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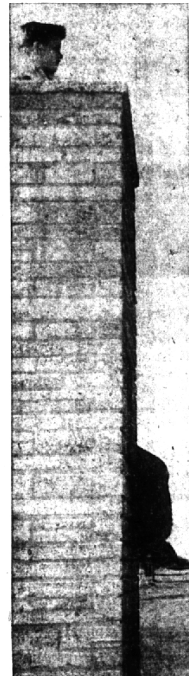
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Beverly to Have County's Premium Subdivisions?



Lathrup, Drain Officials To Discuss Evans Ditch

By DOROTHY ZATELL Lathrup Correspondent

LATHRUP—Two tentative appointments have been made with Drain Commissioner Daniel Barry to hand over a petition to clean out the Evans ditch, Mayor Richard N. Cogger said Monday at a continued council meeting. The appointments are for today and tomorrow.

Henry Corbet Dead at 61 In Hastings

Services were held Tuesday for Henry G. Corbet, former president and fire chief of Bloomfield village who died Sunday at his home in Hastings, Mich.

Corbet, 61, had moved to Hastings in 1934 following his retirement as chief engineer for the Hyatt Bearing division of General Motors.

HE WAS a native of Detroit and lived most of his adult life in Bloomfield village where he served as president in 1945-46. Corbet was also chief of the volunteer fire department for five years and was a Bloomfield township trustee.

A graduate of Detroit City college (Wayne State university), he joined GM in 1918 and was made chief engineer in 1933. He is survived by his wife, Katherine, and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Williams, of Hastings, and three grandsons.

Services were from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., and Christ church Cranbrook Interment was at Roselawn Park cemetery.

Petition Denied For Narrower Right-of-Way

LATHRUP—The Oakland County road commission this week denied a petition to narrow the right-of-way on 11 Mile road from 240 feet to 120 feet.

Seeking to add from 42 to 84 feet of depth to the narrow 20-foot lots along 11 Mile, property owners had petitioned the commission to equalize the right-of-way through Lathrup and part of Northampton subdivision. The petitioners claimed that 11 Mile has a right-of-way of only 120 feet except for the stretch between Southfield and Evergreen roads.

Lathrup objected to the right-of-way abandonment through City Attorney Everett Hayes on the basis that it would be unwise to approve the move until all easements necessary for the city's sewers were reserved.

When last Thursday's proposed meeting failed to materialize, City Administrator Jerald Stone made the appointments with Barry as directed by the council. George E. Steinfurth, chairman of a committee endorsing a \$5,000 cleanup of the stream explained Monday that the engineer for Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May, who is designing the smaller cleanup, did not have time to attend the meeting.

FOR MORE THAN three years, two plans for widening and deepening the stream that runs along the western edge of Lathrup have been bounced back and forth.

One group of residents and property owners, the Steinfurth committee, insists that the stream can be cleaned out, deepened and widened for approximately \$5,000 of private funds.

Another group of property owners, the Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May group, have asked through a petition that the drain commission go ahead with a larger and more costly plan designed to meet the needs of the entire drainage district.

AT THE REQUEST of the Steinfurth committee, the city council held up the sign petitions to the drain commissioner awaiting a full explanation if the smaller plan.

Each group asked for a two week delay early in March; one to have petitions signed; the other to formulate plans. At the end of the two week period petitions to the council, but the Steinfurth committee again asked for an extension of time.

SINCE THAT TIME, the council has granted one extension after another.

The stream, a natural drainage basin for all of Lathrup Village, will eventually carry all storm water from the city when present sewers are choked off.

THREE YEARS AGO residents petitioned the County Drain Commissioner for a cleanup of the stream. At a cost of \$15,000 the commissioner designed a drainage basin wide and deep enough to carry water from the largest storm that might occur in a five year period.

City engineers agreed that the plan was good, but protested that it probably was larger than would be needed for from 10 to 20 years.

THE ROUGE No. 1 project will cost approximately \$100,000. Barry said at one time that it would cost some \$4 million to cover the drain. If the drain commission plan is carried through, the cost will be about \$77 per acre to Lathrup residents.



Shopping for a Crown

SOUTHFIELD—Susan Westergaard, Miss Michigan Universe was in town earlier this week to select her wardrobe for the Miss Universe contest. Now the Southfield beauty is on her way to Long Beach, Calif., as Michigan's representative for the title. Mrs. Vida Baldwin, a Jacobson's saleswoman, helped Miss Westergaard select dresses for her trip.

Franklin to Initiate New Speed Timer

FRANKLIN—A Courtesy Campaign will inaugurate the use of a speed timing device on Franklin's roads, the council and village marshal agreed Monday night.

Approving the purchase of an electric speed-timer, the council heard Traffic and Safety Director Eugene Kawecky outline a program to impress upon drivers the need to observe posted speed limit signs in the village.

For an undetermined period of time, drivers clocked momentarily exceeding the limits will be stopped and handed a courtesy warning. Anyone found facing through the village and not using reasonable caution will be ticketed with full penalties authorities said. The device will also be used to make traffic counts when needed. Delivery trucks will be notified of the enforcement and cautioned to curtail speeds.

