

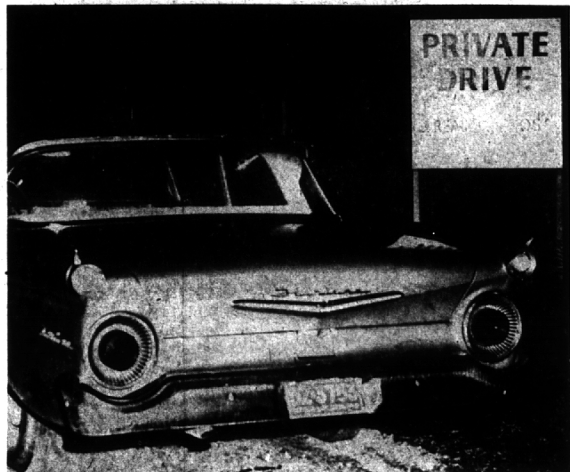
## 'round the towns news

## The Birmingham Eccentric

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**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP** — The car was found abandoned just 75 yards east of Woodward in a private drive. James Phillips told police he can't remember what happened to him from the time he left the Kingsley Inn until he was found beaten and wandering near Woodward and Hickory Grove. The car belongs to an auto rental agency.

## Birmingham Man Victim Of Assault in Township

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP** — A Birmingham man who was beaten and robbed early Tuesday morning, told police "I can't remember anything."

Thirty-six-year-old James Phillips of 805 Redding road, was found wandering at Woodward and Hickory Grove by motorist Richard Wagner, 1291 Malcolm, Pontiac.

Wagner summoned Bloomfield Hills police who put in a call to Bloomfield township and Birmingham scout cars to be on the look out for the beaten man's missing brown 1959 Ford.

**TOWNSHIP** officers located the auto parked in a secluded private drive just east of Woodward on Hickory Grove. They had been searching grounds near St. Hugo of the Hills after Phillips mumbled something about seeing construction work.

He told police that he had been left just east of Woodward on Hickory Grove. He couldn't recall what happened from that time on.

**AS PHILLIPS** sat in the township police headquarters close to 4 a.m. after being treated for face cuts at St. Joseph's hospital in Pontiac, he chain-smoked cigarettes trying to remember what happened. He said he thought he was driven to the lonely spot by two men.

**WHEN THEY** got out of the car, seven or eight others beat him and took his watch, a diamond ring valued at \$1,000 and \$145 in cash. Phillips, a salesman for a paper pulp manufacturer in Detroit, said that was all he could remember and that none of it was really clear in his mind.

**THE CAR** belongs to a New Jersey auto rental agency, according to police. A working press sticker from Hazel Park was glued to the bumper.

## Got Any News?

Your correspondent would like to hear from you.

Here are the correspondents and the areas they cover:

If you live in **Beverly Hills**:  
CALL: Nita Hay MA 6-3224  
(after 6 p.m.)  
If you live in **Bloomfield township**, south of Maple:  
(Covering all of Bloomfield township from Maple road south.)  
CALL: Marian Patrick MA 6-3029  
If you live in **Bloomfield township**, north of Maple:  
(Covering all of Bloomfield township from Maple road north, east to Woodward.)  
CALL: Carol Darling MA 6-6348  
If you live in **Franklin**:  
(Covering all of the villages of Franklin, Bingham Farms and Wood Creek Farms.)  
CALL: Nita Hay MA 6-3224  
If you live in **Lathrup Village**:  
(Covering all of the City of Lathrup Village and Cranbrook Village.)  
CALL: Dorothy Zabel EL 6-3029  
If you live in **West Bloomfield**:  
(Covering all of West Bloomfield township east of Woodward and Troy.)  
CALL: Elizabeth Yates MI 1-628

## Quit Claim Deed Near Final Stages—They Say

**LATHRUP**—"When the Mayor's away, council meetings shall be short and snappy," so say three non-vacationing members of the Lathrup council. Monday's 9:07 p.m. adjournment was the earliest this year with the six items on the agenda covered precisely and promptly.

