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Still Seek Evans Ditch Clean-out

Still searching for the best method of dredging out the weed-choked Evans ditch before storm water comes down in torrents from subdivisions to the north, Lathrup's council agreed last week they would not hinder the Steinfurth committee plans if they want to go ahead, but were not entirely convinced that the job could be done for $5,000 and that it would be adequate.

Council members took another look at the Evans ditch clean-out as proposed by the Steinfurth committee last Thursday evening. Engineer Raymond L. Smit of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May explained the plans for the $5,000 job.

LATHRUP officials have been trying to set up a joint meeting with Southfield's council for a discussion of a combined plan. The meeting scheduled Oct. 19 fell through when Southfield found that a public hearing had been set for that date.

City administrators for the two cities will endeavor to arange a future date that will be satisfactory to both councils.

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In the Senator's Honor

Sketching up some ideas for decorating the banquet hall in preparation for Oakland Democrats' fifth annual congressional dinner, Mrs. Phyllis Newhouse, 464 Townsend, Birmingham, finds an audience in James M. Ginn, 30135 Woodside, Franklin. Mrs. Newhouse is decorations co-chairman and Ginn is chairman of the dinner at which U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey will be guest of honor. The Oct. 30 event will be held at the Elks temple, 114 Orchard Lake avenue, Pontiac. Ginn is chairman of the Southfield Democratic club.

Mrs. Hulet's Definition Of Retirement Is: Work

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—After combining the successful rearing of a family with two separate public service careers, a woman's adjustment to being retired might be difficult.

Not so, I found in the case of Mrs. Arno Hulet of 2355 Franklin road, wife of Bloomfield township's supervisor. In fact, Mrs. Hulet's life is still so full, after a year of retirement, it was not easy to find time to fit in an interview.

Her present activities are equally as rewarding to herself and her community as the careers she had, first as a teacher, and later as a case worker for the juvenile division of Oakland county probate court.

She's still in court work . . . this time as a juror for the fall term of circuit court. This means four days service a week.

"Trying to determine the facts in a case from courtroom testimony is very different from finding out facts in a juvenile court case by personal investigation. It's easier when you can see for yourself," she said.

Mrs. Hulet went to work for the juvenile division in 1944, when both of her sons were overseas. She became interested in the work through her husband, who was then an attendance officer for the Pontiac school system, and often in touch with the court.

This is not the only time the Hulets have shared mutual career interests, for they met when she was a teacher and he was the school principal. They were married shortly before Hulet went overseas in World War I.

Her husband's and sons' military careers have led to two of Mrs. Hulet's outside activities.

A past president of Pontiac's American legion auxiliary, she is serving this year as welfare chairman of the auxiliary. As such, she will investigate and fill temporary welfare needs of legion families. This past weekend she attended a welfare meeting of the state American legion at Lansing to learn the intricacies of her job.

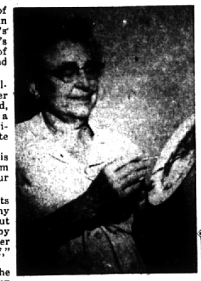
She is also active in MOMS, an organization of mothers of veterans, who work with veterans confined in TB or other hospitals.

"Church work, alone, could keep me busy," said Mrs. Hulet. As a member of the board of deaconesses of the First Congregational church in Pontiac, many are the varied jobs in which she serves her church.

Handiwork, as a hobby, also claims many hours. She crochets, weaves, knits and does needlework. Lovely afghans in her home attest her ability.

Three years ago she acquired a new hobby—hand painting china. Now she is adding brooch and earrings sets to give as presents. She took this up when Pontiac high school offered an evening course in ceramics. She still does her work at night when her husband is away at the many meetings he must attend as township supervisor.

Left over from the days when she and Mr. Hulet operated the 40 acres they own as a farm are her canning and preserving activities. "I give most of my jellies away," she said, rather wistfully, "with only the two of us left, we don't use much."



Mrs. Arno Hulet and just one of her post-retirement activities.

The Hulets' son, Claude, now married and the father of three sons, lives in Los Angeles where he is professor of romance languages at UCLA. He took his PhD at U. of M. Their other son, Ross, an engineer with PoMoCo, lives in Livonia. His four children — two boys and two girls—are frequent visitors at their grandparents' home.

As a successful mother, and from experience with juvenile court cases, Mrs. Hulet has definite ideas about mixing careers and motherhood. "Too many mothers work when they should be at home. I quit teaching when my children were pre-schoolers. Then, when I went back to teaching, we all left home together for school and came home together. I didn't take up my second career until the children were grown."

Another bit of advice she would give parents is to share their children's interests. "If they are interested in scouting, then work with the scouts."

She has followed her own advice and found it works.

