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Lathrup Residents Say 'No' to Market

LATHRUP—Post office or no post office, Lathrup Village residents do not want a supermarket in the center of their city. More than 80 residents crowded into council chambers in the house-in-the-woods last Wednesday for a public hearing of the zoning board of appeals on the proposed rezoning of lots on Eldorado between Sunset and California for a supermarket, post office and one other store. Those attending emphatically disapproved the building of the supermarket in a 74 to 6 vote.

Before Monday's council meeting the zoning board of appeals will confer with the city attorney and decide what to recommend to the council. At stake are rezoning of the lots and vacating an alley. THE POST OFFICE has been threatened by eviction from the basement of the Lathrup Village city hall every six months since it was established. Each time the temporary permit allowing it in a residential zone expires, the zoning board of appeals frowns, but grants the extension from one six-month period to another. Then when the Lathrup Women's club asked to use a part of the huge mansion for a community library, residents of neighboring houses began to voice opposition to adding non-conforming uses to the house.

CITY ATTORNEY Everett Hayes says the house-in-the-woods is zoned residential—its use as a city hall is non-conforming, and the post office in the basement is an additional non-conforming use. Therefore, he says, the post office may be evicted at any time. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelley, who own the mansion, told the Lathrup council recently that the big house has always been non-conforming. Mrs. Kelley said that she built the house to use as both residence and real estate offices. For the 10 years she and her family lived there, she said, her real

S'field Post Office Location Chosen

SOUTHFIELD—Southfield's new post office will be located on the west side of Telegraph, north of 10 Mile, according to the post office department, which has taken an option on the property. Construction of the new building is slated for completion this fall, the post office department said. The new office is expected to serve the 26 1/2-mile square city, now covered by five separate post offices.

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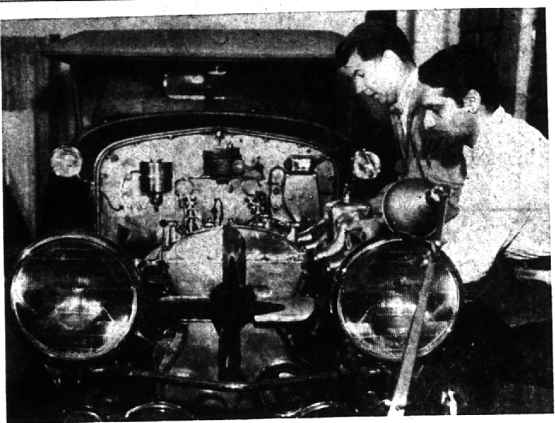
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Franklin Picks Worcester as Councilman

FRANKLIN—William Worcester was unanimously appointed to the Franklin Village council Monday to fill the vacancy left by Robert Yinzling. Named to serve the nine months remaining in the term of office, Worcester was an unsuccessful candidate in the March election. Running sixth in a field of seven he polled 158 votes. Father of two and a sales engineer for Cutler-Hammer, Worcester graduated from Cornell university and is a member of Chi Psi and Tau Beta Pi. He moved to Franklin from Birmingham in 1954 and has been very active on the Franklin volunteer fire department. Franklin boy scout troop B-11 and the Franklin PTA board. Worcester, 40, lives at 32435 Wing Lake road. (See WORCESTER, Page 3-E)



Mr. Worcester



All-Jewel Movement

This stately dowager—a 1929 Duesenberg Phaeton—is getting the final spit and polish for her entrance July 12 in the Grand Classic show of luxury at Greenfield village. Chairman of the meet and consort for the dowager Duesenberg is Charles E. Letts, Jr. (left) of 32130 Rosevear, Westwood. Mechanic Paul Lazaros, who makes a specialty of doctoring classic cars, is assisting Letts. Nearly 100 classics—high priced, luxury cars built between 1925 and 1942—will be shown at the annual meet, which is limited to these elegant makes: Auburn, Cord, Packard, Rolls Royce, Pierce Arrow, Mercedes and Stutz.

Swanson Vetos Purchase Limit

SOUTHFIELD—Mayor Donald L. Swanson has vetoed city council action which would limit city administrator Eugene Swem in his purchasing judgment. The council said purchases under \$100 must have department head approval, while those between \$100

Slate Picnic

SOUTHFIELD—The Southfield Business and Professional Women's club will have a picnic July 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. R. J. Funk, 24325 Tamarack Trail. Co-hostess will be Mrs. Cyrus Johnson.