**IN HIS REPORT** City Attorney Everett Hagd told council members that the quit claim deed the city has sought for close to four years is ready. Hayes said Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Kelley have indicated they will hand over the deed as soon as county bond attorney Claude Stevens and their own attorney approve a new easement form drawn by Hayes.

**MAYOR PRO TEM** Frederick Johnson asked that a long letter regarding a Lathrup library from John Campbell be placed in a file awaiting suggestions from various organizations in the city. The council agreed to make a thorough study of the library questions when all recommendations are received.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR** Jerald D. Stone reported that he hoped to have sidewalks and a good crossing constructed at Southfield and 12 Mile road by the time school opens.

Present at the meeting, Mrs. William F. Provencer accepted chairmanship of the newly formed recreation commission. Ordinance No. 59 establishing the commission will become effective August 17.

**REPORTING ON** Lathrup's newest recreation, Mrs. Provencer told council members that insurance coverage had been worked out and archers will meet every Thursday evening at 11 Mile and Evergreen road while final permission for the use of the location is being worked out.

Residents who have suggestions for the new recreation commission may write the commission through the city offices.

In his report Stone told council members that work by Consumers' Power will begin this month to furnish gas lines for the city.

**SUMMER ROAD** repairs in Lathrup, Stone said, are almost complete. The large section of Sunset has been repaved and a new block of Middlesex is being constructed.

Stone was appointed official delegate for the City of Lathrup Village. He will attend the Michigan

## PRIVATE DRIVE

# Council Appoints Village Manager In Beverly Hills

## Subdivision Referred Back To Plan Board

**BEVERLY HILLS** — The Nottingham Forest subdivision, a road report and a discussion of the resignations of two plan board members were other headlines on the Beverly Hills council meeting agenda Monday night.

Council members reviewed the resubmitted proposed plat of the Nottingham Forest subdivision and voted to send it back to the plan board for consideration and the board's recommendation.



ROBERT MURPHY

## Robert Murphy Named as Head Administrator

**BEVERLY HILLS** — With a new water department under its wing and responsibility mounting on the shoulders of the village, Beverly Hills named its first village manager Monday night.

Robert Murphy, the present director of public safety for the village, was the unanimous choice of councilmen who named him to the post after screening several applicants.

"His knowledge of village affairs, development of the public safety department and his obvious interest in the welfare of Beverly Hills are the reasons for our selection," Council president Marvin Cline stated.

An effective date will be decided next week.

According to the village charter, Murphy will handle most administrative duties. His appointment and term of office will be controlled by the council.

**AS THE CHIEF** administrator, the new village manager is given the power to appoint his workers with the exception of the clerk, treasurer, assessor and village attorney.

He will be in charge of the budget preparation and the administration of it after adoption. He will also take part in council discussions but will not have a vote.

**MURPHY**, who now heads the public safety department, told the council that he would have to delegate more authority within the ranks of the safety department now that he is branching out into supervision of the public works and water services.

The need for four more public safety officers will be discussed next week. The joint fire arrangement with Southfield, which will terminate this fall makes the staff increase necessary.

A clerk and a field man will staff the water department, which also comes under the manager's jurisdiction.

**MURPHY** 32, was born in Stanford, Conn. He has been Beverly Hills director of public safety since March, 1958.

A retired Detroit police inspector, Murphy spent 28 years on the Detroit Police Department, worked for Thompson-Stratford construction company in the east.

Murphy has taken courses in police administration and government at Wayne State university. He was also a member of the Detroit Police Association, and his wife, Mildred, the couple has a daughter, Mrs. Gary (Peggy) J. Murphy, and one granddaughter, Katherine.

## Beverly Hills Man Saves Girl's Life In Muskegon Lake

**MUSKEGON** — A non swimmer from Beverly Hills pulled a little girl who had learned her swimming lesson too well from the waters at North Muskegon park last weekend.

