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Water Department Plans Formulate in Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS.—The planning for a village water department was the nucleus of a committee meeting Tuesday night, but the topic grew and divided and eventually produced talk of a department of public works.

Three village councilmen, Dr. Douglas Wood, Hugh C. Allerton, Jr., and Robert Reed, met with the official village auditor, Robert Goldenbogen, to set qualifications for water department supervisor and clerk.

THE COMMITTEE, headed by Dr. Wood, has asked the city of Southfield water department to handle the quarterly billing in September and the collection, if required.

WITH AN AGREEMENT for water service in effect, the officials began at their first meeting to develop a village water department.

A WIDE RANGE of qualifications was discussed for both the

MORE DEFINITE decisions are expected Monday night when the Beverly Hills council hears the recommendations of the committee.

Lathrup Neighbors Help Get The Eccentric Picture Page

"Once Upon a Summer's Day," our picture page (Section B-1) is a modern fantasy in photographs.

It grew, as movies often say, "from an idea" by Mrs. James Osborne, 2811 Sunset, Lathrup.

LATER the camera caught Sue Landine of Cranbrook Village as she sat under a big umbrella in the Charles M. Stults' backyard.

When the pictures were developed, they began to tell a story.

Township editor Julie Candler liked the idea for a summer picture page.

THE NEWEST addition to the Eccentric staff, photographer Phil Webb came down to Lathrup to take more pictures and fill in gaps.

Right down to the title, the picture page became a neighborhood project. Rather than, "Once Upon a Time," the story became, "Once Upon a Summer's Day," at the suggestion of Mrs. Stults.

S'field to Air Evans Ditch Plans July 6

SOUTHFIELD.—It will take about three weeks, City Administrator Robert J. McNutt said Monday morning, for the preparation of blueprints on the Cranbrook portion of the Evans ditch widening.

McNutt said he was not sure the Cranbrook plan would include the use of Bascule gates to maintain a satisfactory water level in the stream, but this objective would be a prime consideration in the plans.

THE ESTIMATED COST of the Southfield engineered project will be about \$44,000, or \$45 per lot. Two separate county projects through Cranbrook and Lathrup, as planned by the county drain commission would have cost \$414,000.

Aug. 31 Deadline For Beverly Taxes

BEVERLY HILLS.—Tax bills that went out to Beverly Hills residents this week are payable without penalty until Aug. 31 at the National Bank of Detroit, Southfield and 11 Mile roads.

Two Robbery Suspects Enter Opposite Pleas

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP.—Two brothers involved in the June 17 armed robbery of a Pontiac man, entered opposite pleas Monday at their examination in circuit court.

Richard Eastham, 19, of Pontiac pleaded guilty to the charge of armed robbery and was scheduled to be sentenced Monday.

His brother, David Eastham, 24, pleaded not guilty and demanded a trial by jury. He also faces kidnapping charges in Pontiac.

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Franklin Post Office To Hire Personnel

FRANKLIN.—Civil service examinations opened Wednesday for clerk and carrier positions at the Franklin post office.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and a resident or bona fide patron of Franklin.

For those young people are wise to the wiles of the kilowatt, because their engagement party was such an electrifying experience.

THE ENGAGED COUPLE tenaciously moved among the guests, making small talk. The hostesses emerged from the kitchen, managing a wan smile.

IN THE LIGHT of Hawaiian torches on the patio, a champagne toast and piping hot dinner revived the crowd enough to learn that the family had just bought a new double-oven stove and this was the first time all the guests and both ovens had been turned on, all at once.

Accused Slayers Stand Trial Oct. 19

BEVERLY HILLS.—The three accused slayers of Royal Oak car dealer Bill Lassiter, former Beverly Hills resident, will go to trial Oct. 19 in Wayne county circuit court.

THE men stood mute to charges of first degree murder two weeks ago.

