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Day Camp Program Announced

FRANKLIN—About to get under way June 23, Franklin's summer day camp sponsored by the Franklin Community association, is a three-hour-a-day program for six weeks, director Harvey Sterns announced this week.

For a typical day, Monday through Thursday the program has the following schedule:

9 to 9:15 — Assembly, flag raising, roll call and opening exercises.
9:15 to 10 — One group of about 25 youngsters will have arts and crafts indoors. Another group of 25 will be playing games on the upper playground; a third group of 25 will be holding forth on hobby interest clubs, music, drama, newspaper, pep club, photography, nature study, and sewing. The fourth group will be playing team sports on the lower playground.

10 to 10:30 — Groups will change activities and positions.
10:30 to 11:05 — Recreational change of position and activity.
11:05 to 11:35 — An other group of youngsters in the through 9 age group will meet for a story hour for the last half hour.

"FRIDAYS," STERNS SAYS, "will be a special activities day. There will be hikes, field trips in the area, the newspaper will be distributed and performances of plays or hobby club projects will be featured that day."

About 100 have already registered and children will be divided into two groups, 6 through 9 and 10 and over.

PARENTS ARE MEET this Saturday morning for a paint and fix session starting at 10 a.m. Those interested in assisting the 14 assigned committee members in painting old equipment and pouring concrete footings for the same should come prepared with brushes or shovels.

Bloomfield Adds Second Monthly Meet
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — With expanding township affairs, the Bloomfield township board has decided it is necessary to increase its meetings from one to two a month. They will be held the second and fourth Monday nights at 8 p.m. at the township hall, 4200 Telegraph.
Data for the agenda for each meeting must be in by 5 p.m. the Monday previous to the meeting. The township zoning board meets at 8 p.m. the first Monday of each month, and the board of appeals meets the second Tuesday of each month at the same hour.

Kingsbury Retires From WSU Staff

LATHRUP — Prof. Gordon W. Kingsbury, 29554 S. Kingsbury, is one of 16 retiring faculty and staff members who will be honored June 14 at Wayne state university.
Prof. Kingsbury joined the full-time staff of the school of business administration in 1941, after having served since 1925 as coordinator of university advertising courses. He was formerly a temporary supervisor of Lathrup.

T. B. Adams Named WSU Alumni Head

LATHRUP—Thomas B. Adams, 18545 Wilshire, Lathrup, is the new president of the Wayne state university alumni association for the 1959-60 university year.
Adams, class of '44, is president of the Campbell-Ewald advertising agency.

Driver Hits Pole In Franklin Village

FRANKLIN—Franklin residents were jarred in their sleep Monday when James Schneider, 34, drove his car into a utility pole with crash, sparks flying and sirens sounding shortly afterwards.
Schneider, 11423 Nashville, and his passenger, James C. Cronin, 27, of Grosse Pointe, were not hurt.
The Edison crew patched the wires and Franklin snored again, as police gave Schneider a ticket for drunk driving and sent the pair to William Beaumont hospital.



Birds like to perch on driftwood, claims John E. Nordstrom, who keeps branches of it around the chair on which he sets a wooden box for a bird feeder.

John Nordstrom's Hobby is a Lark!

By KAROL DARLING
Gilbert Lake Correspondent

GILBERT LAKE—Have you ever seen the bird with the built-in feather "parachute"? It's a Wood Pewee and the "parachute" is really a bug catcher. Are you sure that was an Evening Grosbeak you saw in the yard? Look again—it could have been a Chevink. And what you thought was just a Blackbird might have been a Lark Bunting!

We learned all these fascinating facts and many more in an interview last week with John E. Nordstrom of 4039 Nordstrom drive.

Nordstrom has been observing and studying birds and wildlife since he was a very young boy living in the wilds of Canada. Born in the northeastern part of Manitoba, he spent much of his early life as a guide for hunters and fishermen. During this time he collected and preserved some 400 different species of wild bird eggs.

In 1922, NORDSTROM and his wife moved to Michigan. It wasn't long before the Boy Scout organization heard about Nordstrom's hobby and asked him to conduct bird hikes and lectures at Scout camps. He is now connected with a Boy Scout troop in Royal Oak and for the past 30 years has spent part of every summer teaching bird lore at the Salvation Army camp in Lakeville.

After questioning Nordstrom about birds for almost two hours, this reporter concluded that "I don't know" just isn't in his vocabulary when it comes to birds. He can describe their calls, identify them by their flight pattern or eggs and describe their habits in minute detail.

Beverly Hills Man Proceeds Swiftly On Dust Control

BEVERLY HILLS—Some residents of Beverly Hills are still unaware of the village's action in the dust control program. Road Commissioner Walter K. Kouba said this week.

Kouba said it took one resident only about 24 hours to take action once he learned of the program. The resident, Leroy Camel, called Kouba to complain of dust on his drive. The new road commissioner visited Camel and his wife Monday night, told them about the village's agreement to keep dust down on gravel roads for a charge of six cents a running foot (12 cents for both sides).

By Tuesday night, Kouba reported back that he had collected or been promised payment of the dust control fee from 15 property owners. He said he would drive residents. Kouba then agreed to start the churning immediately.

KOUBA SAID normal procedure is for residents to hire a street or a subdivision to turn the money over to the village clerk before the churning begins.

The six cents a foot takes care of all calcium chloriding necessary for dust control throughout the season. Residents must either collect from owners or have the fee, or pro rate the cost of the foliage along vacant lots.

Pavers Answer Criticism

BEVERLY HILLS—Every order from the village of Beverly Hills has been carried out by its road contractor, a spokesman for the firm told The Birmingham Eccentric this week.

