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'Round the towns news Large Majority Returns Bloomfield Incumbents

X-Way Cuts Subdivision In B'field

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—It looks as if Bloomfield township has definitely lost its fight to have the Walter P. Chrysler expressway avoid established subdivisions in our area, said Arno Hulet, township supervisor, following a meeting last week with Oakland county road commission representatives.

A decision has been reached, according to road officials at the meeting, to route the expressway to cross from Troy at the corner of Square Lake road and Adams. From there it will parallel Square Lake road 600 feet to the north, extending to within one-half mile of Opydye. It turns north there, running straight into Pontiac.

This route cuts across the southwest corner of Charnwood subdivision, separating it from easy access to Bloomfield Hills schools, which most children in the area attend. It brings the expressway directly north of Kentmore subdivision. Residents of the area had sent a 400-name petition to the state highway department protesting this route, which was one of the two originally considered by the commission. Township officials had promised to take their protests into consideration before making its decision.

"THE COMMISSION has never given a good reason why the route couldn't go further north," said Thomas Rasmussen of Kentmore subdivision, who arranged the meeting Friday night.

Among those present were township officials Hulet, Homer Case and Robert Dudley, Donald Cruise, chief planning engineer, and Elsie Reinsberg, township commissioner.

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S'field Kiwanis Plan Square Dance, Party

SOUTHFIELD—A square dance festival will be sponsored by the Southfield Kiwanis Club Feb. 28 at 8:30 p.m.

Lederle school will ring with the calling of Dick Lewis, Marjorie Van Ameyde and Mel Sheffer. Dick and Elsie Reinsberg will call round dancing.

Feature of the evening will be a demonstration by the MSU Promoters. Refreshments will be served. Call any Kiwanian for tickets.

Incumbents to Run Unopposed in Lathrup

LATHRUP—Only four petitions were filed with City Clerk Frank Derby by deadline at 4 p.m. Monday, all by incumbents. Running for the three council seats in the April 6 election will be Mayor Richard N. Cogger, 28440 Sunset; Mayor Pro Tem Frederick O. Johnson, 27333 Goldendale; Councilman H. Earl Hanson, 18475 Coral Gables, and Justice of the Peace, James K. O'Leary, 28079 Eldorado.

As chairman of the nominating committee, and speaking for the city's committee for good government, ex-mayor Lantz L. Mackey said Sunday:

"The purpose of the committee for good government is to obtain good support candidates for council who are best qualified to serve the community as a whole.

"THE TERMS of office for Mayor Richard N. Cogger, Mayor Pro Tem Frederick O. Johnson, Councilman H. Earl Hanson and James K. O'Leary expire April 6, 1959.

"The committee for good government is aware that experience, especially at this time, is a prerequisite of the candidates. The experience requisite of the incumbents was established by their knowledge of the many problems which have confronted them during their terms in office, to name a few:

"1. Conclude the long delay in obtaining titles to the sewers.

"2. Purge the city of contempt proceedings by ending pollution as quickly as possible.

"3. With all expediency finalize



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W. Bloomfield Voters Reject Devoted Dad Saves Little Gold Treasure

With pardonable pride, this writer jeopardizes her happy home to mention that the tall, thin man in her life is quite a guy.

Never has his halo shown more brightly than when early Sunday morning a very troubled, smallest son roused him with the news that a valentine gold fish was floating on its side.

In the cold, gray gloom of pre-dawn, this tall-thin man deserted a snug bed to stumble blindly to the rescue. After a groggy diagnosis he quickly administered first aid by artificial respiration. For

minutes he treated the fish's water with a gold mine ho-bloater, finally the slim, gold sil-ver fish was restored to life and today is merrily swimming to the delight of the small son.

A gold fish costs only 19 cents and is easy to replace—but dad's was no mere pet; it was a treasured possession, a precious morning of sleep to avert a small broken heart as one in a million.

By NITA HARD
Franklin Correspondent

Contract Awarded

SOUTHFIELD—At the February meeting of the Southfield Public School's board, revised bids were opened on the relocation of Evans Ditch.

The contract was awarded to the J. A. Fredman company, who have agreed to complete the work in 30 days. Cost of the work is \$5,885.

Westwood Names Village Engineers

WESTWOOD—Matters moved swiftly at Westwood village's council meeting Monday night. The village officials selected a permanent engineering consultant, agreed to purchase some basement-flooding preventative, reviewed possible pension plans for village employees, and took care of other matters in a three-hour session.

Councilmen also discussed a possible zone code amendment proposed by Councilman Hugh Allerton, Jr., which would prohibit construction of six-foot solid wooden fences, and set more restrictive limits than the village's only fence restriction of six feet in height.

Named as the village's permanent engineering consultant was the firm of Johnson and Anderson, of Pontiac. The firm, whose projects include the recently constructed Warren sewage treatment plant, has completed a road survey for the village, with a 20-year forecast of Westwood road needs.

THE engineering firm also carried out road resurfacing projects in Westwood last spring. The firm's representatives told councilmen that the four inches of crushed limestone applied at that time put the streets "higher than we would have liked to have seen them," but that it would have been an expensive project involving moving culverts to correct the situation.