Accused are Roy C. Hicks, 36; Richard Jones, 27 and Charles W. Nash, 42, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Southfield Mother Dies After Accident

Mrs. Joan A. Bigham, 30, of 28554 Marshall, Southfield, died in Detroit Tuesday afternoon of injuries sustained Thursday in a two-car collision near Briggs stadium in Detroit.

Southfield House Damaged by Fire

A house fire in Southfield Saturday caused a total damage of \$13,000 to a home owned by Mrs. Ladelle Nixbocker, at 1600 10 1/2 Mile road, according to Southfield fire department officials.



Man, Dig This . . .

When a huge shovel bit the dust last week at 14 Mile road just east of Lahser, the much talked-about Evergreen Interceptor became reality.

EARLY DEVELOPMENT of laterals is possible on the east side of the township because one section of the east trunk line was completed a year ago.

TWO PETITIONS for additional laterals tying into the east trunk line have been received by the township. One will serve 35 homes in Riverside Meadows.

THE SECOND SUIT involving the Southfield-12 Mile shopping center has been brewing for almost two years. Filed against the City of Southfield by Maxwell D. and Pearl Lieberwitz and Samuel and Sophie Lenz, it asks the court to rezone the property because it is commercial land.

AREA YOUTHS Hold Office at Boy's State

Three area boys were in various parts of the state last week as part of the 22nd annual Wolverine Boys' State, government education program.

Under the guidance of American Legion instructors the boys learned the mechanics and operation of city, county and state government.

Bloomfield Speeds Plans For Sewer Development

By SAVILLA SLOAN Special Writer

(Editor's Note: This is the last of two articles on the Evergreen interceptor sewer program, its history and problems.)

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP.—Bloomfield township is making headway on the public sewage problem now that the actual construction has started on the Evergreen interceptor trunk lines.

Bloomfield township officials are speeding up plans for lateral connections to the trunk lines and an engineering survey for construction of laterals authorized by the township board a week ago, is now being made of the entire township.

THE NUMBER of petitions for laterals in developed areas of the township is increasing. Most petitions are coming from subdivisions in the northeast sections of the township.

One lateral under construction in that area since last January, will be completed within two weeks. It will provide sewage disposal for Eastover school, Eastover estates, Eastover estate number one and Northover subdivision. Its early construction was made possible by an advance of money from more and Clifford Road building companies, and the required approval of owners of 51 per cent of the affected land area.

This lateral also makes sewage disposal available to Kentmore subdivision and Eastover Farms developments. It will eventually serve 471 residences at a cost of \$705 per home.

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A ZONING ORDINANCE for the City of Southfield was adopted on April 28 to take precedent over an inherited township zoning ordinance.

However, a technical error in the adoption procedure was discovered, and the city had to re-adopt the ordinance on June 13.

Werner's attorney contends that Southfield had no effective zoning law at that time. Southfield officials pointed out that Werner began his building without a permit.

THE COURT date will be set next week for a second suit, involving a proposed shopping center near the northeast corner of Southfield road and 12 Mile.

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Residents of the Bedford Villa subdivision oppose the rezoning because deed restrictions hold the property to residential zoning.

The court must decide if deed restrictions were broken when a hardware store was built just north of the intersection, Mrs. Lieberwitz contends.

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Township Hall Construction Begins

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP.—A woman's opinion can be a valuable thing when constructing a building and Samuel S. Barnett, supervisor for contractor Robert L. Zieve, isn't neglecting full approval from the ladies. His feminine advisors, Beverly Hills clerk Alice Spencer (left) and Southfield township clerk Fannie Adams, have

been rejoicing of late about the prospect of "more space" in the township hall on 18 Mile road, just west of Southfield. Construction on the \$20,000 addition began Monday and should be complete in the early fall. The new area will be rented from Southfield township by the Village of Beverly Hills.



New Evergreen Interceptor Sewer

Bloomfield township residents are faced with the construction details for lateral hook-ups into subdivision now that the Evergreen project has started. On the map above, the solid line shows where the interceptor work will be done. The broken line represents sewer connections that are complete. The area not touched by the huge mains is where planners have declared a need for lateral and service sewers.