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## WXYZ Gets Ok To Build

SOUTHFIELD—TV station WXYZ won the "popularity contest" last Thursday and got permission to locate in Southfield township.

The township board voted to change the zoning of about 95 acres of land across from the Lawrence Institute of Technology, which will allow the station. All the board members were present, and only Philip Maloney voted "no."

Richard Van Dusen, attorney for WXYZ, drew a chuckle from the audience of about 40 when he labeled the station's campaign a "popularity contest." On the station's side, he said, were most of the station's neighbors to build the station's new building, and the zoning board's recommendation was to build a 1000-foot TV tower, smaller radio towers and a Georgian colonial building to house broadcasting studios.

ADMITTING that the tower was the biggest problem, he said, "There's nothing you can do with it. You can't hide it and you can't grow it up." But, he said, the station had planned everything it could to make the installation attractive. Plans include a wide "green belt," a fence, a housing area with its residential zoning insured by giving a lot to the township, landscaping and preserving the rolling contours and trees on the property. The land is now owned by the Nelson farm. It is on 10 Mile road just west of Northwestern.

Opponents of the TV station were given a chance to state their reasons, and several complained that big concrete blocks anchoring guy wires would be too close to their lot lines. Other Tamarack trail residents said that the station's plans were less undesirable than any likely alternative.

Philip Maloney questioned the station's plan that the \$15 million dollar installation would boost the township's tax base without requiring many services from the township. Maloney wondered why the valuation of the two other major Detroit stations in the township was so much lower. Spectators said that the other stations' transmitters were less desirable than WXYZ plans and a complete setup.

MALONEY ALSO cited a petition circulated in the Tamarack trail area by the Washington Valley Civic association, of which Maloney is president. The petition asked the zoning board to deny the station's request.

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## Mrs. F. Henderson Elected President

EAST SOUTHFIELD—East Southfield PTA board meeting was held recently at the home of Mrs. Gerald Easlick of Everett road. Ten members were present to elect Mrs. Frederick Henderson as new PTA president. Also elected were Roy Kent, recreation chairman, and Mrs. Lawrence Brown, nominating committee chairman.

Plans are under way for a Valentine day smorgasbord social the PTA will have Feb. 14. After dinner there will be dancing and cards. Everyone will bring a dish to be served.

Ways and means chairman, Mrs. Dewey Counts, is in charge of arrangements with assistance from Mrs. Howard McDonald and Mrs. Paul Kline.

## My Neighbors

"We've been going steady now for 37 years. For the last time, WHEN are we getting married?"



## New Village's New Clerk

Wife, mother, now village clerk—that's Mrs. Alice Spencer, 16160 Beechwood, East Beverly. She was unopposed in the election Monday that made Westwood a village and Mrs. Spencer its only paid official. Here Mrs. Spencer sets the table for a victory dinner with her husband, Bob, and daughter, Judy.

## Doggy Party Fetes Bosco On Birthday

FRANKLIN—There was a pretty doggy party at the Woodside drive last Saturday.

It was the first birthday of Bosco the beagle. His pretty little 4-year-old owner, Michele, had insisted on a proper celebration.

So invitations were sent to Bosco's canine friends, "Pogo" Hornberg, "Laddie" Stickman, "Crissy" Buckner, "Pixie" Doberty, "Bimbo" Vallancourt and "Frankie" Ravitz. All arrived with their masters, and each dog sported a beautiful big bow and a freshly brushed coat.

The party, a 3 to 5 affair, consisted of games with prizes for the dog who could sit up the best, speak up the best, shake hands the best and sing the best. "Dog Yummies" were passed around as favors, and refreshments were cupcakes and hot dogs. Only after the "guests" were fed did the young masters who accompanied them get their share of the goodies.

Surprisingly enough, Mrs. Marsh said their manners were excellent and only a few minor skirmishes took place. "And I didn't have to use the brown or mop once."



## Long Service Rewarded

Receiving an award for over ten years of devoted service to the Michigan health council, L. Gordon Goodrich (left), of 19075 Hillcrest, Southfield township, shakes the hand of Dr. J. K. Altland, associate commissioner of the Michigan department of health. Goodrich received the award at the recent 11th annual Michigan rural health conference at the University of Michigan. He is treasurer of the state health council.

