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Subdivision Water Offer Accepted

BLOOMFIELD—Another water system is being taken over by Bloomfield township, to be done by the township's water board.

The township board Monday night submitted the acceptance of the water system of Morningdale Heights subdivision, near Lahser and Quattrin, in placing the same before the board, Township Treasurer Homer Case said mortgage companies are bringing pressure on subdividers to turn water systems to municipalities.

Case said the Morningdale Heights system required approximately \$122 in repairs and landscaping at the well site to put it in acceptable condition. The subdividers guaranteed to cover the expense by depositing a \$2,000 check with the township.

CASE TOLD the Birmingham Eccentric later that the newly acquired system brings Bloomfield township a total of six individual water systems in addition to the main district, No. 1. He said the township anticipates taking over two more systems that are within district jurisdictions.

Last month the township accepted the water system of Colberry Park subdivision, south of Square Lake road and east of Woodward.

Runaways Run Away, Are Outrun By Swift Sergeant

BLOOMFIELD—Literally a flock of geese with the goods in their tails were 32-year-old runaways from Boys' Republic who raided three Bloomfield township homes for clothes and pop last week.

Township police Sgt. Newton T. Kelley said he and his associates were out on Tuesday night, looking for the boys who had been targeted and ran. But the speedy sergeant outran them.

They told the sergeant they had been living in the woods near Quattrin and Telegraph for several days. They admitted stealing items such as shoes, a radio, a pop, a bicycle, a radio, and smearing ketchup and ice cream on the face of a home.

They were wearing the clothes they had stolen. Police returned the two pairs of the state to the juvenile home at 9 Mile and Inkster.

Name B'field Man Sales Manager

Daniel O'Madigan, Jr., 340 Chesterfield road, Bloomfield Hills, has been appointed general sales manager of the new automotive and electrical parts store owned by Lowell Shupe of Boston, Mass.

O'Madigan will be based in Detroit, national headquarters of the division.

Formerly director of sales for Studebaker-Packard Corp., O'Madigan earlier was in charge of the Pontiac Motor division of General Motors Corp., as an assistant sales manager.

No Time Out for Referee

FRANKLIN—Even though it's been quite a while since George Spehn of Franklin has actively played football, he still has to keep in shape, come Christmasseth month each year.

Western Conference referee, Spehn probably covers more ground per game than any of the 25 players.

When he was assigned to blow the whistle at last weekend's Michigan-Navy game, Spehn was a man with divided loyalties.

A commander in the naval reserve, Spehn had Navy duty in the Orient during the war. Before that he had earned a Navy glory as an officer in the Purple Heart conference for three years, back in 1938, '37, '38.

HE HAD a brief "pro" career with the Chicago Cubs and has been either a referee or head linesman for the Western conference for the past ten years.

Saturday's game is the only Michigan game Spehn is scheduled for this season. Now he is checking out the hope that this year, he will be called to officiate at the Rose Bowl game.

Police Volunteer

FRANKLIN—Charles L. Foot, Jr., 26095 Romney Way, was sworn in as number 14 in Franklin's volunteer police force Monday.

Foot's appointment leaves only one vacancy to bring the marshal's department to its full strength.

American Cars? . . . They're Cool, Man!

By JULIE CANDLER
Township Editor

FOXROFT—They can spot a car a mile away, and tell you the make and model before you can even see it. They can quote you facts and figures on anything automotive from tubeless tires to trim, from transmissions to torque.

They can tell a Buick front grille from an Oldsmobile front grille at 100 paces at midnight.

They're Detroit area boys. They're boys from any town in and about that matter.

Take a look at some typical carjays fellows out in Foxcroft, and you'll stop worrying about the future of the American car.

THEY THINK those little foreign cars are nice, but they think America's big, long and luxurious cars are, to quote, "KEEEEEEEEN-0!"

They especially like the '59 models, since they know all the new car models presented to the public, Rickey, Tommy and Gary Darling, ages 7 to 11, knew all the new model secrets that were being kept from the public.

Scott McLean knew, too. So did Shover property. And Tommy Twietmeyer and Roy Chamberlin.

Many Minds Have But One Thought—Lathrup School

LATHRUP—While the Southfield board of education pondered the Lathrup school playground problem at their meeting Monday night, the Lathrup council discussed it at another session.

The council discussed the mechanics of vacating Township street to enable the school board to annex a 500-foot strip of property behind the school as a playground area.