Councilman Ted Shurtleff voted against the firm's acceptance on the basis that "there were many little things they didn't do in the spring road work."

Councilman Robert Reid said the firm already had a large and valuable amount of information on Westwood. Allerton said Southfield township had worked with the firm, and expressed confidence in its ability to serve. Knowledge and willingness of its personnel to get together with groups of neighbors on special assessment matters.

Educational Committee Urges Vote

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Spurring registration of voters in this week's concern of the Hills Educational Committee, which is making a house-to-house distribution of material on the March 5 school election in the Bloomfield Hills district.

John McBride, chairman of the YES Committee, said 5 p.m. Feb. 20 is the deadline for registering for the election. He estimated that 25 per cent of the eligible residents of the district are not registered.

"We are making every effort to reach everyone with the facts on pressing school needs," McBride said. "We are hoping to stimulate a higher percentage of registration and the heaviest possible vote."

RESIDENTS of the school district may register to 5 p.m. today and Friday if they have lived in the district 30 days and have been residents of Michigan for six months, he said.

Residents of Bloomfield township (See VOTE, Page 6-E)

Franklin Gets 2 Candidates Per Office

FRANKLIN—Successfully concluding their assignment to conduct a house-to-house canvass for the village office on the March 9 ballot, the Franklin citizens' committee held a terminal meeting Wednesday to complete and file petitions before the Feb. 21 deadline.

Chet Hard, chairman, stated "We are pleased to announce that the residents will be assured of at least two qualified candidates for each office to be filled at the March 9 election."

The 1959 committee was made up of 24 representatives of local organizations who met for the past month and a half to consider prospects for the office of clerk, treasurer, assessor and three trustees.

THEY compiled a list of suggestions from individual sources and secured consent of potential candidates. A public meeting was held for the benefit of interested parties and suggestions through the mail solicited.

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Reed, Reeve, Hogan Top Trustee Race

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—More than 80 per cent of the 2912 voters who went to the polls Monday expressed satisfaction with their present Bloomfield township government. They returned Supervisor Arno E. Hulet, Treasurer Homer Case, and Clerk Robert H. Dudley to office by an overwhelming majority.

They renominated incumbent Trustee Robert Reid, and chose

Bloomfield Election At a Glance

SUPERVISOR
Arno E. Hulet, 2512; Arthur J. Picotte, 352.

TREASURER
Homer Case, 2546; Mrs. Margaret Begovich, 277.

CLERK
Robert H. Dudley, 2278; Harvey V. Beggs, 477.

TRUSTEE
Robert A. Reid, 1656; Henry M. Hogan, Jr., 579; Samuel Reeve, 885; Dickerson, Jr., 741; George B. Walker, 886; James W. Jankins, Jr., 474; Marcus Scott, 413; Julian B. Wilson, 404; Marshall H. Wolf, 292.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
Albert C. Carr, 938; Clarence Rehn, 625; James B. Grissom, 513.

Henry M. Hogan, Jr. and Samuel Reeve to occupy the two new seats on the expanded township board. Albert Carr was renominated for justice of the peace.

Because all candidates ran on the township's only listed party ticket, as was the usual custom, Albert Carr was renominated for justice of the peace.

Running well ahead of other candidates for the office of trustee, incumbent Robert A. Reid, of 144 Tilbury road, Birmingham, chalked up 846 votes. Next highest vote-getter was Henry M. Hogan, Jr., of 4253 W. Orchard Hill, Birmingham, with 979 votes.

Samuel Reeve ran close behind Hogan with 885. Reeve, of 625 Golfview, is the owner of the well-known Reeve's Standard service, at Telegraph and Maple roads.

Dorothy B. Dickerson, with 741 votes, was renominated for justice of the peace.

"THE ECCENTRIC" came out of the interview as "the Graupner's statement on school finances; that he would not discuss anything he knew nothing about—that he had never seen the school budget."

He also did not offer any definite ways to reduce the \$365,000 cost of the proposed junior high addition.

He admitted his "new thinking" program was a general one, involving fundamental educational policies and philosophies. He said such a program would take at least five years to begin to see results.

In the interview, he voiced objections to "fancy" schools. He said that as a member of a citizen's committee several years ago, he had offered to show the committee the type of school he believed

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Graupner Tells Ideas on Education

Here are Fred W. Graupner's ideas to save the Bloomfield Hills school district nearly \$300,000 a year in operating costs, plus \$814,000 which is proposed for additions to present school buildings:

1) A five-year special operating millage starting at 4.6 mills in '59 to blunt insufficient tax revenues from the county-school 15-mill limit; and

2) \$814,000 for a 12-room addition to the junior high school; a new elementary school containing eight rooms; and a three-room Hickory Grove school addition.

On Dec. 8, voters by a definite majority turned two similar propositions down.

GRAUPNER was a particularly vocal pre-election stimulant through letters to the editor of The Birmingham Eccentric, on the merits of these two propositions. He was vocal at a public meeting where the issues were discussed. He advocated "new thinking" on the part of Hills school constituents. Before that election, Graupner promised The Birmingham Eccentric that he would explain his alternative program if the school issues were defeated.

He said a defeat at the polls meant a general election in December would provide an opportunity for this "new thinking."