## New Clerk 'Old Hand' At Service

EAST BEVERLY—When Alice (Mrs. Robert W.) Spencer assumes her duties as clerk of the new village of Westwood, her new job will be one more in a list of services she has been rendering her community since she moved here three years ago.

She has been a board member of the Greenfield-Beverly Improvement Association for the past two years, handling all publicity and writing the association Newsletter. She has been a member of the charter act-finding committee for the association. An active PTA member at Greenfield school, she assisted in the fluoridation treatment program last fall and is a member of St. James Episcopal church.

MRS. SPENCER lives at 16160 Beechwood with her husband, Bob, and her daughter, Judy, who is in the 5th grade at Greenfield. Spencer, an estimating engineer with R. L. Spitzley Heating company in Detroit, is proud of his wife and her new job as village clerk.

Both the Spencers are natives of Canada. They moved to Detroit from Montreal in 1947, and became naturalized American citizens in 1954.

BORN ALICE CAREN in the gold-mining town of Timmins, Ontario, Mrs. Spencer is of French-English descent. She met her husband in Halifax where she was serving as a Wren in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval service during the war. Then she came to Detroit where she began her business administration, for she handled all the payroll details for the North Atlantic conveyors.

Mrs. Spencer filed for clerk of the village to offer competition to the 14 named candidates, a few have requested slight changes and signed. The Lathrup council decided that conditions in Lathrup require amendments and have decided signing the contract until amendments were made to suit the city.

## Revised Rubbish Contract Submitted

LATHRUP—The Lathrup council has approved a Rubbish authority contract with revisions and submitted it to the authority for consideration. Although the authority wanted uniform contracts from 14 named cities, a few have requested slight changes and signed. The Lathrup council decided that conditions in Lathrup require amendments and have decided signing the contract until amendments were made to suit the city.

## Mack Joins Board

LATHRUP—Council members Monday approved the appointment of Harry Mack to the board of review for a three year term. Mack and Mrs. W. K. Griffin headed 31 volunteer mothers in gathering contributions.

## Charter Fathers 'Sweat Out' Birth

By DOROTHY ZATELL

Born to the people of Southfield township, on Jan. 29, at 11 p.m. their third city charter, millage, 7.

For more than two hours Wednesday evening Don Swanson paced the floor. Eugene Swem sat poker faced and relaxed, one leg swinging over the arm of his chair. Robert Wuerfel puffed his long cigars, while Tom Costello alternately yawned and paced. Weary and watchful, Robert Walton, John Hollywood, Gregory Flannery and Hugh Dohany reasoned and listened. Philip Maloney had been excused due to illness.

The Monday before the charter commissioners, voting on an 8 mill tax limit, had tied 4 to 4. Wednesday they had to set a tax limit, the controversial part of the charter they'd saved for last. If they didn't they'd have had to change the whole schedule and set a new date for the election when the residents of the township will accept or reject the charter. The election is scheduled for April 21.

THIS COMMISSION is Southfield's third. Two were charters that were rejected by the voters. The third failed to finish a charter in the time the law allows.

All the commissioners knew the tensions of charter writing, and the complications of millage charters. All but Wuerfel had served on one or another of the previous commissions. They have tried again and again to make Southfield, the township, into Southfield, the city, and they have watched the 36 square mile area be whittled down.

If Southfield becomes a city now it will be 28 square miles, for the original family of communities has broken up into villages and a separate city of Lathrup with bits of Southfield weaving between.

WITH THE OPENING of the Wednesday evening meeting, Eugene Swem gave the commissioners one of his "bits of information." With township income projected to be \$20,000 less than needed and returns from state sales tax falling off, the possible deficit for

## 2 to Vote Approves Westwood's Charter

## Seven Men Selected To Council of Village



## Winners Face Big Job

The seven councilmen and a clerk elected by Westwood Monday face the big job of establishing a new village. The winners: In the back row left to right, Edward (Ted) Shurtliff, Marvin Cline, Mrs. Alice Spencer, the clerk, and Hugh G. Allerton, Jr. In the front row, Chester Guilmet, Dr. Douglas Wood and Robert Reed. Missing is Theodore Sura.

## Essays of Teenagers Tell Why They Drink

BLOOMFIELD—The evils of liquor and its lure for teenagers are summed up in a dozen carefully written papers presented to Bloomfield township police chief Norman H. Dehnke Saturday.

