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Evergreen OKs Rate Deadline

In a race against time to make the Evergreen interceptor sewer a reality, Oakland county Department of Public Works Director Harold K. Schone is seeking contract approvals this week from all municipalities participating in the sewer.

SCHONE visited the council meetings of Westwood village, Southfield and Lathrup Monday night, getting approval from the three bodies, contingent upon agreement by attorneys.

Tuesday Schone told The Birmingham Eccentric that he also approved the contract. Birmingham's city commission will vote on it Saturday and Bloomfield Hills was holding a special meeting Wednesday at 5 p. m. to consider it. Bloomfield township's board is expected to act on the contract Thursday night, Schone said.

IN PRESENTING the contracts to the municipalities in the Evergreen district, Schone said the approval was urgent this week because of the weather.

Lathrup Officials Note Adequacy Of Water Supply

LATHRUP—The summer of 1958 was a good summer as far as water supply went, according to Lathrup Mayor Richard N. Cogger.

But the city must look to the future, he said at Monday's council meeting, so that the supply will always be adequate. Therefore a study is being presented to the SECO water authority.

ACCORDING to Jerald Stone, city administrator, pressure in Lathrup had only dropped below normal twice in the past summer, but, Stone said, building permits were being issued at the rate of 40 per year now in Lathrup and a practical study of water needs is necessary at this time.

Westwood Burglars Nabbed in Monroe By State Police

WESTWOOD—Two 14-year-old youths, who broke into the E. D. Rogers home, 1848 Riverdale road, were picked up Tuesday night five miles south of Monroe by State Police.

According to Westwood police officials, the youths were questioned by Erie State Trooper Keaton as they were thumbing a ride to Monroe. When Trooper Keaton checked the boys, he found a .40 caliber Colt automatic, a .38 blue steel revolver and 46 rounds of ammunition.

THE GUNS were taken from the Rogers home while the family was vacationing in Florida.

Westwood Director of Public Safety Robert Murphy and Sgt. Bill Reed drove to Monroe Tuesday and took the boys to the juvenile detention home in Pontiac.

ONE youth was from Westwood, the other from Birmingham.

According to Director Murphy, a third gun was found in the home of one of the boys and all other missing items were recovered.

Ring Lost and Found, Lost and Found Again

By DOROTHY ZATELL
Eccentric Correspondent

Apart from the books and classrooms of Southfield high school this week, comes a story that may well stand to become a legend told to senior classes as they receive their school rings in years to come.

From the deep dark depths of Black Lake, some 40 miles from the Straits of Mackinac and several hundred miles from Southfield, a 1956 senior class ring has found its way back to its owner, not once, but twice.

Last summer Ellen Densel, a Midland high school student found the ring while swimming in Black Lake. Ellen turned the ring over to school authorities in Midland who informed Southfield high Principal Robert Hall that the ring had the initials A. R. engraved in it.

IT TOOK patience and a little detective work in the 1956 yearbook by Hall. Only one senior in 1956 had the initials A. R. and that was Bob Ross, now attending East-

4th District Elects Dem to Legislature

MSU Survey Reveals Bloomfield Needs Schools

An imperative need for an additional school building program exists in the Bloomfield Hills school system, according to a survey just completed by staff members of Michigan State university's college of education.

The college said immediate needs include the purchase of three new school sites and increased elementary and secondary school facilities.

Three complete building plan proposals made by the college would vary in cost from approximately \$360,000 to \$2,100,000.

The additional facilities are necessary, the report contends, to accommodate an anticipated growth of student enrollment from its present figure of 2,847 to over 6,000 in 1965. This is in startling contrast to the 402 school children in the system ten years ago.

Lathrup Asks S'field Road Speed Study

LATHRUP—As a step toward reducing 40 mph speed limits on Southfield road, Lathrup council members agreed Monday that a traffic survey should be made by the county road commission. Such a study has not been made since 1955.

The agreement came after receipt of a five-point resolution presented by the executive board of the Lathrup school PTA.

THE RESOLUTION stated:

1. THE LATHRUP city council should request the Oakland county road commission to make a study of traffic conditions on Southfield between 11 and 12 mile roads.

2. THE study should be completed within 12 and 12 mile roads should be reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph.

3. FOLLOWING the traffic survey in 1 above, a meeting should be held with the Lathrup council, the Oakland county road commission and Michigan State Police Lathrup Woman's club, Southfield board of education and the Lathrup PTA to be represented.

4. A KEY-operated control for the pedestrian traffic signal located in front of the Lathrup school should be installed. This control would permit the light to be changed temporarily from flasher to a supervisory red-green operation during periods when it is necessary.

