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Villagers Turn Down Road Plan

A response which indicated that either residents were not interested in improvements or did not realize the seriousness of their road problems led to the downfall of Bloomfield village's road program.

This is the conclusion reached in a report by Bloomfield Village Protective association president James K. VanHook that was sent to all association members recently.

IN RESPONSE to many requests for road improvement last spring, the association appointed a committee to make a detailed study of the road problem in the village.

Acting on the recommendations of the committee, which checked all details with the Oakland county road commission, the association mapped out a five-year improvement plan that was submitted in a brochure to all members.

Any road improvements in the overall community had to be approved by at least 95 per cent of the residents, according to the road commission.

The association sent out a return mail postcard with its brochure and recommendations and asked residents to return them as soon as possible.

THIS WAS IN lieu of a survey that would have to be made on a door-to-door basis.

"The returns from the survey are sufficient for the guidance of your board," VanHook reported to the members.

"On the basis of the returns it seems rather clear that either the residents were not aware of the seriousness of the problem or they had a personal program undertaken," he said.

TOTAL ESTIMATED cost of the program would be \$383,629. It would be to improve approximately \$4 per front foot that would be payable over a five-year period.

Many residents wondered why the roads could not be repaved with seal coat—a form of tar covering—rather than to the job done in the county road commission will not issue permits for that type of work any longer.

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Court Gives Okay To Funeral Home Rezonning Request

SOUTHFIELD — Southfield lost a zoning fight in court last week when a wife and her husband with a proposed funeral home on Nine Mile road near Northbrook.

Circuit Judge William John Beaulieu that Mrs. Warren Reid should have signed the objection used by the city to deny Kaufman's general home residential rezoning request.

Beaulieu said the rezoning request would be allowed to build.

'Holiday for Things Scheduled Nov. 7

BEVERLY HILLS — The "Holiday for Things" bazaar sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Martyrs society will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 7.

The main attractions will be a drawing for a bush pilot, a 21-inch doll with a wardrobe of 20 outfits and canopy bed, and a 21-inch doll with a wardrobe of 20 outfits and canopy bed.

Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

Public Proclaims Franklin As the Apple of Its Eye

By NITA HARD
Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN — Though there's no tangible proof that Johnny Appleseed ever slept here, a golden river of sweet cider flows in Franklin as a toast to his memory.

His spirit hovers in the hills to haunt the villagers. It creates an air of reformed Bacchic revelry for the thronging thousands who sip cider from two presses here.

What compulsion or high degree of nostalgia will cause people to act on the charming village while the orchards are in blossom?

IT'S HARD for Franklin villagers to understand. Yet, it's safe to say that more than one Franklinites became a resident after succumbing to the charming village while the orchards are in blossom.

Without benefit of singing commercials, trading stamp deals or door-to-door sales, the mill attracts between 4,000 to 5,000 people on a nice fall Sunday.

DESPITE vastly expanded parking facilities and extra police assistance, traffic jams are common for the mile between 13 and 14.

Even Law Suit Fails to Slow Bingham Council

BINGHAM FARMS — Monday night's meeting in Bingham Farms was typical of the town's activity, with only a brief mention of the law suit pending over its zoning.

With matters in the hands of village attorney William H. Haskell, the case for rezoning of the court case is now in the hands of the court.

The council agreed to spend between \$1,000 and \$2,000 on conditioning Bingham Farms roads more winter. All roads will be graded and a spot treatment given Bingham road.

REPAIR and repainting of the bridge near 13 Mile road cost the village \$625, road administrator Donald G. Wright told his colleagues that the case for rezoning of the court case is now in the hands of the court.

BEVERLY HILLS — Beverly No. 5 Improvement association will hold its first general meeting this year at 8 p.m. Nov. 2 at the community house. Election of new officers will be on the agenda.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

The delivery service was excellent, but the pickup was a recent hunting and fishing expedition shouldn't happen to a coon hound.

They were marooned—literally left in a lumbered lurch—in the north Ontario woods. Because of a truck from the ranger station, finally made it to the Soo at 11 p.m.

Monday. Next morning they contacted the airplane shuttle service. They found that the pilot who flew them into the woods had just returned the fact they were to be brought back to civilization Sunday.

