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Franklin Girl, 12, Hit by Automobile

FRANKLIN—Barbara Holmes, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holmes was struck by a car Tuesday morning as she ran to board the school bus which was stopped at Ovid drive and Inkster road.

The driver of the car, Ray Lusk of Orchard Lake apparently failed to see the child as she hurried toward the bus.

Westwood Passes Its 1st Budget

WESTWOOD—The budget for 1958-59 fiscal year was passed Monday with only one mild question and one suggestion to the council from the floor.

Bill Freese, Westwood resident said that he thought the 4.8 mill tax required was a little high. Councilman T. J. Sura told him that the council had deliberately made their figures for all departments on the high side because they had no previous figures for comparison.

Mrs. Peter Decker, who said she was speaking for a number of residents, thought the \$30,000 for rubbish collection unnecessarily high. She said that she and her neighbors would be satisfied with one rubbish collection each month. The rubbish awaiting collection, she said, did not add to the beauty of the streets, and a monthly visit was quite enough. Councilmen had hoped to provide collections twice a month.

The \$100,000 budget includes \$11,000 to cover costs of village clerk, council attorney, treasurer and car and telephone expense. The general and administration account adds up to \$29,100. Public safety has been allocated \$50,000. Of the \$100,000 total, revenue required from property taxes amounts to \$85,000. Income estimated from state sales and intangibles taxes amounts to \$12,000.

Pontiac Man Dies In Two-Car Crash

BLOOMFIELD—A Pontiac man was killed Wednesday morning in a two-car crash on Square Lake road at Franklin road.

Anthony Grassi was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph's mercy hospital, Pontiac. He was alone in his car.

Restaurant Safe Robbed of \$900

BLOOMFIELD—A safe in the Town and Country restaurant and bar, 1727 S. Telegraph near Pontiac, was broken into and robbed of about \$900 Sunday night, according to township police who are investigating.

Hint Deals By S'field Zone Head

SOUTHFIELD—Members of the old Southfield township zoning boards will be interviewed this week as the Oakland county prosecutor's office investigate whether Robert Wuertel committed a crime in accepting money in two deals concerning the zoning board.

Assistant Prosecutor L. W. McEntee of Royal Oak, said the prosecutor's office investigates whether determining whether a crime had been committed. Questions of ethics and legality rest with township residents, he said.

Wuertel, who lives at 25120 Circle was chairman of both the zoning board and the zoning board of appeals. He is a councilman of the new Southfield city, and as such received a confidence vote Monday when he was nominated for council president by the other members. Wuertel declined.

THE INVESTIGATION results from questions asked Prosecutor Fred Ziem by Philip A. Maloney, told him about the transactions a week before the election April 21 turned the township into a city and seated Wuertel on the council. Maloney was a candidate for mayor, but was defeated.

The prosecutor postponed investigating until after the election, fearing it might be charged with interfering with the election, McEntee said.

Wuertel snorted "politics" and said he was not interested in the deal. He said he was not interested in the deal, but he was not interested in the deal.

THESE RUMORS were spread around to discredit me and the charter," said Wuertel, who was one of its authors. He called Ziem and volunteered to come in with the records.

Wuertel admits accepting checks totaling about \$3,400 but claims the transactions were straightforward. He explained a check of \$1,200 from the Professional Town and Country Club as a fee for giving information about the possibility of obtaining water and sewer facilities and vacating a plat plan and a road that had been dedicated.

This happened two months after the zoning hearing allowing the club to build a clubhouse on 12 Mile road, the property zoned residential, Wuertel said.

THE CHANGING of the chairs began with Trustee Philip A. Maloney. He said he had a wedding to attend. His resignation accepted, Maloney left.

Mrs. Adams suggested Harold A. Roseberry, former Franklin village president, to fill Maloney's seat. He was unanimously approved.

Players, T. Roseberry was in California and could not be seated, so his chair was reserved.

ALLEERTON (then resigned, followed immediately by Supervisor Eugene Swem. Players, 5; present 4—a bare quorum.

Mrs. Adams moved into the supervisor's chair temporarily until the board approved Allerion's appointment as supervisor. Richard Speir, who lives in Westwood, moved into Allerion's seat as Allerion moved into Swem's.

Mrs. Costello was next to go; Neil Warren, a Bingham Farms councilman and former mayor of Pleasant Ridge, moved into his

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moving to Bingham he served on the Ferndale-Pleasant Ridge community board, the Pleasant Ridge planning commission and the Pleasant Ridge city commission. He is an architect.

