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Twp. Delays Beverly Hills Rent Figure

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP — "We'll let Beverly Hills rent go," Southfield township board agreed Tuesday night at their meeting.

A far cry from the typical western movie landlord (you must plumb), township officials decided to have the plumbing and heating apparatus checked before setting a definite sum for the Village of Beverly Hills to pay.

Initially the board said that the village would owe \$100 each month for "the four walls and space within." But due to high heating costs and other items the figure was boosted to \$125.

Now the board wants to find out why heat bills are so extreme. According to the treasurer, the township paid \$77 for oil from Oct. 14 to Nov. 10, four days of which there was no heat in the portion of the space occupied by the township.

THE APPARATUS room, located between the township offices and the village offices, is the center of temperature problems. The township must assume the cost of heating the space occupied by the township-owned fire truck parked there.

Trustee Harold Roseberry, who has worked with the architect and construction firm for the new addition, said he thought the most probable solution was to have the building's heating system reworked before clarifying the village's rent.

OTHER ITEMS dealt with by the township board included provisions for one-way signs in and out of the building's parking area.

THE BOARD turned over all rights and obligations agreements with the Birmingham school board and the Beverly Baptist church regarding water mains, to the village.

State Justice Black To Speak Nov. 19 At Dem Meeting

BLOOMFIELD — The state supreme court's most noted orator Justice Eugene F. Black will attend the Bloomfield Democratic club meeting Nov. 19 as guest speaker.

George Fulkerson is program chairman. Members will gather at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. and Mr. Joseph Radom, 2617 Cole lane.

Residents in the Bloomfield area are invited to attend or may contact Harold Schaefer, 1504 W. Way, Bloomfield Hills for membership information.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

Last week I finished a book which I originally suspected was ghost-written. But halfway through "I Like What I Know," I met the author, Vincent Price.

When I told him that I was enjoying his literary banter about sub-atomic particles, he said, "Did it sound like me?"

It did. I had to admit, however, that I had never met Vincent Price until he came to Birmingham Town Hall gears about the anniversary of Americans who respond to advertisers' coaxing and use that "ridiculous" product, the ballpoint pen which keeps running dry.

THEN HE told me, "Not only did I write the book, I wrote every word of it in England." "With a pencil?" asked I. "No," laughed the author, "with ballpoint pen."

He's coming back to the Detroit area, by the way, for "An Evening with Vincent Price" at 8:50 p. m. next Tuesday at Ford auditorium. He's being brought here by the 16th anniversary committee of the Archives of American Art. Price is vice chairman of the board of trustees.

EVEN THE kids know it—children are a problem to adults. As some pundit once said, "The first rule of life is to get along with your parents, and the second law of our lives is ruined by our children."

Just plain normal children drive some sets of parents to ulcers, or bankruptcy, or a cocktail lounge.

Stranger Than Fiction

NORTH ADAMS—The amazing world of science is unfolded through special books available to Harlan school children this year, and 11-year-olds John Brown and Sandy Clemens are among the sixth grade students who check them out from instructor Jim Potesel.

The 80 books are provided by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, through funds granted by the U. S. government and the National Science Foundation, according to Harlan Principal Edwin W. Crandell.

Quarton school has 80 more of the brightly-jacketed, well-illustrated books on science, and the two schools will trade sets next semester.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Bloody Telegraph will get a transfusion for traffic tieups next year when the state highway department spends about \$10,000 to eliminate left turns at M-24 and Maple road.

Further relief is also expected from possible widening of Maple road by the township road commission.

The Bloomfield township intersection, laid the bloom in the state, has been the scene of 24 accidents this year with 11 injuries. There has been a total of 20 mishaps, according to William L. Marvin, state highway department traffic engineer.

not underway by 1960, they will push for a 1961 deadline on the road work.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC Demery's Moves, So Does Eccentric

Holly Berry Fair Slated Nov. 17

They Could Have Danced All Night

Baseball In November?

Bright Spots In Maple Loss To Dondero

New PTA Officers Named in Southfield

SOUTHFIELD — Mrs. Bernard Ruhner, past treasurer of Southfield PTA council, is moving to Tucson, Ariz. Mrs. Theodore Welch will assume the duties as the new council treasurer.

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All this is leading up to the election of a new PTA council, headed by Mrs. Joseph Roper, headmaster of the City and Country school of Bloomfield Hills.

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Lathrup's in Middle Asks Southfield City For Fire Protection

LATHRUP Completely surrounded by the City of Southfield, Lathrup feels the pressure of all sides last Wednesday evening when Southfield officials came to the House-in-the-Woods to discuss some mutual problems.

They include the clean-out of the Sewer Ditch, a new fire contract, police standby and relay service and water rates for Northampton subdivision.

