could be composed of nine private residents.

Either way the council decides, they are, nevertheless, still looking for people to staff the commission.

Dillon suggested that the group be cross-sectioned professionally so that members could present diverse opinions and ideas. He also suggested that the village contact colleges and universities for faculty or student help.

CLIFF WRIGHT, Westwood architect, was suggested as a possible member of the commission. The council bit a snag, however, when they were reminded that he was a member of the board of review and it might not be proper to have him on both committees.

Any persons interested in being a "worker for Westwood" should contact the village officials or attend the council meeting Sept. 2.

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Burglars Visit Murder Site

SOUTHFIELD—The Igenfritz nursery where watchman Tim Jasminki was murdered Aug. 16, was visited Saturday night by five burglars. At least three of them dragged the heavy safe outdoors, brewed a tear gas bomb and made off with about \$2,000 in cash and checks.

Southfield police said the burglars had forced a rear door and moved the safe 75 feet to the backyard. The metal casing and concrete lining were hammered open, which triggered a tear gas bomb in the safe. Traces of tear gas lingered to smart the eyes of investigators on Sunday morning.

BECAUSE it took these Southfield policemen to move the safe back indoors, they conclude that at least three burglars were involved.

Police said there was nothing to indicate a connection between the burglary and the murder. A nursery employee is being held on the murder charge.



Mrs. Bernard R. Yost (left) and Mrs. Douglas J. Watson look hard, but breathe soft at the Evans ditch.

Smelly Stream or Deep Ditch? Lathrup Seeks a Compromise

LATHRUP—Tossed about like a spoiled potato, the smelly Evans ditch landed back in the lap of the city council Monday night.

The council had hoped that Engineer Robert Norris could convince county drain commissioner Dan Barry of a less drastic clean-up program. But, Norris reported Monday,

nothing doing.

He said there was some hope, though, if the council itself arranged an early meeting in the drain commissioner's office. This the council intends to do.

The whole project was started by LAST MONTH Norris told the council that there was nothing wrong with Barry's plan except that it was "too big" for present needs.

Norris called it right for the area north of Lathrup, but far too large for Lathrup itself.

It was then that the council asked Norris to try to arrange modifications with Barry.

The whole project was started by Lathrup two years ago. Property owners who live along the shallow meandering stream at the western boundary of Lathrup wanted it cleaned of the trash and fallen trees that cluttered and clogged it. But they objected to the \$5,000 cost.

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Lawyer Questions Value in Market Of 20-Foot Hole

WESTWOOD—Tom Dillon, deputy village attorney, questioned the feasibility of a 20-foot hole Monday night in his report to the council regarding the Westwood-Greenlee feud over zoning restrictions.

Greenlee and his wife, who hope to sell two 50-foot lots for building purposes, charge that the advisory restrictions on Fairfax and Greenfield are unreasonable.

THIS WAS THE phrase Dillon repeatedly used in his report to the council. This is a case of reasonable. It must be decided if a 20-foot house can be constructed on each lot according to the ordinance—and, once built, could the homes be sold? He added that the court would urge settlement of the issue.

Greenlee's plan for exception to the zoning restriction in June set off a heated hearing, which resulted in denial of permission.

to a supply of DDT the city has and the ditch will be sprayed with the elm tree sprayer. The council immediately approved the work which will be done this week. Cost will be less than \$200.

The council will meet with Barry next Monday or Tuesday.

A Whole Lot of Fuss Over Hole.

FRANKLIN—Ever want to just find a hole and pull it in after you?

Well, Franklin has the hole and a whole lot of people are pretty embarrassed about it.

It's a hot little hole. Started with the fire in the community hall last January, it continued with the demolishing of the remains... and after that, there was the hole. Now the building department finds a hole intolerable foring it might be irrestiatable to youngsters and someone might get hurt. The building department wants somebody—anybody—to fill up the hole on Franklin road.

But the trouble is—who really owns the hole?

The hole answer rests on the shoulders of the zoning board who must decide if the Franklin Volunteer Fire department, which has an option to buy this piece of dimpled earth, can build the kind of fire tent they want on it.

On the other hand, the deed is held by the Franklin Community association.

The fire department has been reluctant to do anything about the hole, because it would be just right to bury a 25,000 gallon tank for water storage. But first they have to know if they'll be allowed to use the hole in the first place.

It's very embarrassing. However, the ward Wednesday was that it would be filled with sand and at least the building department will be out the hole.

Break Ground For Marian High School 1-A

See Architect's Drawing 2-A

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Crown Birmingham's 1958 Tennis Champs 8-E

EVERYBODY LOVES a party, that's why we invited you, little Diane Kitzmiller. At a neighborhood gathering in Lathrup recently the food was good and the playing was tiring. This 18-month-old got decided to "just lay down for a nap after dinner." No tranquilizer needed here.

