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## Franklin Gets Pool Ordinance

FRANKLIN—A swimming pool ordinance was passed Monday night by the Franklin Village council. It will make all swimming and wading pools a foot deep subject to enclosure by a wall or fence at least four feet high.

Pool owners will be notified they have until May 1, 1959 to enclose their pools.

Councilman Edward Green presented the ordinance, a composite of similar ordinances in six surrounding communities.

A fine up to \$100 and/or 90 days in jail will be levied for violations. Each day the violation exists will constitute a separate offense.

Discussion on the ordinance got so involved at times Monday night it appeared residents might have to fence their bathtub, if the talks went on.

THE COUNCIL decided to forego adoption of a dog ordinance after assurance from Councilman Don Hunter that state law under county jurisdiction on licensing dogs was adequate legislation. The law relieved the village of enforcement responsibilities, Hunter said.

Franklin voters may be asked to amend their charter to allow for machinery to create special assessment districts for road improvement.

Two amendments were turned over to the council by village attorneys for council consideration. The amendments will give the council authority to assess property owners for issue bonds to set up collections. They also authorize the council to borrow money on anticipated tax receipts. Thirty days must pass before decisive council action can be taken.

## Lathrup Acts On Culvert Law

LATHRUP—Lathrup's Disorderly Persons Ordinance No. 49 was given its second reading Monday evening and will become effective Dec. 1.

An amendment No. 61 called the Culvert Ordinance was given its first reading Monday. This amendment makes it unlawful to cover over and fill ditches without the use of culverts.

Before Ordinance 51 receives its final reading, City Administrator Gerald Stone will check to see if the previous ordinances include authorization for the DPW to install new installations of culverts. If the authorization is not written in, Stone told council members, he believes it should be.

## School Bell to Toll For Pine Lake Dedication Day

PINE LAKE—A 75-year-old bell from the old one-room Pine Lake school will ring out Thursday night from its new quarters in the Callow Bell Tower to announce the annual dedication of the new Pine Lake Elementary school.

Five sixth grade students who attended the old school and who are now enrolled in the new one will ring bell, named after Mr. and Mrs. Robert Callow, long-time residents of the area and former owners of the farm land on which the school stands.

The dedication ceremony is scheduled to start at 8:30 p.m., following a tour of the building which begins at 7:30 p.m.

The school is located at 3333 W. Long Lake road.

## S'feld Township Tax Bills Ready, Due Dec. 1 - Jan. 20

SOUTHFELD TOWNSHIP—Southfield township citizens have from Dec. 1, 1958 to Jan. 20, 1959 to pay their tax bill for the township. It was announced Tuesday night at the township meeting.

Statements will be mailed in late November.

A four per cent penalty will be charged to all delinquent accounts paid between Jan. 20 to March 1 and will be slated for township use.

Beginning March 1, all delinquent accounts will be turned over to the Oakland county officials in Pontiac.

Taxes can be paid at the township offices, 18 Mile road, Southfield, and at four branches of the Detroit Bank and Trust—14 Mile and Woodward, Hamlin and Woodward, Franklin Branch and Wabek branch.

## Two Civic Groups Act in Maple-Tele Case

## Hills B of E Seeks Increase of Millage

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Two issues will confront voters in the Bloomfield Hills school district at a special election being called by the Bloomfield board of education for Dec. 8.

The board is asking for an increase in the school millage rate for the next six years and authorization to issue bonds totaling \$1,165,000 to finance building of additional school plants.

The proposal calls for an increase of the present millage rate of 17.14 by four mills for the years 1959-1963. The increase would drop to three mills in '62, '63 and '64, after which the additional millage would expire.

A MILLAGE increase is necessary, the board contends, for several reasons. Thirty new teachers have been added to staff the new \$685,000 school, Pine Lake elementary school and the Eastover addition.

There has been a decrease in state aid money and the amount received from Oakland county allocation board. State money for transportation has also been reduced.

Due to these factors, the district was forced to borrow \$300,000 this year for school operation and will have to borrow an additional \$600,000 next year.

THIS DEBT will be paid off by the millage increase. Of the \$1,165,000 bond issue, should it be endorsed by the voters, \$685,000 would be used to build 12 additional classrooms to the junior high school, \$600,000 for a two-unit elementary school at Quanton road, and over \$100,000 to provide a three-room addition to Hickory Grove school.

A recent survey, made for the school board by Michigan state's college of education, stated that additional school facilities are "imperative" because of the projected growth of the school district from a present enrollment of 2,849 students to over 6,000 by 1964.

SCHOOL BOARD members met last week with William Donnelly, chairman of Bloomfield citizen's financial committee. The committee, composed of Donnelly, Frank Arnold, Carl Barton, A. C. Girard, Graham John Graham, Raymond Ferring and Lynn Townsend, has unanimously endorsed the additional financing.

The school administration is laying plans to hold both day and evening meetings.

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## Lathrup Delivers Ultimatum

LATHRUP—"I want that quit claim deed by Nov. 24!" So says Lathrup's mayor.

In setting up a special council meeting for that date, Mayor Richard N. Cogger Monday night instructed City Attorney Everett Hayes to come in armed with two things, the quit claim deed the city has been trying to get from the Lathrup subdividers for a year and a half, and a resolution explaining the efforts the city has made to get the deed and the problems harassing them.

