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'round the towns news

Plans Made For S'field School Sites

SOUTHFIELD—Southfield school district's expansion program was moved ahead Monday as the board of education detailed plans to acquire an elementary site, to add to McKinley school grounds and to receive bids on the \$1,700,000 addition to the high school plant.

The board approved getting appraisals for about six pieces of land in the Berg road-Telegraph area which it expects to buy as a nine or ten acre elementary school site.

The area is bounded on the north by the end of Sherman avenue and is located between 8 and 9 mile roads.

THE BOARD VOTED to petition the county road commission to close the street on the east side of McKinley school, which is agreeable to the only adjacent property owner and the township board. The additional footage, Treasurer Will J. Oliver commented, will give the school a baseball diamond.

A special meeting is scheduled for Wednesday to continue work on site problems, including future plans for the site at Foxcroft and 11 mile roads.

Plans for the 25-classroom high school addition, which includes expansion of the cafeteria and addition of an auditorium and music rooms were reviewed with the architect, William Dolgner.

THE BOARD HOPES to have the addition in use during the 1958-59 school year.

A joint meeting with Oak Park school board was suggested by President Fred D. Leonard after a discussion of the possible adjustment of the boundary lines along Northline drive adjacent to Northwestern highway.

At present properties owned by Amway Refining and Allstate Insurance company are split between the two districts, Oak Park also has an residential lot near Magnolia completely separated from the rest of its districts.

AT THE REQUEST of Northbrook PTA, the board petitioned the township board to investigate installation of traffic lights at Northbrook school on 12 mile road for greater safety of school buses.

13 Seek Posts At Westwood Charter Vote

WESTWOOD—Westwood residents will vote 12 candidates from which to choose seven councilmen at the charter election February 3. These men and a salaried clerk will take office on Feb. 10, 1958.

Approved by the voters.

Deadline for filing petitions was Friday. Only one person, Mrs. Alice M. Spencer, filed for the office of clerk.

Less than half of the potential voters in Westwood have registered for the special election. Hugh C. Allerton, Jr., secretary of the charter commission, said the response was "disappointing."

"WE WANT TO HEAR the real voice of the community in this election," he said. "A change in government is of great importance to the community. It is important to know that whatever happens is the will of the people and that if the charter passes the people are behind it."

Registrations total 2,200 of age 14-60.

Allerton filed early for councilman. Others who also seek one of the posts are W. A. Arbury, John McFall, Dr. Russell Seeburger, David Thompson, Robert Larsen, Edna Shurtleff, Chester F. Guilmet, Robert Reed, Marvin Cline, Theodore Sura, and Dr. Douglas S. Wood.

According to the charter, councilmen would elect a village president from among their number.

Franklin Girl "On Toes" in Ballet Circles

FRANKLIN—Sue Roseberry, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roseberry of Wellington road, Franklin, is really on her toes. She has the accredited status of a full fledged adult ballet dancing teacher.

With "Pass - commended" printed solemnly across her examination papers, Sue has achieved the dream for which she has studied for many years.

Sue was the youngest ballet student to appear before the examining board of the Cecchetti system to apply for the fifth grade certificate both in the student and the teacher classes.

A senior at Birmingham high school, Sue has been teaching neighborhood girls for about 5 years.

Sue's first teacher was Barbara Mabel Seaver of Birmingham. About 8 1/2 years ago she began studying the Cecchetti method with Theodore Smith in Detroit. Her first summer in the "method" was with William Dollar of New York.

The next summer she studied with the Canadian Royal Ballet in Toronto.

Last summer, at Ted Shaw's "Jacob's Pillow" in Massachusetts, Sue studied with Margaret Craske of the New York Metropolitan Ballet. This year she will join a group of girls who are going to Europe for more lessons with continental masters.

Appearing for the examining board in November, Sue spent almost two hours performing the required work of a fifth grade ballet student and fulfilling the demands of the adult teacher, requirements which included choreography, music and teaching technique.

Bloomfield Okays Dancing License

BLOOMFIELD—A license to permit dancing at private parties at Devon tables was favored Monday by the Bloomfield township board of supervisors.

Mrs. Laura Turner explained that the board had to approve her request before it could come before the liquor commission.

She said the liquor commission controls dancing in places with liquor licenses.