Franklin to Vote On Interceptor Drain In November Election

FRANKLIN—The Evergreen interceptor will be on the Franklin ballot in November, the village council decided Monday.

It took a lot of doing, but the council Monday endorsed the interceptor and passed an amended building code, thus putting the lid on two major issues that have been consuming hours of council time and thought.

In its resolution the council said that after studying and considering the advantages and disadvantages of the Evergreen interceptor it was in sympathy with the overall plan. Thus the roundwork was laid for a referendum of the people to decide Franklin's part in the sewer project.

THE COUNCIL agreed that there was a real need for relief from drainage problems in three areas of the village—Helman Woods subdivision, the Shirley Farms section and the old part of the village which is now largely commercial.

The general health of the community was a strong factor in securing unanimous council opinion to endorsement of the sewer project. With known troubles in these three areas and a growing potential in others, the council concluded that buying into the Interceptor program now was wise insurance for the future.

COUNCILMAN Edward Green, who at one time was most skeptical, said Monday:

"Automatic washing machines, disposal units and the use of modern detergents have made septic systems inadequate. And even if there are some areas of our village where sanitary sewers may never be needed, we ought to be ready—just in case."

The cost of buying capacity rights into the sewer also seemed more reasonable Monday. It would be six-tenths of a mill per thousand of assessed valuation or about \$6 for a house with a \$100,000 valuation.

IT WAS pointed out that new building permits might carry a charge to cover future tap-ins, but details such as this are to be worked out later.

Newly appointed councilman William Worcester was assigned the job of publicity for the proposal. He was instructed to develop an information program so that voters would have a complete understanding of the issue at the polls.

IT WOULD require two-thirds majority of electors voting Nov. 4 to pass the bill.

It is expected that there will be public hearings with representatives of the Evergreen Interceptor authority as well as distribution of printed information regarding the sewer program.

PENDING since May and even before, the amended building code finally got council approval Monday.

Repair and attention projects costing more than \$500 will require a building permit, the council decided. The original rule which made any project over \$100 subject to inspection was unreasonably and a nuisance to enforce.

All new construction will require a permit. The fee will be \$10 plus \$1.50 per thousand dollars or fractions thereof. This \$11.50 will be the base rate.

THE NEW code also provides for fees covering the demolition of buildings. It will cost \$15 for a permit to take down a 20,000 sq. ft. structure; \$40 for from 20 to 50,000 cubic feet and \$75 for anything bigger.

A lengthy section of the code covering signs and prefabricated signs was questioned Monday night but left intact for the time being.

The council also ruled that the building department could avail itself of technical assistance, if necessary, and charge the cost to the builder.

Franklin Playschool Enrollment Quota To Increase In Fall

FRANKLIN—After seven years, the Playschool sponsored by the WSCS of the Franklin community church will offer additional enrollment.

Usually limited to 15 children between the ages of three and five, the school will accept 20 more children.

Divided into classes for three-year-olds and four-year-olds, the program was questioned Monday night but left intact for the time being.

There is a short waiting list and mothers interested in enrolling their children should contact Mrs. Earl Ramsey.

Mrs. Robert Egan is the Evening Circle mother representative for the three-year-olds and Mrs. Howard Rex, Jr., represents the four-year-olds in the co-operative program.

Lathrup A & P Gets Council Okay Sign

LATHRUP—Final go-ahead was given to the A & P store at council meeting Monday night. Work scheduled to start this week at the Southfield 12 Mile location.

Hey Podner, Round-up At Franklin Is Sept. 20

FRANKLIN—There's more steam than usual behind the annual Barbeque and Round-up plans being made this year by the Franklin Community association.

Since the community hall fire in January, the men have had no roof over their collective heads, and committees are working feverishly these days to make the Sept. 20 event a huge success financially and to stimulate membership.

Arrangements for again holding the day-long festivities on the village green. An all-star Little Baseball game in the morning and a community-wide parade at the club on Sept. 20 are being organized by Robert Kerr.

SETTING the stage are "pre-Barbeque" committees under the co-chairmanship of Jack Skeels and Gordon McAlpine. Vincent Carey is chief drum-beater, handling publicity; William Madolin, tickets and Roland Meslin, and while Dan Oiler has been assigned to authorizing the souvenir program.

Barbeque day chairman is Charles Hall, working out details with food chairman Pat Byers, Paradise Marshall Claude Cook, confections men Stan Fay and Dr. H. E. Jones, and Ray Adams who is in charge of the popular corn husking bee and penny scramble.

The un-sung heroes of post Round-up clean-up are headed by Frank Young. On his crew is Wallace Barringer, Norman Gofrank, while Dan Oiler has been assigned to authorizing the souvenir program.

As in the past, Franklin's Round-up will be a western flavored homecoming—a day of fun and games for neighbors who have been separated by summer vacations.