"If there still is no quit claim deed," Cogger said, "the resolution will be sent to the court and the Water Resources Commission asking protection from penalty and naming Charles D. and Louise Lathrup Kelley as co-partners in any court action."

IN A statement to The Birmingham Eccentric Tuesday, Mrs. Kelley told why she and her husband were withholding the deed.

"Before we turn over to the city for one dollar the sewer system in Lathrup village which we built and paid for, our intention is to help win for the people a system which is complete in every respect right now—not one that has to be patched up later."

Monday night, in the heated discussion following Cogger's ultimatum delivered at the Lathrup council meeting, Mrs. Kelley spoke.

"I want a fair deal. I mean, I do not consider it a fair deal to turn (See ULTIMATUM, Page 5-E)



Sodon lake appeared like a dark mirror on the day The Birmingham Eccentric's photographer took this picture of four lake-side residents. They are Bruce, 12, Dotti, 14, Kathy, 3, and Bill, 6, children of the Bruce Wrights. Their brother, one-year-old Doug, was napping when the picture was taken.

## Sodon Lake Holds Mystery In Its Phenomenal Depths

By SAVILLA SLOAN  
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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Lying in a deep pocket, hemmed in by high hills of virgin forest, Sodon lake in Bloomfield township seems cloaked in mystery as the slanting rays of a full sun cast long shadows over it. And, indeed, the mysterious lake is a scientific phenomenon.

But living by a phenomenal lake is a lot of fun, Sodon lakeside residents agree. The happy shouts of children swimming from their docks echo through the hills all summer long. When the lake is frozen in winter, there is ice skating and sledding to be enjoyed.

If it were taken seriously, the suggestion recently made by Dr. Curtis L. Newcombe before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, would put the pleasurable and scientific aspects of the lake in deep conflict. Dr. Newcombe proposes that Sodon lake should be used as a depository for nuclear rubbish heap.

"I just got in and helped," she said. "Because I felt so strongly about it."

The building contractor's wife believed the City of Southfield, as it was first proposed to include Westwood, would have been a "36-square mile hedge-podge."

She fought for Westwood's incorporation as a separate village because, she said, people at the north end of the township felt close to Birmingham, but not to the other well-populated part of the township lying at its south end, separated from them by farms and undeveloped land.

"WE GO to Birmingham church-schools, and all our social life tends to gravitate toward Birmingham," says Mrs. Herbert Herzberg, who said she and her husband, Ted, were organizing things.

"I called Ted and that started it," said the beautiful groomed woman in the grey wool jersey dress.

When the Rogers family moved (See APPOINTEE, Page 5-E)

WESTWOOD—About 70 people jammed into the offices at Westwood village hall on Wednesday last week for a public hearing which saw the village planning commission vote to refuse one request for a non-residential zoning and postpone a decision on two others.

The commission's picture of the type of service station Shell Oil company proposes to construct on the site, now zoned ERO (educational, research and office), after the denial, the spokesman for Sinal hospital told the planners. "We will be in circuit fast on it."

Most vehemently protesters was the request of Knight-Menard for rezoning of property on the southwest corner of 14 Mile and Southfield, where the Wayne-Oakland bank wants to operate a branch.

PLANNERS voted to hold in abeyance their decision on the request for ERO zoning on the property, now zoned residential.

The commission voted in abeyance by the planners after the hearing was the request of Kathleen Madonia for rezoning a 438-foot Southfield road frontage at the southwest corner of Revery from residential to ERO.

Residents was the request of commission, "I have people who are interested in different types of uses."

On being advised by many of the property owners that their hearing was scheduled in some way had not been notified of the hearing, plan commission Secretary Ernest Draxler said the village clerk was instructed to notify all abutting residents.

An attorney presented to the

## Subdivisions Represented In Zone Feud

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Two large civic associations, now working out plans to consolidate into one, and representing 37 subdivisions, are filing petitions asking to be included as co-defendants with the township in the zoning case of Van Horn vs. Bloomfield township.

The suit against Bloomfield was filed last month in Oakland county circuit court by Birmingham real estate man Charles J. Van Horn, who seeks commercial zoning for property he owns on the east side of Telegraph just south of Maple.

This week President Louis J. Petter of the Federated Civic association announced that their group were seeking to become parties to the township's defense of the case. Their aim is to support the township's fight to retain the present residential zoning of the property.

SIMULTANEOUS with the announcement of the Federated Civic association's intervention in the suit, Petter said this week that Federated membership last Thursday night gave the board authority to negotiate with Suburban Home Owners on combining the two groups into a single over-all association.

The Federated group represents 28 of the township's 62 civic associations. Suburban Home Owners is made up of nine associations. Petter said that if the two groups combine, the new body will represent about 66 per cent of the township's residents.

Petter's statement regarding SHO's legal action reads: "A petition of intervention has been filed in Oakland county circuit court by Suburban Home Owners association in the zoning suit of Charles Van Horn vs. Bloomfield township."

"VAN HORN appealed to the court after a petition to the Bloomfield township zoning board to rezone to commercial some 180 feet of property on the east side of Telegraph road just south of Maple was denied. The property is located in Country Club Estates, a subdivision which Van Horn developed," Petter continued.

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graph of the village, plan commission Chairman Herbert Herzberg (left) listens to protests against a bank proposed for the corner of 14 Mile and Southfield.