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Tax Talks Planned For PTA Meeting

SOUTHFIELD — Taxes and budgets will be discussed Tuesday at the Southfield area council of Parent-Teacher association's meeting at Southfield high school.

All's Quiet At Hearing On Charter

SOUTHFIELD — Anyone hoping to see a rousing good charter fight at Southfield high school last Thursday evening was sadly disappointed, it was a quiet, well planned meeting, with a brief round of questions from an interested audience.

The only flurry of controversy came from A. A. Odoi, a Royal Oak real estate dealer, Odoi, who owns property in Southfield, said that the method of budgeting covered by the proposed charter would take the spending of money out of the hands of the people entirely. The charter provides that the city administrator draw up a budget for approval of the mayor and council.

Charles F. Rushman asked the charter commission if, in the case of a long period of depression, property would be assessed downward. He was told that if this happened a reassessment would almost always happen, but that present assessments were fair and had been deliberately kept low.

Mrs. Roy E. Baker expressed her concern about a woodlot near her home becoming a park. The city planning would recommend park lands to the council and after a public hearing the council would decide where they should be.

Saturday afternoon the charter commission worked on the final polishing of the charter before signing and sending it to the governor for approval.

Southfield residents will vote April 1 to accept or reject this, their third charter presented in as many years.

SOUTHFIELD — Pop and the kids can plan on doing dishes Wednesday night 'cause Mama is off to dance class. Discarding her inhibitions and Mama will be "expressing herself" and exercising for health at the same time.

The adult modern dance class started weekly sessions at Bloomfield township last week and will continue into late spring, according to Mrs. Sidney Jensen, executive director in Bloomfield township.

The course is open to any area citizen interested in getting out of the bulge or stimulating better blood circulation.

From 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. home-makers in leotards and bare feet will learn simple technique and elementary composition of modern dance from Norma Carter, graduate of Wayne State university and a teacher at the Town and Country school in Bloomfield Hills. Miss Carter was a student of Haysa Holm, choreographer for "My Fair Lady" and taught modern dance in Oak Park last year.

Woman Run Over By Her Own Car

BLOOMFIELD — A Bloomfield township woman was injured by her own car in a freak accident Monday. This was the third time in the last year that Mrs. Jean F. Gardiner, 29, being taken to William Beaumont hospital for x-rays.

Mrs. Gardiner's car collided with another car on icy Franklin road north of 14 Mile. She got out of her car, slipped and fell, only to be run over by a wheel of her own.

Township police reported that the roads were extremely icy at the point where Mrs. Gardiner lost control. The other car was driven by Charles Mortensen, 746 Franklin court, Franklin. Both cars were damaged. Mrs. Gardiner lives at 3371 Westchester.

Fire Damage Slight

SOUTHFIELD — The damage was slight Friday although fire threatened the floors of the Jack R. Hillman home at 25025 Coral Gables. Southfield township firemen said the fire started in the fireplace and extended to the floor joists.



Southfield Charter Signed

The Southfield charter is on its way. Signed Monday night by the charter commissioners, it now goes to the governor for approval. Then the big question will be answered by the election April 21: Will Southfield become a city? This is the fourth time Southfield has tried to incorporate. Two city charters were turned down by the voters. A third charter commission delayed drawing up a charter past the legal limit. Now that Westwood, in the northern part of Southfield township, has formed a village of its own, many of the opponents of a city of Southfield are no longer involved; so hope runs high for passage at this coming election.

This charter provides for a mayor, a seven-man council and a city manager. The tax ceiling would be \$7 for each thousand of assessed valuation. Shown signing the charter at the township hall are, seated left to right, Robert E. Wuerfel, C. Hugh Dohany, J. Leo Walton and Thomas M. Costello. Standing, same order, are John J. Hollywood, Donald L. Swanson, Patrick Flannery and Eugene Swem.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

Schoof Bus Law Change May Be Turned Down

Sports This Week Only To Be Found On Dr. W. Glen Harris to be Honored on 20th Anniversary of his Pastorate

Putnik Stars Our Lady Queen at Marys School Children to Form Science Club

HOUSEHOLD started with an old picture frame that dates back to the Civil war. Fran removed the back, extended it a few inches, put in some shelves, and refinished the piece in antique white. Mrs. Fauler now has a lovely shadow box.

In the dining room are two corner china cupboards; in the kitchen, a nice rack, and in the living room, above the fireplace a three-dimensional picture—an old violin that Fran repaired and mounted in a mahogany frame.

The next major project is a round kitchen table, complete with built-in lazy Susan and chairs to match. The wood has been selected and is now drying in the attic.

My ultimate goal is to have the entire house furnished with items I've made," says Pauler, "but at the rate I'm going now it will be quite a while."

Actually he devotes only the winter months to his hobby. Spending the summers, like most suburbanites, working in the yard.

Pauler is sales manager for the furniture store. He and his wife, Laura, have two daughters, Jill, 7, and Janice, 3.

THE LATEST addition to the house is a shadow box.

