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'round the towns news

Republicans Vow Ahead In Light Vote

The Republican ticket at the primary election Tuesday was a popular one for the few voters that trekked their way to the polls.

Neither Democratic or GOP persuasion seemed to be powerful enough to "get out the vote," but the Republicans nabbed a considerable percentage of the Birmingham area votes.

Woman Hurt As Car Hits Three Places

Mrs. Eliza Ann Horn, 72, was in critical condition in William Beaumont hospital Wednesday after her car bounced back and forth on Franklin road at 12 Mile and Northwestern Tuesday, striking a barbecue restaurant, tanks of propane gas and a parked car.

Southfield police rushed her to the hospital, where her injuries were diagnosed as a skull fracture, broken ribs and cuts.

A gas station attendant, Richard Godecet, told police that Mrs. Horn's car had a dead battery. He was giving her a push, and her car started at about 25 miles an hour. Godecet said he had dropped about 150 feet behind when he saw Mrs. Horn weave back and forth on the road, which is bumpy at that point.

She struck the Barbecue King building, veered off to hit cooking gas tanks stored alongside, crossed the road and crashed into a parked car.

Strip Car Engine

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — An intake manifold, valued at \$150, was stolen off a 1955 car owned by Frank Bromley, 915 N. Woodward, Saturday night or Sunday morning, Bloomfield Hills police report.

Little Boy Sits On Greenfield Rd. As Cars Whiz By

WESTWOOD — A 2-year-old boy sat in the middle of Greenfield road Tuesday, cars whizzing by him in both directions.

One motorist who almost hit him phoned Westwood police, and Patrolman Dick Voorices went to the scene.

He took the boy home to his grateful mother, who shook her head ruefully over the playpen from which the boy had escaped.



MRS. ROBERT SWIFT, Mrs. Frank Young and Mrs. W. E. Lee are "inactive" co-chairmen of the Franklin community church WSCS "Imaginary Bazaar."

Franklin Church Finds Bazaar Plans Bizarre

FRANKLIN—Normally industrious members of Franklin Community church's active WSCS are enjoying a lazy summer free of bazaar planning meetings. They haven't stashed a single item for their annual Christmas-time bazaar nor have they attended a work session.

The reason? — Not a revolt against bazaars but a change to a modern "imaginary bazaar" in which everything except the need for money is imaginary.

Members, who often spend their summers cutting out aprons or attaching sequins to novelty items, this spring sat down and individually determined the estimated cost of running back and forth to work meetings, the money spent on articles made and the value of the time spent sewing, painting and gluing.

They ALSO considered the wear and tear on nerves and tears. This total they voted to get aside throughout the summer and fall in weekly envelopes supplied by the three ways and means chairman to every member of the three WSCS circles in Franklin.

Last week these chairman, Mrs. Frank R. Young, of Evening circle, Mrs. Robert Swift of Friendly circle, and Mrs. W. E. Lee of Fellowship circle, got together to enjoy the pleasant no-till aspects of the imaginary bazaar.

Seriously speaking, though, the WSCS has an active responsibility to remind members to keep stuffing the little envelopes as bazaars have been the means for raising the largest share of the WSCS budget used for church and community good.

A RECENT reminder was sent on postcards—thrillingly done just before the postal rate hike.

Members may give their envelopes to ways and means chairmen as they fill them (a good way not to have to "dig into the kitty" in emergencies) or may donate a lump sum this fall.

The donations are due by Nov. 14 when all circles will join to deduct the free-will sharing at church.

Initial plans for the new-type bazaars were made by last year's ways and means chairman—Mrs. Earl Ramsey, Mrs. John Harms and Mrs. John Lackner—after the

Ex-Convict Arraigned In Murder

SOUTHFIELD — Raymond A. Aleya, 35-year-old ex-convict and part-time landscaper, stood mute Monday when arraigned for first degree murder in the brutal death of a nursery watchman.

A plea of not guilty was automatically entered for him. Aleya was arraigned before Municipal Judge Clarence A. Reid, Jr., of Southfield. Now in the Oakland county jail, Aleya will be examined by Judge Reid Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

The watchman, Anthony Jasinski—known as Tiny because of his 200-plus weight—was found dead last Friday morning. He had been beaten with a tire iron and stabbed with scissors and a hedge trimmer.

FRIDAY evening state police arrested Aleya after hearing that he had cashed a pay check Jasinski had endorsed.

Jasinski and Aleya both worked at the Igenfrisk Nurseries, Inc., branch at 12345 Northwestern. In a small drafting room at the nursery that Jasinski's body was found by employees coming to work Friday morning.

Aleya admitted to Prosecutor Fred C. Ziem that he had robbed the restaurant where she was a waitress, went home to 12044 Lansdowne, Detroit, to change clothes, returned to the restaurant for two bottles of beer, then went again to the nursery, Jasinski, who was watching TV, let him in.

"THE NEXT thing I knew," Aleya told Ziem, "I was reaching down to touch Tiny's chest to see if he kept the money and threw the rest into the center strip of Northwestern. Later, he tipped restaurant employees generously, gave \$50 to his girlfriend and burned his clothes."

STATE POLICE said a search of the Northwestern strip had failed to turn up anything of Jasinski's.

Aleya was paroled from Stateville, Ill., prison in July 1957. He had been serving a term for armed robbery. He is twice divorced and has three children. Aleya has been living in Detroit with his mother and sister, but both were out of town at the time of the crime.



Humpty Dumpty's Successor

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Westwood Zoning Feud Turns Into Court Case

WESTWOOD—The village's first zoning controversy — Clarence Greenlee's three lots on Auburn— is now a lawsuit.

