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See Trouble In Franklin Zone Appeal

FRANKLIN—A 50-minute reading of the summer's council minutes, a 20-minute treasurer's report, a report from the zoning board, payment of bills and road reports is the sum total of council activity Monday.

Win Hinman, chairman of the zoning board announced that a hearing is set Monday night to hear three appeals involving the use of properties.

All three issues are expected to draw opposition from surrounding residents, Hinman said.

UNDER CONSIDERATION will be the erection of the proposed post office on lot 42, Franklin road at Carol, an addition to the Post gift shop on Franklin road; and construction of a gas regulator station on lot 2 in Indian Woods.

Although the proposed site for the post office has already been sketched by postal officials and the lot owned by Mr. and Mrs. Schofield is zoned commercial, the zoning board must rule if this use is acceptable to the village.

Paute's gift shop is at present operating under a non-conforming use, and the board must decide if (See APPEAL, Page 3-E)

Three University Students from Area Attend Fiji Academy

Three Birmingham are Phi Gamma Delta fraternity members were among 200 national officers and undergraduate representatives who attended the biennial Fiji academy held Aug. 29-29 at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

Roger L. Weinheimer, 158 559 Buckingham, Beverly Hills, is section chief in charge of the Michigan and northern Ohio chapters, Richard F. Keiser, 17881 Beechwood, Beverly Hills, represented the Phi of Wittenberg university, and Steve Hunter, 827 Pilgrimage, Birmingham, represented the University of Michigan chapter.

Keep Fires Off Road, City Asks Residents

LATHRUP—The government of Lathrup, turning to the Michigan Paving association for an answer as to the question of possible damage leaf burning might do to Lathrup's roads, was told that making fires on the pavement damages the binder and destroys the surface of the road.

The city asks that since many have made a substantial investment in the paving in front of their homes, residents find somewhere else to burn leaves rather than roads and driveways.



Beginning His Studies

WING LAKE—Only his first day of school, and already Gregory Raskin, 4060 Pickering, Bloomfield township, was engaged in his study of kindergarten blocks when Birmingham Eccentric photographer Phil Webb visited Wing Lake school Monday. Doing research on what happens when you put your hand under a bridge of blocks, conscientious Greg seems to realize already that a fellow can't get ahead these days without an education.

Residents Reopen Question Of Paved Roads in Village

BEVERLY HILLS—Though it hadn't been mentioned for several months, the problem of paving Beverly Hills' main roads turned up again last week. The incident proved that residents along the roads involved have not forgotten the issue.

When Beverly street residents got a promise from the village council that their road would be paved, several asked when the road would be permanently paved.

That brought out the money problem. The residents were asked to get together with Board Commissioner Walter Kouba and village engineers to discuss it.

THE FINANCING of such paving was discussed in a traffic study and summary of street and structure needs prepared last spring by Johnson and Anderson, engineering consultants to the village. They estimated that paving of just the main roads in Beverly Hills would cost \$1,825,000.

Commenting that the village could not afford these improve-

New School Gets Name, Safety Plea

SOUTHFIELD—It will be called the Alice M. Birney school, and pupils should continue to get to it by bus, the Southfield board of education decided Monday night when it discussed the new 11 Mile-Evergreen school.

The name of Alice M. Birney, founder of the National Parent Teachers' organization, was proposed to the school board by the Southfield PTA council, on behalf of the 2422 members of the 11 local PTA units.

The same evening the school board advised four mothers of Birney school children to send their children to school by bus temporarily. The mothers, for whom Mrs. Robert Blasier, 19078 Coral Gables, acted as spokesman, sought the posting of a crossing guard at the 11 Mile road access to the school.

THEY SAID it would be healthier for their children, all of whom live two to four blocks from the school, to walk to classes if guard protection is not provided. Buses now pick up all children attending the school, though many parents would prefer to have them walk.

Sewer construction, finishing work on the school, and the laying of water mains could keep trucks moving around the school for as long as a year, Board Member Will Oliver warned the mothers.

Until the trucks disappear, children would be safe taking the buses, board members advised the mothers.

School Superintendent Glenn Schoenhals also told the group that he considered the posting of crossing guards at 11 Mile road a police function, and not that of untrained school personnel. Schoenhals said he would refer the matter to the City of Southfield regarding crossing guards at the school.

SOUTHFIELD Administrator Paul McNutt said Tuesday that Southfield had "more schools than we have policemen" and could not afford to post a police officer at the school.

Mrs. Birney, who is since the mothers volunteered to act as crossing guards themselves, McNutt said Southfield police could train the women to take over the safety function.