Albert H. Gatward, 31820 Bellevue, trustee, has been active in community associations for the Berkshires and Valley Woods. He is president of LaSalle Electric company.

Richard O. Speir, 15509 Buckingham, Westwood, is a sales representative. He has been on the board of directors of the Beverly-Greenfield association and was active in Westwood's incorporation.

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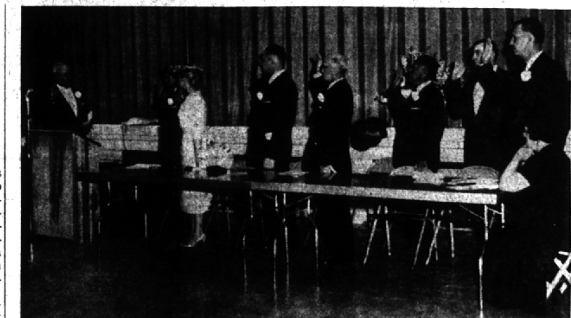
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Who's Who and What? Southfield Changes All

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At the game's end, only Clerk Fannie Adams remained in her old seat. The moves took place to the tune of Southfield's victory song, incorporated as a city made township board members who live in the new city ineligible for township office. They gave up their chairs one at a time, and the seats were promptly filled by villagers from Westwood, Bingham Farms and Franklin.

Mrs. Adams and Allerion live in Westwood, and were the only former board members eligible to carry on because villages remain part of townships when they incorporate. Cities become completely separate.

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Hollywood Heads S'field's Council; City Rule Starts

Swem Administrator For One Year Term

SOUTHFIELD—The new city of Southfield's inauguration Monday was a full dress affair. Some 200 residents watched the officials take oath of office, elect John Hollywood council president, give Robert Wuertel a vote of confidence, and name former township supervisor Eugene Swem township city administrator.

Leo Walton, chairman of the commission that wrote the charter, administered the oaths to the council members. He is needed to preside at council meetings, because, under the charter, the mayor is not a council member.

Robert Wuertel was the only nominee. Thanking the council for its "confidence in my integrity" Wuertel declined the nomination. He referred to charges filed with the Oakland county prosecutor that he had accepted money in two deals in the township while serving as chairman of the township's zoning board of appeals.

HOLLYWOOD was the unanimously elected president and took over the chairmanship. Swem was appointed temporary city administrator.

The council also appointed C. Hugh Dohany and Emanuel Christensen to be Southfield representatives with Mayor Swanson to the Oakland county board of supervisors.

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THEME of the fire-fighting brigades stood in sartorial splendor just outside the entrance of Franklin Community church, and the freshly showered father made it to his pew just before Janet Kay Shaffer swept in the church in her white silk gown and veil.

Tranquility settled on the Frager set, and the bride and groom knew from the way his son had fought the fire with little concern for himself, that the time was right for his son to take a wife.

Authorized Swem and Swanson to open negotiations with township officials to draw up a settlement of property.

TABLED the problem of zoning until later.

Set the second and fourth Monday of each month for regular meetings. A special meeting will be held Tuesday, when the court case will be discussed and Mayor Swanson's program further considered.

New officers sworn in for the city Monday are Mayor Donald A. Swanson; Councilmen C. Hugh Dohany, Emanuel Christensen, John Hollywood, Mrs. Jean McDonnell, Robert F. Wuertel, T. Neil McGregor and O. David Edwards; Treasurer Clara Lane; Municipal Judge Clarence J. Flannery, and Clerk Patrick G. Flannery.

Let Yourself Go!

That's the message a professional art critic gave preschool youngsters at Lathrup Cooperative Nursery school last Wednesday. And the children did! With soft music in the background, they splashed paint freely on the floor and turned out yards of genuine

primitives. William McGonagle, curator in charge of extension services of the Detroit Institute of Art, stimulated the children with films, books and records, and then let them print as their imagination dictated.

Summer Programs Attract Youngsters

program is open to youngsters from first to seventh grade from any adjoining community. Bernard Walters, sixth grade teacher at Wing Lake, will direct the program there June 16 to July 25, and Mrs. Ruth DeCue, elementary physical education supervisor, will head Eastover's program June 23 to Aug. 1. Both are being sponsored by parent-teachers organizations.

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