Lathrup Attorney Everett Hayes told the city's council members that they must act on a zoning ordinance amendment as soon as it can be drafted. The ordinance will make it impossible for the school property to revert later to commercial or other use.

MEANWHILE Southfield, the board of education voted to pay no more than \$200 in legal and publishing fees to Lathrup for obtaining the needed ordinance and rezoning.

The school board also refused to agree to plant an eight-foot green belt across one side of the site.

All other requirements made by Lathrup village to make the playground site acquisition possible were agreed to by the board.

It's Right, Quit Claim Deed May Go to Lathrup

LATHRUP—Louise Lathrup Kelley told city council members Monday that she had received from her attorney a revised form of the quit claim deed needed by the city to prove its ownership of the city's sewer.

Mrs. Kelley said she had not had time to study the revised deed. When she is satisfied that the deed is in order, it will be submitted to the council for approval, she said.

City Attorney Everett Hayes said he did not know what terms were included in the new form.

Mayor Richard N. Cogger said, "We will wait and see, I hope this is not another deed we cannot approve."

Lathrup village council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the House-in-the-Woods, 19600 Forest drive, Lathrup.

Southfield Township Flows On

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—It was "water, water everywhere" when Southfield township board members met Tuesday night.

The Red Run drain, liquidation and a drippy township porch were discussed.

DRAIN commission officials have, according to Township Supervisor Hugh G. Allerton, Jr., requested township permission to switch across funds from the original Red Run drain assessments to the maintenance allotment. The funds are meant to repair drains affecting the Westwood border.

Board members approved, providing the township is not assessed or considered in the old project, which no longer affects township drainage.

Allerton reported that Westwood and the city of Southfield will vote next spring to decide the fate of the township-managed water system. He added that any retirement of revenue bonds would have to wait for this decision.

The township hall has water problems of its own, but here no legal complications are involved. The roof just leaks.

Allerton and the board decided to paint and repair the building before a little drip gets big ideas.

Burglars Steal Mink Stole, Items Valued at \$1500

WESTWOOD—Burglars broke a breezeway and kitchen door Friday night at the home of Mrs. Helen Krehling, 32095 Beverly circle, and took items valued at \$1,500.

A mink stole and sash, a dress, \$150 in Canadian money, a jewelry box and \$100 cash were taken from the home, according to Westwood police Sgt. Bill Reed and Patrolman Tom Good.

Birmingham police believe that the persons who broke into the Krehling home broke into several Birmingham homes last week.

up the covers which are meant to hide the new features.

IT STARTED one day in late summer when the boys were playing on a platform they had built in a tree. Somebody looked down at a haulaway on nearby Telegraph road and saw a '59 model, stripped by the wind to reveal its exciting secrets.

Then began the race to see who could spot the most new cars.

Foxcroft rang with cries like, "I saw four Plymouths!" Or, "Now I've seen 16 Fords!"

Car-happy boys were constantly perched on the tree platform and an equally advantageous observation post on the Foxcroft gateway wall.

WHEN THEY weren't at their perches, the look-outs were dashing madly for newly arrived newspapers and magazines at their

homes. Object to find pictures of new cars.

They clipped new car announcements, pictures and stories and taped them on the walls of their rooms. They paped their furniture with the clippings. They plastered the pictures across their doors as the race developed to see who could acquire the largest number of clippings. Their rooms soon looked like overgrown scrapbooks.

One of these days some television producer is going to catch on. Most American boys are just like the motor mad Foxcroft group. They don't care half as much about cowboy, crime and horror as they do about cars.

ONCE the truth is realized, America's TV screens will gleam with some new show titles.

Something like, "Exhaust Smoke," and "Station Wagon Train," and "Shock Car."

All this will come when they understand that the modern boy doesn't care if his dad can lick the neighbor kid's dad.

What today's sons want to be able to say is, "My pop's car can lick your pop's car any day."



"There comes one!" says the car-crazy crowd at Foxcroft as they look north on Telegraph road for more sneak peeks at new and Ricky Darling. Joining them for a session is Cindy Chamberlin (left).

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

New High School Bids Exceed Estimates 1-A

Artist Designs, Executes Murals 1-C

Birmingham Rolls to Third Grid Win 7-B

Hulet Terms Township Zoning Suit Crucial

BLOOMFIELD—A suit which Bloomfield Township Supervisor Arno F. Hulet estimated Monday can "break" township zoning is being filed by Charles J. Van Horn, Birmingham real estate man who seeks a commercial zoning for property he owns on the east side of Telegraph road just south of Maple.

