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400 Campaign to Get Out His School Vote

Franklin Voters Have Selection

FRANKLIN — With two candidates running for office to be filled in the March 9 election, Franklin voters will have a real selection to choose from.

Aspiring to the three two-year council posts are incumbents Donald Hunter, elected in 1957 and William Worcester, appointed to replace Robert Zingling last fall.

NEWCOMERS to the political scene are William Kahn, 25285 W. 14 Mile road, Dr. Duane Larkins, 25301 Franklin Park drive, Arthur Marshall, 27115 Wellington and Frederick K. Ziegel, 27315 Garden Way.

The contest for village clerk, one-year term, is between Mrs. Emma Coburn, 26662 Scenic, and Mrs. Elsie Garwood, 29292 Balsam.

School Speed Limit Legislation Urged By Lathrup PTA

LATHRUP — As a result of action at the Feb. 17 Lathrup PTA meeting, the state legislature will request to enact a 25 mph maximum speed limit in front of all Michigan schools.

The resolution will be sent to the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers Committee for the state convention in April.

THE RESOLUTION was taken to the state safety commission in Lansing Feb. 19 by Mrs. Gordon Henderson, president of Lathrup PTA; Mrs. Alex Martin, legislative chairman, and Mrs. Lewis Dunn, safety committee.

Also in attendance at the meeting in the Capitol building were Glenn Schoenhals, superintendent of Southfield schools; Richard Coger, mayor of Lathrup and Clyde Blazier, Northbrook school safety chairman.

Lathrup Committee To Study Parking

LATHRUP — At the request of Councilwoman Elizabeth Mitchell, the Lathrup Road and Safety committee will review parking problems in front of the food market and drug store at Southfield and 12 Mile road.

Westwood Sets Board of Review Sessions in March

WESTWOOD — Village property owners can take their objections to property assessments before the board of review at two meetings scheduled in March at the 13 Mile road fire hall where Westwood offices are housed.

The board of review's first session has been set for March 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A second meeting will be March 24 from noon to 4.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

Let's get one thing straight right now. This column hasn't been missing from The Birmingham Eccentric in recent weeks because of me taking a trip to Florida. Nothing like that.

I've just been stuck in snowdrifts. Once, right outside the Southfield township hall. Even Westwood's finest couldn't get me out (my car, that is).

Dr. Douglas J. Wood had his troubles, too. He doesn't know I know. But one night about 10 p.m. I was trying to reach the councilman about some Westwood news.

MRS. WOOD answered the telephone, explaining that her husband's car had stalled right down

Westwood Urges 'Yes' on Water

WESTWOOD — An appeal to Westwood village voters to vote "Yes" on the water proposal before them March 9 was issued this week by the village council.

Lathrup Mayor Reports on Water Situation in City

LATHRUP — Mayor Richard N. Coger, in a report to the Lathrup council, said last week that the original allocation of 1.7 million gallons per day of water supply in the city is now 100 per cent subscribed.

Estimating an ultimate development of 2550 households with 8,000 people using about \$1 million cubic feet of water annually, the mayor recommended immediate provisions for a program to finance the increased capacity.

THE COUNCIL'S first step was to approve a resolution to be sent to the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority informing the authority that, "it seems reasonable and feasible for the city to plan to finance a projected growth from the 1959 position of 42 per cent of ultimate water requirement over a 10-year period, or by 1970.

In his report Coger said, "Our program must be sufficiently flexible so as not to burden the financial soundness of the water department by over-purchasing. It must also provide a means for purchasing whatever might be needed for any heavy load development projects at the time they materialize."

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

B'ham Library Expansion Plans Are Disclosed

Mormons Hold Open House

B'ham Jr. Women Sponsor Spring Fashion Show

Curtain Time Tonight For 'AHS Player's 'Ah, Wilderness'

B'ham, B'field Hills, S'field Host District Cage Tournaments

B'field Hills Buys 20-Acre Site For Future School

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Purchase of approximately 20 acres of land for a future junior high school site has been finalized by Bloomfield Hills board of education.

The land lies on the south side of Long Lake road east of Telegraph and is a part of what is known as the Merrill property. It was purchased from Mrs. Treasa Way Merrill at a price of \$4,000 an acre.

It is the policy of the board to buy future school sites while desirable locations are still available and prices are moderate for the area. The board has no plans for building a second junior high in the near future.

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Missile Bait

LATHRUP — Enough to send eyeballs rocketing is "Miss Outer Space," picked from a number of contestants at a Lathrup Woman's club event last week. Mrs. Ernest Hodas, 18714 LaRousse, Lathrup, poses with the winner's cup in the outfit she created for modeling at the "Take Me To your Leader" luncheon. (Other pictures inside this section).

Check Up On Your Schools

How do your schools measure up to the standards recommended by Dr. James B. Conant, former president of Harvard University, in his recently released report on the American high school? You can find out by turning to page 1-B of this week's issue of your Birmingham Eccentric.

Hills Senior Likes Schooling She Gets

EDITOR'S NOTE: Many opinions have been voiced through The Birmingham Eccentric's "People's Column" on the merits of the Bloomfield Hills school district's proposal to increase school tax millage. We consider the following letter of particular interest, because it states what a student in the Bloomfield Hills school system thinks about the education she is getting.

To the Editor: I am sixteen years old and a senior at Bloomfield Hills high school. I have attended schools in this district since the third grade, and I have always maintained a B average, or better. Judging by the information that has been given to me by students who have transferred to Bloomfield from other schools, the grading standards are higher here than at most of the Detroit-area public schools. When I enter college in the fall, I am sure that I will be as well prepared for college work as almost any other student in my freshman class.

