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Franklin Okays Second Step In Road Plans

FRANKLIN—A special meeting of the village council Monday night approved the second major step in Franklin's \$200,000 road improvement program.

Bids for work on the full length of Wellington road, half of Scenic from Franklin to Willowgreen road and Crestwood roads will be opened at the Aug. 10 council meeting, it was agreed.

REVIEWING recommendations of engineers, the council learned the village has been divided into six areas, and work is expected to begin the third week in August for the first.

The contract specifies that these two and one-half miles of major roads will be brought up to full four-inch crown, ditches will be recut and culverts, nest or replaced where needed. The fewest trees possible will be removed, the engineers said.

WHERE SOD in ditches needs to be disturbed, the contract stipulates that it shall be replaced or matched with Class A sod.

The road program is expected to take five years and will ultimately bring all of Franklin's rural roads up to engineering standards, costing approximately \$55,000 a year for which an eight mill tax was voted in March.

Bingham Farms To Keep Lookout On Development

BINGHAM FARMS—The living is easy this summer in Bingham Farms. Their council meet on Monday night, a mere formality, brought mention of concern for the pending development of the proposed Nottingham Forest subdivision in Beverly Hills.

Because some Bingham properties are adjacent to the site, the council expressed it would keep unofficial vigilance over the development of events and members agreed to attend the Aug. 10 meeting of Beverly's council.

FOR BETTER police protection the council is also considering deputizing two residents on the north side of the village to supplement their volunteer police force of two.

New business to be brought before the council will now be required to be filed with the village clerk or president seven days before the regular monthly meeting of the council, which is every fourth Monday the month.

This will give officials a chance to study issues before discussion at the council table.

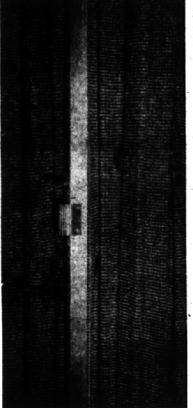
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Shooting Spree Damages Township Home

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—When two youths blasted their way back into a week-long unchaperoned party in Bloomfield township, they caused more than \$100 damage to the James B. Caldwell home, 1000

Joanne Court. The photo to the left shows the smashed porch door and the bullet-shredded drapes. The photo to the right shows where the phone was torn from the wall. For the complete story see page 1-E.

West Bloomfield to Vote On Library Construction

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A new library building, owned by the township, is in prospect for West Bloomfield, provided citizens vote a special tax assessment to provide funds for its erection.

SEPTEMBER 1 has been set by the township board as the date for a special library election. The electorate will be asked to support a one mill tax increase for the next three years for the library building.

Site for the building was donated last spring by Irwin Cohn, Paul Zuckerman and Jack Cliron, with the stipulation that a library be erected within the next three years. The one acre tract is located on Orchard Lake road just south of the township hall.

AT PRESENT West Bloomfield's library is operated from a rented building at 3201 Orchard Lake road in Keego Harbor, with a branch at West Acres. The new building would replace the Keego Harbor location.

A citizens' advisory committee, appointed by the township board, has been instrumental in working out plans for the project.

Committee members are Henry F. Moses, Mrs. Max Coulter, Mrs.

Mop Dropped; Siren Wails, So Do People

SOUTHFIELD — Southfield residents were jolted from their beds early Saturday morning when workmen cleaning the police station on 10 Mile near Southfield accidentally let a mop drop on a lever that set off the city's civil defense air raid siren.

The siren, which works automatically and could not be turned off, roared on for four minutes before shutting down.

Police overrode one woman called at 6 a.m. and wanted to know if the all clear had been sounded. It hadn't—and wasn't.

Latest addition to the police station is a button that turns off the siren before the four minutes are up.



Sewer Work Progresses

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—The peaceful scene at St. Hugo of the Hills was disturbed for a short time last week while workmen laid pipe for the evergreen interceptor. The sewer mains were set into the ground, connected and covered within a few days.

Second Planner Quits; 'I've Had It,' He Says

By DENI SCANLON Staff Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—With a second member's resignation tendered within a week, the Beverly Hills planning board is apparently weakening from inside factions.

Clifford N. Wright, vice-chairman of the board, quit this week. His goodbye followed fast upon a similar action last week by former chairman, Herbert Herzberg.

"I have considered this resignation over the past 60 days," Wright wrote Council President Marvin Cline, "and I regret that conditions have not adjusted themselves to enable me to continue with the board."

LATER WITH friends Wright said, "I've had it. Some of the board members can't make up their minds. Amateurs can't cope with professional problems. They won't take advice."

It is a lack of experience or personal motives that causes this friction, he was asked. "Which ever it is," Wright stated, "a vast amount of swaying by a couple of members makes decisions difficult. A look at the minutes of meetings will show anyone how the board's decisions are changed from one meeting to the next."

WILL THE council accept Wright and Herzberg's resignations? Councilman Ted Shurtliff at a special council meeting Monday night asked, "What was the straw that broke the camel's back? There is something, I'm sure, that has hurt them. What's behind it?" he said.

"I hate to lose them," Shurtliff continued, "and I would like the council to ask both men to reconsider. It's up to us to try to keep them," he said.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT Cline said he was sure the council would thank Herzberg and Wright for their services and also ask them to stay.

