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S'field High School Cut To 1/2 Days

SOUTHFIELD — Southfield high school students resumed a full six-class schedule Wednesday but on a temporarily condensed timetable which ends their day shortly after noon.

Because the addition to the high school, which includes an expanded cafeteria and new classrooms, will not be finished for a few weeks, students began a schedule with 42-minute classes instead of 55-minute sessions and no study or lunch periods.

For the time being, classes start at 8 a. m. and end at 12:37. High school principal Robert Hall stressed that the architects and contractors have been "doing everything possible" to speed completion of the addition. Last week, he said, plastering was being finished. Hall has been promising that classrooms will be turned over to the high school to be used as soon as each is completed.

Hall said he felt the only classes being affected by the shortened schedule were chemistry and physics laboratories because it is difficult to condense experiments.

AT A SPECIAL meeting of the board of education last Wednesday, Superintendent Glenn Schoenfeld reported that classes at John Grace school also may be on a temporarily shortened schedule.

Bids were received at the meeting for construction of the 11-Mile-Evergreen school. There were 17 general construction, 16 mechanical, 17 electrical and 3 cafeteria equipment bids received. They were turned over to the school's architect for study with recommendations to be made at the regular September board meeting next Monday.

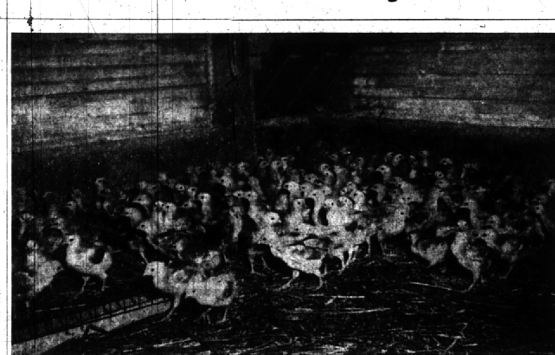
Youth Drives Racer In State Fair Parade

LONG PINE VILLAGE — David Reschke, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reschke of Ranch Lake, participated in the parade at the State Fair grounds Saturday in his midsize racer. Sunday David drove his car No. 57 in the Midsize races at Miracle Mile.

Gas Hearing Set

LATHRUP — The public hearing on the Consumers Gas company franchise will be held at 8 p. m. Monday.

Nine-Man Planning Board Is Named for Westwood



Spring Chickens Almost Little Red Hens

More than 300 Red Rock chickens gather for a cheap session at the La Palma farm premises of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fruhauf, 5330 Middlebelt, Walnut Lake. The Fruhaufs, who keep the chickens until they are a few months old, find this the most economical way to stock their freezer.

Although the chicks are an attraction for visiting youngsters, they will be cook book necessities when they tip the scales at three pounds.

Is Radio Ham's Tower A Boon or an Eyesore?

WESTWOOD — Describing an amateur radio operator's new tower as an eye sore that "looks like an oil derrick," nine Westwood village residents protested to the council Tuesday that their property was being degraded.

The tower, which the councilman for the village told the Westwood village council that the tower constructed Sunday by ham radio operator George L. Boley at 3111 Pierce was 35 to 40 feet high. Topped by two hoops 10 to 12 feet in diameter, the tower dominates the view of a two-block area, the spokesman claimed.

Councilmen heard the tower defended by Boley's adjoining neighbor, Claude A. Sheppard, of 1024 Madeline, and by Southfield Justice of the Peace Ted Sura. The councilmen agreed to see the tower for themselves, and postponed the matter until their Sept. 15 meeting.

NEIGHBORS protesting Boley's new acquisition asked that the village council set some height and width limitations on such towers. Sura told the councilmen, "I have been a ham radio operator for over 25 years, and I want to put one of these towers up also." (See TOWER, Page 2-D)

Cockerish Pooch Wags His Way Toward a Home

WESTWOOD — Who wants a cocker-type puppy?

"A darn good dog, housebroken and gentle and he answers to Hey, Pooch!" That's Sgt. Floyd Rathas talking.

Westwood's all-purpose safety department has been tending the pooch since Mrs. June Clobey of 17141 Locherbie found him wandering around and brought him in Monday night, but they can't keep him much longer.

"And he'd make a wonderful pet for some kid," Rathas attests. Pooch is light brown—almost blond—about six months old, cocker spaniel sized and wears a bright red collar. If he's yours, you'd better hurry over to the fire station on 13 Mile road. That pup is making friends fast.

Not Only Fury But Also Fire

Snack in the middle of the Westwood village council's hearing of protests over a new radio tower, a fire alarm sounded. Five men were concentrating and residents were arguing next to the big red truck in the 13 Mile road fire station when Southfield fireman Al Barnes dashed across the room shouting "The truck!"

Six residents got up off the truck's running board. Five men helped Barnes open the reluctant garage door, and away he raced. Fifteen minutes later he was back along with Sgt. Floyd Rathas and Officer George Lake, who had also sped to the scene of a reported car fire at Lathrup and 13 Mile. Nothing there, they reported.

