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Lathrup Turns Ditch Petition Over to County

LATHRUP—It was only an innocent appearing item under the City Administrator's Report subtitled, "Route No. 1 Project,"—but it climaxed four months of argument ranging from calm discussion to stormy accusations.

Monday morning Mayor Richard N. Cogger and City Administrator Jerald D. Stone turned over a petition signed by 47 fresholders of land along the Evans Ditch to the office of the county drain commission.

The petition asks the drain commission to proceed with the widening and deepening of the 100-foot No. 1 drainage ditch.

WHEN ASKED by Charles D. Kelley why he and Stone had submitted the petition instead of returning it to the signers for presentation, Cogger told Kelley that he had gone directly to the drain commission office to get answers to several questions he had.

Assistant drain commissioner Robert Evans and county drain engineer Robert McGinnis told Cogger and Stone that a dry weather ditch which can be provided by a small trough in the center of the larger excavation.

The drain commission officials agreed that a private clean-out can be made, but that a small stream must follow the drain commissioner's plan.

COGGER AND STONE were told that the size of the Lathrup cut will depend upon the size of the ditch running through Cranbrook Village.

The county plan will provide one culvert for a crossover into undeveloped land in the northwest section of Lathrup. Placement will depend upon how the land is platted.

Excavation from the ditch will not be banked, but can be used to fill in low spots in the undeveloped land.

COGGER EXPLAINED that the next step is the appointment of a board of determination formed by three fresholders. The county officials estimate the completion of the job in about one year, if no complications arise.

Hulet Advises More Cautious Use of Wells

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—A warning to township residents has been issued by Arno Hulet, township supervisor, concerning use of wells during the present draught situation.

Hulet advises homeowners to be cautious in using their wells so long as a lack of rainfall and a consequent low water table prevail.

HULET KNOWS whereof he speaks, for like several other home owners in the area, he has been forced to lower his well line several feet to regain water.

Although township well drillers have not noticed a particular rise in the number of wells going dry, a general consensus of their opinion is that the water table has been dropping.

A notice of prevention at the moment may save home owners the inconvenience and expense of deepening their wells.

LATHRUP YOUTHS Involve 10 More In Robbery Ring

LATHRUP—Three Lathrup youths involved in a recent rash of robberies named 10 more youths this week as cohorts in the breaking and entering escapades, according to Lathrup police.

Six of the 13 live in Lathrup, the balance in nearby areas.

A court hearing has been set July 28 for the first three youths picked up by police.

National Guardsmen Train in Southfield

Southfield will be one of the nine-Army sites used for training during the two weeks summer training program of about 600 Detroit area national guardsmen.

The purpose of the training is to prepare the guardsmen to take operations control of the Nike Army sites to relieve active army missilemen for other critical duties.



Karl Bradley holds the presentation sword given his great-grandfather, Col. Henry L. Potter, after the Battle of Gettysburg. A member of the Civil War Round Table, Bradley hopes to make a series of books on Col. Potter and the second excelsior regiment, Army of the Potomac.

Restores Luster To Civil War Era

By KIT ERICKSON
Staff Writer

NORTH ADAMS—A stern-eyed colonel in the uniform of the Grand Army of the Republic glazes down from a wall in the Karl Bradley home on Ashover street.

The portrait which was painted recently from an old photograph, is of Col. Henry Langdon Potter, colonel of the second regiment, excelsior brigade, Third Corps of the Army of the Potomac.

Col. Potter, was the maternal great-grandfather of Bradley, the executive director of the Pontiac United Fund who has spent several years on a Civil War collection particularly things concerning Col. Potter and the second excelsior regiment.

"It has always been a fascinating thing for me," Bradley said.

HIS COLLECTION features a presentation sword given to Col. Potter shortly after the Battle of Gettysburg. The solid gold scabbard was made by Tiffany of New York and inscribed to Col. Potter.

It includes a pair of crossed rifles in honor of Col. Sicksels who was once commander over Col. Potter and a line of battles Potter participated in.

Framed medals surround the portrait on the wall. The Civil War campaign medal, a decoration given to Gettysburg veterans by New York state in the Society of the Army of the Potomac medal, which has the first corps insignia, the Military order of the Loyal Legions of the U.S., a club for commissioned officers, and the Society of the Third Corps medal made by Tiffany which features a large troy diamond shape and three white diamonds.

ONE OF THE most unusual pieces is a golden acorn watch fob charm containing the Confederate ball that was cut from Col. Potter's arm after the Battle of Bristol Station.

In a scrap book Bradley has the original muster-in roll that made Potter a colonel dated Aug. 18, 1863 made retroactive to May 1.

An original map with notations used in the march from Falmouth to Gettysburg is also included in the book.