Greenlee and his wife charge that the sideway restrictions on the lots between Fairfax and Greenlee are "capricious, unreasonable, arbitrary and void" and that the zoning law is "discriminatory, confiscatory and unconstitutional."

The zoning law sets the area where Greenlee's suit is a residential-4, and requires side yards totaling 30 feet.

WHEN Greenlee asked in June for an exception to these restrictions, the village council, acting as a zoning board, turned down the request 6 to 2 after a heated hearing.

Greenlee says in his suit that he bought two lots—each 50 feet wide—in 1924. He built on one in 1941, and in 1945 bought another 50-foot lot on the other side of his house.

These side lots have been landscaped and maintained through the years by Greenlee. At the zoning hearing Greenlee's "side" claimed that neighbors would be opposed to any changes in these handsome lots, and that if the neighbors wanted them left "as is" they should buy them and maintain them.

GREENLEE'S suit claims that the plat of these 50-foot lots has never been changed, and that it is unfair of the village to ask 30 feet of side yards on 50-foot lots.

The greenlees want to sell all three lots to a builder, who wants to put colonial homes on the outside ones. The plans would leave a sidewalk of 11 feet on one lot and 8 feet on the other.

The protesting neighbors say that these houses would violate the character of the neighborhood, mostly ranch-type homes. None of the houses, they say, are on 50-footers with homes next door. Most homes have an adjacent vacant lot.

Market Denied Despite City Hall, Post Office Offer

LATHRUP—Lathrup's council Monday turned down the proposed Food Fair supermarket—and the post office and city hall hanging on the store's cocktails. The council denied a petition by Louise Lathrup Kelley and Harry Shefman to rezone 17 residential lots to commercial.

A controversy since April, it was up to the council to make the final decision. The zoning board of appeals July 21 unanimously recommended rezoning the rezoning.

Originally a dual proposal for a supermarket and a post office on Southfield road, the plan publicly showed its third aspect for the first time Monday — Mrs. Kelley inquired whether the council "could afford" to turn down the offer of a city office building.

IT HAD OFFERED that would be the residential zoning. Harry Shefman, who proposed to build the post office and city hall on the site and supermarket, told the council that he would welcome an immediate decision one way or the other. He said he didn't want to "cream anything down the throats" of residential owners.

IF THE FOOD FAIR cannot be located in the block north of the real estate office, he said he would consider other sites. Attorney Louis S. Bernadotte speaking for Shefman, told the council that after the two Food Fair hearings it was obvious that the market operators had promised to do "anything" to make the market desirable.

MRS. KELLEY warned of high taxes when the interceptor comes through and the city needs storm sewers. She pointed out that taxes from commercial property would help finance these expensive projects which she called inevitable.

Mayor Cogger summarized before the council voted: "I believe we do control a great deal of the destiny of this city. We have to base our decisions on facts. I ask council members to remember that the basis of this problem is not whether we want the Food Fair, city offices or a new post office. This is a question of rezoning and the effect it would have on owners of abutting property."

"THE PROPOSED post office looks fine," Cogger continued. "The second story might be good for other uses. The city must solve the house-ills-the-woods problem. The market looks good, too."

"But we cannot jeopardize property values. The public hearing was attended by some 80 persons, and 75 of them objected to the building because of additional traffic, danger to school children or invasion of privacy. On the other hand, 300 residents signed petitions favoring the store, but few of these live near the property in question."

Cogger said he thought that many signers had other reasons for signing the petitions. A prime reason, he said, was to get the post office out of the house-in-the-woods.

HE SAID that he had talked to one signer of the petitions presented by the Kelleys who was not even aware of the location chosen for the market.

Cogger explained the tax argument. The market would pay about \$2 per year per home in taxes, he said. This figure is after deducting about \$500 to pay for additional fire protection of the new property.

COGGER went on to say that he favored an immediate decision. Councilwoman Elizabeth Mitchell agreed. She said that the zoning board of appeals had studied the rezoning and the supermarket very thoroughly and that she felt the council should abide by the board's decision.

Johnson queried City Attorney Everett Haines on the problem of deed versus zoning restrictions. The lots in question are zoned residential, but they are labeled commercial in their deeds.

"Which takes precedence?" Johnson asked.

HAYES replied that a recent supreme court decision indicated that the more stringent restriction was the valid one. In this case,

Jay Holland helps Mrs. Cantor.

Sculptors Work in Garage

By DENI SCANLON Assistant Township Editor

Most garages are for parked cars. But, not the garage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Cantor, 4850 Charing Cross, Bloomfield township.

As a result of their interest, the Cantor garage is now headquarters for 12 students, their instructor, Jay Holland and their muscular model, Harold Adams.

THE STUDENTS began meeting three years ago for private classes, then held at the Jewish Community center in Oak Park. Because they wanted to continue during the summer, the students converted the Cantor garage into a studio, hired Holland and have been working there ever since.

Most students are novices, devoting only part-time concentration to art." Holland commented, "but they have steadily progressed, depending on the length of time they have been studying."

She mentioned that the group would continue meeting at her home, if they wished, and that other area residents are welcome to join.

CLASS MEMBERS have taken prizes for their work under the instruction of Holland, who studied at Arts and Crafts and Cranbrook and has taught at the Jewish center and the Art museum.

Dr. Mark Dale of Bloomfield township won first prize sculpture at the AMA convention in San Francisco in June.

Mrs. William Aife of Bloomfield Hills won a first prize in sculpture recently at the Women's City Club exhibition in Detroit.

Another student, Miss Davis, is presently in Honolulu to receive first prize for the sculpture work she entered in international competition.

Sculptors at work in Mrs. Cantor's converted garage.