Lathrup Paving Costs Consume Council Time

LATHRUP — A few items of correspondence were all the Lathrup council had finished Monday when Mayor Richard Cogger decided to skip down the agenda to take up the 1957 paving program.

Lathrup Police Car Damaged in Crash

LATHRUP — Three fenders of Lathrup's patrol car were squashed Saturday morning as the car slewed into another. No one was hurt in the crash.

Lathrup police said the police car slewed into the oncoming lane to avoid hitting John D. Rose, Jr., of 27500 California, as he turned his car into a parking lot on Southfield between California and Cambridge. A volunteer officer Charles Giordano answered back the rear of the car slewed sideways hitting a 1957 automobile driven by Father Alvin McColl, 32, of St. John Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.

Although the police car is out of service, police protection for the city will not be changed, officers said. A spare car will be used temporarily. Police said they could not estimate the damage to the cruiser.

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"Hard Work Never Hurts Anyone." Say Two New School Board Members 1-A

James Pratt Ordination Set 7-B

Jane Romney Weds Bruce Robinson in Utah 1-C

Charles Lynch Keeps Tennis Title, Averil Cup 8-D

Magnificent Elm Falls, Doomed By Tiny Beetle



Or, you'll have to cut

Along with such pedestrian budget items as sewers, roads and firehalls is an allotment for beauty . . . or money, that is, to fight for the magnificent elms that spread their bows over our landscape.

Dutch elm blight hovers over our green canopy. A small European elm bark beetle is the villain. It burrows into twigs to feed, travels down into the bark to breed, depositing a fungus that causes the tree to form gums, plugging the water-conducting tissues.

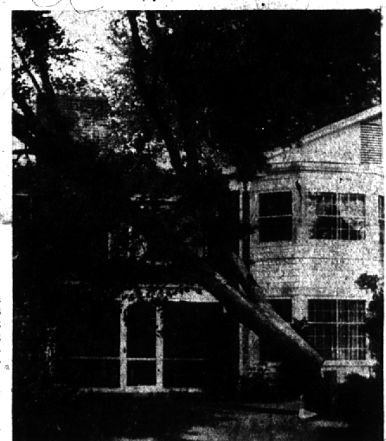
This condition, in addition to a poison the fungus produces, has caused hundreds of trees here and hundreds of thousands across the United States to wilt and die.

Diseased trees have dead branches, brown leaves that may hang among green foliage and streaked bark. Once the disease hits a tree, there is no cure.

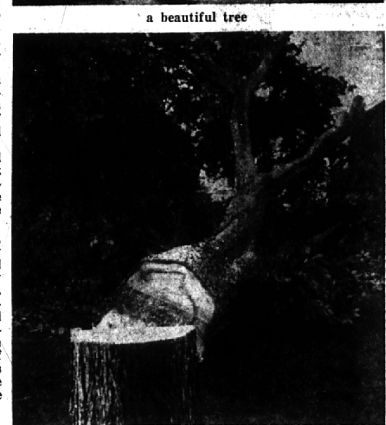
According to Emil G. Olin, whose men have been busy spraying trees in Southfield and Bloomfield, the only treatment is preventive.

This means prompt removal of diseased elms and pruning of weakened, cracked and dead limbs. Thorough spraying with a mixture of DDT and other chemicals helps protect the healthy tree against invasion by the beetle.

(Photo story by Deni Scanlon.)



a beautiful tree



down.



This little bug made an ash of himself!

Ultimate in Economy Cars—Hays' 1953 Mobile-Mower

By NITA HARD
Eccentric Correspondent

The compulsion for propulsion on a low low budget has brought new prestige to the family's lawn mower.

Its four cycle gasoline engine, Franklin's youth has discovered, will really coast when harnessed to four bicycle wheels and an airplane seat.

PIONEER — The one-man fair weather, daylight only vehicle Bill Hays, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hays of Garden way, has been building one since he was 13. Bill claims he gets 120 miles to a gallon of gas and speeds up to 40 miles an hour.

Bill paid \$7 for a lawn mower motor and mounted it on a six-foot hardwood chassis, making Franklin's first "mobile-mower." Over the years this has carried Bill nearly 5,000 miles, he estimates, all within an eight mile radius of the Hays home.

LEGALLY licensed by the state for 75 cents a year, the mobile-mower sports a classy '46 Lincoln

horn powered by a 12 volt battery. Less snazzy are the braking arrangements. The whizzer comes to halt, usually, as a result of planing slope in advance. But it will halt obediently with the aid of hand brakes if the driver didn't plan.

TWO YEARS ago neophyte engineer Bill sold his car, his brother Ed, 16, but he hasn't completely relinquished his paternal right to tinker it into running smoothly.

And the Hays boys seem to have started a trend. This summer several discarded lawn mowers in Franklin were given a new lease on life, and little cars have been sputtering up and down Franklin's country roads in increasing numbers. The Hays brothers, though, are acknowledged to have the best.



Ed and Bill Hays prepare for "take-off." Hurry up, pooch.