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Road, Sewer Problems Form Bingham Puzzle

BINGHAM FARMS—Roads and sewers were the main points of discussion Monday night for Bingham Farms councilmen and interested citizens. Seems that some Bingham roads are in need of repair, additional gravel or a second calcium chloride treatment to control the dust situation.

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Bangkok Beauty Is M.D.

Dr. Vachana Sudthipongse, a delicate young woman from Bangkok, Thailand, is an example of Eastern beauty and intelligence. The 28-year-old visitor to America is a houseguest of the Danell O. Snyder of Eastland road in Valley Woods. Mrs. Snyder's only brother is a doctor, two are dentists, two are pharmacists and one is an accountant.

Pan of Grease Causes Fire in Bloomfield

BLOOMFIELD—A boy turned on the burner under a skillet, full of grease Sunday, causing a \$4,000 fire in an upstairs apartment at 780 Wagner. Bloomfield township firemen, aided by Pontiac and Bloomfield Hills, fought the fire for more than two hours. Township firemen said the upstairs kitchen and living room were ablaze when a neighbor noticed the fire and turned in the alarm.

Lions Club Forms, To Celebrate Aug. 4

SOUTHFIELD—A local Southfield Lions club will be chartered Aug. 4 at an area dinner, according to Antonio Caterucci, first vice president. Thirty initial members will celebrate at the dinner with surrounding area club members, their families and friends. It will be held at the Pontiac Elks club. The Southfield Lions have donated \$100 to a eye operation and have given a white cane to a blind Southfield resident, since they first organized in May.

Larson Family Finds Togetherness's Fun

By NITA HARD Eccentric Correspondent BINGHAM FARMS—When the midget couple to 31275 Bingham road, he could almost call it a day. The place is buzzin' with cousins! Coming at a rate of one a year, there'll be two more before the snow flies this year! The Larsons are contributing mightily to the otherwise sparsely populated little village. You could almost say, they're the Anshouer-Busch family of Bingham. Living graciously on a 21 acre estate at the 13 Mile corner of Bingham the consanguineous Larsons lead in idyllic co-existence—all four generations. THERE'S ALWAYS someone to play with, someone to talk to

Magnolia Blooms Twice In Lathrup

LATHRUP—Councillman Fred Johnson is pleased with an extra dividend he is enjoying this summer. A magnolia tree on his property put on a lovely show of blooms early this spring before it was in full leaf. Now it is blooming again, showing large white blooms against the waxy green of the leaves.

Westwood Police Seek Large Collie That Bit Youth, 18

WESTWOOD—Have you seen a big, dark brown collie? If you have, the Westwood police department wants to know about it. And David Fett will be grateful. The 18-year-old boy was bitten Sunday night as he tried to break up a fight between his own collie and a larger one. The dog was not found and watched for rabies. David will have to undergo the hazardous and painful rabies treatment. Unfortunately not notified for nearly an hour, the police were unable to find the dog Sunday night although they searched around Fett's home at 1215 1/2 Buckinghams for more than three hours and interviewed a dozen Westwood collie owners. Mary E. Thompson owns the house and has agreed to changes suggested by Swen and Chief of Police Philip LeVigne. The rent will be \$150 a month. The police force office at the rear of the 10

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Locking Child In Car Costs Woman \$100

W. BLOOMFIELD—A woman who left her three-year old daughter locked in her car for three hours while she shopped was given a 90-day suspended sentence, placed on probation for one year and ordered to pay \$100 probation costs by West Bloomfield Justice Elmer C. Dieterle Tuesday. Mrs. Jack L. Voss, 24, of Pontiac, pleaded guilty to charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. She had left her child, Jan, locked in a tiny foreign automobile in 90-degree temperatures early this month. The car was completely closed except for small vents. The apparent mislarking of charges was done to reduce the deed to a misdemeanor sentence, be tried in justice court, Dieterle said. Mrs. Voss had originally been charged with cruelty to children, a felony, which must be tried in circuit court. The penalty in either case would have been similar, Dieterle said.



Nobody, but nobody eats at Orchard Lake country club anymore. It's simply not fashionable—you have to do your own cooking, eating and drinking facilities have looked like this since unified restaurant employees walked out last week. The only drink in the place is at a drinking fountain.

Southfield Finds Itself Real Estate Prospect

SOUTHFIELD—Along with floods of other city business often necessitating two meetings a week, the Southfield city council is finding more and more that it must make darts and forays into the real estate business. Council members were told Monday that the city planning commission will continue to hold regular weekly meetings until some of the backlog of business is cleared up. AMONG the problems facing the commission is a possible site for a future city hall. Councilman Robert Wuerrfel asked it would be possible for a council team to investigate sites to help the planning commission. Three possible sites for a hall were offered to township officials before Southfield became a city. They must be investigated. Since incorporation other sites have been made available. TO HOUSE Southfield's growing police department, city administrator Eugene Swen has asked approval of a lease on a house at 28350 Evergreen road. Mary E. Thompson owns the house and has agreed to changes suggested by Swen and Chief of Police Philip LeVigne. The rent will be \$150 a month. The police force office at the rear of the 10