"HOWEVER," Cline stated, "they have given their reasons for resigning; the pace has slowed down and the meetings have been time consuming for both men—in addition to personal feelings they might have," he added.

"AS MUCH as I hate to see them leave, I think we can appoint two other capable persons," Cline said.

"I SUPPOSE," Shurtliff retorted, "if you'll ask them to return; they won't and it will be dropped right there."

Shurtliff said later, "I want to know why they're leaving." When asked who might be the next plan board chairman, Wright said he didn't know.

HERZBERG SAID later this week that the council should give some thought to the appointment of a lawyer, architect or doctor to fill the two plan board openings.

"The board needs an attorney badly," he said.

Both Herzberg and Wright stressed that they would continue to consult with the board or help when ever time permitted.

MAINTENANCE Shed At Plum Hollow Destroyed by Fire

SOUTHFIELD—A fire of unknown origin burned down a \$250,000 shed and did \$80,000 damage to its contents Wednesday afternoon at the Plum Hollow golf club, 9 Mile and Asher.

The work shed and its contents which included tractors, fertilizers and other machinery used for the maintenance of the golf club were destroyed according to Southfield fire department officials.

Two cars parked by the side of the shed were total losses.

B'field Rejects Property Offer Of \$24,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — With a light agenda, Bloomfield township's board of trustees was able to dispatch township affairs in 30 minutes at its meeting Monday night.

The board rejected an offer of \$24,000 for 30 acres of township property on Opdyke in Hugo of the Hills section. The property, once a gravel pit, was sought by Robert B. Mathers.

A REQUEST from Oakland county road commission that the township pay \$102 toward installation of a signal light at Maple and Cranbrook was approved.

A bid of \$7,261 by Detroit Concrete Products company for paving of Cedarholm lane was township board.

ALSO ACCEPTED was a petition by Eastover Estates sewer system that it be connected to the sewer arm of the Evergreen interceptor.

Following its regular meeting, the board had a second hearing on improvement of Charing Cross estates' water system and its inclusion in the township's water system. All Charing Cross residents present voted in favor of the project which will cost an estimated \$21,000.

WEST BLOOMFIELD — At a special meeting last Wednesday night members of the township board adopted the 1958 uniform traffic code of Michigan—to be known as township ordinance 37. It will go into effect 80 days after its passage and publication. Copies will be available at the clerk's office.

The board also acted to raise fees on board of the township hall by West Bloomfield residents and township clubs and organizations. Increases range from \$2.50 to \$10. Closing hour for all activities at the hall was set at 1 a.m.

A SECOND HEARING on Blacktopping of three roads in Pine Lake Manor was held with no opposition developing.

Further action by the board during the month included acceptance of Knoolwood Heights water system and approval of blacktopping in Hammond Lake Estates, which Aug. 5 set as the date for a hearing on special assessments for South Hammond Lake drive residents.

LATHRUP — The recent long dry spell with one-third the expected amount of rain, has necessitated a \$15 million gallons per day increase in Lathrup's ready-to-serve purchases from the Southfield Manor water authority, which authority, according to City Administrator Gerald D. Stone.

Stone explained at the July 19 council meeting that ready-to-serve purchases are set by peak usage. In the 24 hours of July 10-11, the official meter reading showed that Lathrup used 2,021 million gallons, or about 2,500 gallons per home.

UP TO JUNED 30 Lathrup had been purchasing 170 mgd. daily to contract to purchase an additional 15 mgd on July 1 bringing the total to 185 mgd. However, when water usage went over 2 million gallons on July 10-11, it became necessary to purchase another .15 mgd for a total of 2 mgd as of August 1.

It was Tuesday that Lathrup's contract with the water authority has been planned to meet the requirements of future building in the city for an ample water supply.

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Tree House Time's Sublime, Youngsters Say

FOXCROFT — It's tree house time. Don't ask how kids know when it's time to put away marbles and pick up hammers. They just do. Right this minute it's tree house time. They say so.

Two Foxcroft young men worked long, dangerous hours atop this huge tree to construct their "home-away-from-home." They used miscellaneous boards, a window screen and confiscated nails from here and there.

TWO NEIGHBORHOOD buddies, not members of the construction crew, better known as "the club," mounted the borrowed ladder to seek admittance. That's Tom Hinford on top of the house (photo to the left), taking his turn at scouting.

He relayed the message of "approaching strangers" to Tom Darling (above), who just raised the club flag.

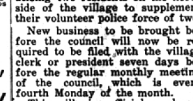
After a bit of initiation, including swinging on a rope from the tree, the pair were deemed knights of the tree house.

As their first duty, the new affiliates were instructed to take over lookout responsibilities. Then, senior members relaxed with a magazine.

BREAK INTO HOMES

LATHRUP — A breaking and entering into the home of a vacationing Lathrup resident was reported to Lathrup police early Tuesday morning. Police said they believed it could have taken place Monday night.

The prowlers first tried to break into the house next door but were frightened away by the family dog after they had broken a rear window.



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Garden Club to Meet

FRANKLIN — The Franklin Garden club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shoemaker, 24224 Riverwood on Aug. 6 to hear Lawrence Smith discuss sandpapering with the aid of colored slides.