He flew them back to the cabin to pick up Getsinger and Gordon.

THE WHOLE thing wouldn't have happened if the private airplane's owner hadn't been ill.

But then again, if Wilson and Renault hadn't known how to fly their way out of the inaccessible spot, they might all be sitting there yet, scanning the bush country.

Then there are times when you might be nice to have a bush pilot drop you off and just forget about you for a long, long time—at least for a couple of hours.

Mile roads and the impatient often like the difference on foot.

Built in 1837 as a grain mill, the building has changed hands and the economic fortunes of its owners changed. McKee, an electrical contractor in Birmingham, bought the mill in 1932 when he couldn't collect for repairs he had made.

Since then, he and his wife have been operating the mill. At the peak of the season they hire about 45 employees. He buys all varieties of apples, providing they're of good quality and low in profit.

His success could be attributed to a special old recipe for doughnuts, sold piping hot and spicy. Sometimes it takes 12 to 15 people to make the 3,500 dozen doughnuts sold on a Sunday.

VISITORS watch the painstakingly slow squeezing process after groups of apples slide down a shoot from preparing rooms on the second floor. The old water wheel, installed about 55 years ago, provides all the power for the mill. It dips its gigantic circumference in a small stream coursing past the mill along 14 Mile road.

Up the hill, north of the mill, is another cider press, squeezing apples grown by farmer Russel Pickering. The remaining fruit farm in the area, now reduced from 170 acres to 25, the Pickering farm gets a share of the Sunday cider trade, too.

Owned by his family since 1870, Pickering's cider mill continues to operate as long as there are apples. He serves fresh cider through most of the year.

THE BIG red barn houses modern equipment and a dozen bottler packs the apple juice into waxed half-gallon cartons. Pickering grows 25 different varieties of apples, also pears and grapes. Born on the place and in the cider business for 40 years, Pickering hires about 10 people to handle the rush season.

And while these two mills engage in a crushing business, both actually outside the corporate limits of Franklin are the village residents good-naturedly tolerate the weekend visitors—providing of course, their own strew with paper cups, or driven over.

THERE'S an ever-present fear that someday fire might break out somewhere in the village and the stream of outside traffic may delay important and prompt action.

But, in the meantime, it brightens up the sleepy little town, gives out place in the sun where the world beats a path to its neighboring mills.

Death Driver Free On \$1000 Bond

LATHRUP — The 26-year-old farmington man charged with negligent homicide in the Oct. 15 accident that took the life of Mrs. George A. Burnham of Lathrup has been released on a \$1,000 bond and is bound over to circuit court.

A manslaughter warrant was issued against the driver in Lathrup, but it was reduced Oct. 27 following an examination. He was arraigned.

According to Allen Park police, Horn's license was revoked in 1953 for reckless driving and suspended in 1957 for negligent driving.

While many Birmingham area residents haven't been to the Franklin cider mill in years, out-of-town residents come many miles for the nationally-known product and the fresh doughnuts. Richard Ebyak, of Dearborn, and Nancy Montgomery, of Redford, were at the mill recently enjoying a snack, as are many hundreds each week.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

Birmingham Goblins Get Out Saturday 1-A

Import Fair Planned 1-C

Pumpkinhead Picture Parade 1-B

Presbyterians Celebrate 125th Anniversary 6-B

Students Earn Donations For UF Drive 6-D

Maples Play Final League Game 8-E

West Bloomfield Library Friends To Greet Readers

WEST BLOOMFIELD — National Children's Book week will also be "Win more friends for the Friends of the West Bloomfield Library week."

From Monday through Saturday members of the township's Friends of the Library organization will be on hand for the library's book week to serve refreshments and tell library-goers about their newly activated organization and the library itself.

Readers can get their membership cards from the Friends of the Library representatives, at either the main library, 3201 Orchard Lane road, Rego, Harbort, or the Westchester branch, 7200 Cedar Bank, Commerce.

Youngsters will be able to sign up for the Junior Friends of the Library organization. A special display of new books for children and adults will be exhibited during the special observance.

