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Assessors To Start Saturday

SOUTHFIELD—Starting Saturday three appraisers will be in the Franklin and Bingham Farms area as Southfield township complete these parcels...

Form Two Groups In Bloomfield for Better Government

BLOOMFIELD—Two organizations in Bloomfield township are working for good government—a more effective voice for community development...

Suburban Group

Suburban Home Owners, Inc., now presents eight subdivisions—some 350 families living in Oakland Hills, Thorncrest, Foxcroft, Glencoe Estates, Country Club Estates, Devon Hills, Colonial Hills and Red Maple Lane.

Federated's Plan

Federated Civic associations in the tentative assigned to the group now in process of organization. This group met Tuesday at the Bloomfield Hills high school to distribute by-laws to the prospective membership.

Olson Is Named

BLOOMFIELD—Donald R. Olson, a Michigan Bell Telephone Company engineer who lives at 3310 Dogwood court, has been named to the national defense emergency reserve group of production agents would meet a special agency in an emergency.

My Neighbors



"I don't care what your ally stick when I order size 4—I WANT SIZE 4!"

IN THE SIX MONTHS since its organization the group notes that no final action has occurred in rezoning residential property to commercial and industrial.

Pedini says, "We attribute this record to the township's hard-core members of action in the board and to efforts of the association."

Other accomplishments, Pedini says, are establishing a close working relationship with, as well as official recognition by, the principal members of the township government, and building a "sound organizational" structure along accepted corporate lines.

PLANS FOR the future are to expand the membership to include as many subdivision associations in Bloomfield township as possible and to broaden the scope of activities.

Officers of the association, besides Pedini, are: Stuart Henderson of Colonial Hills, vice president; Fred Hendricks of Thorncrest, treasurer; Harry Wise of Bloomfield Village, secretary and legal counsel; Ray Darling of Foxcroft, public relations; John McBride of Devon Hills, membership.

Lathrup Lions (and Cubs) Face Family in Baseball

LATHRUP—The Gleason family is taking on the Lathrup Lions club in baseball. What's more, the Gleasons are having less trouble than the Lions in putting together a team.

There are the eight Gleason brothers of the Gleason Construction company, and two brothers-in-law—compared for a team and a substitute right there. Papa Clarence Gleason, Sr., will be manager for the team. And the family even supplies a cheering section of daughters, daughters-in-law and 25 grandchildren.

A veil of secrecy obscures the names of the Gleason brothers. But this much is known—some of the more dignified Lions have picked cubs to substitute for them.

And who will umpire? Lion president Dr. Gerald Fitzgerald, who promises to be utterly fair and impartial and to improve and improve on the rules as the occasion warrants.

Vandals Break In School At Lathrup

LATHRUP—Vandals entered Lathrup school Sunday or Monday, breaking three windows, emptying a fire extinguisher on the second floor and damaging the freight elevator.

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Glenn W. Levey of the Southfield Public Schools had not estimated the amount of damages Monday morning.

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Muscles Contribute to Citizenship Lesson

Eastover pupils put aside their books recently for a practical lesson in citizenship—cleaning up the school grounds. At the end of the day's work the lawns and gravel paths were raked, twigs and papers burned and stones cleared from the grounds.

The project was sponsored by the student council, and featured not only work, but lunch under the trees and grading of results. Teachers supervised the work, and parents Mrs. Eugene Linder, Mrs. Kenneth Altman and Mrs. Franklin Mills, gave the marks.

Grades one and two were judged most cooperative; three and five worked hardest and four and six showed the most improvement.

Head High in the Stars, Becky Is a Novelist at 13

By KAROL DARLING is round and 10 miles in diameter. As for the plot, Earth is about to blow to bits, so everyone boards a starship and blasts off into space—destination unknown. From that point on Becky has outlined a fabulous series of spine-tinting adventures.

Franklin Vote Indicates Community Hall Nearer

FRANKLIN—Although it may be a few weeks before all the votes are counted, it seemed almost certain Tuesday night that the Franklin Community association would buy three acres on the south end of the village green and the old church on Germar Mill road now being used by the Christian Scientists.

One of the hottest meetings this side of the council road sessions took place after a smorgasbord dinner at the church. Community association president Orland Ellis presided as about 82 members wrangled over two purchase proposals which would involve an expenditure of \$41,800 and the fate of Franklin's many community affairs.

THE VOTE was inconclusive because fewer than half of the group's 192 members attended, leaving the issue festering until another meeting is called. Of those present, a large majority favored the purchase.

With their old stamping grounds destroyed by fire in January and available land vanishing rapidly in the fast growing area, the association has been pressed for a place to hold community meetings and recreation space. The proposals were offered on an "and-or" basis with ballots mailed to every member.

PRECEDENT and the group's charter prevented the majority of those present from being sufficient. Straggling ballots will be received until at least 96 have been counted.

