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Thatcher Eyes County Road Post

WEST BLOOMFIELD—He is a candidate for a post on the Oakland county road commission. West Bloomfield Township Supervisor, Hiland M. Thatcher told The Birmingham Eccentric Monday, and will resign his post with the township if appointed to the \$7,500 a year county job. The road commission post is being vacated by Lee O. Brooks, who served 22 years and recently announced his resignation as of Jan. 1.

Thatcher, who has been West Bloomfield supervisor for 11 years, said, "I have been vitally interested in this road situation all the way through—as far as Oakland county is concerned and also its adjoining counties."

As vice-chairman of the Oakland county board of supervisors, Thatcher is considered his counterpart on the road commission post.

HE HAS served on the county roads and bridges committee, and was the first chairman of the inter-county highway commission, serving for two years with the inter-county group.

Begin in 1956, the inter-county highway commission is made up of representatives from Monroe, Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and St. Clair.

If appointed to the road post, Thatcher will resign his post with the township job for which he must run for re-election every two years. The township board would have to appoint a new supervisor to replace Thatcher, whose present term of office ends March 31, 1961.



Ghosts Give Up

WING LAKE—What was supposed to be a slumber party at a Wing Lake home recently turned out to be an invasion of the ghost men. While two fifth-grade girl scout troops from Wing Lake school sat in the living room of the W. R. Coles on Worthington road, they suddenly felt the presence of intruders (above). Dads Robert Smith of Valley Forge and Dorman Dickerson of Wing Lake road turned them—letting out with spine tingling moans and the rattle of chains. Hopping over bed rolls and sleeping bags, the 24 girls forgot their fright and took out after ghost Dorman Lickerson, Jr., (right) almost landing him in a bush. With the menace zone, the girls settled down to watch Shock Theater before turning to a peaceful night's sleep and a big breakfast in the morning. Ah, sweet mystery of sleuths!



Trick Was No Treat For North Adams Sitter

By DENI SCANLON Staff Writer

Windshield Wiper Shhh! Shhh! Bang!

LATHRUP—Remember, those old books with the double titles? Lathrup's council disclosed a short story Monday evening that might have been called, "I Did it with My Little Hatchet," or "A City Administrator's Job is Never Done."

Checking over disbursements Monday, one of Lathrup's sharp-eyed members asked about a bill for a broken windshield on the city police car. Administrator Gerald D. Stone explained that the city car had been a victim of a half-fallen tree limb at 12 mile and Guy place when answering a call for help from another motorist whose car had been damaged by the same overhanging branch.

With no one available at 3 a.m. on a Sunday morning to take care of the hazard, Stone grabbed his ax, drove to Lathrup from his home in Royal Oak, finished cutting down the branch and then called a wrecker to remove it from the road.

NORTH ADAMS—Four men dressed in Halloween costumes terrorized a 39-year-old woman Saturday night as she cared for the young son of a Bloomfield township couple.

Samuel Williams, 288 Cedar-dale, Pontiac, the wife of a Pontiac Police detective, was baby-sitting with 22-month-old Michael Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Cooper, 3570 Bloomer-st., Bloomfield township, when the intruders rang the doorbell. "I dressed in a costume with a full face mask was at the door," she said. "He said, 'Trick or treat!'"

WHEN SHE returned with some candy and opened the door to give it to him, he and three others forced their way into the house at gunpoint, demanding to know where the Cooper child was.

"I scared me when they demanded to know where Mike was," she said. "I started to scream. That's when one of them hit me with the gun."

She told police that the men kept asking where the wall safe was and where the Coopers concealed the money and jewels. When she denied knowledge of the whereabouts of the items, Mrs. Williams said, the men told her to hold the baby and sit in the child's bedroom.

"ONE OF the men, dressed in green pirate's outfit, hit a gun on us," she said. "While the others

pried open all locked cabinets and doors, and moved pictures on the wall."

She said the tallest one of the four carried an iron pipe. They all wore costumes and full-face masks. "I was just so stunned," she said, "that I can't remember any of the other costumes, except for the one that had the gun."

The men stayed in the home about 15 or 20 minutes, she said, before they tied her to the rocking chair and fled from the home.

MRS. WILLIAMS called her husband, after scotching the rocking chair into the kitchen where she cut herself loose with a knife. Detective Williams summoned Bloomfield township police.

According to Bloomfield township police chief Norman Dehnke, the men left the home without taking anything.

Mrs. Williams said the four men had been her owners, but the initial face cuts she suffered when they forced entry. One man, she said, went into the bathroom and returned with a damp towel to help stop the bleeding.

Rent Raise May Follow Rent Raise

BEVERLY HILLS—The landlord raised the rent, and before the tenant agreed to it officially, handled Hugh Allerton, Jr., and Southfield township, et al, threatened to raise it again.

It happened Monday night while Beverly Hills village council was acting on Councilman Chester Guilmet's recommendation that the council agree to pay \$125 instead of \$100 rent.

Since September, the village offices are housed in space rented in the newly enlarged Southfield township hall. Last week, Guilmet met with Township Supervisor Allerton to discuss the extra \$25 on the first month's bill from the township landlords.

GUILMET then reported back to the council that "I personally feel that it is equitable" that the village pay higher rent because it is using more space than originally planned.

But before the council could agree to the \$125, Allerton dealt another blow to the tenants, advising them that the cost of heating the new facilities was higher than anticipated. The township officials announced that \$125 per month will "hold up with the cost of oil what it is," said Allerton. He warned that another rent raise may be in store.

HE IS having the heating system hooked.

