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Close Calls Prompt Pleas for Bus Safety

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Safety for children transported by school-owned buses was the major concern of Bloomfield Hills school board at its meeting last week.

The board agreed unanimously to wage a safety campaign among local residents, urging their strict compliance with the state school bus law.

Both incidents, Meneuci reported, were caused by cars forcing in to stop for children being discharged from buses.

Under the newly inaugurated law, motorists to stop in front of as well as at rear of school buses.

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New Years' Hostesses Start to 'Plan Ahead'

FRANKLIN—Mid-holiday entertaining moves forth with an air of noblesse oblige. Parties seem to be smaller, more intimate but traditionally gay.

Christmas eve was highlighted with a few open houses. The Wally Zierer family of scenic, complete with student son John home from Purdue, welcomed friends to their late church services.

In the Rosemond Hills section, Gail Weckesser of Rosemond drive and Central university held a reception for former classmates.

Mrs. Margaret Woodburn, now a busy career gal, proved she has left her touch as one of Franklin's finest hostesses as friends converged on her Telegraph road home Sunday for coffee.

In the Village, the Frank Youngs had an early Sunday breakfast at their Franklin road address.

High schooler Mary Cook was hostess for a Sunday tea with friends from Birmingham and Detroit making inroads on the traditional Scottish goodies generally served at the scenic road home.

Lizes Green and Cheryl Wedquist shared hostess honors. Wednesday with a dozen pre-teens meeting for dinner at the Green home on Woodlure and finishing with dancing at the Barringer home on Hersheyale.

Always one of the biggest and swiftest sippers of the season follow.

President's Ball Slated Jan. 16 In Franklin

FRANKLIN—There'll be only a slight gap after the holidays here as Frankinites swing into preparations for the annual President's Ball.

Dinner-dance chairman Adam Ross announced that the Birmingham club, dinner is planned for 8 to 9:30. Dancing will begin at 9:30.

It has been necessary to increase ticket prices with dinner and dance per couple now \$10 and just dancing per couple \$7.50.

14th Man Named To Police Force In Franklin

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New Supervisor Outlines 'Most Pressing Problem'

By SAVILLA SLOAN Special Writer

WEST BLOOMFIELD—"The most pressing problem facing the township," says West Bloomfield's newly-appointed township Supervisor John C. Rehard, is the development of a township sewer system.

Rehard's eagerness to get on with the job is evidenced by his assumption of duties the morning following his election by the township board, Dec. 16.

Rehard will retain his partnership in a distributorship for Industrial Combustion, Inc. of Royal Oak. He has been manager and chief engineer of the firm.

Rehard's previous experience and education should help qualify him in the job ahead. He is a registered engineer in both Michigan and Ohio, having received his training at Ohio State and U of M.

Rehard, who resides at 6799 East Dartmouth, West Bloomfield, is a native of Ohio.

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Expressway Plan Still Unapproved In Southfield

SOUTHFIELD—Southfield stepped progress of the proposed east-west expressway again last week by not approving the plan.

City Attorney James C. Allen ruled that five affirmative votes were necessary because the plan concerned the business and industry hearing when it thought it had amended the quarter road plan.

SOUTHFIELD councilmen voted on the proposed expressway in a 4-3 vote. The city has withheld approval for nearly a year.

Doors to Close On Drug Store In Franklin

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"I LOVE every minute in Franklin, but I love my family more and I simply can't support them on the present basis, even if they were working fourteen hours a day."

John Showers, owner of the building on Franklin road, stated that no immediate plans have been made for use of the space.

2 'Citizens' Groups to Start Projects Here

Organized at a recent rally in Pontiac at which American Motors President George Romney was the keynote speaker, two "Citizens for Michigan" local chapters will launch their programs next week.

A chapter composed of Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield township residents gathers at 8:15 p.m. Monday at Bloomfield Hills high school.

Local chapters will study state tax and other problems, then make recommendations on which proposals for solving the state's current dilemma will be based.

Township Hall, Additional Plans Aired in B'field

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Members of the township board were in an expansive humor at their meeting Monday night—just keeping up with the expanding community they serve.

First, they discussed plans for an addition to Bloomfield's township hall.

Next, they increased the township zoning board from four to six members.

Then they accepted plats for three additional subdivisions within the township's boundaries.

THE BOARD took no official action on an addition to the township hall.