In addition to originals and antique, Bradley has spent quite a bit of time obtaining photostats of various records from the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

A SERIES of documents tells the story of a court martial of the Colonel for dabbling with the British when he was a recruiting officer. After being convicted of treason, he was sentenced to hang, but was pardoned by Lincoln, a friend, who was then postmaster of New York. Wakeman wrote a note to Lincoln who promised to look into the case.

A photostat shows of a report of the case made to Lincoln by his Judge Advocate General with and notation signed by the President pardoning Col. Potter.

IN A LARGE book Bradley is dabbling on the history of the second excelsior regiment there is a photostat of a report from Col. Potter to Lincoln in his pocket duties at Fair Oaks, and a report from Sicksels to Bradley, who gave them to Bradley.

A Brigade report from Nelson Taylor to Lincoln is also included. (See SWORD, Page 5-E).

Beverly Hills Plan Head Resigns; Board Delays 'Nottingham' Action

'No' Is Seen, But Not Heard By Subdividers

BEVERLY HILLS—Nottingham Forest subdividers were given a vague no on their proposed plat Tuesday night following an open discussion and a bus tour illustrating the subdividers' development ideas.

Walter Denison, attorney for the subdividers, opened the discussion by asking planners how we want to know what difference an increase from a 50-foot to a 100-foot lot would make in the health, welfare and morals of the residents."

Planners responded that they were not trying to establish the size of the Nottingham Forest subdivision lots but were rather attempting to plan the whole area west of Evergreen road.

VILLAGE COUNCILMEMBERS have already voiced an affirmative nod to the planners' recommendation for a 100-foot frontage stipulation in the proposed zoning ordinance.

A public hearing on the zone ordinance will be at 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10 at the village offices on 13 Mile road just west of Southfield road.

W. C. RUSSELL, 32300 Lahser road, represented the area residents at the meeting. He presented a 238-name petition Monday at the council meeting opposing the plan in which the Nottingham Forest lots were laid out.

The residents referred to the subdivision as an "immediate and serious threat to public health, safety and welfare." It will be "crowded and undeniably destroy rather than help property values," they said.

WHEN DEVELOPERS Jack Andrews and Paul Briggs guided the tour through the subdivision site and gave planners a look at homes similar to those they propose, the two men repeated that they felt the subdivision would be a good, substantial development.

The subdivision's zone of contention rested more in the boost from 12,000 square feet of the lot area. (See SUBDIVIDERS, Page 5-E)



BEVERLY HILLS—Village Planners Wright, Clifford Wright, Mrs. Maurice Rogoff that met less their chairman and plus a few more problems were (left to right) Herman Drazick, Maynard Bukema, George W. L. Whitfield, manager of Consumers' Royal Oak office, described the proposed station as a 23 by 25-foot structure on a 100-foot lot to house regulation equipment and metering devices. Whitfield maintained there would be no odor or electric motors as the present system operates under its own gas pressure.

Board Delays Decision On Regulator Station

FRANKLIN—Awaiting more engineering data, the zoning board of appeals deferred decision on the Consumers Power company's request to erect a regulator station at 13 Mile near Telegraph.

A dozen Helman Woods residents appeared at the hearing Monday night to protest the proposal.

Lathrup's New Officer Recovers Stolen Car Before Report Filed

LATHRUP—Before it was reported stolen, Lathrup's new police officer Pat Whalen recovered a stolen car last Saturday at 4:30 a.m.

With an urge to go driving, a Madison Heights juvenile had stolen a Mercury from Stevenson highway and John R. When he ran out of gas at 10 Mile and Woodard, the youth transferred to a 1956 Chevrolet.

Preliminary hearing of the 16-year-old was held Monday in Pontiac.

QUESTIONED closely, Whitfield admitted that the station would probably never actively service water. He said that the station would be a pipe line which will be built south of Telegraph road.

Consumer's Power does not have a franchise for providing service water. He said, if enough interest was evident, after the company had installed the backlog, gas space heating could become a reality in the area before long.

Zoning board chairman, Winfield Hinman promised residents they would be notified of the board's decision following further study of details to be supplied by Consumer's.

Bloomfield Hills School Board Elects Officers

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Officers of Bloomfield Hills board of education for the coming year were elected at a meeting of the board Tuesday night.

The incumbent officers were president They are Merrill O. Bates, president; Mrs. Jean Matz, secretary; and Max Miller, treasurer. Their terms will expire June 30, 1960.

The board also accepted the resignation of William Donnelly as chairman of the citizen's financial advisory committee. Donnelly has been transferred by Chrysler Corporation to its overseas operation and will live in Geneva, Switzerland.

Other business transacted by the board was concerned mainly with physical properties of the school system. With a bid of \$1875, Standard Electric Co. has been awarded a contract for the development of a parking area for school buses on the grounds of Bloomfield Hills high school. Plans for making bus dispatching headquarters in the basement of the high school were discussed with school architect. (See OFFICERS, Page 5-E)

Job Demands His Attention, Herzberg Says

BEVERLY HILLS—Herbert Herzberg, village plan board chairman, tendered his resignation Tuesday night at a special meeting, leaving his colleagues to deal with Nottingham Forest subdividers and area residents—and the future planning of the village.

