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Hills Schools OK Survey Of Future

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Members of Bloomfield Hills board of education voted, at their meeting Tuesday night, to anticipate future growth problems by commissioning Michigan State University to conduct an educational survey in the school district.

At the same time, board members solved an immediate transportation problem, due to increased enrollment this year, by the purchase of two new school buses.

The MSU survey will give particular attention to future curriculum and building programs. Similar surveys have been made by the university for Bloomfield Hills school district in the past. They have proved helpful to the board in keeping abreast of site purchases and school building programs in this rapidly growing school district.

THE TWO 60-passenger buses were bought at a cost of \$11,780. This brings the total of new buses purchased this year to 17.

School officials believe the total number is now sufficient to solve an over-crowded bus problem, which has existed since the school system started operation of its own school buses this fall.

Manslaughter Charge Sought

LATHRUP — A manslaughter warrant is being sought. Allen Park police said Tuesday, for the driver of the car involved in the death of Mrs. George A. Burnham, prominent Lathrup woman.

Mrs. Burnham, 53, died as a result of injuries suffered in an auto accident last week at Southfield and Oakwood, Allen Park.

A rested driver, driving was Gerald William Horn, 26, of Farmington.

For further story, see obituary column, section A.

Linsmeyer Heads Road Commission

BEVERLY HILLS—Councilman Leonard Linsmeyer has been appointed head of the Beverly Hills commission on streets and highways by Village President Marvin Cline.

Linsmeyer replaces former Councilman Robert Reed, resigned because of a transfer. Reed's replacement on the commission, Councilman John McClanathan, takes over as parks, recreation and sanitation commission chairman, a post formerly held by Linsmeyer.

Franklin Boy Scout Paper Drive Nears

FRANKLIN—Boy Scout Troop B-11 will be collecting bundled newspapers and magazines this Saturday to assist homeowners' fall cleanup.

Asking residents to again place bundles where they may be easily picked up, scouts and dads will be working from morning till 4 p.m. to load the trailers parked in front of the Franklin Community church. Deliveries of bundles to the trailer will be most appreciated.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

A book on our selves at home is titled, "I wish I'd written That." If this column had a title, I'd call it, "I Wish I'd Thought of That."

"That" is going to a foreign country for a year or two of college. While I did want to get far from Ann Arbor, I hated myself the other day when I heard about Dick Bauley.

Instead of doing the conventional and heading back to Dartmouth college for his junior year, Dick shipped off to Europe and enrolled at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Dick, son of the Karl Baileys of 5275 Adams, Bloomfield township, is being Europe and learning about life over there and getting an education and having a wonderful time and making me furious because I didn't think of that myself and now it's too late.

Getting into Edinburgh isn't difficult at all, his family tells me because the university encourages Americans to study there.

IF YOU say, "Oh, my aching back" to Southfield township board members, they will probably watch out. Next thing you know, you'll be reaching those tired muscles with a Swedish massage technique. It's

divine, my spies tell me, and it really helps.

IT WAS picturesque, but not too cozy when Lathrup Village's council met by the glowing fire on Monday night at the House-in-the-Woods.

The offices have been without heat for several days, and the city's employees have kept warm by burning a cord of wood a day in the big house's three fireplaces.

They hope to have the broken furnaces repaired soon.

But in the meantime, you can't too-wait for it.

IT TOOK Mayor Donald L. Swanson and Clerk Patrick G. Flannery about three hours each to load the city of Southfield's first special city of \$508,000 improvements, most of which are complete.

The city is growing so fast that they estimate the next bond issue will hit the \$1 million mark.

Residents to Decide Fate Of Storm Water System



"Five plus five equals ten. Ten divided by two is five. Two times five is ten." This, three students and one teacher go through the paces of visually learning about five. In the midst of this educational process are Sean Ellwood (left), Linda Sanford (seated by two), five times five is ten." This, three students and one teacher go through the paces of visually learning about five. In the midst of this educational process are

There's No Problem With These Problems

By SAVILLA SLOAN Special Writer

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—"Look at the problem carefully. . . . Can you write the equation which states the problem?" asked the teacher.

A hand went up from a boy on the back row. He went to the blackboard and wrote down a series of figures. "Now, compute your equation, Scott," the teacher said.