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2 New Planners on the Job

BEVERLY HILLS—Getting briefed on Beverly Hills planning problems by Chairman John C. Secrest art the two newly appointed members of the village planning commission, James O'Callaghan (center), 16968 Marguerite, and Edward F. Dolan, (right), 31945 Carlielder. At the commission's meeting last week, Secrest named the two men, along with board Vice Chairman Herman Drazick, to a committee to discuss 13 Mile road zoning with planners from adjoining Southfield city. The action followed discussion of real estate man Elmer Clark's request for B-1 zoning at the southwest corner of 13 Mile and Evergreen. Owners want to build a medical-dental clinic on the site.

Okay, Doctor Spock You Take It from Here!

By DOROTHY ZATELL
Lathrup Correspondent

LATHRUP—A group of Lathrup mothers were discussing their offspring the other day and first kindergarten impressions. One mother remarked that she enjoyed having lunch with her young son because it was the only time during the day when he seemed to have time to talk with her.

One noon, over a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, he volunteered an important piece of information.

"We have to call our teacher Missus," he said, "not Miss. That's 'cause she's married."

"Oh," said the mother, not particularly interested.

"Are you and Dad married?" asker her son.

"Certainly," gasped the mother. "Of course we are married."

STILL LOOKING for knowledge, the young man asked, "Did you have a wedding?"

The mother grew dreamy-eyed. 'We had a beautiful wedding, I wore a long satin gown, and a veil and carried a bouquet. I had five bridesmaids. After the wedding there was a big reception and everyone kissed me and made a big fuss."

"Was Dad there?"

"Naturally," replied the mother, beginning to wonder what this was all leading to, "you can't have a wedding without a man."

DEEP INTO the subject now, the youngster went on. "Was grandma and grandpa there?"

"Oh, yes, and lots and lots of other people."

Still pressing her son listed all the aunts and uncles, cousins and relatives he could remember. They had all been at the wedding.

"WELL," he finally exploded, "and I 'spose I was left home with a sitter like always!"

S'field Administrator To Speak Oct. 18 At Civic Meeting

water problems and prospects will be described by City Administrator Robert J. McNutt at a public meeting Oct. 16 at Southfield No. 10 School, Ten Mile and Berg.

The Oakland village civic association, sponsor of the meeting, invites all interested citizens to attend. Association President Cleveland F. Nixon has extended special invitations to neighboring groups including the Southfield Edgewood Hills subdivision association and the Forest Glen improvement association.

There will be a question-and-answer session following McNutt's talk.

B'field Businessman New Marine General

MARTD, NAS, GROSSE ILE, MICH.—From Private to General is the success story of Michigan's own Marine Brigadier General William H. Klenke, Jr., 875 North Hardsdale, Bloomfield Hills.

With his selection for promotion, approved by the President of the United States, General Klenke became the first Marine Reserve General in Michigan. He is now the senior Marine officer of some 2,000 Marines stationed or residing in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

BrigGen Klenke enlisted in the U. S. Marine corps as a Private in April, 1929. Completing "boot training" at Parris Island, S. C., he was assigned to flight training at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., and was awarded his "wings" in February, 1931.

AS A "flying sergeant", Klenke became a member of the Marine corps' first aircraft carrier squadron, VS-14M, aboard the USS Saratoga in 1931 where he remained for 18 months. He was also a member of Lt. L. H. Sanderson's well known pursuit squadron, VF-9M, which flew precision demonstrations at many air shows throughout the country.

IN MARCH, 1934, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Marine corps reserve and assigned to VO-6MR at Floyd Bennett Field, N. Y. That same year, he won the fixed gunnery trophy which was presented to him by the late Admiral King and Mayor LaGuardia.

At the outbreak of World War II, Klenke, then a captain, reported for active duty in January, 1942, at Air Base Group Two, San Diego, Calif., where he served as squadron commander and later as group executive officer.

WILLIAM H. KLENKE, JR.

PRIOR TO HIS assignment overseas, Capt. Klenke aided in modifying and flight testing the new F4U aircraft and flew transports for parachute school. He was sent to the Pacific area in November, 1944, where he served as group operations officer, group engineering officer and group executive officer of Marine Air Group 25. He returned to the United States in September, 1945. He was released from active duty August 23, 1946.

HE IMMEDIATELY became a member of the Marine air reserve volunteer training unit and later became commanding officer of Michigan's VTU-(G)-9-1, until his appointment as commanding offi-

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Southfield Schools OK Skate Plan

SOUTHFIELD — Mrs. Ira Jones of the Southfield parks and recreation commission explained a proposed roller skating program to the Southfield public schools board Monday evening — and received their blessings.

The board approved the use of various multi-purpose rooms and gyms for roller skating, with an approved-type skate. The parks and recreation commission will sponsor and supervise the project, providing adequate insurance to cover the venture.

