

Franklin Begg Aids 'Find Candidates'

FRANKLIN—Know of any qualified people who will be willing to serve their community with devotion and intelligence for the next year or two?

The Franklin Citizens committee, appointed by the Franklin committee association, is asking for help.

With the election set for March 10, and closing date for filing petitions Feb. 22, there isn't much time. The 22 committee members are appealing for an immediate response from fellow residents.

The offices of village president, treasurer, assessor, clerk and three trustees must be filled.

Nicholas Rojello is chairman and Richard Kern vice-chairman.

Candidates must be registered voters and residents of Franklin for at least two years. Interested individuals are urged to submit their own names.

On the subcommittees are Harry Barr, T. H. Behm, Richard Caskey, Mrs. Norman Curtis, John Fankel, Mrs. Oliver Garwood, James Gillen, Mrs. Don Hacker, Stanley Hunter, Stephen Kowalski, Richard Oberschulte, Don Ode Harry, Robert J. Stueck, Wendell Smith, Donald Tracy, Roy Trosden, Mrs. Philip Van Dyke, and Lee Wischman.

Firemen Get Poem, Cake

SOUTHFIELD—A big, beautiful home-made chocolate cake comforted the sweet tooth and warmed the hearts of Southfield firemen last Thursday.

The cake and a poem were delivered to the fire station at Telegraph and 9 Mile roads. They were from New Year's eve and phone number 27800, Bloomfieldbrook road.

Evening had an asthma attack and took him until an ambulance could take him to Beaumont hospital.

In his poem Everling wrote of the firemen:

"They turned down a drink,
"No tip would they take,
"But shyly told of a hankering
"For chocolate cake."

Okays Water System

BLOOMFIELD—The proposed Eastover estate water system was okayed Monday by the Bloomfield township board. Township Supervisor Arno Hallet said the system came up to the specifications of the township engineers and had been okayed by the state health department.

The board also refused to allow a large sign on the front of the property.

LeVanway company, Detroit, had asked to be allowed a sign larger than the 20 feet allowed and with "drugs" spelled out in neon.

Permission was given to Hugo A. Post, Jr. to use a residence at 32325 Franklin road as a tea room and base of operations for a catering service. The board stipulated that Post would have to comply with all village ordinances and county health requirements. Post was advised to submit plans for approval of the building department.

The board agreed that prospective purchasers of lot 17 in Franklin subdivision can build a home closer to one side line than required, provided the neighbor approves. Real estate dealer Graf said the land had been divided into small lots before the zoning laws required houses to be built to a prescribed size.

Franklin Refuses Zoning Exceptions For Branch Bank

FRANKLIN—The Franklin zoning board Monday told the Detroit Bank and Trust company that it would make no concessions in zoning laws affecting the Franklin road property on which the bank hopes to build a branch.

James R. Brenwell, representing the bank, asked the board Friday for an opinion on building a 3,500-square foot building in an area with a zoning limit of 2,500 square feet.

Zoning Board Chairman Win Hinman said Monday that the board had written the bank that it might submit altered plans. Hinman said such plans would be considered by the board, and a public hearing would be held to get the views of the area residents.

COGGER SAID THAT IF THE DOWNPOUR ORDINANCE WERE REPEALED IT WOULD BE SET BACK TWO YEARS.

Water would be in even more basements—polluted water," he commented.

Johnson added that Lathrup residents would "just have to get high boots and a canoe and make the best of it."

The city council's solution to the storm and sanitary sewer problem is threefold:

1) Sanitary wastes would be channeled through a separate system, measured at a metering station and dumped into the Evergreen interceptor sewer. Then it would be treated and disposed of by the Detroit system.

2) Storm water would be collected in a series of ditches and conduits and fed into the Evans ditch.

3) The Evans ditch would be deepened, widened and cleaned so that it would become a fast-flowing stream able to carry off the storm water.

COGGER DETAILED the sanitary system, which he called the "economical answer to Lathrup's most pressing problem."

"After all that's the one we're most on," he said.

He described how the growth of Lathrup, the trend toward big roofs, and the tightening up of state pollution laws made Lathrup's system inadequate.

The present sewer capacity is 110 cubic feet per second, about 1.5 the volume which could be expected after a two-inch rain, Cogger said. He pointed out that three such rains usually fall in two years and that engineering practice now is to design sewer systems for such a load.

The present system, Cogger said, is overtaxed if more than 1/4 inch of rain falls, which happens several times a month. This is the cause, Cogger said, of the flooding that is so unsatisfactory to Lathrup residents.

THE STATE, however, has another complaint. It objects to the pollution of the Rouge river, and the state has backed up its complaint with a court order.

Cogger said the council had explored three solutions to the sanitary problem. One was to hook up with the Evergreen interceptor, at an original cost to Lathrup of \$404,000 and an annual cost of \$46,000.