Mrs. Turner assured the board that she was not interested in starting a night club.

"Especially at weddings," she said, "people want to dance the bride around. And I want to be able to say, 'dance here,' instead of having to explain why the law forbids dancing."

The dancing would be limited to private parties, Mrs. Turner said, and would be in the Hillside room.

Plunge Through Ice, Two Youths Rescued

WALNUT LAKE—The quick thinking of Paul Dahl, 5499 Putnam, and Dr. Courville Morrow, 5512 Putnam, averted a tragedy Sunday when two 16-year-old Royal Oak youths broke through a patch of thin ice while fishing on Walnut lake.

Dahl and the doctor were skating when they saw Gerald Jones, 1316 Smith street, and John Schreiber, 2413 Evergreen, plunge through the ice. Rushing to the scene, the men were able to pry the boys, loaded with ice fishing equipment, from the cold water.

THE DRIPPING boys were taken to the lakeside home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bell, where they were wrapped in warm blankets, and served steaming cups of hot chocolate while awaiting the arrival of their parents with dry clothes.

West Bloomfield township police were called and the dangerous area was roped off. The rest of the lake is considered perfectly safe for skating, and was crowded at the time of the accident.



Kiwanis Members Check Banquet Agenda

Members of the Southfield Kiwanis club pause for a moment before their installation banquet Jan. 5 at a Detroit restaurant, to check the evening's agenda. Seated from left, Dan A. Cameron, president and Earl

Confer, past governor. Standing from left, Harvey Snyder, second vice-president; James Barrows, first vice-president; Don Henford, secretary and Elmer Hartwig, past lieutenant governor.

Tied Vote Delays Decision on TV Station in S'field

SOUTHFIELD—Feeling ran high and tempers flared last Thursday before the Southfield zoning board tabled the request of television station WXYZ to build a \$41.2 million dollar station across from the Lawrence Institute of Technology.

The vote was tied, three to three, with one member absent. The issue will be decided at the board's meeting Jan. 23, chairman Robert F. Wurffel said Tuesday. He had checked with the absent member, Roy E. Grunwell, in a Detroit hospital where Grunwell underwent an eye operation. Wurffel said that Grunwell would be able to attend the Jan. 23 meeting and break the tie.

GUNWELL VOTED against the rezoning when the station first applied in October. He said then that he would reconsider his vote if the station changed its plans.

Wurffel plans were submitted by WXYZ a month ago.

Wurffel said pressure "really has been put on" the board to defeat the move. A petition signed by about 80 Southfield residents asking for a vote of "no" was circulated by Philip A. Maloney, township trustee. About 60 residents were present at the meeting Thursday, and many indicated they had changed their minds and were in favor of the station, Wurffel said.

MALONEY HAS fought the station's request from the beginning. He says the 1,000-foot tower with six blinking red lights would cause devaluation of neighboring properties.

Wurffel said the board had turned down the station's original request because it considered turning the neighboring land commercial undesirable. Now that the station has plotted a residential area, Wurffel added, a plot plan and schedule of restrictions is all set. Wurffel said, and has been submitted.

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Bloomfield Slates Thorough Study Of Flood Problem

BLOOMFIELD—More study of the flooding problems of Bloomfield township residents was recommended Monday by the township board.

Still hoping some action can be taken before the spring rains, the board decided to explore the problem more thoroughly before its next meeting.

Carl Beier, chairman of the water and sewer committee of the Bloomfield Village protective association, presented the result of questionnaires sent to residents of the Maple, Glenway, Williamsbury and Cranbrook road areas where flooding has been worst.

Beier said that of 89 questionnaires sent, 40 have been returned and 12 reported flooded basements in 1957.

Effective Wednesday, Dehnke's promotion previously had been approved by the township board. He has been serving as acting chief since the retirement of Clark Green last Sept. 15.

Dehnke had been a patrolman on the township force for four years. He also had served on the Detroit police force for six years.

He added that it was a force of five patrolmen and a radio operator.

Dehnke lives with his wife and four children in Farmington.

GUEST SPEAKER—Leo Walton, chairman of the Southfield charter commission, was guest speaker at the Jan. 15 meeting of the Southfield Business and Professional Woman's club.