In naming the new school after the PTA member, the board made a gesture of thanks to the Southfield PTA for its support of the school's many programs and bond issue votes.

Board member Elsie M. Lloyd said she believed the PTA is our best public relations group and the record she has achieved this distinction."

Other names proposed were Elizabeth, Glenn W. Levey, and Elsie M. Lloyd.

Alice M. Birney Was Founder Of National PTA

SOUTHFIELD—A Biographical sketch of the life of Alice M. Birney, for whom the new 11 Mile-Evergreen school was named, was presented at a meeting of the Southfield PTA Council recently to the school board to name the school after the PTA founder.

Listing the accomplishments and aims of both national and Southfield PTA's, Council President Mrs. John Bodnar, 25381 Lois Lane, Southfield, told the school board, "The PTA is not just an organization and it is, therefore, fitting that we take pride in honoring an individual whose good judgment and keen understanding drew for us the blueprints from which we have built a sound structure."

BORN OCT. 19, 1858, in Marietta, Ga., Alice M. Birney's earliest education took place in private schools for public schools were not numerous at that time. Later she attended Mount Holyoke College, before her marriage to Theodore W. Birney and the birth of two daughters.

Mrs. Birney had the full sympathy and cooperation of her husband in her aspiration toward bettering the status of women. In 1895 at Chautauque, N. Y., she revealed her plan and in the following year she explained it to the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

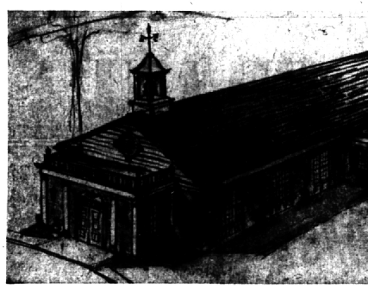
In 1897 she met Phoebe Apperson Hearst who became a co-founder with her of the new organization.

The National Congress of Mothers, later to become the National Parent Teachers' Association, was successful from the beginning. Mrs. Birney served as its first president. She died in 1907.



It's Roundup Time

FRANKLIN—Roll 'em, cowboy!! Roundup and Barbecue committee chairman Bill Bowles (chairman of the day); John Murray, (parade); Ralph Smith (General chairman), and Arthur Gee (food) extend reels of tickets for the many events planned for the day-long event on the village green Saturday. They and fellow members of the Franklin Community association will be selling 'em by the yard because this Colonial type Community Hall, (below) designed by architect Alfred Emmerling, may be the end result. Expected to cost \$250,000, the proposed building will be finished by Roundup time next year. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring. The new hall will provide all Franklin groups with a meeting place, have a full stage, athletic equipment storage and kitchen space.



UHOA Plans Publication, Public Meet

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—The United Home Owner associations of Bloomfield township, a federation of 46 subdivision associations, will open the fall season with a public meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Bloomfield junior high school.

Homer Case, township treasurer and sewer director and Harold K. Schone, Oakland county director of public works will appear and discuss "Sewers for Bloomfield."

FORMAL announcement of the meeting was made in a new bi-monthly publication "The Tie" edited by George Petzer, past president of the group.

The Board of directors has established "The Tie" as a means of improving communications within the UHOA—to tie our group together and let other non-member associations know what we are doing." Dorn Dickerson, president of UHOA stated.

"The Tie," he said, is not an effort to compete with other local publications. The Eccentric's fine articles on township matters and recent area-wide articles on sewers, water supply plans, roads, etc., are very much appreciated by the group."

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Building Dream Spurs Round-up in Franklin

By NITA HARD  
Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN—More than ever before, the annual Roundup and Barbecue, Saturday is dedicated to the realization of the community's dream, to have a new community hall.

More than just a day for neighborly fun with ball games, parade, beauty contest, midway games, corn husking bee, horse show, pony rides, water battle, art show and an open pit barbecue dinner, this year's Roundup is spurred on by the hope that Franklin will have a new community center by this time next year.

AFTER successfully negotiating the purchase of the only available site left near the center of the village, the Franklin Community association now announces that it has definite plans to construct a Colonial type building late next spring.

The project has inspired extra enthusiasm in the many committees that have been working throughout the summer to plan the Roundup.

General chairman Ralph Smith promises that everything will be bigger and better this year. Program-for-the-day chairman, Bill Bowles, announces the following timetable:

9:30 a.m.—All-Star League Baseball game and Babe Ruth League game.

12 noon—Western Beauty Queen contest (in front of the church)

12:30 p.m.—Parade (which will include new Franklin marching band, Beauty Queen and court, riders, fire equipment, floats,

clowns and anybody who loves to parade.)