Lathrup has a fire protection contract with Southfield township but Southfield City officials pointed out Wednesday evening that the township is unable to provide service with one piece of equipment and no men. To maintain present fire insurance rates, Lathrup must request release from the township and enter into a new contract with the City of Southfield.

LATHRUP budgets \$22,000 for fire protection at present, but Southfield City administrator R. Robert J. McNutt recommended a higher rate to help pay depreciation costs on equipment and buildings.

LATHRUP will submit a plan for a sewerative cleanout for Southfield's approval.

Turning the round table discussion over to Lathrup administrator Richard N. Cogger called attention to water rates in Northampton subdivisions.

Northampton is sold water for the Lathrup system at a wholesale rate of \$1.30 per 1,000 cubic feet, while Lathrup residents pay \$2.05 per 1,000 cubic feet. A study will be negotiated before budget talks next spring.

When the Lathrup call board is out of service in the House-in-the-Woods from 5 p. m. to 8:30 a. m. annually for the help pay depreciation costs on equipment and buildings.

LATHRUP divided a suggestion that Southfield provide full-time police protection because of the hour police protection in Lathrup which Southfield would be unable to provide.

Directly in the path of storm waters that drain from Cranbrook subdivision, Lathrup would like to work out an equitable plan to clear out the Evans Ditch between 11 roads.

SANITY HEARING To Fix Date Of Lassiter Trial

WAYNE COUNTY — The results of a sanity commission hearing are due before Wayne county authorities set a new trial date for the three men accused of fratricide murder in the April 6 slaying of Royal Oak car dealer Paul (Bill) Lassiter, a Beverly Hills resident.

Three psychiatrists, appointed by the court, are examining Charles E. Nash, 42, the oldest and trigger man. They are seeking to determine if Lassiter was insane at the time of the slaying.

BEVERLY HILLS Man Faces Careless Firearm Charge

BEVERLY HILLS — A Beverly Hills man will go to court Dec. 9 on charges of careless use of firearms.

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Bloomfield Village Fire Causes 'Additional' Heat

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE—Two separate fires, one caused by hot ashes in a garage and the second by an electrical short in a bedroom, caused approximately \$8,000 damages Monday to a Bloomfield village home, township fire officials said.

Firemen work on the roof of the E. H. field village, to control a blaze that started Monday morning.

VanNorwick garage had been removed by men working on a neighbor's lawn.

Fire officials said the fire started in the garage where smoldering ashes had been stored in boxes. It spread, they said, when two gas cans and the gas tank on the lawn mower ruptured, adding fuel to the blaze.

THE SECOND FIRE started in an upstairs bedroom from an electrical short, Yanuszeski said, damaging the drapes and two beds. The two fires were not connected, he said.

According to Yanuszeski the Bloomfield village had already collected \$11.15 in penalties since the Aug. 1 deadline and more was obviously forthcoming.

THE COUNCIL also approved and accepted Hickory Acre road and added it to the village street system.

Ordinance eight was repealed and a new amended ordinance adopted to provide the proper installation of culverts and ditches in future subdivisions. It also spells out the responsibilities of property owners who have present improper ditching and culverts which may be in violation of earlier codes.

FIREMANS' GRANT Sivier reviewed correspondence with the Oakland County road commission regarding the improvement of Inkster road affecting intersections with village roads and right of way.

WUERFEL RESIGNS Council

SOUTHFIELD—In a letter handed to Mayor Donald Swanson last Saturday morning, Robert F. Wuerfel, 25120 Circle Drive, resigned from the Southfield city council.

Restricted in his activities by his doctor, the 61-year-old Wuerfel said Tuesday morning that the long hours of study and personal investigation of areas under question, were placing a severe strain on his health.

THE COMMUNITY-minded Wuerfel has been active in civic affairs in Southfield township and city since 1953. He served as chairman of the zoning board and the board of appeals, and helped write the Southfield city charter before being elected to the council.

FROM NOW on, I'll devote my time to my hobbies, fishing and golfing," he resigned council membership said, "with maybe a little thing tossed in for spice."

Wuerfel has held a pilot's license since the early 1920's, and since 1941 has logoped some 6700 hours. "I used to walk plane wings," he says, "just to thrill the crowds."

Wuerfel will continue on the council until action is taken on his resignation or a successor is appointed. (See WUERFEL, Page 2-E)

THOMAS ALSO urged the council to give thought to safety conditions for children walking to school along Franklin road. He anticipates the matter will be brought to the council at a pending survey shows a need for extending present sidewalks to meet with parents at the school bus.

THE MOST notable fact about Monday night's meeting was the courtesy of the general committee, and adjournment by 11 p. m.

SOUTHFIELD — The seven Southfield councilmen have met so many times this year that their 825 a meeting pay has been used up.

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