As a student, I believe that I have an accurate idea of the type of education that one receives in the Bloomfield Hills school district. There are those who state that the size of each class should be increased from 25 students to 40. Because of a shortage of space, we were forced to have classes of that size last year, and I have one class of 40 at the present time.

The instructor in a class of that size finds it almost impossible to give complete answers to all the questions asked by his students in the hour allotted for each class period. With this decreased amount of individual attention, the students cannot possibly learn as much. I believe the idea of larger classes would save money, but at the expense of education.

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Hills Schools Mail Election Proposal Information Today

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — An eight-page booklet presenting facts about the Bloomfield Hills school district is being mailed to residents today and tomorrow. It should reach school district residents by the first of next week, well ahead of election day, next Thursday.

The booklet is prepared and distributed by the Bloomfield Hills board of education, which cites the urgency for building, equipping and staffing the increased school enrollment. This urgency, the board states, "makes it highly important to avoid distortion of our objectives and responsibilities."

West Bloomfield Township to Vote On Mill Proposal

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Voters in West Bloomfield township's general election April 6 will be asked approval of a one mill special assessment, based on an equalized property valuation.

The proposed three-year assessment, 1961-1963, replaces a similar one mill special tax voted five years ago which expires in 1960. Proceeds go to the general township fund to be used for operating purposes.

This was among several financial matters agreed upon by West Bloomfield township board at its meeting last week.

MEMBERS VOTED to accept an amendment to the Farmington interceptor contract whereby the township accepts its proportionate share of the increased costs of the sewage project. Additional cost to the township is \$250,000.

By action of the board dealing for payment of township taxes was extended to Feb. 28.

Also voted was the inclusion of \$2,000 in this year's budget to buy an acre of land adjoining township hall. Approval of the purchase will be sought at the annual township meeting when the budget is reviewed.

In additional action, township funds totaling \$14,000 were advanced to the veteran's trust fund to pay homestead taxes until October state funds are made available.

357 New Voters Added In Time for March 5

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — The number of "YES" Committee volunteer workers swelled to more than 400 this week in Bloomfield Hills as the group sought to turn out a substantial school election vote, March 5.

3 Bingham Officials End Council Days

BINGHAM FARMS While a light, wet snow fell outside the dimly lit stable where they meet, Bingham Farms officials quietly and efficiently 'tidied up' what little village business there was before the March election.

For President Clyde Hawley, Clerk Jessie Colwell and Road Administrator Evan Reim, it was the final stretch. Retiring from the offices which they have served faithfully for several years, the three expressed a willingness to assist future village leaders and promised to visit occasionally, but they seemed relieved that their duties were almost over.

UNABLE to solve certain known drainage problems until warmer weather, the council discussed critical areas which will receive first attention and treasurer Haskell Wright, who will be the new village president in March, agreed that the new council would follow up recommendations.

Although there will be no contest in Bingham Farms' election, March 9, residents are urged to follow up on the proposed charter amendment. It provides for establishment of special assessment districts to finance road work in the township by issuing interest-bearing bonds on anticipated revenue so that work could commence immediately.

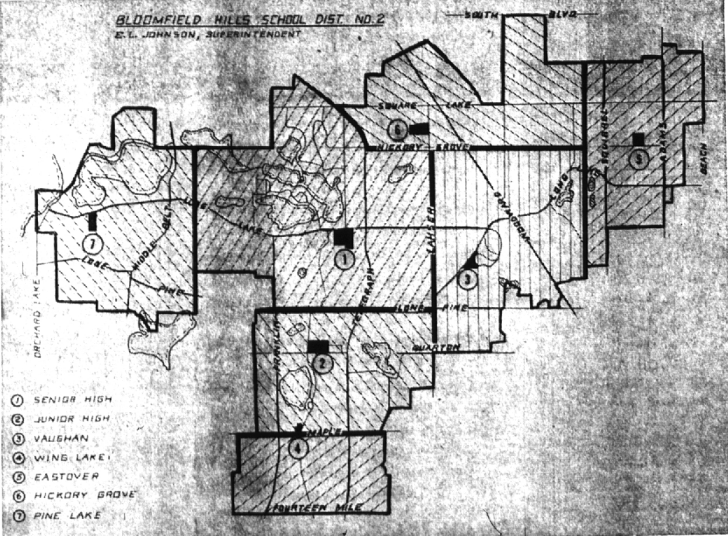
MRS. PAULINE MARSON will take over the duties as village clerk and Donald J. Morse will be the new councilman, replacing Reim. Donald Kiegar and William Hayland have agreed to serve again. James Washburne is expected to assume the role of treasurer when Wright officially becomes the small village's president.

LAST MINUTE registrations will be taken Saturday by Mrs. Colwell who announced she will be on duty at Outland's Stables on 14 Mile road between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

"MEANWHILE, school operating expenses have risen. Enrollment has soared. It was 405 in 1950, 1,200 in 1955 and 2,850 today. The number of students has increased by about 400 in each of the past four years.

To accommodate this huge increase, the new junior high school, the Pine Lake elementary school and the Eastover addition were opened this year. Added teaching

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Where to Vote

While Bloomfield Hills school district voters formerly voted at the one polling place set up at Vaughn school, a reorganization has established seven precincts. Under the new set-up, the district's 6932 voters will vote at polling places, the location of which is designated by circled numerals on the above map. Broad lines indicate precinct boundaries. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. next Thursday.