Because the 500-word themes are the work of a group of boys 17 to 19 years old, caught by township police on a stag drinking party, Dehnke feels they provide an insight to one of the toughest problems police have today.

"I don't think teenagers drink because they like the taste of alcoholic beverages but because it makes them feel grown up," wrote one boy, who added that instead he found "it shows up reflexes and slows down thinking."

"WHERE DO YOU draw the line?" asked one confused boy who pointed out, "One minute it is all right to take a nip with your dad looking on proudly while you 'stomach it like a man' and the next minute he is sorrowfully explaining to police that 'my boy is a good boy. He knows drinking is wrong.'"

The boys and their parents appeared before Dehnke Jan. 25 after the boys were caught. Because the boys never had been in trouble

before, Dehnke meted out the usual sentence.

One had about to join the Air Force wrote: "Never in my life have I learned a lesson as big as this one in such a short and timely moment."

ANOTHER youngster called drinking "one of the worst problems that face the people of the United States." He gave an original version of the beginning of the problem, tracing it back to the start of the eight-hour day and its additional leisure, "To kill time," he wrote, "they drank in bars and at home."

An exchange student, who can drink legally in his native India, (See ESSAYS, Page 2-E)

WESTWOOD The seven new councilmen of the village of Westwood celebrated their victory Monday night, but Tuesday they began to worry about the big job they face, getting the new village set up and performing.

Residents of Westwood voted two to one to accept the charter and launch themselves as a village. The vote was 1,286 to 685, of 2,708 voters registered. 2,003 cast ballots, nearly 74 per cent. However, only about half of the Westwood residents of voting age registered, despite repeated urgings from charter commissioners.

THE NEW councilmen and their vote totals are:

Hugh G. Allerton, Jr., 1,481  
Marvin Cline, 1,417  
Robert Reed, 1,352  
Chester F. Guilmet, 1,303  
Edward Shurtliff, 1,267  
Theodore Sura, 1,047  
Dr. Douglas S. Wood, 807.  
Mrs. Alice M. Spencer, the only candidate for clerk, polled 1,259 votes.

Defeated council candidates were:

Robert Larsen, 747  
David Thompson, 682  
Dr. Russ Seeburger, 565  
Waldo Ashbury, 384  
John McCall, 360

THE COUNCIL will elect one of its members the village president, probably at the first meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, after the new officers are sworn in. The first vote-getters will serve two years terms this time; the other three one year. The clerk's job is a two year post.

Candidates gathered Monday night at Guilmet's house to get the election returns and toast the winners.

## New, Old Schools Formally Named By Bloomfield Hills

BLOOMFIELD—The Bloomfield Hills board of education officially named the new elementary school under construction on Long Lake road near Pine Lake the Pine Lake school at a special board meeting last week.

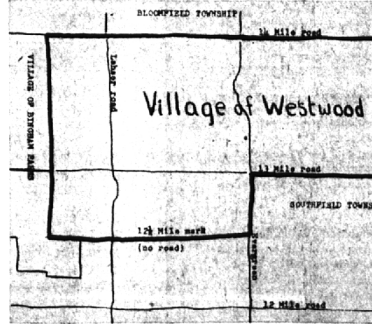
The board also rectified an omission of the 1950's, and officially named the Vaughan school after the Perry Vaughan family, who gave land for the site. Superintendent Eugene L. Johnson and board president Merrill O. Bates found that the oversight had never been noticed before, even on two occasions when additions were built to the school.

The board said it decided on Pine Lake as the name of the new school because the community has been calling it by that name ever since the site was purchased. The school is to open in September.

## Payment Delayed

LATHRUP—The city council Monday evening delayed payment to General Asphalt Paving Company. The council has asked for an estimate of the cost of making corrections in the work done by the company.

It will be necessary for the paving company to correct uneven edges of the paving and broken spots before they receive the anticipated \$7,000 owing them, the council said.



## New Village's Boundaries

The new village of Westwood covers about four square miles. The boundaries are 14 Mile road, Greenfield road, 13 Mile road between Greenfield and Evergreen, Evergreen road south to the 12 1/2 Mile mark (no road exists there) and the eastern boundary of Bingham Farms. About 8,000 people live in the area.