Campbell Claims Huber's Seat on Southfield B of E

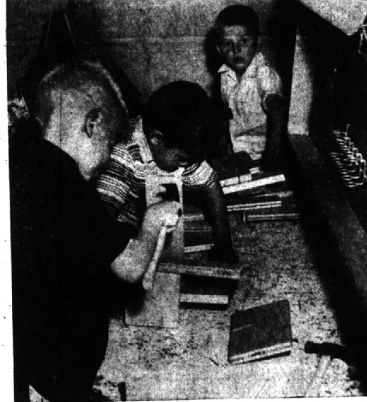
SOUTHFIELD—John G. Campbell, who finished third in last month's race for two Southfield school board posts, said Monday that he had taken his oath of office and was ready to assume the duties of a school board member unless Milton J. Huber, who came in second, could show good reason why not. Huber polled 498 votes to Campbell's 359, only to discover that he didn't qualify because he didn't own Southfield property. "My hands were clean, if clumsy, in the matter," he said. "All the petition forms said was that I had to be a qualified, registered voter. As soon as I discovered the slip-up I told the board. Lawyers have told me this was an irrefragable case, and I wish someone with enough money to pay for the research would look into the matter and do the state a service."

Displays to Light Southfield Skies

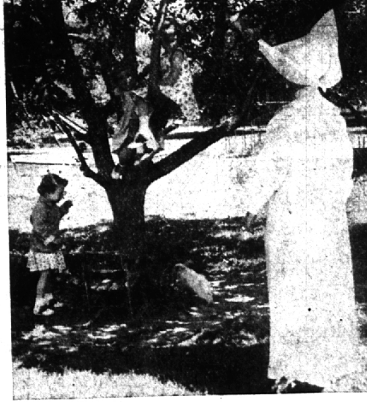
SOUTHFIELD—Skies will be bursting with rocket's red glare 4th of July if the weather is clear. At the June 23 meeting of the Southfield city council, permission was granted for fireworks displays to Ann Silverman, Plum Hollow golf club, John Hooper and the Southfield post of the W.F.W. Residents of Lathrup have received their tickets to the Lathrup police recreation dept., Inc. display to be held at Southfield road and Rainbow drive. The big fireworks show is an annual project attended by hundreds of residents who can park their cars in the big fields and watch the show.



For founding infants . . .



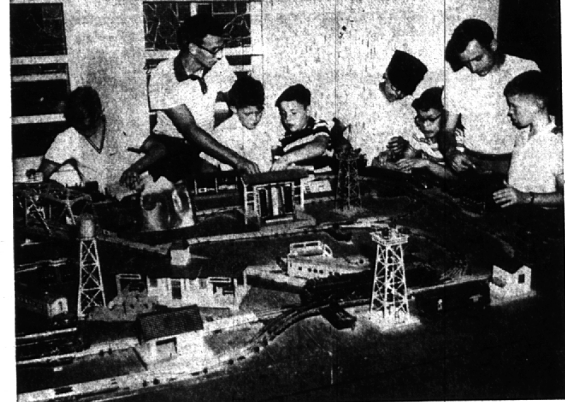
For junior carpenters . . .



For agile moppets . . .



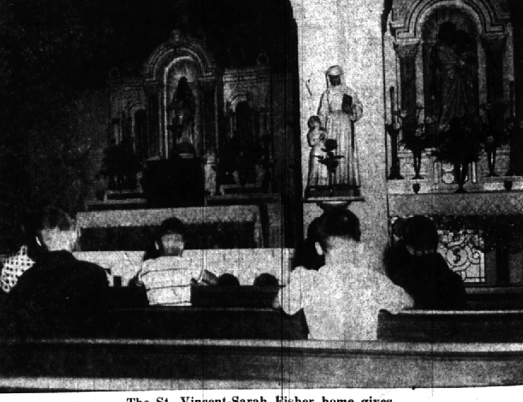
For budding campers . . .



For novice engineers . . .



For the-subdeb crowd . . .



The St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher home gives . . .

Faith, Hope, Love, These Three; And the Greatest of These Is Love

- WOODCREEK FARMS—There are lots of wonderful, big homes and wonderful, big families in the mile square village of Woodcreek Farms, but the biggest of all is the 12 Mile-Inkster corner. It's the St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher home—85 acres and nearly 200 happy, laughing children. Youngsters from all over the metropolitan Detroit area who need temporary shelter while their families work out serious problems find warm, loving care there with the Sisters of Charity. The children range in age from new-born infants to 12-year olds. Institutional only in the need fills, the home is as much like a family as the sisters can make it. There are 10 cottages for the youngsters, each functioning almost as a separate unit. A central kitchen furnishes food to the cottages, but each has its own dining room. The chores of housekeeping are worked out separately. Sleeping is also arranged in "family" way—seldom are there more than four or six beds in a room, even though the population at the home varies almost daily. The rooms are all individually done in soft, pastel colors to assure sweet dreams. Even the children's clothing is individual. These youngsters dress to suit their own tastes and comfort, choosing their wardrobes from the stacks of clothing donated to the home by the various organizations that support it. The nursery department furnishes a play-school program for about 40 preschool children who spend their whole days happily on the premises. School age children go to the various Catholic schools and faithfully carry out their work begun in 1851 by the original St. Vincent home in the heart of Detroit. The St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher home is supported by the Seton Daughters of Charity by Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Fisher of Detroit, the home is modern in every way and faithfully carries out the work begun in 1851 by the original Community Fund.