"We're hoping," said Marshal Richard Diederich, "that residents as well as outsiders will make an effort to slow down. This is strictly for the safety of our community."

Franklin's council also agreed to study the parking situation along German Mill road in front of the Christian Science church. A letter from the church asked that limited hours no-parking signs be placed along the north side of the street. However, councilman Edward Green suggested that ultimate regulations be extended to include Carol road also to relieve possible bottle necks along a fire route.

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B'field to Build Colonial Type Fire Station

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Another fire station of colonial design is to be erected in Bloomfield township, according to architectural details agreed upon by the township board at its meeting Monday night.

The station—the third for the township—will be located at the corner of Maple and Woodhank, several thousand feet west of Telegraph. Construction will begin this fall.

COLONIAL FEATURES, white columns, red brick, shutters and small paneled windows—have been added to the architect's design at the insistence of Sheldon Rose, developer of Birmingham Farms, from whom the township is purchasing land for the station.

THE STATION, designed by architect Howard Preston, will be 70 feet wide. It will have housing space for two fire trucks. In addition to a control room, it will have sleeping and living facilities for firemen.

Brothers Admit In Auto Involved Setting Shed Fire

LATHRUP—Two teenage Southfield brothers have admitted starting the fire July 5 that caused an estimated \$50,000 damage to three bulldozers in a construction shed on Rock Creek drive near Webster.

The boys, aged 15 and 13, told Southfield police that they were lighting fireworks and started the fire in a fuel drum, then left thinking the fire would go out.

The shed owned by the Rodney Lockwood Construction company was slightly damaged by fire June 15. Southfield police said the boys told them they had nothing to do with that fire.

County Planner Thinks Lot Size Would Be Tops

By DENI SCANLON Staff Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—If Beverly Hills adopts its proposed zoning ordinance, the village would be tops in the county for premium type planning, George Scrub, director of the Oakland county planning commission said this week.

Twp. Offers Water Board Office Space

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—Southfield township board gave the new Beverly Hills water board a place to hang their hats Tuesday night as they voted to alter the plans for revising the old part of the township building to include a water board office.

The 10 by 12 foot office which will be rented by the village was approved by the board, pending the approval of the Beverly Hills council. It will not alter the cost stated in the contract.

IN OTHER ACTION the board voted to transfer \$10,000 to the city of Southfield for present operating costs in advance on settlement of the water board account.

The board also authorized a \$10,000 advance to the village of Beverly Hills, if they request it. The amounts will be charged to the share of assets on the final settlement.

THE BOARD ALSO passed a resolution to place sufficient money in the bank to cover the bond principal and interest of water department revenue bond issues before the net assets of the water department are turned over to the village and the city of Southfield.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST subdividers, who changed their lot frontages to 90 feet and the area to 12,000 square feet at the request of the village, now face another increase in lot size if the proposed ordinance is given final approval.

Heart Attack Victim's In Auto Involved In 2-Car Collision

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A 73-year-old Pontiac man had a heart attack and died seconds before his car collided head on with another at Telegraph and Square Lake road, West Bloomfield, Friday night.

Gustave A. Schetting, of Pontiac was driving south on Telegraph at 8:04 when he suffered a heart attack and his car went out of control into the northbound lane where he collided with a car driven by Joseph R. Gorman, of 3320 Detroit, Dearborn.

Schetting's wife, Lydia, was hospitalized with lacerations of the forehead and possible internal injuries. Gorman was given first aid for cuts on the forehead and released. (See PLANNING, Page 3-B)

High Hopes!

Is David Lau a little tall for his age? This optical illusion may make you think so, but Tony May knows different. The legs in the photograph belong to him, David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Lau of 6025 East Surrey, enjoys the view from atop the huge fireplace. Tony, son of the Robert F. Mays of 6310 Telegraph, is the anchor man. No view for him!

School, Village Sign Water Main Contract

BEVERLY HILLS—The village and the school board signed a contract this week for the Evergreen and Beverly road water mains to the new high school.

The T. Morrocco Arm of East Detroit was low bidder at \$35,308.25. The estimate for the work was \$38,000.

Dog Show Stars Stop, Look, Listen...and Meet (Sigh!)



Buster stopped on Dorman and Danni Dickinson, who entered their pet in the dog show last week, live at 6005 Wing Lake road.



Mi Mi looked bored. She yawned at the goings on even though Joan Aitken, 9201 Lauren, Bloomfield Hills, tried to persuade the pooch that this show stuff is really fun. Mi Mi wasn't bored for long, however. She took top spot for being the best groomed dog in the contest.



Fluffy just looked. She had a good view of her opponents from the arms of Barbara Ellsworth, 6129 Lantern Lane, Foxcroft. Fluff got many admiring glances.



Then there was Boots. He stopped, looked, listened. But, he didn't budge. Not for a minute. He was content to sit by his owner, Sheri Jacobsen, 2556 Comfort, Walnut Lake. Boots was voted the second longest dog in the show without even moving an inch from his vantage point.



However, Fluffy, the vivacious blonde, gave a girlish growl. Boots the beagle turned head and found the source of that sound. It must have been love at first sight that moved the mutt out of his rut. As far as Boots was concerned, he had won the grand prize!