Despite the terms "equation" and "compute," I was not watching a burning algebra student at Vaughan elementary school. This year all elementary schools in the Bloomfield Hills school system have adopted a new series of arithmetic text books, published by Scott-Foruman. I was there to

observe the third grade teaching aims and methods adapted to the new textbooks.

THE TITLE of the series, "Seeing through Arithmetic," is indicative of the approach taken to the subject. The emphasis is on the "whys" behind arithmetic rules—an understanding of arithmetic processes, rather than learning it through memory and rote drill.

The problem, for which young Scott had written the equation, was pictorially presented in view on what a village. Six sheep (See PROBLEM, Page 3-E)

Beverly Hills Put on Ice, Thanks to Kathy Rafferty

By JULIE CANDLER Township Editor

BEVERLY HILLS—Never underestimate the power of a woman—the younger the woman, the better.

A 14-year-old named Kathy Rafferty can work up more power than the Enrico Fermi plant. She started a reaction that led to the launching Monday night of the first recreation projects of the Village of Beverly Hills.

Swayed by a letter from Kathy, Beverly Hills planning committee, a resident of 31728 Sheridan, the village council voted to maintain two natural ice skating rinks at Southfield township park. While they were still under Kathy's influence, the council followed up the rink project with approval of a Saturday basketball instruction program.

KATHY'S letter was first read to the council at its Oct. 5 meeting. She asked that the village set up ice skating rinks because there was no good place to skate in or near the village.

She went further than that, giving the teen-age female's point of view on what a village recreation program should include.

STATING that "many teenagers like myself enjoy tennis," and that the nearest courts are in Birmingham, she went on to suggest tennis courts, a community playground, baseball diamonds, football field, swings, slides and a community hall.

Kathy also thought that communities like Beverly Hills should use their influence to get a special rate for teen-agers' movie tickets. Claiming that the 90-cent admis-

Lions' Back Gets Official Support After 'Black' Day

BEVERLY HILLS—Two Monday morning quarterbacks carried the ball Monday night in a play to bolster the sinking spirits of Beverly Hills Councilmen Ted Shurtleff and Chester F. Guilmette co-sponsored a resolution on behalf of Kote, a fellow resident of their village. Guilmette read the penned document.

"After 'Black Sunday,' we hereby resolve that the council of Beverly Hills on behalf of all football enthusiasts of the community reaffirm its confidence in the ability and undying spirit of Beverly Hills resident and quarterback of the Detroit Lions, Tom Ybarrack of the Detroit Lions. To the Lions' front wall to give our citizens at least semi-adequate protection during these critical times when he is attempting to arch those aerias against the enemy."

The council passed the resolution swiftly and unanimously. Then the council's regular meeting got underway.

LATHRUP—Approval of a \$930,450-plus separate storm water system will be up to Lathrup voters in February, 1960.

Pertinent facts gathered by two engineering firms, two advisory committees, a representative of the Oakland county DPW and council members were reviewed at a study meeting held in the city offices last Thursday night.

An \$85,000 preliminary survey by engineering firm Fite and Hirt calls for a storm water system using grass covered ditches, catch basins and sewer piping to carry the storm water to the Evans ditch. Without city-type paved streets with curbs and gutters, the engineers explained, a completely covered system would be out of the question. The ditch-type system, according to the engineers, will preserve the rural atmosphere of Lathrup.

IF RESIDENTS approve the proposed storm water system, Fite and Hirt's 10-d council members, final plans can be completed within 90 days. It is anticipated that approval of the bonded sale by the Municipal Finance Commission would take about 2 1/2 months.

Following the awarding of contracts, the proposed schedule would call for completion of the system about January 1961.

TIED IN with the storm water system is the clean-out of the Evans ditch. Lathrup's council members have agreed to meet with Southfield on Nov. 4 for a discussion of a joint project if the date is satisfactory with Southfield council members.

Richard L. Castle, county DPW engineer, told the group that June 1, 1959 has been set for the completion of the Evergreen interceptor. In Castle's opinion, there was no chance that the Eight-Mile drain controversy would hamper the Evergreen project.

SEWAGE DUMPED into the Evergreen interceptor will be metered at a station at 11 Mile road and 10th street. Other cities will be charged on water take up. Lathrup will use the metering system because of the great amount of water.

Tentative costs of the storm water system were quoted at \$930,450. The cost did not include the Evans ditch cleanout. Last year, when Lathrup voted down the proposition, costs were quoted at \$629,000.