Township Attorney Floyd Blakelee informed the board Monday night that the action against the Bloomfield restaurant from its present residential classification to commercial, which would permit construction of retail stores adjacent to Bloomfield township's Country Club Estates subdivision.

Hulet earlier stated, "If we get beat on this (Van Horn suit), we would like to carry it to the Supreme Court. If this zoning is broken, we are through, as far as I am concerned, on zoning in this township."

Several other owners of outlots are seeking a commercial zoning classification for their property near the Telegraph-Maple corner.

TO BEGIN WORK ON Bloomfield Village Drains

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE—Work to provide storm drainage relief for Bloomfield village should begin about Nov. 3, Oakland County department of public works Deputy Director R. J. Alexander told The Birmingham Eccentric Tuesday.

Alexander said the project, the county DPW's first special assessment district, should be completed in about one month.

Necessity for the project was determined at a public hearing last week. Cost will be approximately \$21,500, with the roll to be spread over 119 pieces of property in one assessment.

Alexander said bids for the work will probably be taken next Thursday.

BLAKELEE replied, "I don't think you could have an over-the-hill commission cover it in every situation."

Law Catches Up With Check-Passer In B'field Man

BLOOMFIELD—A Jackson prison parolee and check-passer was arrested Monday when he presented a check at a Miracle Mile super-market on Wednesday at the home of Oscar Crampton, 30, of Lansing, was recognized as a wanted check-passer by township manager Donald Shaw, Pontiac.

Bloomfield township police said Shaw "let out a bell" when he saw Crampton was the man whom he had received a chain store warning bulletin. Crampton went running, and so did two stock boys. They held the parolee until township police Sgt. Newton Tubbs arrived.

Crampton is wanted by approximately 25 police departments, Police Chief Norman Danke said. He is wanted in Flint for uttering a \$5000 check in bad checks. He was turned over to Detroit police.

Franklin Knolls Roadwork Starts

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Work on blacktopping Franklin Knolls #3 began Tuesday and will be completed within all next week.

Contract for the work was awarded by West Bloomfield township council to Ann Arbor asphalt construction company on its bid of \$47,489.50.

Franklin Firemen Take Third Place

FRANKLIN—Franklin fire department auxiliary's eight youths who participated in the Pontiac firemen's field day Oct. 4, took two third place awards for hose evolution and ladder evolution to for third place overall.

Patrolman Finds His First Case Is a Hot One

Westwood patrolman Peter Lutz joined the force Monday night and was promptly sent out on his "first case."

It was full of holes.

At least the frying pan that caught fire!

Two 14-year-old girls were celebrating the day off from school by cooking the Halloween specialties. The hot grease boiled over and caused an estimated \$800 smoke damage to the Roy E. Robinson home at 31280 E. Rutland.

Twenty-three-year-old Lutz came to the rescue, helped subdue the confusion and returned to the police department. "Well, the fire department . . . Well, he's now a full fledged member of Westwood's department of public safety."

S'field Schools OK Purchase Of Future Site

SOUTHFIELD—Consistent with its policy of acquiring land for future schools before property values in the area are inflated, the Southfield board of education Monday night authorized the purchase of an additional five-acre school site.

The property is located at the end of Ormand road Southfield township, two blocks east of Inkster between 10 and 11 Mile roads.

The purchase price stated cost was not to exceed \$10,000.

In further action, the board set Oct. 21 as the date for public sale of \$500,000 state aid notes authorized at its September meeting. The notes apply against undistributed state appropriations.

Proceeds from the sale of \$1,000,000 in series 2 building and site bonds will be temporarily invested in government securities by a unanimous vote of the board.

A decision to request the city of Southfield for relief from payment of building permits and inspector fees for school buildings was also reached at the meeting. Such fees in the erection of the 11 Mile Evergreen school will total over \$1,000, the board was advised.

Plans to blacktop road and parking areas within the Lathrup school grounds hit a snag when board members were dissatisfied with the planned layout. Board members Oliver and Gowers were appointed to iron out difficulties in the plan with the architect.

Evergreen Facts Being Mailed to Franklin Voters

FRANKLIN—To help Franklin voters decide on the Evergreen interceptor proposal in the Nov. 4 election, Councilman William Wacker has prepared a two-page explanation that is being distributed to residents.

The flyer attempts to spell out what the Evergreen interceptor is, how the question will be put on the ballot, what Franklin's stake will be, and its share of cost.

The council recommends the proposal it has submitted for a referendum.