5. SINCE failure to understand and observe safety rules can result in injury or death, the residents of the Lathrup PTA are pledged to the advancement of an accident safety education program for home use.

The council will contact the road commission and request the survey.

Three Flags DAR

LATHRUP—Three Flags chapter DAR has invited husbands and guests for an evening meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. H. D. Van Swearingen, 28710 Meadowbrook Way, Lathrup.

After a short business meeting Mr. and Mrs. Elmer King will show slides on Africa.

ern Michigan College after spending two years in the NAS and Bob lost the ring somewhere on a 4-mile course while water skiing. The missing item was difficult to cover searching for such a small speck as a senior ring.

After a while Bob gave up thinking his ring was gone forever even though it had been lost once before and recovered from the same lake bottom.

Now the ring is on its way back to Bob at Eastern Michigan, and since he may not be successful and believe in luck charms and such, perhaps now he will believe that he and the ring have a certain affinity and that Southfield senior rings hold a little magic.

Hickory Grove school. Site purchases recommended in all three plans are for a second junior high school, an elementary school in the north central section of the district, and a smaller site for a primary unit south of Maple and west of Telegraph.

THE PLANS vary as to how secondary school needs would be met. The three alternatives are: 1) the erection of a new junior high school immediately; 2) a twelve classroom addition to the present junior high; 3) construction of an addition to Bloomfield Hills high school and moving ninth grade students to that school.

Desirable, according to the re-

port, would be the erection of a separate administrative building. The school board acted immediately on one recommendation when they voted to exercise their option for the purchase of 20 acres near Will-O-Way Playhouse on Long Lake road east of Telegraph as a future junior high school site. Purchase price is \$80,000.

THE BOARD postponed action on other recommendations in the report until they meet with a representative of the citizens' financial advisory committee to discuss its financial aspect.

The boundaries of the large school district run from Pine lake on the west to Adams road on the east.

Halloween Damage Low; Wood Creek Action Pays Off

Halloween vandalism was kept to a minimum this year as a result of nightly patrolling by area police officials and volunteers. Wood Creek's damage toll was considerably less than the 1957 figures due to a special campaign.

Lathrup, Southfield and Bloomfield township reports showed little activity from pranksters.

Westwood police official's only report concerned the up-rooting of the Madison-Sheridan street sign. It was found the next day in a field.

Aside from a few minor exploits, mischief was diminished considerably by the Wood Creek area. Property destruction last year prompted the civic association to form their own protection force for ten nights preceding the trick-or-treat night.

A requiem high mass will be said for Harry Klimushyn, Jr., 17, 31555 Eastlady, Westwood village, before he is laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

His body will lie in state at his parents' home today and tomorrow and will be taken to the church Saturday morning following services at his home at 9 a.m.

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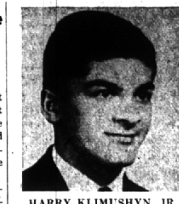
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HARRY KLIMUSHYN, JR.

Klimushyn Funeral Saturday

Seniors to Attend Holy Name Rites

Birmingham high school seniors are expected to attend its president's funeral en masse Saturday morning at Holy Name church at 9:30 a.m.

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Franklin Sewer OK'd By 1 Vote

Southfield Voters Reject Park Bond

(Further election news on P. 1-A)

Democrats scored a breakthrough Tuesday in Oakland county's fourth legislative district, Franklin approved entry in the Evergreen sewage disposal district by one vote, and Southfield voters failed to rally enough of a majority to authorize a bond issue for park site acquisitions.

The traditionally Republican fourth district, which includes Franklin, the City of Southfield, Westwood, Wood Creek Farms, and Bingham Farms, chose James Clarkson, 31, of Southfield, over Republican Allen C. Ingle, of Farmington.

The vote was part of a general election which otherwise saw Bloomfield and West Bloomfield townships, Lathrup village and Southfield township stand behind Republican candidates, both state and county. Troy was the only Birmingham area municipality to give Democrats a majority.

THE FRANKLIN sewer proposal needed a two-thirds majority to pass, and made the grade by a close 471-year vote against 234 "no," proving once again the importance of a single vote.

The affirmative vote means that Franklin village will be included in the Oakland county DPW's Evergreen district as a participant, at a cost of \$5 to \$7 per family annually.

Though Franklin will now share in the capital cost of the district, its sewage disposal will probably continue to be handled by its present septic tank system. When the need for the community to build sewers arises, it will be able to connect them to the Evergreen system.