1:30 p.m.—Water Battle between several Oakland County Fire departments; Girls' All Star baseball game.

2 p.m.—Special events (corn husking, races, etc.)

2:30 p.m.—Children's games.

3:15 p.m.—Western Horse show.

4:30 to 7 p.m.—Barbecue Dinner.

THROUGHOUT the day the arts and crafts show with over a hundred entries from local artists and craftsmen will be shown under colored paper canopies near the church. Birmingham artist Peter Jepson and Royal Oak artist Robert Herzberg will be sketching visitors.

After the parade the midway on the village green will be going full force with a ferris wheel and merry-go-round for tots, skill games for everybody, pony rides, and concessions.

The water battle is also a new feature. Franklin will have the semi-finals for the Pontiac Firemen Field Day Sept. 26.

PLANS FOR the Barbecue dinner have been revamped to speed service and assure patrons of hot food, a half a ton of beef will be prepared by chef John Boyd, formerly of the Stabler and now of Hill Harry's.

All in all, it promises to be a wonderful day for Franklin families, their friends and neighbors from Wood Creek, Bingham Farms, and Meadowlark.

And every ticket sold brings the Franklin Community association closer to fulfilling the long felt need for a new hall.

Night Owls Halt Wee Small Hour Deliberations

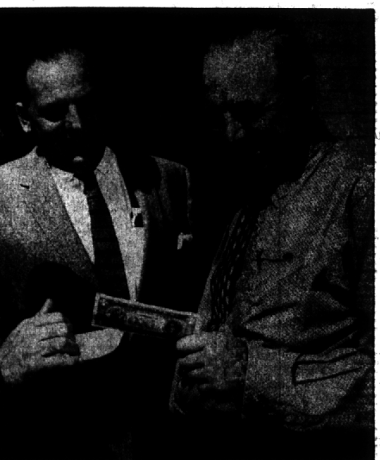
SOUTHFIELD—Even with a five-minute break at 11 p.m. and strong hot coffee at midnight to break the tension of hours of deliberation, Southfield school board meetings are getting too long.

The board members decided reluctantly Monday night to schedule two meetings per month in place of the one formerly held. In the future, the growing school system's meetings will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month in the teacher's dining room at the high school.

After approving the motion for two monthly meetings, board members went home. It was shortly before 2 a.m. when they left.

Schools Fill Up

SOUTHFIELD—An official count of Southfield schools' enrollment this week shows that the school system now has 7,047 pupils enrolled, 600 more than were listed when the schools closed last June.



Passing the Buck

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Former Governor Murray D. Van Wagner Saturday became the first of the state's Democrats to contribute to the party's annual "Dollars for Democrats" drive. Van Wagner is a trustee of the newly organized Bloomfield Democratic club. To make the collection and write Van Wagner's receipt, Cass Jaros (left), chairman of the dollar drive in the third legislative district and vice chairman of the local club, stopped at Van Wagner's home at 3890 Oakland along with Stanley F. Dunn (center), Bloomfield Democratic club representative to the drive. The campaign is being conducted in conjunction with the national Democratic committee. From Sept. 25 to Oct. 4, local Democrats will be ringing door bells to sell membership in the party for \$1. The Bloomfield Democratic club gets its official party charter tonight at a dinner at Kingsley Inn.



Beverly Hills Goes East

BEVERLY HILLS—A village moved Monday. Beverly Hills moved its officials, its public safety department and its records eastward across the fire hall to the new addition just completed at the Southfield township hall. Village Clerk Alice Spencer carried files, while Village Manager Robert Murphy helped transfer the cash register. (Murphy took over as village manager the following day.) The village is paying Southfield township \$100 per month to rent the 1600-square-foot addition, which cost \$19,955. Site work and alterations to the township's quarters brought the total cost to \$24,700.

Bleacher Purchase For High School Eyed by B of E

SOUTHFIELD—Even though they will not get them in time for the first home football game Oct. 22, Southfield school board Monday to seek bids for bleacher seats for approximately 1,000 spectators.

The board hopes to secure new bleachers in time for later home games. Plans are to purchase additional 1,000-seat sections to go adjacent to them in the next few weeks. A \$12,000 credit from contractors on recent school construction makes possible the expenditure now.

Along with the resolution to purchase the bleachers, the school board adopted a measure proposed by Board Member John Campbell, asking that School Superintendent Glenn Schoenhals survey playground and recreational facilities at elementary and junior high schools, report on plans for developing them further, and costs involved.