OLsary also issued a warrant for the arrest of Ray Fay, 18905 San Jose, Lathrup, for harboring a vicious dog. Mrs. Michael Lile of 18815 San Jose had complained that Fay's German shepherd dog had attacked her 19-year-old son, and that she was afraid that the dog would attack smaller children who could not ward off the large animal.

Speed of 85 MPH Costs Driver \$60

LATHRUP—Justice of the Peace James K. O'Leary Monday said, "860 or 10 days," to Arthur V. Handren of 18510 Riverside, Southfield, Handren was ticketed for driving 85 miles per hour on Southfield road at 3:45 p.m. March 14. Paying the fine Handren said he had been trying to save about 5 minutes.

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Early Copy for our June 5 Issue Will Help Us Immensely

Because Memorial day falls on Friday, we have one day less to produce the next issue of The Eccentric. Copy received as early as possible will be of great help to us.

City of Southfield Wails Over Its Lost Fire Truck

Only 1 Mill Allotted for Township

SOUTHFIELD—It was bad news for the township board Tuesday when Supervisor Hugh Allerton related that he had managed to get only one mill allotted for the township.

After spending hour after hour with the county board of auditors hearing that further argument was a "waste of his time and theirs," Allerton said the township could "probably" get along on one mill. He expressed some hope Tuesday that the township might end up with some money in its settlement with Southfield city.

Short of raising the roof of the 13 1/2 mile road fire station, it will be difficult to house both township and Westwood village officers without placing desks one on top of the other, or parking the fire equipment out in front of the station at 8 a.m. each morning and returning it inside at 5 p.m. each evening, board member Harold Ronsberry said.

A HEADLINE of June 1 has been set by Westwood clerk Alice Spencer to get the city office out of her home. Allerton suggested that if Westwood and the township share offices in the fire hall, expenses for light and heat should be shared. Fanny Adams, Ronsberry and Chester Guilmet will work together on planning the use of space available in the fire hall. (See ALLOTTED, Page 2-D)

Horses Turn Up As City Problem

SOUTHFIELD—It may be a city, but some of Southfield's problems are pretty rural. A dozen irate voters turned up at the city council meeting Monday to talk about hoes, 17 of them and five ponies, stabled at Northwestern and Lahser.

These horses are a nuisance, a health hazard and a danger to the residents of the area protested. "They're always getting loose—sometimes even looking into our picture windows—and frightening the youngsters. Also 17 horses make a lot of manure and it's getting warm."

The city council promised to send the health department and police to investigate.

MEANWHILE, in Franklin, the only step taken to date has been an attempt to organize another study group, the third in Franklin's four-year history, to look in to the pros and cons of continuing as a village and remaining part of Southfield township or becoming a fifth-class city. The committee is to evaluate the merits of both, make recommendations and suggest procedures.

Bingham's council also agreed to "experiment" with \$500 of their road funds. Sterling Garrett, road contractor, was authorized to do \$500 worth of ditching on Bingham lane, to find out how far \$500 would go.

EARLY CALCIUM chloriding of Bingham's roads was reported by street administrator Evan Reim, who explained that unseasonal dryness necessitated early treatment.

Named to a committee to inspect trees in the area for Dutch elm disease during July were councilmen John Longley, James McGuire and William Hyland.

Horse Colwell has accepted the post of zoning officer for the village. It was announced Monday. He will report instances of zoning violations to the council who act as a zoning board of appeals.

Fire and Heat Kill Dog, Burn Franklin Home

FRANKLIN—Fire and unusually intense heat brought terror to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rohl, Jr., and death to their cocker spaniel before dawn Saturday.

The Rohls are blamed on defective wiring in the kitchen of the Rohl's two-year-old home on 13 Mile road. The dog, black and white, and temperatures got so high that metal appliances in the kitchen melted and the Rohl's windows throughout the house buckled.

Mrs. Rohl was awakened by breaking glassware at about 4:30 a.m. and found her dog in flames. She roused her husband and the pair fled in night clothes. The dog, black and white, was close by. Franklin's volunteer fire department was summoned while the elder Rohl and his son tried to fight the blaze with a garden hose.

ALL THE mahogany paneling and furnishings of the home were charred and blistered beyond repair. Many of the pieces had been treasured antiques passed down in the Rohl family for generations.

Franklin fire fighters were amazed at the extreme heat. They reported that even in areas of the house where there had been no actual fire, plastic and metal objects had melted and fused with other things. Every piece of wood had blistered and the varnish flowed off surfaces.

For the Rohls, the fire was a crushing tragedy. Both in their sixties, the couple had built the home as a symbol of victory over financial reverses in the depression. Mrs. Rohl who had just been re-elected to the township council, a long illness was gravely affected by shock over the loss of her pet and antiques.