OLD VIOLIN Becomes 'Picture'

An old violin, a frame and some ingeniously made a three-dimensional picture above the fireplace of the East Beverly home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Pauler. Pauler's hobby is working with wood.

Westwood Passes Traffic Ordinance: Effective Today

Police Get Authority To Ticket Violators

WESTWOOD — A traffic ordinance for the village of Westwood takes effect with its publication in The Eccentric today. The village council passed the emergency ordinance Monday.

The law sets up a motor vehicle code and gives the new police force full authority to issue tickets and enforce violations.

Speed limits are set as posted. In residential areas the limit is 25 miles an hour. On Greenfield, Lahser, Southfield and 13 Mile roads the limit now posted is 45.

Awaiting bids from rubbish dealers, the village council plans to set up a waiting bureau at its meeting Monday, which will collect fees for "routine violations" like speeding.

MEETING in the lobby of the Beverly school Monday proved a waiting game for the village council. The council had been in view, but no permanent home in view, the council had to continue to meet at the school except for special meetings and times when the school is closed for holidays.

Chester Guilmet, chairman of a committee to find a spot for the village offices, reported that a suggested real estate office at Southfield and Beverly road is a little too small for the purpose.

Franklin Owners May Sell Building

FRANKLIN — Inclined toward selling the property and the remains of the community hall, the Franklin Community association voted Thursday night at a dinner meeting. The 52-year-old building was seriously damaged in January when a fire burned out much of the second story.

The insurance settlement of approximately \$12,500 is expected. Repair of damage would cost about \$12,500, appraisers say.

Tearing down the building would run in the neighborhood of \$14,500, members were told.

BECAUSE there were not enough voting members present, authorization to sell the property as is was delayed until members can be canvassed by mail. It is expected, however, that the board of directors will be granted permission to negotiate a sale within six months to some organization engaged in public service.

Inquiries have been made by the village council and the Franklin volunteer fire department, according to Orland Ellis, president of the association. The fire department has a lease until 1959 for 18 1/2 feet on the north side. Estimated property value ranges between \$250 to \$300 per front foot.

In the meantime, the association will continue to plan community parties, with a theatre party, hockey game and spring dance in the near future. These will be held at other places.

S'field Club Plans To Back Candidate

SOUTHFIELD — The Southfield Business and Professional Women's club will sponsor a candidate for the council of the township of Southfield. The candidate will be chosen at the group's next meeting, Wednesday at Howard Johnson's on Grand River.

With 154 cars of Westwood still in the 12-Town district, residents must decide if the project it will have in the \$44 million project. Southfield and Troy are suing 12-Town.

Howard I. Bond, village attorney said, "If the village wants to get out of the project it will have to petition the state supreme court to intervene. The Westwood share in the 12-Town Drain would amount to \$350,000."

Post Office Copes With Big Volume Of Election Mail

LATHRUP — Postmaster David Redwood and his staff are congratulating themselves for their ability to handle the rush of mail that hit the Lathrup post office before last week's voting.

From two to three thousand pieces of mail came in each day from Lathrup boxes and other mail developments on the new Lathrup post office. Sunday afternoon Redwood checked the three city boxes for mail posted and found the volume so great he gathered 550 pieces of mail and hand stamped it that afternoon to expedite Monday delivery.

Although the volume of mail from Lathrup boxes continues to increase, Redwood reports no new developments on the new Lathrup post office. Sunday afternoon Redwood checked the three city boxes for mail posted and found the volume so great he gathered 550 pieces of mail and hand stamped it that afternoon to expedite Monday delivery.

Shoplifters Given Sentences in Jail

BLOOMFIELD — Two Detroit women caught shoplifting at Miracle Mile shopping center Monday were sentenced to 10 days in the local county jail by District Judge Elmer C. Wiethorn.

Township police arrested the women, Genevieve Sanders, 22, of 5882 Joy road, and Theresa Mastan, 27, of 2312 Central avenue, taking merchandise in their coats and pocketbooks on Saturday.

New Police Car

SOUTHFIELD — The Southfield township board Tuesday approved a bid of \$1,550 for a new police car. It will replace an old one, which is part of the purchase price.

Sweetheart Has a Classy Chassis

The new sweetheart of Franklin is a pumper fire truck with a classy chassis and completely automatic transmission. The number, one, has been reserved for her for a long time, and when she sashayed into the last week with her sirens, she was a proud red beauty won the hearts of everyone in the fire district, which includes Woodcreek Farms, Bingham Farms and Southfield township in addition to Franklin.

Number One cost about \$18,000, but as in the case of a beautiful woman, the boys who picked up the tab are sure she's worth every penny. She can throw 750 gallons of water a minute through her 2,400 feet of hose. And she can mix a cocktail of whatever proportion of foam and wet water seems appropriate. Grooming her with loving care to the Southfield fire station where she was housed until Sunday are her dotting admirers of the Franklin volunteer fire department.

Left to right they are William Albee, Stanley Warwick (in the cab) Heidi, the department mascot, Fire Chief Bill Jones and Ver-converse III. Sitting aboard are Bill Scott, Bill Worcester and Harry Allen.