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B'field Township Board Approves 3 Subdivisions

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—There will be no let-up of population growth in the township next year, if the number of real estate development plans presented to the township board for approval, are any indication.

Three plans were approved at the township meeting Monday night.

They include a 28-acre subdivision to be known as Chalmersford located east of Squirrel road, south of Square Lake; Kemp Orchard Estates, south of Ward road; and Franklin Woods Manor, number three, west of Franklin, north of 14th road.

Development of sewers in the area continues via the htp ExR area continues with the acceptance of the board of Broughton Farms sanitary sewer. The first hearing on the project is scheduled Dec. 28.

OTHER BUSINESS transacted by the board included approval of SDD liquor license for the On Drugs at Maple and Telegraph.

The board granted permission to Lee Lee, located at Franklin and Telegraph roads, to erect a swimming pool.

Mr. Harlan, who appeared before the board in reference to developing property at Adams and Big Beaver roads was advised by the board to take up any question of erecting a swimming club on his property with the township zoning board.

A COMMITTEE composed of board members Henry Hogan, Jr., Robert Reid, and attorney Floyd Blacklock, were appointed to meet with attorney John Yanker, representing residents of Orchard Lane, to discuss payments of sewer lateral fees by the residents.

Hearings on sewer and highway lighting were also held before the regular board meeting Monday night. All projects were approved.

The resolution was passed at the township meeting Monday night. The board also recognized, by resolution, the years of service to the community of Ralph Hummerly, whose resignation as fire chief was accepted at the meeting.

A letter of thanks to Jerry Trov, for his gift to the fire department of two fire hose covers, was also authorized.

POLICEMEN Reuther and Coy were praised for their recent action in saving the lives of two young college students.

The students were discovered in an automobile, half dead from carbon monoxide poisoning. While awaiting the arrival of a rescuer, the officers applied mouth to mouth respiration, which resulted in their survival, according to medical opinion.

IN ASKING the board for commendation for his men, Chief Norman Dehne, said "the incident justified our police policy of assigning two policemen to a squad car."

He also commented that police training in mouth to mouth resuscitation methods had amply paid off in the saving of the two lives.

Water Heater Starts Fire in Beverly

BEVERLY HILLS—A Water heater in the garage at a Beverly Hills home caused a fire Dec. 10 but leaking steam extinguished it as firemen arrived.

Burning oil floating on the water caused the fire at the B. C. Wash house, 16255 Madeline, Beverly Hills.

Friday, Dec. 18, Is the Deadline for all News and Want Ads and Display Advertising Copy

Because Our Christmas Week Issue Will Be Published on Tuesday, December 22

Friday, Dec. 18, Is the Deadline!

Hulet Elected to Top County Post, Thatcher Named Road Commissioner

Course Delightful When the Weather's Not Too Frightful

SOUTHFIELD—Neither mud, nor cold, nor lack of a clubhouse can stay these linkmen from their appointed rounds.

It was Sunday, Dec. 13. There was no pro shop available to them. Nor a clubhouse where they could stop for 19th hole refreshments.

But a warm sun was shining on Plum Hollow golf course and the remains of the clubhouse levelled by fire last month. And a dozen valiant golfers were treading the links, taking advantage of one more chance to whittle a few strokes off the score.

Storm Water Vote Feb. 16 in Lathrup

LATHRUP—A special election on Lathrup's storm water question will be Feb. 16 if the council decided Monday.

Lathrup voters will be asked to approve a \$750,000 bond issue to pay for a storm water disposal system. It will consist of open surface drains for the collection of water and enclosed sewers for the transportation of storm water to the place of its disposal.

In 1957 Lathrup voters turned down a chance to get a storm water system for \$696,000. This year's price is higher. The city has spent \$8,000 for preliminary plans. A storm water committee has made a complete study of all methods of disposing of storm water. They still recommend a separate system over the more expensive combined system and sewage disposal plant.

In their revised estimate of cost, engineers Pate and Hirm quote \$500,897.50 for enclosed

storm sewers and appurtenances, \$168,243.10 for open storm drains and appurtenances for a total construction cost of \$669,140.60. Other costs will amount to \$115,748.81 for engineering, resident inspection and contingencies and \$7,140.69 for legal and administrative expenses.

ACCORDING to council members, the present plan for a storm water system as designed by Pate and Hirm would necessitate very little change in the present roadside ditches which would carry storm water to catch basins then underground to the Evans ditch. If the proposed bond issue is approved, council members hope to have a part of the system in before the spring rains of 1961.

PLANNERS Need 3 Months On 13-Evergreen Decision

BY JULIE CANDLER Township Editor

BEVERLY HILLS—A "dim view" is what the Birmingham school system takes when it looks at the possibility of a group of investors plan to open stores near Groves high school at 13 Mile and Evergreen in Beverly Hills.

A long view is what the Beverly Hills planning board wants to take of the same problem.

Plan board member Mrs. Maurice V. Rogers said this week that she will be about three months before the board makes a recommendation on the request now before it for rezoning of the northeast corner.

OWNER John P. O'Neill has asked for commercial zoning for the site of the 11-and-a-half acre site. He purchased it about 18 months ago from Christ Church Cranbrook.