Beverly Buys Cars

BEVERLY HILLS—Two Ford automobiles were purchased Monday night by the village of Beverly Hills. The council accepted H. J. Murphy's bid for two cars.

The cars, a 1959 Ford Mustang coupe and a 1959 Ford Mustang coupe, are for the public safety department and the Village Manager Robert F. Murphy.

THE COUNCIL, referred her letter to Councilman John A. McClanathan, chairman of the village parks and recreation committee.

"We were going to do something about skating rinks this winter, anyway," one councilman stated, "but this letter really stirred us to act quickly."

After McClanathan's investigation and report on possible rink sites, the council approved two natural rinks, one for hockey and one for skaters. They will be established at the park on Beverly road through the cooperation of the Southfield township board.

AFTER the rinks were approved, McClanathan read a letter from Beverly Principal Malcolm Ferguson, asking that Saturday morning basketball instruction similar to that held in Southfield school gymnasiums be set up in the three Beverly Hills schools. The council approved the 9 to 11 a.m. clinics, to be supervised by an instructor, at a cost of \$60 per school.

Wonder if teen-agers like Kathy like basketball?

Beverly Hills Moves On Drain Installations

BEVERLY HILLS—Monday night one association asked the village to contact the Twelve Town authority about its drainage problems, another turned over a petition for action on its drains, and a pair of associations moved ahead on financing their \$500,000 sewer project.

Speaking on behalf of the Greenfield-Beverly association, Leonard Keil, of 16125 Reedmere, asked the village to contact Twelve Town officials. The association wants them to add an extension onto their presently proposed drain from Beverly south so that it can be connected up with existing outlets at Auburn and Amherst where flooding occurs.

"I'm on their side," said Councilman Dr. Douglas J. Wood. "The Twelve Town drains are not going to give the relief we will be paying for. There will have to be some drain lines in order to get the benefit we are entitled to."

THE VILLAGE will ask the Oakland county DPW to carry out the \$265,000 drain project. It will exceed the Evans ditch and add extra lines leading to it along 13 Mile road. Village Manager Robert E. Murphy was instructed to discuss the drainage plans with rural lines in order to get the benefit we are entitled to.

KEIL SAID that 2000 feet of pipe costing approximately \$60,000 would have to be installed to connect the association's drain system to the Twelve Town as it is presently planned.

Village officials will contact the Twelve Town authority. Beverly-Artisan association President T. R. Sullivan turned over to the council a petition signed by 62 suburban residents. It requests that the county build the Artisan drain planned to provide relief from flooding to the 13 Mile-Pierce and other areas.

Franklin May Vote On Village Issues

FRANKLIN—Voters may have a chance to decide on a general mosquito control program and future library and municipal office space in March.

Looking ahead to the spring election, Councilman Cal Thomas initiated thought Monday night which may well lead to questions for referendum at the polls.

Because the question of rezoning the former Franklin Community church on German Mill road automatically becomes an issue for vote in view of a petition with nearly 300 signatures submitted last spring, Thomas ventured this would be a good time for the council to consider an alternate proposal that of acquiring the old building as village-owned property.

A TEN-MEMBER committee consisting of two councilmen (one of whom will be the village president, Grant Sivieri) two authorized church representatives; two members of the German Mill-Carol roads association; one planning commission member; one Franklin Community association member and two citizens-at-large will study details to determine costs, practicability and need. Their findings are to be ready for report to the council Dec. 14. If the plan is feasible, it will be placed on the March ballot.

Thomas also urged the president to appoint a three-member committee, none of whom are councilmen, to investigate the desirability of proposing a village-wide mosquito control program on the ballot. Setting Nov. 9 as the target date for a report, the committee may consist of a doctor, a naturalist and one other member.

WITH MARKED efficiency, the council whittled down a cumbersome agenda which necessitated (See VOTE, Page 3-E)



Officials Celebrate Two Good Things

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—Southfield township clerk Fannie Adams (right) is still wondering who sent her two dozen red roses and just penned "congratulations" on the enclosure. She and Audrey Leach, township treasurer, are having difficulties solving the sweet mystery. The two ladies are also pleased that with the recently remodeled township offices on 13 Mile road west of Southfield, Mrs. Adams has been with the township for 28 years. Mrs. Leach has been treasurer since 1958.

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