Strike Leaves Country Club Hungry, Dry

W. BLOOMFIELD—Orchard Lake country club began its second week of foodless, drinkless operation Wednesday, as a restaurant workers' union strike continued with no let-up in sight. Club manager Reid Ferguson bled the walkout illness, saying that strikes were never taken. Mort Furay, representing Hotel and Restaurant Workers union local 708, said the club instituted its revised pay system without permitting collective bargaining. One way or the other, only hip flask and box lunch tokens get snacks or swigs after a round of golf. THE CLUB irritated the union, Furay said, when it lowered waitresses' average salaries from \$95 to \$85 per week. Under the last contract, which expired May 1, each waitress received a daily base pay of \$7.00 plus 10 per cent of all sales. The 10 per cent "tip" was included in food prices. The waitresses averaged \$85 a week. Furay said that without bargaining the club had instituted a new system whereby waitresses were to be paid \$11.45 a day with no tipping, either on or off the check. This averages \$26 a week, he added. FURAY said the club seemed to feel it could save money for other purposes by lowering the overall cost of employing waitresses. "They said \$95 a week was too much, but they forgot to mention that the girls worked six days a week and lots of overtime to make that sum. When union complaints failed to produce a change, the waitresses walked out and were joined by other union help. Some 30 employees in the bar, kitchen and (See STRIKE, Page 4-E)

Franklin's Post Office Remodelled by Boss

By JEAN DAY Special Writer FRANKLIN—Even a "town that time forgot" occasionally has to wake up to population growth. Thus reposed Franklin's Jones last weekend as he set about a remodeling program of office 100 additional call boxes. The renovation, done by Jones himself, now gives the post office 500 combination-lock boxes to which villagers can come twice daily for their mail. THE POST OFFICE, actually one of the oldest in the state, having been established in 1828, carries the usual U. S. post office functions except the mail delivery services are made from it. Franklin residents who prefer to receive their rural mail post boxes in front of their homes have it delivered from Birmingham. Proud villagers who like having the Franklin postmark are willing to drop by the little post office at 32730 Franklin road, nestled between a gas station and a cleaners. The popularity of mailtime chats with neighbors often is such that it causes midmorning and late afternoon traffic jams in the area. PARTICIPATING villagers seem to feel it well worth the quarterly fee they pay for the privilege of writing the little combination locks. The new, larger section of boxes now ranges across the front of the post office and the main window where Bill or an assistant presides has been moved to the rear. There a partition which used to hide a small office has been removed to make one larger mail room. Small confusions occurred Monday as some residents transferred to the new boxes momentarily forgot combinations. "Confusers" especially stopped at the mail window where assistant "Dan" usually could remember whether there was anything in the new box anyway. That's the way a neighborhood post office operates.

Foul Ball Injures Tiny Girl

BLOOMFIELD—A tiny three-year-old girl lays completely prone on her bed, amusing herself with musical bells and a slate to scribble on. Marsha A. Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Ralph Mason, is recuperating from a skull fracture inflicted by a foul ball at a local ball game, July 24. Marsha, her mother and sister, Lynn, 18, were watching Brother Tly play in the Babe Ruth League Derby junior high school at Derby and Adams roads, when the accident occurred. "IT ALL HAPPENED so fast," Mrs. Mason said, "We called the ambulance and they took Marsha to Beaumont hospital. Troy police officers, Richard Hoffman and George Reed, also answered the call. Marsha stayed in Beaumont for three days and was sent home by her mother. According to Mrs. Mason, Marsha was lonesome and had never been away from home for any length of time. Hospital officials and her parents felt that she would recover quicker in her own home. Marsha who lives at 836 Woodlawn, Bloomfield township, now contents herself with pictures on get-well cards, sniffing her many flowers or just being entertained by the family and friends.

Lathrup Sewer Committees to be Named Monday

LATHRUP—A special council meeting was called Monday by Mayor Richard Cogger for the discussion of Lathrup storm sewer problems. Cogger presented a time schedule, which must be set up if the city is to comply with court orders to stop pollution of the river. The council will ask a committee of experts, who are residents of Lathrup, to work with them on the storm sewer problem. A number of names were suggested, but the committee will not be named until the regular council meeting Monday.

No More Filling Swimming Pools At Fire Hydrants

SOUTHFIELD—There'll be no more quick fills for swimming pools in Southfield. At the request of Eugene Swen, city administrator, the council set a firm policy Monday restricting use of the city's fire hydrants to city and governmental agencies. Swen told the council that he had received many requests recently from pool builders asking to use connections to fire hydrants to fill new pools. He said the builders want the quick fill because the pressure for land fill being replaced outside the new pools. "The fire and water departments have objected because the improper use of hydrants disrupts the entire water system by causing rusty water for up to 24 hours. The water department claims that improper use of a hydrant can cause costs to \$40 in damages to the hydrant valves.