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Bloomfield Hills Schools Set March 5 Election

Franklin Village Youth Saves Trapped Victims

By W. J. ARTHUR Staff Writer

His friends at Birmingham high school may kid him about it, but 16-year-old Ron Garwood is a real hero this week.

Garwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Garwood, 25529 Balsam drive, Franklin Village, was credited with saving the lives of a young Garden City couple Thursday morning.

HAROLD, 30, suffered a skull fracture and his condition was listed as "improving." His wife, Alice, 28, was listed as "fair." She suffered fractures of both shoulders.

Young Garwood had just taken his sister to the bus stop and was headed for a gas station when he found one of the side roads heavily covered with snow.

He detoured to 13 Mile road and had just passed Franklin road when he saw the car lying on its side in a shallow gully. The wheels were still spinning and smoke was pouring from under the hood.

When he reached the car, the motor was racing at high speeds and a fire was just starting. He

He talked to the woman who was trapped between the seat and the roof until he calmed her down. At that time, Len Lawton, a voluntary policeman of Franklin Village, passed the scene and helped Harold and the car through the rear window.

Garwood hailed a passing tow truck and had it pull the car away from the tree to ease the pressure on Mrs. Smith. The ambulance came soon after.

HE AND the ambulance driver then went inside the car and pushed the roof off the trapped woman by bracing their backs against the roof and pushing on the floor with their legs. The youth credited training received from the auxiliary fire department in Franklin village for his quick actions.

In the closing accident, he said the car had spun off the icy road and down into the gully.

"I COULDN'T reach the scrape marks on the tree that stopped the car," he said. "They must have been about ten feet high. He hasn't forgotten the young one skis and pushing on the roof of the car in the hospital Monday night after school.

It is doubtful if they will forget him either.



RON GARWOOD

couldn't reach the ignition because both doors were jammed.

GARWOOD ripped the distributor wires out of the cap to stop the motor and then threw snow on the engine to put out the fire.



... 4-Year-Old Hits Hills ... Oops! Lost a Ski!

Fast becoming a non-stopper on the ski trails is four-year-old Ted Sura, Jr., of 15830 Kirkshire. He took advantage of the abundance of snow and got some pointers the other day from his mother, Mrs. Theodore J. Sura.



Like all beginners, young Teddy runs into trouble, and reaches for his lost ski with his ski pole. Teddy's parents say he's doing well, and loves it. His father says he's planning to get skis for their two-year-old son next year.

4.6 Mills Increase Is Sought

In a second attempt to obtain additional funds for school operation, Bloomfield Hills board of education has set Thursday, March 5, as the date for a special school election in Bloomfield Hills school district No. 2.

A school tax increase of four and six-tenths mills for 1959 is sought. The final ballot will ask for increases for '59-'64, but those figures are still under study by the citizen's finance advisory committee.

Authorization by the voters of an \$814,000 building and site bond issue is also being sought. The money is for a 12-classroom addition to the junior high school, a three-room addition to Hickory Grove school, and an elementary school on Quarton road containing eight classrooms.

IN DECEMBER voters turned down a proposal to raise the school tax for four mills in '59-'60 and '61, decreasing to three mills in '62-'63 and '64. They also voted against a \$1,165,000 building and site bond issue.

The six tenths of a mill increase over the first proposal made by the board has been included to provide for an increase in teacher salaries. The raise was requested following the last election. The salary committee of Bloomfield Hills teachers' association asked that any later attempt to secure additional operating funds include a provision for a raise in teachers' salaries.

Bloomfield Hills' starting annual rate of \$400 for teachers is on a comparable basis with nearby school systems, but its yearly increase is smaller, so that teachers in other systems reach their maximum salary several years before Bloomfield Hills teachers do. Another factor the board considered is that the Detroit school board is asking Detroit voters to raise its teachers' salaries. Dulying districts must keep in line with Detroit salary scales to compete for teachers.

IN DECREASING the amount of building and site bonds, the board has eliminated a proposed two-unit elementary school on Quarton, substituting a one-unit school instead.

Last week the Bloomfield Hills board of education agreed not to put one part of its austerity program into effect until after March 5.