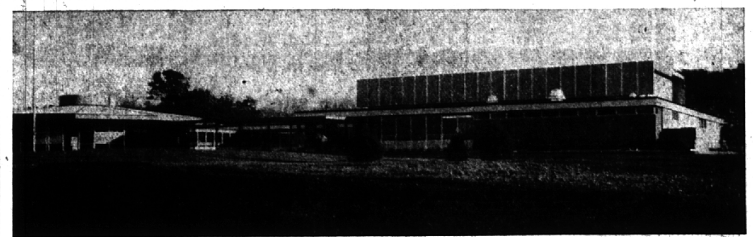
Of Franklin's 659 registered voters, 759 went to the polls Tuesday.

SOUTHFIELD's bond issue of \$450,000 to be used by the city's parks and recreation department needed a 60 per cent majority to win. The final vote on the unsuccessful proposition was 3040 in favor, 3483 against.

The city had hoped to acquire and develop additional park and recreation facilities with the funds, which would have been repaid out of a millage tax already in effect.

Though the Birmingham area and Oakland county maintained their traditionally Republican majority, Clarkson's victory in district four was hailed by Democrats as a "breakthrough."

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New Pine Lake School To Be Dedicated

The old school bell from the little one-room school house down the road has been placed atop a handsome structure in a court at the new Pine Lake elementary school. It will be dedicated, along with the school next Thursday night.

The newest elementary school in the Bloomfield Hills school district is only a few hundred feet from Pine lake itself, on W. Long Lake road near Interlaken. The Callow bell tower will be marked with a plaque honoring Robert and Mae Callow, 3495 W. Long Lake road, who contributed the bell.

school site at far below its true value. The Nov. 13 dedication begins with open house and a building tour from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., then the formal dedication in the school's multi-purpose room from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Principal of the school, which opened in September, is former Wing Lake school teacher Lester A. Utterback. The school's present seven classrooms are occupied by 165 pupils. Additional units are planned to take care of expected growth in the area.

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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Two groups of civic associations will form a large single federation, if approval of negotiations is given tonight by the general membership of the Federated Civic association. The new organization would contain 37 of Bloomfield township's present 62 recorded civic associations.

The 15-member of the Federated group has called a special meeting at 8 p.m. tonight at Bloomfield Hills high school. A club spokesman said this week that at that time the board will vote to empower it "to negotiate with the Suburban Home Owners in forming a single federation of Bloomfield township civic associations."

Suburban Home Owners is made up of nine associations, the spokesman said, adding that if the SHO group joined with the Federated group's 28 associations, the combined organization would represent 55 per cent of the township's residents.

LOUIS J. PEDICINI, of 4052 Country club drive, president of the SHO group, has been authorized by the group's members to proceed with negotiations with the Federated association, should that body's membership vote affirmatively tonight.

Federated President George Pether said, "The two groups have parallel objectives in protecting property values and studying the problems of township government."

Suburban Home Owners was organized about a year ago with its objectives listed as: 1) to give township property owners a common voice, 2) to provide the local government with advice in matters of community development, and 3) to study community problems.

SHO's PRIMARY interest thus far has been in zoning, where the group counts its success "as the things that haven't happened."

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2 Men Say They Want Her Number

WESTWOOD—A girl has a right to keep her telephone number a secret, contends Westwood Village Clerk Alice Spencer.

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Mackie Sets Hearing on East-West Expressway at 11 1/2 Mile

Proposed as a major link in the beltline expressway system ringing the Metropolitan Detroit area is a controlled access freeway along 11 1/2 mile road, indicated by the thick double lines on this map. Area shown here is between Ten Mile and 13 Mile, from Telegraph road on the east to Meadowbrook road on the west. State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie announced this week that his department will hold a public hearing Nov. 29 on the proposed 11 1/2 mile road expressway. The \$14,500,000 project, approximately 8.2 miles long, would link the Brighton-Farmington US-16 expressway with Northwestern highway and Telegraph road. It would start at US-16 near Haggerty road. Mackie said the expressway would eventually extend east and west from the completed US-16 Muskegon-to-

Detroit-expressway to the Edsel Ford expressway north of Detroit. It will serve as a main collection and dispersal route for traffic in and out of the Detroit area, Mackie said, and will permit "safe channeling of large volumes of traffic onto the Detroit arterial and expressway road system." (Circles along route indicate bridges, X inside circles indicates entrance and exit). Mackie said the expressway would receive 90 per cent federal financing, and work would probably begin near the end of 1960. The public hearing Nov. 29 is at 2 p.m. at Groves-Walker American Legion Post No. 376, Grand River at Lakeway, Farmington. The highway department at that time will discuss economic effects of the proposed highway and its influence on the surrounding area.