Yet to be determined is the size of the new wing. Architects, Swanson associates, submitted two blueprints for a 32 by 80 foot addition, the other for a 40 by 80 foot wing.

Both plans call for an auditorium with stage, kitchenette, coat closet, lavatory and storage room.

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Thief Strikes Again At Groves School

BEVERLY HILLS—A burglar who took electrical equipment recently from the Groves high school, 13 Mile and Evergreen, entered the building for the second time last week and took equipment, according to Beverly Hills police.

MECHANISMS from two clocks, relays, an oven meter and an eight-inch speaker from the public room in the Groves high school. The equipment was valued at \$100.

BEVERLY HILLS—The final contract with a Bloomfield township firm which will handle road maintenance was approved by the Beverly Hills village council last week. The open-end contract was for paving about 204-foot strip of Devonshire road.

Scholarships Set up For Hills Teachers

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—It didn't take the Christmas season to inspire Dr. Mark Dale with the idea of raising a scholarship grant fund for teachers in the Bloomfield Hills school system.

But the season of goodwill-will be the season of the idea take hold in the area, with a number of contributions being made to the fund.

DR. DALE, 4505 Peckering, Franklin, got early support for his idea from a group of fellow doctors. They include Dr. Harry Liebowitz, it is treasurer of the fund. Dr. Jack Hertzler and Dr. Ralph M. Fox.

ACCORDING to the originators, the reason for the scholarship grants is twofold. First, the money goes to assist teachers in their own education, which, in turn, benefits their students.

Second, the grants are expected to attract the highest caliber teacher to the school system.

Each year will be for \$500. Number of grants given each year.

Recreation Dept. To Hold Classes In Basketball

BEVERLY HILLS—Saturday morning basketball sessions are being held at the Beverly Hills recreation department.

Classes scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday and Friday.

AS STUART is in charge of the classes at Beverly school, Carl Peckering, instructor at Groves, holds a coach at Groves, while an instructor at Valley Woods will lead the program there.

Builers Protest Proposed S'field Zoning Amendment

SOUTHFIELD—A proposed zoning amendment that would charge a \$200 fee for zoning applications in Southfield has drawn protest from the Builders' Association.

IRVIN YAKNESS, attorney for the group, said the amendment would charge a fee for doing their duty and expressing the functions of their office.

CITY ATTORNEY James Allen takes another interpretive view of the amendment.

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Motor Scooter, Car Collide in Southfield

SOUTHFIELD—A 14-year-old boy was injured Dec. 29 when the motor scooter he was riding collided with a car at 12 Mile and Telegraph.

GARY J. DUKSTRA, 30585 Birchway, Troy, suffered a fractured right leg when he was struck by the car.

BEVERLY HILLS—Payment of a \$460 bill for engineering plans not yet utilized was authorized by the Beverly Hills village council last week.

8-Mile Drain Changes Name, Begins Anew

SOUTHFIELD—Oakland county officials recently renamed the Eight-Mile storm drain project to the South Oak Park.

Under the new plan, the cities will be able to pay a big share of the cost.

OLD PLANS were thrown out when a taxpayer's suit. Southfield residents charged the assessments were "confiscatory."

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Talk of the Towns

If I hear one more parody on "The Night Before Christmas," I'll scream!

Have you seen the days around Christmas, and all through the towns, An Eccentric reporter has been making the rounds.

Have you while getting around at Christmas time I learned some interesting items.

One time when I came from a local husband whom I was congratulating because his wife had successfully popped her nicotine.

"That's costing me money," said the husband. "I told my wife I would give her \$10 a day for every day she went without a cigarette."

PART OF the deal was that the first time she took a cigarette, she accumulated ten notes would be called back.

I have noticed this cagey husband thought he would soon get his money back.

Have you at a Christmas party he told me this sad story, "My wife hadn't had a cigarette for 210 days now. She's demanding that I pay her \$2,100."

"What's more," he sobbed, "in two more years I'm going to be completely wiped out!"

IN ANOTHER conversation about a panache, I learned that Beverly Hills Councilman Ted Shurtleff went swimming in the Gulf of Mexico when it was colder than the liquid in said panache.

Shurtleff's frigid swim saved his four-year-old son. Because it happened while he was vacationing here, Christmas in his home state of California.

Shurtleff was sleeping late. His pretty wife, Peggy, watched young boys playing in a rubber raft along the shore.

SUDDENLY a fast current caught the little raft and it drifted too far out. By the time they had

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