Meanwhile, Beverly Hills councilman Hugh Allerton, Jr., voted "yes" on the motion for the village to agree to pay \$125 rent.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

The bigger the names you use in a column, and the more juicy the items about the big names, the more popular the columnist.

This week I can drop some big names like the gentle rain from heaven. But if you're looking for juicy tidbits—I suggest "Confidential."

Anyway, Soapy and I were talking last week. (He doesn't know me from Adam—or Eve, I should say—but he always shakes hands and says, "Nice to see you," like any good politician.)

So I was talking to Gov. Williams when I shook hands with him at the Oakland county Democrats' 18th Congressional district banquet in Pontiac Friday.

"The last time I took a picture of you," I said, "I didn't realize how tall you were. When the picture was developed, I discovered I had cut off the top of your head."

"Said he, 'A lot of people have been trying to do that lately.'"

Elsewhere in the Eccentric

Mouse House Poils Mickey And His Pals Spotlight On Waring Birmingham, B'field WNGFA Slate Meeting Seniors Donat Permanent BHHS Baron Pine Lake C. C. Women Bowlers Celebrate Halloween

BEFORE that I met Minnesota Senator and presidential hopeful Hubert Humphrey, the banquet's speaker, at a press conference at the elegant Bloomfield Hills home of Dr. and Mrs. Howard H. McNeill.

The fast-talking senator breezed in late, tossed snappy replies at a roomful of reporters and light banter at a house full of reception guests. He was impeccably groomed and handsomer than his picture, except, of course, for the one on the front page of this week's issue, which this reporter took.

And what a pleasure it was to meet one of my favorite people, the sharp, well-informed observer

Hills Staff Outlines High School Program

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—In the words of Merrill Bates, chairman of Bloomfield Hills school board, an interesting and edifying program was presented Tuesday by members

of Bloomfield Hills high school faculty.

It was the first of two presentations to the school board, outlining teaching aims and methods in various high school subjects. The second meeting will be at 8 p.m. Dec. 7 at the high school.

Parents in the school district are invited to the meetings, and 25 were present Tuesday night.

Fifteen teachers outlined educational policies in the fields of English, mathematics, social science, languages, humanities, science, music, speech and counseling.

THEY HOPE to establish next year, a freshman college English course for superior English seniors was expressed by Bruce Gorte who spoke for the English department. "At present," he said, "we do have a special senior class which emphasizes composition, with a theme a week required."

Gorte explained that the high school used a "traditional" approach to the subject of English, stressing composition, with literature, grammar, vocabulary and outside reading as other phases of the subject.

SPEAKING for the science department, Steve Velkoff also expressed the hope for a special "honors course" in physics for seniors unusually gifted in the subject. He said, in general, physics was taught on the basis of a teaching program set up by Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1957.

"Updating of science teaching is constantly necessary," Velkoff said. "In chemistry we are now putting emphasis on atomic structure."

In answer to a question, put by board member David Lee, Velkoff declared laboratory equipment to be adequate, but said that additional classroom and laboratory

McCobb Quits, Village 'Help Wanted' Sign Out

BEVERLY HILLS—The resignation of Beverly Hills Treasurer Donald C. McCobb Monday night leaves the village council with an important

part-time post to fill.

McCobb told the council that "the scope of activities is expanding to the point that it is difficult to perform the duties of treasurer outside my regular working hours."

McCobb is 27, a certified public accountant with the firm of Touche, Niven, Bailey and Smart. He lives at 15755 Kirkshire.

VILLAGE President Marvin Cline appointed Councilman Chester Guilmet to head a committee to find a replacement for McCobb who has been treasurer since the village first set up its ledgers in March, 1958. His salary has been \$200 monthly, but Cline said the pay would be re-evaluated in the light of the job's increasing workload.

Guilmet suggested that a retired man with an accounting background would find the post "a natural."

He said it required about ten hours per week, and that the village treasurer need not be a CPA, but should have accounting or comptroller experience. Guilmet suggested that anyone interested in the position should contact him at his home.

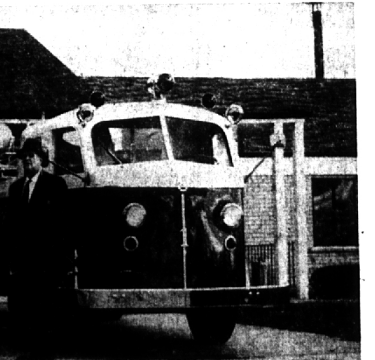
Defective Heater Causes \$3000 Fire At Electrical Shop

SOUTHFIELD—A faulty space heater in an electrical shop caused \$3,000 fire damage last week, according to the Southfield fire department.

A total of \$2,000 damage was done to the contents of the Ten-Tele Electrical shop, 28211 Telegraph. The electrical business is owned by John S. Lyall, Charles Brett of Southfield owns the building which had \$1,000 damages.



At All Beverly Hills Residents' Service



Beverly Hills residents can glow with pride at these pictures of the staff which has been set up in a year and a half ago. To give them 24-hour police and fire protection, the village's public safety department now has a 12-man force, two patrol cars and a fire truck. Since Sept. 15, a village manager, Robert E. Murphy, supervises the entire village operation at the direction of the seven elected councilmen. Beverly Hills has also taken over from Southfield township the



handling of the water system within its boundaries, and additional clerical help has been hired to assist with the volumes of paper work involved in handling the needs of 8,700 residents. Public safety officers photographed with their mobile equipment outside the village offices this week (from left) Gerald M. Hunter, Robert R. Olson, Stanley J. Olson, Jerry Lee Burden, Robert Mills, Peter Lutz, Frederick J. Bielman, James Smith, Thomas Good, Sgt. Floyd Raths and Sgt. William Reed, next to Village Man-