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Hurry, If You'd Vote On Charter

SOUTHFIELD—Township residents who want to vote on the charter that would turn Southfield township into a city had better hurry to the township hall and register...

B'field Tax Protest Prompts Movement To Watch Board

BLOOMFIELD—A watchdog society to keep an eye on Bloomfield township affairs and report board meetings to the residents is being formed in the township...

ORGANIZERS of the new group are Arthur J. Howitt, 409 Quarter road; Dorman Dickerson, Jr., 1005 Wing Lake road; John M. Williams, 1605 Ward; and Mrs. John Bogovich, 1750 Ward...

Franklin Officials To Be Sworn In

FRANKLIN—Newly elected Franklin council members will take the oath of office at 7:30 p.m. Monday. The brief ceremony will precede the council meeting...

Lathrup Doctor Is 'Star' In Televised Operation

LATHRUP—It sometimes comes to Mrs. Roger Fielding Smith that these are days of mechanical wonders and electrical miracles. Sometimes, she says, the equipment we depend on in our daily living takes on a personality of its own to thwart us...

Filing Deadline

SOUTHFIELD—Deadline is Monday for filing nominating petitions to run for office in the Southfield charter election April 21...



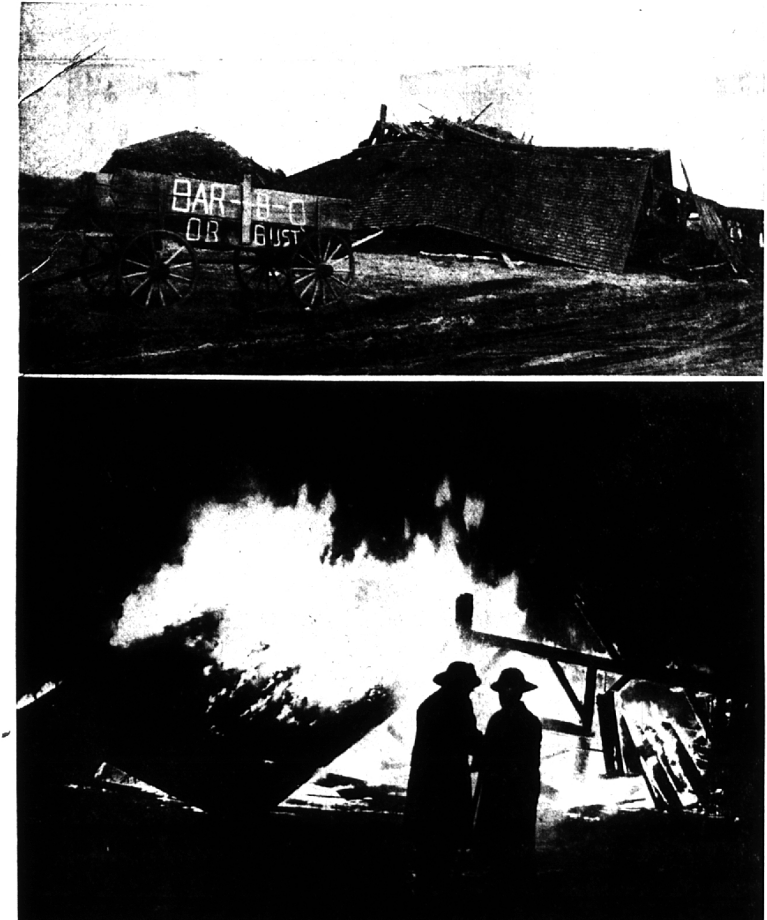
Buried in Their Work

Nearly hidden by stacks of books as they sort reading material for Harlan school's new library are, from left, Mrs. Eric L. Meyer, 831 Ivy lane; Mrs. Richard A. Spaulding, 945 Pine Hill; and Mrs. Samuel...

\$6.95 Per Thousand Westwood Proposal For Year and Half Levy Would Be \$4.80 Plus \$2.15 for Interim

WESTWOOD—A village tax of \$6.95 per thousand of assessed valuation was recommended by the Westwood council Monday to cover the first year and a half of village operation...

It would be held Aug. 31 and put the village "in the black" until July 1, 1959. The village council approved a full-year budget which totals \$125,000 to be raised by taxes...



Fiery End of an Eyesore

A spectacular blaze marked the end of this tumbledown barn on 13 Mile road west of Telegraph in Franklin. The barn has been an eyesore in the area for some time, especially since a new home development was started near...