The special skates will be provided by the commission and rented for about 50 cents a pair. Arrangements will be made for families to skate at Southfield-10, McKinley, Brace, Lathrup and John Grace schools on alternate evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. The program will be set up to fit in with present uses of the schools.

A NEARBY resident, William H. Jennings, appeared before the board with reference to use of high school property by small two cylinder cars which he said are disturbing the quiet Sundays of residents near the athletic field.

Jennings said the small cars use the high school cinder track and the parking lot for racing. Aside from the noise, he said, damage was being done to the surfaces of the track and parking lot.

THE BOARD approved a resolution to inform Southfield police that no person or persons may use school property without a permit.

The board also approved the payment of a $713.88 bill from Lathrup Village to pay for the rezoning and vacating of three streets behind Lathrup school.

Ducky Weather But They Didn't!

LATHRUP—One flash of lightning, pouring rain, a broken tree branch and darkness totaled eight broken windshields and eight surprised and irate motorists on the northern boundary of Lathrup Sunday morning.

When lightning struck a tree at Guy place and 12 Mile road, the huge branch fell just far enough over 12 Mile to be invisible in the driving rain, but low enough to break eight windshields before the Lathrup police could remove it.

No injuries were reported, and most motorists were reluctant to stand around in the rain while reports were written.

City Councilmen Get Pep Talk

SOUTHFIELD—Southfield City Administrator Robert J. McNutt gave city councilmen a pep talk recently to remind them of all the things they accomplished although present matters seem to lag.

McNutt touched on expressways, sewage treatment, waste systems, zoning and the city's storm water problem.

Vandals Win— Township Gives Up On Picnic Tables

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—Southfield township residents will not use picnic tables at their park next year, officials decided Tuesday at the township meeting.

"Damage and destruction to the tables is extensive," Trustee Richard O. Speir, park committee head, told the board. "Why should the township pay for tables that the youngsters delight in destroying. It's just sheer vandalism," he said.

The board allocated $250 earlier this year for the purchase of picnic tables. Speir reported that at least three tables have been dumped in the creek and several more are severely damaged.

"It's about time the residents began to take some responsibility in this area," he said.

Program Scheduled

LATHRUP—At Lathrup School, "Laughter — The World's Language" featuring Danny Kaye in "Assignment Children" will be presented with music and dances by children from the Detroit area for the Lathrup school children at 2 p.m. Oct. 24.

Says Bloomfield Engineers Get No Favoritism

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—"Every land developer installing water or sewer lines in Bloomfield township has to pay a one per cent inspection fee to the township. This is true regardless of what engineering firm is employed to make the installation," township Treasurer Homer Case stated emphatically at the township board meeting Monday night.

He was replying to inquiries made at the meeting by F. Voigtlander and Louis Winkelhaus of Ann Arbor, and Nate Shapiro of Detroit, representatives of an association of professional engineers.

VOIGTLANDER, spokesman for the group, stated that the committee was investigating complaints from four engineering firms doing business in Bloomfield township. These firms had charged that when the township's official engineering firm was employed by a land developer to install water or sewer lines, the township did not charge the one per cent inspection fee. This had resulted in a loss of business by other engineering firms, the complaints charged.

"There is no discrepancy between our charges to a developer using the township engineering firm and any other engineering firm. That is our policy and will continue to be our policy," Case said in denying the accuracy of the complaints.

Stop Orders Issued On 6 S'field Homes

SOUTHFIELD—Stop orders on six homes have been issued by Southfield for failure to adhere to building regulations.

The homes, being built by Colson Building, Detroit, are set five feet too close to the road. The homes are located at Fairfax, Marshall and Everett, north of 12 Mile road.

The zoning board of appeals has approved side yard variances, but had not reduced the front yard setback from 30 to 25 feet.

Flock of Problems Still up in the Air

By NITA HARD
Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN—You might say Franklin's council meeting Monday night was strictly for the birds.

Legal eagles, Harry Rottiers and Cal Thomas, locked beaks and caused a few ruffled feathers. The new nest for the post office also seemed to perch precariously on a technicality.

A building permit for the post office did finally hatch from the flutter of uncertainty about procedure, but feelings were incubated in the delay. Village President Grant Sivier explained that issuance of a building permit was withheld a few days to allow time for the council to examine plans for the structure to be built by real estate man Paul Schoeffel.

SIVIER maintained the proposed plans should have been presented to the council before presentation to the zoning board in September. Although there was a great deal of scratching about which comes first, the zoning board or the council, the clerk was instructed to issue the permit for work to begin on Tuesday.

Over an hour and a half was spent brooding over legal aspects in considering a plat plan submitted by Harry Rottiers, atorney for developer Leo Riley.

TO BE called Dorchester Hills No. 4, the plat covers a 13-acre parcel fronting on Telegraph road south of Dorchester Hills subdivision.

