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Lathrup to Decide On Interceptor Fees

LATHRUP—How do Lathrup taxpayers want to be charged for their \$300,000 share and connection to the Evergreen interceptor? Council members must decide at their meeting next Monday evening.

Do home owners favor a tap-in charge ranging from \$200 to \$300, or do they prefer an ad valorem tax? The city of Troy is considering a \$300 connection charge.

In Bloomfield township, the charge will be \$300 for houses with easements and \$600 for those without easements. Not all the charges are definite at this time.

In A REPORT to the council Monday evening, Councilman E. Earl Hanson pointed out that a tap-in fee is part of the capital outlay for a sewerage system.

TAP-IN CHARGES depend upon the continued growth of a city, Hanson added. If development failed to materialize, home owners could, in years to come, find themselves being taxed again to meet the bonded indebtedness.

LATHRUP DEVELOPERS Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Kelley presented the ad valorem tax charging that overvaluation on undeveloped lands would retard sales and city revenue.

In the opinion of City Administrator Gerald D. Stone, a tap-in fee would be the better method of financing the interceptor.

"I BELIEVE We should keep our rates low," Stone said. "Anything off the tax bill is good."

Mayor Richard N. Cogger said he is greatly concerned with the disparity between the amount to be paid by a low value house and one of higher value.



Snow Fun -- It Comes Naturally

'Oh snow! You can ski on it, throw it, slide on it, play in it, fight with it or have a bowl for lunch. It all depends on the ingenuity of the child.

tery, but a quick look at the hand behind Bruce will clinch the matter. He's ready for another round.

Hills Schools Strengthen Ban on Secret Groups

BLOOMFIELD—"We are confronted with a problem," Eugene L. Johnson, superintendent of the Bloomfield Hills schools has told parents.

The letter, authorized by the board of education, asks help in discouraging secret societies and fraternities in the schools.

AAA, Louise Kelley File Request For Zone Change

LATHRUP—The American automobile association and Louise Kelley have taken from two garages and a real estate firm, last week according to Beverly Hills police.

According to Mrs. Kelley, the AAA proposes to build a face brick and stone single story building at a cost of approximately \$100,000.

JOHNSON and the board sought cooperation of parents to avoid drastic action, asking them to discourage any student from joining an illegal organization.

Southfield Woman Hit Crossing Street

SOUTHFIELD—A 35-year-old Southfield woman struck by a car last week in Berkley.

Talk of the Towns

In the "Man, that hurts!" department: Only Southfield board of education member who's listed in the Oakland county board of education directory is Charles L. Curtis.

ITEMS MORE economical to collect the reports and other material until shortly before each meeting, then deliver them all at once.

"I PERSONALLY like it," says Shurtliff, who's in charge of the village's public safety commission.



3 Residents Report Thefts In Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS—A radio, a case of beer and an extension ladder were taken from two garages and a real estate firm, last week according to Beverly Hills police.

MRS. O. H. TIPPON, 3171 Arlington, reported hearing a car pull away from her home at 9:45 p.m. Nov. 25. She called the police when she discovered a case of beer missing from the garage.

Police Rescue Couple From Deadly Fumes

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—A young Bloomfield village coped and her boyfriend narrowly escaped death from carbon monoxide fumes early Sunday morning in Bloomfield township.

OFFICER RICHARD Reuser and Auxiliary William Coy found the couple, Patricia Henry, 3212 Broadway, Bloomfield village, and Noel Cook, 22 of Totmoor lane, near Lone Pine and Telegraph.

THE TWO MEN who forced through the vent window to open the car, summoned the fire department for inhalator equipment.

AS FLAMES began to lap at the walls, nearby hot water pipes began to develop steam pressure.



Fire Melts Water Pipe, Perfect Squelch Scored

WOOD CREEK FARMS—Remember the Rubie Goldberg inventors? A freakish set of circumstances reminiscent of those wild tangles of pipes and triggers may have been the very thing that saved the Nelson Hummon home on Wellington road from total destruction early Monday morning.

Thinking he heard someone trying to break into the house Hummon followed the sound to the basement where he found the fire.

WHEN THE fire department arrived they found the fire just about out and the floor joints charred to a quarter inch deep.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC Men's Night Slated Monday In Birmingham

1-A Presbyterians To Present Hand's Messiah

1-B Ballet to Perform With Symphony

1-C Maple Gears Prepare for Opener

8-E Something's New In Skating Circles

1-F

\$10 Million in Bills Going to Taxpayers

Bills totaling over \$10 million in county, school and township taxes are going out this week and next to taxpayers in Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Southfield townships, and the cities of Lathrup village and Southfield.

Most of the big tax chunk will go to the ten school districts in the municipalities, with the total millage varying from a high of 63.76 to be paid by Hickory Grove school district taxpayers, to a low of 49.70 in county and school taxes charged Southfield school district residents in Southfield city.

The taxes are figured on \$44.49 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The township clerk Mrs. Fannie Adams said township offices would be open from 9 a. m. to noon Saturdays, and until 8 p. m. Mondays, effective this week.

S'field Twp. Tax Bill Is \$1.2 Million

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—Bills went in the mails Monday noon, asking Beverly Hills, Franklin and Bingham Farms residents for their share of more than \$1 million in county, school and township taxes.

OF THE \$1,213,182.97 to be collected, almost 71 per cent will go to the Birmingham school district. The township itself will get 2.2 per cent, or \$27,212, while the county's share is 19.1 per cent.

The township offices on Telegraph near Long Lake are open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday.

HIGHEST rate is in the Hickory Grove school district—63.76. Pontiac school district's rate, 58.96, while Avondale's is 61.00.

THE county will get 10.25 mills, or \$359,212, while the township itself will raise \$356,672 from a 6.13 millage rate per thousand.

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Southfield City's Valuation Hits Over \$80 Million

SOUTHFIELD—Bills went in the mail Monday for 1960 county and school taxes charged to the City of Southfield's property owners.

THE millage figures include the county tax of 9.413 per \$1,000.

Tax bills can be paid at the city hall, 30080 Berg road, where hours are from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily, and until 8 p. m. Mondays.

Burglars Loot Franklin Home

FRANKLIN—Burglars broke into the Franklin home, recently taking approximately \$18 in children's savings and a bottle of liquor.

Postpone Decision

SOUTHFIELD—Southfield city officials decided Monday night to study further before approving an east-west expressway segment.