Paul Hoover, a representative of Berkeley Asphalt Paving company, made the statement in answer to criticism last week by village officials. At that time village officials and the contractor held what Cline said after the session that the firm would have used June 13 to get roads in first class condition, or the village would look for another road contractor.

Said Hoover Tuesday, "The crux of the matter is that Berkeley Asphalt Paving was told to hold expenses to a minimum."

ON CERTAIN roads Hoover said, he was told to lay stabilizing gravel which in his estimation was insufficient in depth to cover clay heaved up by winter frost. He was told by former Road Commissioner Waldo S. Ashby that the village couldn't afford more.

Meanwhile, the road contractor was given the go-ahead by the village at last week's meeting to add additional gravel to the road between Southfield and Ashbury's more to Indiana. Walter Kouba took over June 1 as village road commissioner.

KOUBA gave an encouraging report Tuesday on accomplishments on village roads. Kouba said the entire length of Beverly Hills had been graded with chlorided gravel added, and followed with liquid chloriding. A test strip of gravel between Southfield and Northchester will determine if slag produces less dust and better road conditions.

Pierce was graded, ordinary gravel added, and chlorided as well as Fairfax from 13 Mile to Amherst.

Kouba said the first chloriding of roads several weeks ago was "almost useless" because heavy rains washed it off immediately after.

KOUBA GAVE his assurance to Hoover said, that he would always advise the village council when he pulled such a job and hurried it to a trouble spot.

We agreed that we would spend the money to put the roads in first class condition," Kouba said.

Kouba said he would be glad to have a beautiful metropolitan area here for suburban living and he would like to see it by good roads and good maintenance, keeping dust to a minimum.

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Southfield Buys Huge Civic Site On Evergreen Road

SOUTHFIELD—Land, possibly in the path of the proposed east-west expressway, has been purchased for a civic center site by Southfield.

The \$740,000 15-acre site is on Evergreen between Ten and 11 Mile roads.

City officials said they would fight every effort to plot the expressway through the site. The site was purchased from Mary E. Thompson, 26360 Evergreen.

STATING that the charter provides this procedure for the purchase of the site, the council agreed to review the matter when these steps are taken.

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Southfield Voters Approve Tax Increase for Schools

Watt's This ... Dim View Ahead On 2-Ray Street

That the grass is greener on the other side is only a psychological quirk—but motorists down W. Maple will not be "seeing things" when they observe one side of the road is almost twice as brightly lighted as the other.

For on the south side of Maple between Westchester and Cranbrook roads nine street lights are being installed which will burn 1,800 watt bulbs, while on the north side nine lights will burn 600 watt bulbs.

This extraordinary lighting is the result of a small controversy between the city of Birmingham representing the south side of the road and Bloomfield township on behalf of a north.

The township had balked at installing nine street lights, insisting that it would make the street too bright for nearby residences. Its board had voted to have five lights.

Birmingham officials, backed by a lighting survey by Detroit Edison, voted to install nine lights.

So rather than have a lopsided number of light poles, the township was resolved by lopsided lighting.

Franklin Passes the Buck On Horse, Zone Problems

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The increase approved by voters is actually three mills, but will amount to only about a half mill increase in taxes because the district is dropping one mill of the money millage approved by the district's voters.

With equalization figured, the new increase means taxes of \$3 per thousand of assessed valuation more to Southfield city residents and about \$4 per thousand for Lathrup residents.

CAMPBELL, 58, is an industrial construction superintendent with G. K. Newberg construction company. He ran ahead of Coverdill in last year's election. Coverdill was named to the board however, to fill a vacancy created when retirement.

Huber was declared ineligible to take the school board seat he won at the same time.

Henderson, 38, is an accountant with the MEL division of Ford Motor company.

YOUTHS ARRANGED On Liquor Charge In Bloomfield Twp.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Three teenagers were arraigned Monday for possession of alcohol beverages, according to Bloomfield township police.

Lynn P. Birchard, 17, of 1808 Stanley, pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace Emmett Dietrich to possession of alcohol.

Robert Squires, 19, of 26421 Normandy, Franklin, and Michael L. Hogen, 19, of 1538 Pierce, pleaded not guilty and asked for a jury trial. They were released on \$100 bond.

THEY WILL COME to trial at 2 p.m. June 23 at West Bloomfield township hall.

A fourth youth, who was also in the car, was charged with obstructing them for running a stop street at Gilbert Lake and Maple road, fled from the scene.

Eleven bottles of beer and 25 empty bottles were discovered in the car by Lt. Newcomb and Auxiliary Jerry Tobias.

S'f'd Committee Recommends Site For Civic Center

SOUTHFIELD — Leo Walton, chairman of the Southfield civic committee, today announced that the committee had recommended to the city council the purchase of 106 acres of land on Evergreen road between 10 and 11 Mile.

"This land," said Walton, "will make an ideal civic center site with space for recreational facilities. There is every reason to believe that a fair and equitable deal can be worked out both for the city and the property owners."

The civic committee was established by the council President John Hollywood, and has surveyed existing property along in Southfield, both for civic and as potential recreation land.

New High 12 Is Official

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Ceremonies Friday night at Devon Gables officially inaugurated the new High Twelve of the Hills club, with state High 12 Treasurer Orren M. Hall (right) presenting the new club flag to club President Arno L. Hulet, Bloomfield town (front left) Frank J. Dowling, the new club's treasurer and William Merrill, Jr., secretary. Other officers installed Friday along with the 31 charter members are Bill Jones, first vice president; Sam Reeve, second vice president, and John Pokorny, sergeant at arms.