Minister Stays Calm As Bank Is Robbed

SOUTHFIELD—A Southfield minister who describes himself as "the easy-going type" found himself calm and collected while the bank he was visiting was robbed of more than \$6,000.

The Rev. Harold R. Krieg, pastor of St. Mark's Evangelical United Brethren church, was one of three customers at the branch of Manufacturers National bank at 8 Mile and Evergreen when it was robbed last Thursday.

"IT WAS SURPRISING," Mr. Krieg said, "because it was so easy trying to make mental notes 'about the appearance of the two robbers.'"

"One man held a gun, I know," Mr. Krieg said, "because it was pointed right at me and a man noticed a thing like that."

He added that it was difficult to tell much about their appearance because they held their hands in front of their faces covering all but their eyes and noses.

"THEY WERE VERY quiet and business-like," Mr. Krieg said. "They just said, 'This is a stick up,' and 'Line up over there,' and began to rob the bank. I saw the gun and decided there wasn't much point in trying to be a hero."

"Friends have been calling me 'over seas,'" he said, "and some of them I haven't heard from in years. People even called to say they hadn't heard I was back in town—and I moved back a year and a half ago."

Mr. Krieg lives at 20501 Westhampton.

Lathrup Sewer Plan Explained by Board

Mayor Urges Voters To Study Proposals

LATHRUP—Mayor Lantz Mackey urged Lathrup citizens to study the city's storm and sanitary sewer problems, to talk them over, and to ask questions before voting at the special election Feb. 18.

He made this plea at a dinner meeting last Thursday after members of the city council had explained in detail and exhibited plans for the separate storm and sanitary systems the council recommends for the city.

Mackey called the meeting a "stress relief" for the three public meetings at which the council hopes to explain the system to all the voters. Thursday's meeting was by invitation only. Present were about 50 Lathrup residents, solicited because they were civic leaders, Mackey said.

"YOU ARE INVITED to hear first what this is all about," Mackey said. "Our aim is not to influence your vote, but to inform you so that you can make up your own mind."

He added that the council hoped the citizens who attended the meeting would talk to their neighbors, bring up the subject, and urge everyone to have their questions answered at the meetings scheduled for Jan. 28, Feb. 6 and Feb. 11.

"If we ask people to pay for these things, they have a right to know what it's all about," Mackey said.

The program proposed by the council will cost LATHRUP property owners about \$5.50 per thousand of assessed valuation, plus an assessment estimated at about \$15 per 50 foot front. This would more than double Lathrup's taxes, now about \$7.50 per thousand.

COUNCILMAN Frederick Johnson said the cost of the systems averaged about \$65 or \$70 a home each year for the next 30 years.

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Motorbike Safety Check

The impatient ranks must be safe ones, says Franklin volunteer police officer, Kenneth Bristol, as he checks a motorbike operated by 14-year-old Lew Reszka. A campaign to stress observance of all traffic laws was launched by Franklin police as a joint effort with Michigan State police.

The movie "Death on the Highway" was shown Wednesday night at the Franklin Community church for teen-age drivers, motorbike operators and parents. Since many motorbikes are being driven by youngsters too young to have driver's licenses, local police are informing them and their parents that they have the same responsibility to fellow citizens as any other driver.

My Neighbors



"Forgot to mention it, but he absolutely detests people that look like your husband!"

Paving Voted Around School In Bloomfield

BLOOMFIELD—The township board Monday voted to blacktop Andover and Exeter roads around the high school.

Township Supervisor Arno Hulet said the road, now unpaved, was used by more than 100 residents from any other road. The board pointed out that there are about 1,200 students at the school, and that many parents call for and deliver them. Hulet also said that it was the only school of any size on an unpaved road.

The board voted to put up \$4,500 for the job. This amount will be matched by the state to pay for paving the rest of road, which is about 800 feet long and goes from Telegraph to Long Lake roads. Oakland county will do the work.

HULET EMPHASIZED that this was a special opportunity for the township to get \$9,000 worth of road work for free.

He felt that the township ought to use the chance to do a job that would benefit the township as a whole.

This paving would be done at no cost to the 11 or 12 owners of lots facing on the road.

Hulet stressed that the township felt justified in not charging these people because the road is a wholly used by the township as a whole.

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