For Your Lion Tamer Friends

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—"He's just like a big dog—if a lion respects you, he won't give you any trouble," says Tom Hunt, pictured here with Santa Claus, his list, and his animal friend, Nuby. For \$250, you can take Nuby home for Christmas with you from Hunt's pet shop at 2243 S. Telegraph, Miracle Mile. "A lot of customers are very interested in buying him for a pet," says Hunt, "especially a man who used to be with a circus and has a fondness for wild animals." Nine-month-old Nuby's vital statistics—weight, 135; length, four feet (not including tail); height, three feet; foot consumption, four pounds daily. "An ideal Christmas gift," says Hunt, who's keeping Nuby in a cage in front of his newly-expanded store through Saturday. Hunt bought the lion from a friend who kept him for a pet.

Citizen's Committee Named; Franklin Plans for Election

FRANKLIN—Adam Schubel will head the 1960 Franklin Citizens' committee it was decided last Wednesday night. Schubel and representatives from every official board of active community groups will devote the next few months to encouraging qualified residents to run for village office in the March election.

For the third consecutive year, the Citizens' committee will attempt to assure voters of at least two candidates for each of seven offices. In March voters will have to elect a village president and three councilmen for two year terms. The clerk, assessor and treasurer are one year terms.

Also serving on the 1960 committee are Mrs. Robert Winkel, secretary and Arthur Kregar as vice chairman.

OTHERS ARE: Dr. John Burger and Mrs. Robert Love, PTA; Earl Ramsey and Gordon McAlpine, club scouts; Mrs. Richard Barnard and Mrs. Eugene Kawewski, community library; Frank Young, Franklin volunteer fire department; Richard Fasse and Kenneth Bristol, village police.

NEWTON Cole, Franklin Community church; Phil Price and Mrs. Grace Harris, Franklin village players; Mrs. William Rummel and Mrs. Winkel, girl scouts; Mrs.

County Board Picks 2 Area Supervisors

PONTIAC—Important county posts went to Bloomfield township Supervisor Arno L. Hulet and former West Bloomfield township Supervisor Hiland M. Thatcher this week.

Hulet was elected vice-chairman of the Oakland county board of supervisors at that body's meeting Monday. Thatcher, who is currently vice-chairman, was named to fill a vacancy on the Oakland county road commission. He resigned Dec. 1 as West Bloomfield supervisor in order to run for the \$7,400 post.

Hulet's was the supervisors' unanimous choice for the important vice-chairmanship. As second in command to Chairman Delos Hamlin, Hulet will preside at supervisors' meetings in Hamlin's absence. There is no pay for the part-time office which he will assume Jan. 1.

"IT IS an honor to Bloomfield township," said Hulet. "I am glad that this township, which pays the highest taxes of any in the county, has been given recognition—the first time—by my election as vice-chairman."

Hulet, who lives at 2355 Franklin road, Pontiac, has been on the board of supervisors since July, 1956. He has been on the board's legislative committee, roads and bridges committee, and its chairman of the boundaries committee. Thatcher faced strong opposition for the road commissioner post from former Ferndale supervisor Clayton Lilly. The vote was 51 to 24 in favor of Thatcher, who shall Taylor, of Walled Lake, withdrew.

THATCHER replaces Lee O. Brooks, who resigned because of illness. Three years of Brooks' term of office remain. Thatcher announced his intention to resign the West Bloomfield supervisor's job in November, stating that he sought the road appointment as "the two positions are not compatible."

He held the West Bloomfield post for 11 years. Though there was no floor fight over Thatcher's appointment, Huntingdon Woods City Manager Fred L. Yockey recommended that administrative power be taken away from the road commission. Yockey's call for a reorganization was turned over to committee.

THE GROUP now has a definite promise from developer Rodney Lockwood that he will furnish an acre of ground at Evergreen road and Hickory Leaf lane. Two other acres will be available for purchase to complete the land layout if plans go through.

Lockwood is furnishing architectural and legal help for the group. A MEETING OF THE organizational group is scheduled for Dec. 22 when they will look into methods of financing together with second step developments.

James L. Snedker, 2948 Fall River road, Southfield, is chairman of the committee working on plans.

He is visiting in one of our towns with his brother, Rodney Putters, 2835 W. Big Beaver, Troy, who works for the Ford tractor and equipment division. The Rev. Jan Putters leaves here Sunday to fly to Rotterdam, The Netherlands. He'll have Christmas dinner in his homeland with his sister and family.

He speaks English that is thick with Dutch favorings like just-for-just—and delightfully sprinkled with chuckles.

BETWEEN the chuckles, I learned that Putters returns in April to Uganda, where he has been a Roman Catholic missionary for 10 years.

There were 8,000 African natives from four tribes in his parish when the 68-year-old priest first went to Uganda to spread the word. Now there are 14,000. They used to come on foot from as far as 35 miles to spend a day at the mission.

Now most of the time the priests have to go ourselves. There was the way Fr. Putters explained it. "They have more work and more civilization now. With the civilization came more theft in the country."

THE NATIVES formerly could leave their homes for a week at a time without shutting the doors. Then they would walk for three days to spend a day at the mission and spend three days walking home.

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Talk of the Towns

BY JULIE CANDLER

You can ask all the questions you want, and no one calls you nosy for doing it—you're just doing your job. That's the fun of being in the newspaper business here in Birmingham.

This week I got a tip about somebody who sounded interesting. So I called and had a nice long, nosy phone conversation with a man who was extremely charming, gracious and fine.

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