An alternate was for Lathrup to build its own sewer to carry wastes to Detroit. This is Cogger said, would cost \$726,000 initially and \$67,000 yearly. The third, a sewage disposal plant for Lathrup, would cost \$60,000 to build and \$96,000 a year to operate, Cogger said.

He also cited the impossibility of finding a four-acre site for a disposal plant in the restricted community and the unlikelihood of having such a plant in the neighborhood.

COGGER SAID the council then signed a firm contract committing Lathrup to the interceptor system. The city applied for and has been the city applied for \$35,000 in federal aid. Final plans were drawn and okayed by the state

Lathrup Sewer Plan

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board of health. Cogger said the city is all set to ask bids. The plans were exhibited at the meeting.

Everett Hayes, city attorney, explained that this sanitary system will cost Lathrup \$200,000, and that the money will be raised by court order bonds. This, he emphasized, is not the bond issue involved in the Feb. 19 election.

Councilman Johnson explained why the council recommended a separate system for storm water. He said the maximum amount of waste the Evergreen interceptor would accept from Lathrup was half a cubic foot per second per hundred population.

BECAUSE THE CITY'S sewage output is four-tenths of a cubic foot, Johnson said, the interceptor alone would be adequate for Lathrup only in dry weather. This is why, Johnson said, the city council had a system of ditches designed to carry off storm water. This system, utilizing the \$30,000 worth of ditches that now exist, would cost Lathrup \$800,000.

Johnson displayed a large chart showing the location of the proposed ditches. He explained that the drawings were a final because expensive surveys would not be made unless the city voters indicated willingness to pay for the system.

"I realize that \$296,000 is a lot of money," Johnson said, "Remember it comes out of the councilmen's pockets too. But we have given it our best thought and consider that with this system we get the most we can for the least money."

"This system will eliminate our storm problems. No more flooded basements. No more messy Evans ditch. No more warnings from the drawings were a final because expensive surveys would not be made unless the city voters indicated willingness to pay for the system."

IT IS THE \$606,000 that this system will cost that Lathrup property owners will vote on.

From the audience, William Dev-

Second Policeman Hired for Lathrup

LATHRUP—Francis J. Murphy, a retired Detroit police department lieutenant, is Lathrup's second and paid policeman. Murphy was hired in December on the recommendation of Leonard Watechowski, city administrator and Police Chief.

At the end of a 90 day period the Lathrup council will decide whether the second officer is needed.

In questioned the council about one of the most controversial aspects of the program. Three sections of Lathrup have paid special assessments for special sewers to serve these areas. Devlin asked whether residents of these areas were to be charged the same rate as the rest of the city or credited for the money they had already spent.

The council answered that the sewers in question are combination sewers, and under the new system would be used for storm water alone. Parallel sewers would be built for sewage. Cogger said that other property owners also had paid for sewers, all improvements of that type being part of the purchase price of property.

PRESSED AGAIN the council answered that all residents would be taxed equally on the assessed value of their property. Mackey quoted financing authorities that the city must raise the money this way in order to put the city's credit behind the bond issue.

The third aspect of the sewer problem—cleaning up the Rouge river—was also explored, although it is not a direct issue in the balloting.

Councilman David Anderson spoke for the council in describing this project, to be undertaken in Oakland county. Anderson said Lathrup's share of the cost would be \$50,000. This money would be raised by an assessment on property footage.

S'field Swimming Program Resumed

SOUTHFIELD—The recreation swimming program and instruction courses at the Southfield high school pool have been resumed after a holiday recess.

Robert Watts, athletic and recreation director, reminds swimmers of the pool's hours.

Family swimming is from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Teen-agers swim Tuesdays from 7 to 9.

Watts said registration for the third session of swimming instruction will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 25 and Feb. 1. The instruction begins Feb. 8.

Luncheon Set By Woman's Club

LATHRUP—The Lathrup Woman's club will have a luncheon and card party at the House-in-the-Woods at 12:30 p.m. Jan. 22.

The luncheon chairman will be Mrs. John T. Herwick acting as co-chairman.

Committee members are Mrs. S. Robertson and Mrs. George Robert C. Bowers, Mrs. Reinhold Ritter.

G. Buell, Mrs. Harvey J. Caddell, Mrs. Charles D. Henke, Mrs. Russell Herschler, Mrs. Walter H. Korn, Mrs. C. P. Hodgkinson, Mrs. M. G. Hitchins, Mrs. John M. Maitland, Mrs. Raymond Monte, Mrs. Nelson M. Mulligan, Mrs. Bernard Committee members are Mrs. S. Robertson and Mrs. George Robert C. Bowers, Mrs. Reinhold Ritter.

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