LATHRUP — "More Books in the Home" theme of this year's book week will also headline the Lathrup school book fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 4 at the school.

Books for children of all ages will be on display and will be for sale.

Bloomfield Expedites Improvement Projects

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The township board disposed of several special township matters Monday by holding an earlier meeting before its regular meeting.

When no resident appeared to protest, the board voted a special assessment on lots 1 through 63 in Bloomfield acres. The assessment will pay for the installation and operation of 11 street lights at a cost of \$330 a year.

A special hearing on improvement of Charing Cross estate's water system at a cost of \$21,000 was held. There were no objections, and the rolls were confirmed.

AT THE regular meeting, a petition for installation of sanitary sewer in Devonshire Downs subdivision was accepted by the board. The petition was signed by 61 per cent of property owners. Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. was set for first hearing on the project.

Devonshire Downs sewer was one of five sewer projects for which the board agreed to advance \$94,000 of sewer reserve funds for its completion. Other sewer projects avoiding bond issues by the use of township financing are Jackson Park, Harrow Circle, Bywood, and Quanton extension.

THE TOWNSHIP board approved consideration of a \$51,000 sewer project in Broughton Farms, to be financed through a bond issue.

A request by Charles Ester of 743 Robin Hood circle, that he be allowed a special direct tap-in to a sewer passing through property back of his own property was rejected by the township board.

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Schools Entered, Burglaries Mount In Southfield

SOUTHFIELD — Three more burglaries this weekend brought the total of Southfield's breaking entering cases thus far this year to 180.

Intruders smashed a window to gain entry to the Southfield school, 12 Mile and Bloomfield. Apparently searching for money, they broke into the school office by breaking a glass door panel.

Only loss was \$28 in cash taken from a teacher's pried-open cabinet in a classroom. The culprits damaged the office safe in a futile attempt to open it.

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Campbell Calls Off His Siege

By DOROTHY ZATEL
Lathrup Correspondent

SOUTHFIELD — A fter more than two hours of questioning and accusations by school board member John C. Campbell, a \$4 million budget was approved unanimously by the Southfield school board Monday evening. It leaves a deficit for advance state aid in the amount of \$48,534.

An increased three mills voted last June helped reduce the school district deficit by \$120,000 and add 26 new teachers to staff the new Birney school at Evergreen and 11 Mile roads. Library facilities at Lathrup and Northbrook schools have also been provided.

Comparing two sets of figures which disagreed because state and county have different methods of counting school personnel, Campbell kept a long and confusing discussion going for one one-half hour before voting his approval.

UNDER Campbell's persistent questioning of figures on two tentative budgets and sets of figures made available to a multitude of agencies, School Superintendent Glenn Schoenfeld remarked that he did not object to any questions, but did object to any suggestion of dishonesty in his administration.

Campbell's attack on the budget and administration was highly reminiscent of the charges he brought out for state and county administrator when Campbell was mayor of the city. When the charges were proved unfounded by audit and other council members, Campbell quit the council, charging that he had been misled by the other four council members.

BOARD MEMBER Gordon Hefner, a CPA asked three brief questions Monday with reference to cutting costs. However, Hefner indicated he would approve the budget when board members seemed that taxpayers had approved the millage increase to avoid any changes or cuts in present school services.

A tentative budget for the 1959-60 school year was approved last April for approval by the state allocation board. For purposes of state aid, the final budget must not be completed until the state legislature approves the new state aid bill.

SOUTHFIELD schools now have an enrollment of 7,000 students in 11 schools. The state budget and instruction is budgeted at \$2,743,982.

Campbell said Tuesday morning that a balanced budget is expected in the fall of 1960.

8 Mile Drain Suit Settled

SOUTHFIELD — The long-disputed construction of the Eight Mile storm drain was settled out of court Monday when the Oakland county board of supervisors refused to approve the storm drain assessment rolls.

Oak Park and Southfield, the two counties, will not draw under a new law if Circuit Judge William John Heer approves a settlement of a taxpayers suit against the long-stalled \$4.6 million project. Both cities have signed new petitions to start the drain anew.

The move halts tax bills for the no-let-built drain that would go to residents Dec. 1.

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