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

9-Day Spring Art Festival Announced
Wham School Superintendent Predicts Budget Problems for Next Year
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Picks Top Readers

Citizens' Group To Re-Form for Future Elections

FRANKLIN—A new Franklin Citizens' committee will be formed before each annual village election to continue the interest in village affairs started by the committee that persuaded qualified residents to run for election this year and helped bring out nearly 300 more voters than last year...

Lathrup Candidates List Qualifications

LATHRUP—Voters in Lathrup will select three members for their city council in the April 7 election. Mayor Lantz Mackey, who will retire from the council leaves a vacancy...

Mrs. Mitchell

ELIZABETH W. MITCHELL, who seeks her second term, has been a resident of Lathrup Village for 20 years. She was graduated from Midland high school, studied commercial and business law at Bliss Alger college in Saginaw and attended the first Southfield Township United Foundation campaign...

Hanson

H. EARL HANSON, 50, was born in Port Huron, has been a resident of Lathrup Village since 1947. A graduate of Detroit Northwestern high school, and the University of Detroit...

Anderson

DAVID P. ANDERSON has served four years on the Advisory Council of South Oakland United Community Services. He helped organize and conduct the first Southfield Township United Foundation campaign...

Westwood Meets Crisis Of Wrecked Police Car

WESTWOOD—When the village police car flipped heels over head Saturday morning, the policeman in it escaped unhurt, but the village finances suffered. Robert Risk stepped out of the squashed and upside-down car to swear out a complaint against the woman who, he said, failed to yield the right of way to the speeding police cruiser...

Melvin H. Humphrey

MELVIN H. HUMPHREY cites among his qualifications his extensive work as a business executive and his general basic training. Born in Detroit, Humphrey has lived in Lathrup seven years at 17500 Coral Gables...

Melch

EMIL F. MEHAL has served two terms, one as chairman of the board of review for Lathrup Village. He lives with his wife and family at 2920 E. 14th. A custom builder of homes and general contractor, he has lived in Lathrup. Educated in Detroit, he graduated from the University of Michigan and served in the States army engineering school at Alexandria, Va. as a member of the board of review. Melch helped accomplish a complete re-assessment of all Lathrup Village properties. He has served on the building code committee and on building inspection...

Policemen Tested

WESTWOOD—Applicants for two posts as Westwood policemen will be tested Saturday. The village council has authorized adding two men to the combined police-fire protection force.

BECAUSE assessments are roughly a third of the resale value of homes in Westwood, the owners of a \$30,000 home would pay \$6.95 for each of his assessed net thousands, or \$10,000 homeowner's tax would amount to \$34.75 since a \$30,000 home would bring \$125,000.

This budget and tax is the village council's recommendation. Because it finally leaves a public hearing must be held. No time has been set for this yet. The council has until May 1 to complete its obligation and adopt the budget in its final form.

DAVID P. ANDERSON, village president, said, "The council has proposed a budget which should be adequate for the village's first year of operation and provide sufficient funds for contingencies which may arise and unforeseen capital expenditures. It would put the village on a sound financial basis by the end of the first fiscal year."

DONALD MCCOBB, village treasurer, explained that the \$125,000 estimated Westwood need would come from these sources: \$25,000 to be returned from the state as the village's share of sales and intangibles tax; \$40,000 to be raised by the interim levy of \$2.15 per thousand; and \$60,000 to be raised by the full year tax of \$4.80 per thousand.

McCobb explained that the interim deficit arises because the total revenue rarely available during the interim is the approximately \$120,000 of expected income from 1957-58. There will also be an operating loan of \$19,000 borrowed against the interim levy and paid back in the first fiscal year.

The deficit is caused by the tax being levied in one period whereas the money comes in during another, he said.

CLINE pointed out that a tax totalling \$6.95 sounded high, but averaged over the year and a half would cover, came to \$4.60. The village's charter limits the tax to \$5 per thousand.

"These improved services," Cline added, "will be available for just a few more dollars, less than paid to the township. Our immediate attention will be given to reducing the township tax."

Cline said that some of the estimates the council recommends may be high but "we feel safer in providing ample funds since we have no past experience on which to base more accurate estimates."

Valentine is qualifications for city councilman. A native of Detroit, Valentine six years ago established his Lathrup home at 19100 San Jose. He is married and has three sons. A graduate of Riverside Military Academy at Gainesville, Ga., Valentine studied law at both the University of California and Wayne State University. He served as a Wayne County circuit clerk under Judge Arthur Wheeler and in similar work in the present business of the Valentine Furniture company.