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Kelleys Give Deed To Lathrup

LATHRUP — Subdivider Charles D. Kelley placed a quit claim deed in the hands of the Lathrup council Monday evening that Mayor Richard N. Cogger termed "unappreciatedly acceptable."

Because the copy of the deed was given to the council early Monday evening and because he had not had time to study the corrected form, Cogger asked that the entire seven-page document be read at the council meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY Everett Hayes told the council that the new deed was a tremendous improvement and except for some minor changes it appeared satisfactory.

Hayes and the mayor will study the deed this week and present it at next Monday's continued meeting for final approval. "Well, well," said Councilman Frederick O. Johnson, when discussion on the quit claim deed finally ended. "This is more like it. Just think how long our hair would be if we had let it grow while we were waiting!"

Lathrup has sought a deed to the city sewers from the subdividers for over two years. The quit claim deed would give Lathrup ownership of the sewers built by the Kelleys years ago.

Canadian to Head S'field Public Works

SOUTHFIELD — A new superintendent of public works was hired March 31 in Southfield. Jack Adams, 45, took over duties formerly handled by Robert G. Lee, who resigned the city engineer's post in February.

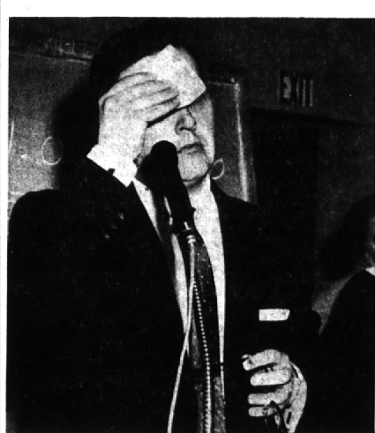
\$200 Stolen From Beverly Home

BEVERLY HILLS — A total of \$200 was taken from its hiding place in a model boat Friday by burglars, who broke into the home of Mrs. L. Margrove, 18241 Director.

Talk of the Towns

A little bundle from heaven entry into the world recently, delivered Jon Eric Hanson. That fertile fowl places Mrs. William F. Hanson, of Westchester, as our nominee or mother of the year.

Attendance Slight at Township Meetings



13 Pass \$243,650 Budget

By JULIE CANDLER Township Auditor BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Thirteen of its 20,000 residents approved Bloomfield township's 1958-59 budget Saturday at the annual meeting.

Even Good Stones Cost Good Money These Days!

CRANBROOK — Over in Cranbrook Village the other day, the spirit of spring got into three little five-year-olds. When she answered her doorbell, Esther Craft (Mrs. Stan C.), learned that they were showing plans, ordinary garden-variety stonies.

Southfield Stamps OK On Budget

By DENI SCANLON SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP — It took Southfield township residents only an hour and 45 minutes to settle issues of the supervisor's salary, the building addition and park improvement at the annual meeting Saturday at Country Day school.

Annual Meets Wax Hot and Cold

It wasn't just the furnace that caused Southfield Township Supervisor Hugh G. Allerton, Jr., to wipe his brow Saturday at the township's annual meeting. But over at Bloomfield township hall, Mrs. Robert A. Reid (right) coolly knitted and purled through that township's annual meeting.

Mrs. Reid, of 344 Tibury, is the wife of a township trustee. Meanwhile, back at Southfield township's meeting at Detroit Country Day school, 70 residents asked a lot of questions. For almost two hours they discussed such matters as the township supervisor's salary, and the spending of \$67,735 next year by a township made up of three incorporated villages. After the budget was passed intact, Allerton soothed his simmering brow.

Few budgetary questions were raised at Saturday's session, following explanations by Township Treasurer Homer Case and Supervisor Arno L. Hulet. The 13 attending the meeting listened intently to their reports on township operations and asked a number of questions.

Southfield Twp Incumbents Back in Office

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—Almost half the registered voters in Southfield township went to the polls Monday and returned all incumbent officials to their posts.