Bus service to schools was to have been reduced to trunk lines beginning Feb. 2, but a plea made by parents of children in the schools system to await action by the voters has been heeded.

A MAJORITY of parents appearing at the school board meeting Saturday night from Broadwood Highlands subdivision, William O. Robbins, spokesman for the group, said that the new legislation is a form.

2 Franklin Councilmen to Run

FRANKLIN—Two Franklin councilmen said this week they will seek re-election to the council in the village's March 9 election.

They are incumbents Don Hunter and William Worcester, who will be on the ballot when three two-year council terms, and one-year terms for the offices of clerk, treasurer and assessor will be filed.

Councilman Jack Roberts, former assessor and village marshal and councilman since 1957, said he is dropping out of the council race. Roberts is running for a post on the Southfield township board of review.

THE FRANKLIN citizens' committee this week sought suggestions from residents as to qualified people for consideration. Nominating petitions must be filed by Feb. 21 at 4 p. m.

Mrs. Mildred Taylor, village clerk for the past year, will not run again. The mother of two young daughters, Mrs. Taylor explained dropping out of the council race, that her family problems demanded closer attention.

Alfred Knemmerling, assessor, said he'd "give it a go again." But

Treasurer James P. O'Neill, Jr., appointed to replace A. E. Newland last fall, expressed indecision. He is also president of the Franklin Community association, and the group has a strenuous program.

CITIZENS' committee members have agreed to study all names brought to their attention either by personal contact or through letters addressed to the group, c/o General Delivery, Franklin.

The committee meets Jan. 28 at 8 p. m. at the church to review possibilities brought to their attention.

Jones Heads FCA Screening Of Candidates



MAYOR COGGER

LATHRUP—Mayor Richard N. Cogger will be presented with a Distinguished Service Award by the Lathrup school PTA Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 7 p. m. Founder's day dinner at Southfield high school will mark the occasion.

During his seven years in PTA work, Cogger served two years as Lathrup PTA president; two years as treasurer; two years as council delegate; two years as secretary of the Southfield area PTA council; one year as council treasurer; two years on the safety committee of the council. He is currently chairman of the Jessie Davenport scholarship fund.

Among his other community services, Cogger is continuing his work with the Lathrup PTA in safety and recreation. He has also been active in boy scouting for (See AWARD, Page 6-E)

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Named to head a committee which will determine qualifications of Bloomfield township candidates for the Feb. 16 primary this week is George A. Jones, 992 Dowling road, Birmingham.

Jones, an attorney, was appointed by the Federated Civic associations of Bloomfield township, an organization representing 32 of the township's more than 40 subdivisions. Four other township residents will be appointed to the screening committee by Jones. He said the Federation had submitted a list of suggested names, but will dictate to members of the committee.

THE GROUP will mail questionnaires to all township candidates. They will edit and prepare the material for publication in a coming issue of The Birmingham Eccentric.

Findings will not be cleared with the Federation, a board spokesman said, adding that FCA is a non-political organization which has sponsored the committee as a public service only.

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—The special meeting of Southfield township board is slated at 8 p. m. Jan. 28 in township offices on 13 Mile road.

Lathrup Police Rec Department Asks Teen Aid

LATHRUP—"It's really discouraging," said ex-police chief Arley Van Meer Saturday evening. "The police recreation department spent a lot of money flooding those two skating rinks at 13 Mile and Southfield, and we just bought \$300 worth of uniforms for the youngsters. Yet when we need the snow cleared off the rinks, only ten fellows out of 15 show up to do the work."

"It costs us about all we can afford," Van Meer went on. "Just the food is a risk. Even when we do get a nice slick rink, a few of the youngsters will stand and kick holes in it with the heels of their skates."

Last year the police recreation department gave a party at Lathrup school for the teenagers of the city. They furnished live music, a celebrity, and refreshments. Van Meer said the party could be held again, but that he would like to see a few of the young people working with police in planning the affair.

Three To Run For Council In Westwood

WESTWOOD—The candidacy of three Westwood men for the office of village councilman was revealed this week, when they took out nominating petitions for the March 9 election.