Recommended for approval by the planning commission, it was nevertheless tabled pending advice from the village attorney, because one lot in the plan is less than the required 30,000 square feet. Councilman Thomas maintained that acceptance of the proposed plat would necessitate a zoning ordinance amendment. Rottiers argued that R-1 zoning could be met, even though the lot lacked about 3,000 square feet. His stand was supported by a personal appearance of Wilbur McAlpine, elderly dean of map makers in the area.

THE PLANNING commission report stated that the lot in question was on a corner and its lesser size could not be considered 'crowding'.

But Thomas was adamant in doubting the legality of the council's position to allow the runt without encouraging a flock of future requests for exceptions.

By 11 p.m. Sivier excused himself as feeling ill, Councilman Edward Green also indicated he'd "had it." The remainder of the council stoically pecked away at a new plat plan brought in by Calvin Smith, who proposes to subdivide four acres of his land on Bloomington drive, adjacent to Dorchester Hills.

No immediate disposition was made of this item.

'Friendly Suit' to Decide Southfields' Split of Funds

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—"You're all being taken to court," Southfield Township Supervisor Hugh G. Allerton, Jr. told board members Tuesday night.

"But, it's a friendly suit," he grinned and continued with details on how to split up $263,948.06 of old Southfield township funds, one of the last items of settlement since the split with Southfield City.

The money, collected by Southfield township in 1955, before Southfield City incorporated, was the township's share of the sewer costs.

TOWNSHIP and city officials are now in the "friendly suit" to decide the split. The city wants 74.79 per cent, while the township claims 28.77 per cent of the funds. A preliminary hearing in Oakland county circuit court is set for tomorrow on the suit brought by the city of Southfield.

Disposition of a 60x106-foot unplatted lot on WXYZ property on Southfield was also discussed.

The land was deeded to the township so that if the property was ever developed officials would have a voice in deed restrictions. The land now lies within the boundaries of Southfield City.

Board members authorized Allerton to negotiate with the city on the second remaining item of settlement.

IN OTHER action, the board discussed road paving at the township hall, a proposed ice skating rink east of the entrance to Southfield township park and insurance for the fire truck.

She May Reign

FRANKLIN—One of ten candidates for queen of the annual homecoming festivities at Ferris institute this weekend is Lynne McWilliams, of 7310 Kingswood, Franklin. Lynn, the daughter of the Clyde McWilliams, was chosen as a candidate by a campus organization at the Big Rapids, Mich. college.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

Anytime somebody gets 45 to 50 youngsters together to reward them for their public spirit, that's a news item. In West Bloomfield township, it made history of sorts.

This vigilant group from all over the township ranges in age from six to 16. The junior Paul Reveres rode out last August to warn West Bloomfield township that an election was coming.

Their galloping horses were their parents' station wagons.

While their mothers and fathers drove up and down the big township, they did the leg work, rang doorbells and passed out 950 fact sheets telling of the township's need for a new library. For home owners who were interested, they carried to the door an architect's model of the proposed new building.

FOR TWO days they worked to get out the Sept. 1 vote on the township's library millage issue. The young readers got their reward when voters approved extra tax monies for the new library building they and most of their parents were plugging for.

They got another reward Saturday. They get the V.I.P. treatment at a party at the home of Mrs. A. Finley France III, 2323 North Pine Center, West Bloomfield. Last August Mrs. France organized the enthusiastic young citizens of democracy, and directed their activities. She also chairmanned a special citizens' committee to promote the library.

THE LIBRARY board and the Friends of the Library put on Saturday's party. Merchants gave prizes for game winners.

The special guests fun ranged from pitching horseshoes to playing records and dancing, and ended with a dog roast on the Pine Lake beach.

Each of them took home a card declaring him one of 59 charter members of the Yopng Friends of the West Bloomfield township library.

That's where the history comes in. A check with the American library association shows only one other Junior Friends of the Library, a California group on record in the USA.

THE NAMES of the charter members and the story of their contribution will be recorded on a scroll to be placed in the new library.

The charter members will meet soon to elect officers, plan a recreation progarm and project to help their common cause — the library.

And when West Bloomfield's larger, modern library is completed its Junior Friends will puff up with personal pride.

THEY'RE GOING to enjoy the new library and support it through their activities. Because these young citizens will feel that it's THEIR library.

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ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

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Highway Officials, S'field to Continue Expressway Talks

SOUTHFIELD—State highway officials and the Southfield plan commission are meeting twice this month to further discuss the proposed east-west expressway.

The officials met Wednesday night at the city hall and will convene again Oct. 28 when planners hold the regular commission meeting.

The city has continued to refuse approval of 1.8-mile long section of the east-west from Inkster to Northwestern at 11½ Mile.