Linda Gwatin, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gwatin of Muskegon is taking instruction at the local YMCA and learned to float—too well, quite at ease she lay on top of the water as a breeze carried her out over her head.

When she discovered she could not reach the bottom she panicked and floundered in the water.

Three lifeguards were on the beach but Henry Zuidema, 16906 Elizabeth, who was visiting relatives in Muskegon saw her first and went to help her.

Although he doesn't swim Zuidema waded out into the water until it was over his head, managed to reach the girl and brought her to shore.

## City Discontinues Fire Agreement With Township

**SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP** — The city of Southfield served formal notice in a letter dated July 28 that it will discontinue its fire agreement with the township at 12:01 a.m. Oct. 1.

Under the present agreement the city furnishes one fireman, the township furnishes the fire truck and Beverly Hills the public service department to fight fires in Beverly Hills and the township and city north of 12 Mile road.

Southfield city has recently acquired a new fire hall at 12 Mile and Evergreen.

Residents expressed a desire for one billing and one payment.

## ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

**BIRMINGHAM LITTLE LEAGUE** In District Championship 1-A Water Goes Round And Round And Comes Out Here

**ST. JAMES PLANS CHAIR** Summer's Still Here

**DEFENDING CHAMPS LOSE** In Tennis Tourney

## Three-Year-Old Dies of Meningitis During Vacation

**BEVERLY HILLS** — A three-year-old Beverly Hills youth was struck by an attack of meningitis in a northern Michigan resort while his parents were on vacation and died several hours later in a Cheboygan hospital.

The victim was Jeffrey M. Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Whitely Dunn, 18325 Beverly.

His parents had just arrived at a resort outside Cheboygan when the youngster was afflicted.

They rushed him to the Cheboygan Community hospital, but he died several hours later.

**HE IS SURVIVED** by a sister, Pauline Jean; three brothers, Ernest L., Michael B., James Whitely Dunn Jr., and his paternal grandfather, Mrs. Arthur Ruby, of California.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Bell Chapel of the William H. Hamilton company.

The Rev. Thomas Phillips, of St. James Episcopal church, Birmingham, officiated at the ceremonies. Interment was at Forest Lawn cemetery.

## Vacationer Claims Car Confiscated From Teenagers

**BEVERLY HILLS** — A car impounded by the Birmingham police Friday was claimed by J. L. Fralick, 18417 Devonshire, Monday.

The car was stopped by police Friday night for going through a red light at 11 Mile and Southfield. It was impounded when the teenager driving failed to produce a license of registration for the vehicle.

**THERE WAS** no hearing report on the car so city police began a search for the owner. Fralick explained that he has just returned from a vacation.

The car was stolen by four youths who had a key made and drove it away from the Fralick home Friday.

The teenagers were turned over to their parents and a report made to the juvenile bureau.

## Church Is Subject Of Painting Contest

**FRANKLIN** — The Franklin Arts and Crafts Round-up and the Community association have announced that there will be a \$50 cash prize for the best painting of the Franklin Community church.

Entries are to be submitted for Sept. 19 show and may be either in oil or water color.

The winning painting will be presented to the church.

# Elementary School Begun in Bloomfield

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** — Contracts have been awarded and work begun on the new elementary school on Quanton road. (The school is still unnamed; Bloomfield Hills board of education is hoping the public will come up with a suitable title).

General contractor for the school is J. C. Nielson company with a bid of \$254,545 plus a \$2,000 management fee for overseeing all building contracts.

**THE SCHOOL** will contain seven classrooms, a kindergarten, kitchen, multi-purpose room and a library with work room.

The library has larger area than usual, as studies made by

school officials revealed a need for more library space.

The classrooms also have an extra amount of built-in cabinets which have been found desirable by teachers. The classrooms are self-contained, having adjoining bathroom facilities.

**THE BUILDING** will conform to the contours of the heavily wooded site, and it has been situated to serve as many trees as possible.

Barring delays from a long steel strike, it will be completed in time for the second school semester.