"My work with the City of Birmingham in the formation of a comprehensive plan will involve, my whole and undivided attention as the project is becoming more and more consuming," Herzberg said.

"The work program will become increasingly heavy with conflicting meeting schedules," he commented, "therefore, in all fairness to my present employer, I must at all times be free from such extra work and conflicting meetings."

HERZBERG has been Birmingham's city planner for nearly five years and has served on the village plan board for the past 10 months.

One of Herzberg's friends, who is close to village municipal matters, said another important factor in Herzberg's resignation was his "professional frustration" at the recent bogging down of the village's planning progress, too much time consuming but get-nowhere meetings.

In his letter to Cline, Herzberg offered to do what he could for future development of the village when his schedule permits."

IN HIS LETTER to the Council President Marvin B. Cline, Herzberg also said that with the adoption of a plan board a subdivision ordinance and a proposed zoning ordinance, he felt the comprehensive work was well on its way.

Clifford Wright, vice chairman of the plan group said, "Herb has saved us many thousands of dollars with the aid of his knowledge and experience."

MAYNARD BUKEMA, another plan board member added that the village "certainly owes him sincere thanks."

Plan board members then turned to a consideration of a replacement for Herzberg.

THE REMAINING eight members agreed with Herzberg's suggestion that a village council member be appointed to fill his vacancy to provide a good system of communication and liaison between the planning board and the village council.

HERMAN DRAZICK, plan board secretary, stated that any council member that might be appointed must attend the meetings regularly and take his share of the work.

Herb carried the work load for three or four persons," Drazick commented. He added that each plan board member would have to take on more responsibility.

Drazick will act as the temporary chairman of the August meeting. Clifford Wright, vice chairman, will be out of town.

Priest's Desk At Parish House Robbed Saturday

BEVERLY HILLS—The parish house of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs on Pierce street was robbed Saturday and from \$275-\$280 stolen from the desk of Rev. Lucien Hibert, Beverly Hills pastor.

The exact amount could not be determined. Among the money missing was \$15 after dollars given to Father Hibert to celebrate his 25th anniversary with the church. The money was reported missing at 7:05 p.m. Saturday. Beverly Hills police said that no one had noticed any tellers and there was someone in the house at that time.

Franklin Scene Gets Artist's Touch

By NITA HARD
Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN—East is east and west is west, and the twin shall meet in Franklin Sept. 19 on the village green.

For the ho-hum crowd comes exciting news that the annual Western style fall roundup will come in two delicious flavors this year. The usual boots and saddle variety and something tantalizingly different for Franklin, a side-saddle touch of Greenwich with overtones of the Left Bank.

Art for art's sake, whether it is dabbed on canvas, molded out of clay or the product of a loom is being corralled for the first outdoor art show.

LITTLE BY LITTLE, samples of fine arts talent are beginning to crop up around the village.

Proof that there's been a subtle infiltration of culture in the community hangs on the walls of the Hunter's Whip Tea Room and the Village Drug store.

More is due to emerge at the cleaners, the hardware store, the decorator's shop and maybe even in the gas stations in the coming weeks.

A busy, enthusiastic and well-qualified committee has been sleuthing for additional articles, especially in the craft field.

rehabbed by a local Dad and decorated with fresh hand sketches depicting a to-date history of the small daughter will inspire other dads to get brave with a brush.

LOCAL CHILDREN are also working on exhibits for the festival. Mrs. Mary Pascoe, assistant director of the Franklin Summer Day Camp is guiding creative energies toward producing good examples of junior art. Chairman for the children's exhibits is Mrs. Robert Kern.

However, the committee is turning thumbs down on numbered paintings, stamped needlework and hand-made lace. (Good lace is just adequate to be handled, they say.)

But for the local potter, painter, dabber, silver smith, and sculptor the September event is Franklin's invitation to "show your stuff".

Entry blanks and rules are being distributed among residents of the good Franklin area including Beverly Hills Farms, Wood Creek, Wing Lake and adjacent Bloomfield township.

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MIND YOU NOW, the annual Round-up is substantially the same wonderful routine' tootin' day it's always been... but the city folks are gonna add a little tone to the day. Our guess is that culture is here to stay.

Just to prove they're really quite serious about the coming art exhibit, the committee headed by Mrs. Irma Davis announces that Mike Church, head of the U of M extension service Art department, is planning to attend. He will select several paintings for exhibit at the regional Art Show next summer.

The 1959 Regional show is to be held July 27-Aug. 8 at the Rackham building in Ann Arbor.

STRESSING BROAD horizons, Mrs. Richard Bernard, chairman of adult art expects the child's art