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Last Chance To Register Is Monday

With the deadline of 8 p.m. Monday drawing near, clerks of Birmingham area townships and cities have extended their hours to enable voters to register for the Nov. 4 general elections.

Residents of the new City of Southfield must re-register if they were formerly registered with the township clerk, according to City Clerk Patrick J. Flannery.

Any person who registered before Southfield city's incorporation Sept. 16, 1937, must re-register at the city hall, 26880 Berg road at 10 1/2 mile. Once voters have re-registered, Flannery said, it will be a record for life if they vote every four years.

THE SOUTHFIELD city clerk will register voters today and tomorrow from 8:30 to 8 p.m., and from 8:30 to 12 Saturday, Monday hours will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Because Westwood village is still a part of Southfield Township, Westwood residents need not re-register along with the village incorporation in order to vote in the Nov. 4 election. They must, however, register with Village Clerk Alice Spencer to vote in any village elections.

SOUTHFIELD Township Clerk Fannie Adams will hold office hours to register voters from 8:30 to 5 daily, with additional hours from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight, from 9 to 1 on Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday. Her office is at the Southfield fire hall, 18 Mile road near Southfield.

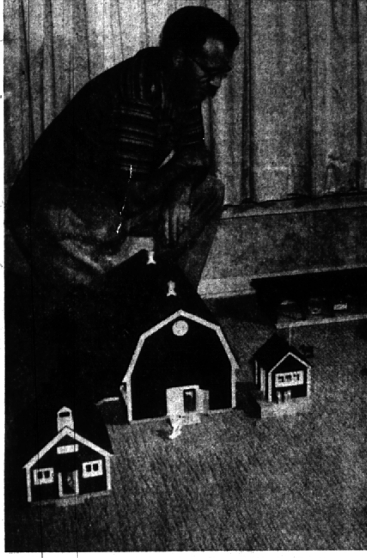
Franklin village clerk Mrs. Mildred Taylor is prepared to register voters for both village and Southfield township elections at the village offices on the second floor at 22554 Franklin road. The clerk's regular hours are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today and tomorrow, plus additional hours from 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow, and Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Lathrup clerk Jerald D. Stone will register voters at 19000 Forest drive from 8:30 to 5 p.m. today and tomorrow, and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday.

To be eligible to vote, citizens over 21 must have lived in Michigan for six months, and in the community for 30 days.

SOUTHFIELD — At a special meeting last week Southfield board of education authorized Superintendent Schoenhals to seek approval of the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission to borrow \$500,000 for operating expenses.

When approved, the district will take bids for the loan. Schoenhals said this amount will be necessary to meet payrolls and other operating expenses until tax money is received after the end of the year.



Before it goes back to Wing Lake school, the Rodger children enjoy the scale model farm their father created

And This Little Farm Went to School

By KAROL DARLING Eccentric Correspondent

FOXROFT—Children ask for the strangest things to take to school. Last winter Bill Rodger's daughter, Jean, announced that she needed a barn!

She got one—and started something.

Jean's fourth grade class at Wing Lake school had been studying farms. Each child was asked to bring a building or piece of equipment to help set up a model farm.

When Jean came home to 4180 Sandy lane with her request for a barn, Bill and his wife did a little searching. They found that toy stores' scale model barns are not very authentic. They decided that if the children were really going to learn something about farms, they should have a barn just like farmers have.

RODGER, whose hobby for years has been cabinet making, put his craftsmanship to work. Jean soon had a beautiful red barn, completely to scale in the most minute detail.

The barn's big roof lifts up, revealing the top floor—the hay mow, of course. When the hay mow is removed, the child can get a bird's-eye view of the interior of a typical barn. There are stalls for horses, a manger and pens for calves and pigs. One end of the barn is fitted for cattle, even to the stanchions for securing the cows at milking time.

Even the floor has been painted to simulate concrete. Except for a bird's-eye view of the interior of a typical barn, there are stalls for horses, a manger and pens for calves and pigs. One end of the barn is fitted for cattle, even to the stanchions for securing the cows at milking time.

JEAN'S SISTER, Nancy, saw this delightful little red barn and her nose was slightly out of joint. Until Rodger remodeled the situation by building her a little red school house. Before the winter was over, Rodger had built a complete model farm, from homestead to hen house, to the delight of Wing Lake fourth graders.

The farm has a tool shed, corn crib, hen house, milk house and farm house, each with a removable roof. In the one-room school house are desks and a pot-bellied stove. The Rodgers went all the building complete until they find a tiny school bell, a blackboard and miniature pictures of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Details in the milk house are impressively authentic. From the drain in the floor to the tiny milk cans standing on the washing and drying racks or in the milk cooler.

THE HOMESTEAD is so evocative that you'd like to move right in. The two story building has been "modernized" with a bathroom and picture window, which the children were really going to learn something about farms, they should have a barn just like farmers have.

Woodcreek Seceders Say 'It Didn't Hurt a Bit'

By NITA HARD Eccentric Correspondent

WOODCREEK FARMS — Sometimes communities get jittery about incorporating. People fear "things will be different" when they set up a home-rule type of government . . . and sometimes they are.

Not only because its official body, the council, is a conservative and painstaking administrator . . . but because the guidance and opinion of the Woodcreek Farms civic association is sought and carefully considered before measures are taken.