BECAUSE THE flyer does not spell out in layman's terms trunk lines and actual sewer installations in the village, several councilmen Monday night expressed concern.

It is expected that the information will be revised shortly to include this data so voters will better understand that the Evergreen sewer is the first step which must be taken and only provides an outlet for sewage, when and if sewers are installed.

THE COUNCIL has agreed that there are serious problems existing in Franklin now where ground conditions will not support septic tanks and fields.

The village may also be contributing to the pollution of the Franklin river and could be cited by the state health department and the state water resource board.

Based on the present assessed evaluation, it is expected that the installation will cost Franklin families five to seven dollars a year for capacity rights.

What Are Road Preferences, Council Asking

FRANKLIN—"Do you want better roads and are you willing to pay for them?"

In a nutshell, is the question on the minds of Franklin village council members.

For the answer, the council is finishing up a comprehensive questionnaire soon to be sent residents.

A rough draft submitted by Councilman Edward Green and street administrator Stanley Hunter Monday night gets down to the bare facts of costs and suggests a variety of solutions to Franklin's \$2.5-mile headache.

The questionnaire will be circulated in the next 30 days. This will allow the council to put the issue on the March ballot if results indicate the need for a vote.

Boy Drowns In Pool at Wood Creek

WOOD CREEK FARMS—A four-year-old boy drowned in a swimming pool Tuesday afternoon while his mother visited at the home of the Maurice Tyghens, 28225 Millbrook, Wood Creek.

An hour-long resuscitation effort failed to revive Gene Michael Incker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Luecker of Taylor township. Both the Franklin volunteer fire department and a unit from Farmington went near the boy.

The body was discovered by a seven-year-old brother, Mike, A neighbor, William Dornum, the Fire cadet on leave, pulled the boy from the deep end of the unfenced pool.

Franklin Group Seeks Use of Former Church

FRANKLIN—The Community association has petitioned the zoning board for approval to use the former Franklin Community church on German Hill road.

They also are seeking permission to use eight lots in Franklin Village subdivision for association purposes.

A public hearing on both requests will be next Monday at 8 p.m. in the present Franklin Community church.

THE ASSOCIATION plans to make the old church, now used by the Christian Science church, into a community hall to replace the Franklin road building destroyed by fire in January.

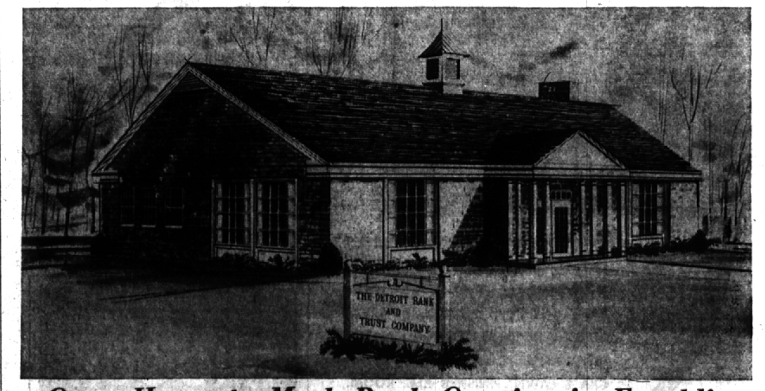
Association members also voted to buy eight village green lots for possible community recreational facilities.

Road Bonds Sold, Lathrup Now Paving

LATHRUP—New City Administrator Gerald Stone told council members Monday that bonds covering the 1958 paving program had been sold.

Stone said he expected asphalt work to begin this week on Sunset, Alhambra and Cambridge.

Heavy rains last week caused spongy spots to develop in the new section of Roseland. Stone told the council, Before Asphalt can be applied it may be necessary to excavate these spots and fill them with gravel so that new paving will hold up.



Open House to Mark Bank Opening in Franklin

FRANKLIN—Described as the most modern and complete banking unit in Michigan, the newest office of the Detroit Bank and Trust company will open Monday on Franklin road in Franklin village. Bank officials will be hosts to the community at an open house Monday from 6 to 8 p.m., when cider, donuts and coffee will be served and a special display of early banking equipment will be on view.

Charles F. Gray, long-time resident of Oakland county with 39 years of banking experience, has been named manager of the office. Mrs. Mary Perna has been appointed assistant manager. The new bank is of colonial design in keeping with Franklin's atmosphere. Bank officials said it will offer services as complete as the largest bank.

GEORGE SPEHN