At the same time Dr. Douglas J. Wood, incumbent councilman, said he would probably run. Dr. Wood said he is getting pressure from Westwood residents to run, while he is getting pressure "on the other side" from his wife.

If the protective association of which he is a member, the South Berkshires, asks him to run when the organization meets Feb. 2, Dr. Wood said he will definitely do so. Revealed this week as seeking one of the four council seats to be filled in the village election are Herman J. Drasick, Harland C. Hubbard and Floyd Abatt.

Drasick, of 31045 Pierce, is secretary of the village planning board and vice president of Beverly Artisan association. He is plant manager of a tool and die company.

HUBBARD, of 15780 Kirkshire, is an insurance man. He is vice president of Greenwood school PTA and active in Beverly-Greenfield association. Abatt, of 32466 Sheridan, is also an insurance man.

It was an announcement by incumbents Ted Shurtliff and Chester Gulmet that they will seek reelection, bringing the current total to six candidates for the four positions.

Deadline for filing is Feb. 9.

Westwood To Get Law On 'Careless Driving'

WESTWOOD—Adoption of an ordinance prohibiting "careless driving" was set in motion Monday night at Westwood village's council meeting.

At the same time the council stood behind the newly-organized planning commission on two of its recommendations regarding zoning requests.

The careless driving law was recommended to the council by Public Safety Director Robert Murphy. It had its first public reading Monday, will become effective after a second reading. Its purpose, Murphy said, is "to take care of the twilight zone between speeding and reckless driving."

MURPHY said the careless driving is not as difficult for an officer to see as speeding. (See DRIVING, Page 6-E)

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Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

If Eugene Hubbard doesn't enter some of his pictures in competitions, I'm going to be annoyed with him. Mr. Hubbard, who teaches math at Birmingham high school and spends his summers conducting tours through Europe, showed us his colored slides Sunday night at our house.

Because he knows this reporter is planning a trip to the Old Country, Mr. H. generously volunteered to come over and show us pictures of some of the places I should be sure to see.

Naturally, I invited all my friends and relatives and their kids, and we had a ball. Mr. Hubbard's pictures are beautiful. He uses a 35mm camera, Kodachrome film, and three lenses—a regular, wide-angle and telephoto.

Most of all, he says, he uses the wide-angle for his pictures of scenery, streets and people in Europe. If I were a photo contest judge, I'd give him all the prizes.

Nothing has come of that move-

ment to make Westwood the first community to protest the state income tax to Lansing, Edward E. Dolan, who gathered names of interested people after Senator Harvey Lodge's talk at the Westwood council meeting recently, says he's still trying. He hopes to get a speaker and call a meeting of the group soon.

Meanwhile, Councilman Ted Shurtliff, who started it all, says he's going to send a telegram of congratulations to Gov. Williams. He says he sincerely feels Williams deserves praise for plunking for state use of the veterans' fund, despite pressure from organized

Clarkson Honored at Inaugural Event



SOUTHFIELD—The victors celebrated at an inaugural dinner dance Friday night following the inauguration of State Representative James S. Clarkson (left), Democrat, from Oakland county's fourth district. Chatting with Rep. and Mrs. Clarkson on the dance floor are the James M. Ginn, of 30135 Woodside drive, Franklin, Ginn is chairman of the Southfield Democratic party, which sponsored the dance in Clarkson's



honor. His wife, Sally, was in charge of arrangements for the event held at Sammy's restaurant in Southfield. Clarkson, 33, defeated Allen C. Ingle of Farmington in November to become state representative for the traditionally Republican fourth district. The district includes the City of Southfield, Lathrup village, and all of Southfield township, as well as Farmington, Novi and Lyon townships, Berkley and Oak Park.

Chatting after dinner with Southfield Attorney James C. Allen, of 1108 W. Maple, Birmingham, was the city's Mayor Donald L. Swanson, of 24068 Pennsylvania. Swanson last week was named South Oakland regional chairman of the Michigan Municipal League. Both men spoke briefly following the dinner, congratulating and offering good wishes to Representative Clarkson. Letters and telegrams with the same message to the new legislator included one from Governor C. Mennen Williams and one from U.S. Senator Philip A. Hart.