PRIMARILY a subdivision protective group, the civic association, takes an active part in village affairs, making recommendations which the council carefully considers.

It is approximately 90 male members, meeting regularly on the fourth Thursday of every month to hear reports on civic affairs. Committee chairman Jack Ambrose says

plans social events like the annual Christmas party at Birmingham country club, the annual election and dinner at Rosemond Hills inn just before Christmas, and the joint potluck picnic with the Ladies' group in late spring.

ALTHOUGH Woodcreek youth find their recreation pretty well regulated by the Farmington schools, they do have a club. A Cub scout den under pack B-11 in Franklin, and a chess club inquires about other activities to the right authority, whether it's in Farmington or Birmingham Little league.

Continuing primarily to act as a sounding board for the council and supply committee people when needed, the Woodcreek Civic association does its responsibilities seriously.

Association President Bill Thompson explained that aside from roads and rubbish collection, now taken over by the village government, his group is always ready to examine any controversial issue, making recommendations to the elected officers of the community.

Says Thompson, "This saves a lot of wear and tear on the men who volunteered their time to run the village."

BEFORE ANY new homes are built in Woodcreek, plans must be approved by Mel Bandfield's building committee and developer, G. W. Smith. Their personal precedents of a building permit by the village clerk, a highly restricted community, Woodcreek is especially vigilant about its appearance and doggedly guards against anything that might detract from the present standards.

J. Savakis, in charge of membership, also reports any changes in local business, keeping a running list of the nearly 500 residents and introducing newcomers.

On the lighter side, Norman Seay

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REESE said the post office department is soliciting bids in the office of J. J. Bohannon, real estate officer, post office box 2656, Detroit 31, to furnish leased space suitable for postal purposes.

The area of the site, on which the postal department has an assignable option, Reese said, is 34,167 square feet, with the building to be 25,094 square feet.

REESE said rental of the building would be "with renewal options as either a 10-year or 15-year lease, with ten years, and two options of five years each."

Lions Distribute Lathrup Directory

LATHRUP — "Your City, 1938," was distributed to 1500 Lathrup residents and business firms Saturday by the Lathrup Village Lions' club.

The service club sponsored the fifth anniversary of the city's organization. Cost of the free book was covered by the Lions and advertising by merchants and business establishments.

The directory lists Lathrup clubs and businesses, and includes information about the city government, recreation programs and tax instructions, as well as a map of the city.

Township Police Get Excellent Help from Driver

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — It took a little help—but not much—from Bloomfield township police to complete the action by which a Clarkston man recovered his stolen car here Tuesday.

Emmett Henning, of Clarkston, was driving a loaner car north on Telegraph road about 9 p.m. Tuesday. His own 1938 car had been stolen six hours before in Royal Oak.

Suddenly Henning encountered a car just like his stolen vehicle driving in the same direction. He checked the license, realized it was his own car, and forced the driver, Joseph Frano, 45, of Pontiac, to pull into a service station at the corner of Square Lake road. Then he called Bloomfield township police.

Is Michigan's Constitution Up to Date?

SOUTHFIELD — Is the Michigan constitution up-to-date?

This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Southfield area council of the PTA at 8 p.m. Oct. 7, at the Southfield high school, Lathrup at 10 Mile road.

Mrs. Lee Smith, state item chairman for the League of Women Voters, will address the PTA council on the "Call for a Constitutional Convention" to be placed on the ballot in November.

AT THE state convention of the Michigan Congress of PTA held at Muskegon in April, the members and delegates of all the local and councils in the state voted unanimously to support such a constitutional convention.

Discussion of the bond issue for the future recreation program for Southfield will also be on the program.

Bingham Farms council meets at 9 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at the Outland Riding stables on 14 Mile road, west of Southfield road.

Lathrup Stalls On Quit Claim Deed Threat

LATHRUP — Mayor Richard N. Cogger said Tuesday after a quit claim study meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Kelley that he will expect a report on the new deed Monday.

City Attorney Everett Haynes was instructed earlier this week, according to the mayor, to hold up a letter to the Michigan State Health department, the State Water Resources commission and the judge in Pontiac.

The letter was to inform them that the Lathrup subdividers are still co-owners of the city's sewers and therefore also responsible for any action taken, he said.

BUT, HE added, once again the council held up drastic action, hoping for an amicable settlement by which the subdividers would turn over the sewers to the city through a quit claim deed.

The Tuesday meeting was attended by the mayor, council members, Haynes, Claude Stevens, city bond attorney, the Kelleys and their attorney A. H. Williams.

The three-hour long meeting closed with all parties agreeing that a suitable quit claim deed may be reached eventually, the mayor said.

No press representatives were allowed to attend the meeting.

Polio Clinic Set In Lathrup Oct. 7

The Sanctuary society of St. Bede's church will conduct a polio clinic again this year from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7.

First, second and third shots will be given, as well as boosters. The charge will be \$1.00 per shot. The clinic will be held at the church social hall.

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Bloomfield Group Officers Eye By-Laws

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Talking over the by-laws of the Federated Civic association are the first officers of the new group. They are (from left) Mrs. John (Margaret) Begovich, secretary; Dorman Dickerson, Jr., treasurer; Harvey V. Beggs,

vice president, and George Pefzer, president. Pefzer recently appointed a committee to revise the by-laws to emphasize the nature of Bloomfield township association's over-all as "non-partisan, non-political."