Reed and Hogan Lead W. Bloomfield B'field Trustee Race

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—A close vote Monday gave four-year terms on the Bloomfield township board of trustees to incumbent Robert A. Reid and Henry M. Hogan, Jr. Just 13 votes behind Hogan, Samuel Reeve was elected to fill the two-year vacancy on the board.

Continues Its One-Mill Tax

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—A special one-mill tax to raise funds for general township operational costs was supported by the township electorate by a vote of 662 to 463.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC B'ham School System Cuthack Foresee 1-A B'ham Teen Center Grand Opening Scheduled Friday 1-B Good 'Hand' to Lead Northwestern Baptist 6-B Girls' Ranch At Camp Oakland News Completion 1-C Sub-Debs Entertain Mothers at Luncheon 1-D Maple Baseball Team Ready for Opener 8-E

Franklin Adds Mill To Taxes

FRANKLIN — By nipping here and adding there, Franklin councilmen figured Monday that one mill would cover the \$18,310 proposed fiscal budget. They set April 20 at 8 p.m. for a public hearing before the budget's adoption in May.

The one-mill tax is the first to be used by the village for general budgeting. The village charter authorizes the levying of up to three mills for general expenses. Franklin will level the full eight mills approved in March for roads, bringing property owners' village taxes in July to nine mills. A total of \$48,900 will be raised by the road millage, the village anticipates.

FRANKLIN plans to spend \$66,000 on its roads this year, including \$18,000 expected from the state. The Franklin community library was among the new items to appear on the budget. Rather than levy 3/10 of a mill for the library as that group suggested so it could receive \$200 in state aid and a loan of books from the state library the council agreed to a token contribution of \$250. They urged residents to give financial support to the non-profit project.

W. Bloomfield Passes Budget Of \$225,135 WEST BLOOMFIELD—A budget of \$225,135 for township operations in 1959 was approved at West Bloomfield's annual township meeting Saturday.

The meeting was attended by 77 residents—half the number attending last year. The township's population is estimated at 12,500. The budget adopted is approximately \$12,500 higher than the budget for 1958-59. Of the increase, \$9,175 provides a fifth policeman to the force and an additional squad car. Purchase of an acre lot adjoining township hall for \$2,000 is also provided for.

Allocations are: supervisor's department, \$21,950; clerk's department, \$1,500; treasurer's department, \$11,500; election, \$5,725; general government, \$2,475; fire department, \$35,750; public safety, \$20,575; building and health, \$24,725; town hall, \$9,075; civil defense, \$1,800; capital improvement, \$21,500; library, \$19,860.

Vacate Right-of-Way, Kelleys Ask County

LATHRUP—Oakland county road commission must decide on April 23 if it will abandon a portion of 11 Mile road from a 240 to a 120-foot right-of-way from Southfield to Evergreen roads. Hearings on three different requests for abandonment have been set for 2:30 and 3:30. Petitioners are Charles and Louise Lathrup Kelley, and Nason Coddington, Detroit, owners of 11 Mile road property. Coddington holds power of attorney for three owners on 11 Mile.

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THE GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUND, SET AT \$12,355, SHOWS AN INCREASE FROM \$700 TO \$2,500 FOR CIVIL DEFENSE AND FROM \$500 TO \$1,500 FOR CURRENT DRAINAGE.

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DISCUSSING A REPLACEMENT FOR ASBURY, REED SAID, "I AM LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THIS JOB. WE WOULD LIKE SOMEbody (See NEED, Page 6-E)

Commissioner Moving, Beverly Hills In Need

BEVERLY HILLS—The village needs a new road commissioner, Beverly Hills Councilman Robert B. Reed said this week.

Reed, who heads the village streets and highway committee, announced the pending resignation of Road Commissioner Waldo Asbury to move out of the state. Asbury, of 17123 Buckingham, has been road commissioner since the village government's organization last spring.

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14-Southfield Bank Approved

BEVERLY HILLS—The rezoning of 14 Mile makes possible the building of a bank on the southwest corner of 14 Mile and Southfield roads was approved by the village council Tuesday night. (See story on P. 1-A).

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