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## Southfield Teachers Get Raises

**SOUTHFIELD**—Southfield school district teachers Monday were granted an increase in salary of \$150 over their regular scheduled increases.

Beginning teacher salaries in the Southfield schools will be increased from \$4,450 to \$4,600 annually.

Superintendent Glenn Schoenhals said Tuesday morning that the salary increases will mean slightly heavier class loads for some teachers but that the extra pay to new teachers would not be as severe as originally expected.

The board will hold a special meeting Saturday morning to consider the matter of additional staff salary increases.

A TENTATIVE budget for the next year must be filed with the tax allocation board by Monday.

Southfield high schools will have additional library facilities in the fall when rooms 208 and 209 are converted into a library. Bids on alterations and furniture will be opened May 9.

The board approved the purchase of four new school buses to replace four seven-year-old buses due for retirement.

## Powell Seeks Nomination

**WEST BLOOMFIELD**—Christian F. Powell, 7618 Barnaby, is seeking nomination for the Republican nomination for state representative for the third district.

Farrell E. Roberts is not seeking re-election.

Powell, 28, has been a financial analyst for the Ford Motor Company, tractor and implement division, in Birmingham for a year. He previously spent four and a half years with Wyandotte Chemicals corporation, as a tax consultant.

**POWELL RECENTLY** completed his law education at the Detroit College of Law and is currently waiting results of the April Bar examinations. His earlier education was at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, where he received his bachelor of science degree in commerce in 1954.

Powell said he has delayed his political career until completion of the training that he feels a law-maker should possess.

## Name S'feld Woman To Park Commission

**SOUTHFIELD**—A Southfield mother of five children was named to the parks and recreation commission last week by Mayor Donald L. Swanson.

Mrs. Lawrence Brown, Jr., 28500 Everett, was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Al Wargo who resigned from the post when he was transferred to Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Brown, who has worked with the present parks and recreation commission for several years, will serve until the end of the term in February, 1961.

## Tak of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

It took Birmingham school board member George Combe to give me the courage to say it. For a long time I harbored a conviction that home economics courses, for my own daughter at least, were a waste of her time and the schools' money.

Then Combe spoke out at a board of education meeting, proposing that students be permitted to drop home economics (or shop) and take a language in its place.

I added my "amen" to what I saw a School Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland recently.

I didn't object to her being taught to make aprons and dresses, even though a modern girl can usually buy ready-made clothes as inexpensively as she can make them. I didn't complain about her having to take cooking, though she had been baking for me in our kitchen for years.

BUT THIS "all-purpose" gets me. That's where they learn to groom themselves properly, apply make-up neatly and select wardrobe wisely.

I said to Dr. Ireland, "what threw me was when my 11-year-old daughter came home from a seventh grade junior high class and told me she had been taught how to put lipstick on."

"When she's old enough, that's something I can teach her," I said. "I want the schools to teach her the things I can't."

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Fire Marshal L. Yantuszeki and reservists Ronald J. Clair and John D. Rhodes drive through town in the Fire Fighters Association's "antique engine."

## Volunteer Days Over—All 'Reserved' Now

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**—Regular and reserve fire fighters have officially joined hands as a blaze combatting fraternity in Bloomfield township.

The volunteers changed their name to reserves. Then the reserve group invited the regulars (renamed to reserves). Then, the two groups cancelled the name of the volunteer organization and they all ended up as . . . the Bloomfield Township Fire Fighters association.

The "oldest" member of the group, they claim, is the 42-year-old American La France pumping engine that both reserves and regulars have used for school demonstration.

The big red pumper has taken hundreds of youngsters for rides at special gatherings and follows.

## Plan to Build Super Market At Maple-Lahser

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**—A super market will be built this fall at West Maple and Lahser roads by the A & P Food stores, according to an announcement made this week by Vice President.

The 14,000 sq. ft. super market will have a paved parking for more than 200 cars and parcel pickup facilities. It will be the third A & P store in the Birmingham area.

THE STORE WILL be of colonial design to fit into the surrounding area. Just west of the outer and developer of Bloomfield Village, will build the market and lease it to A & P.

Vice President Aldridge tentatively scheduled the opening of the new Maple-Lahser market for late fall. He said the new store would incorporate the latest methods in food merchandising.

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## Bloomfield Moves to Abolish Annual Meets, Improve Roads

## Jet-Age House Holds A Well-Traveled Look

**WEST BEVERLY**—The new house at 19519 Riverside is more than just "home" to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Hyatt. It is a reflection of their world travels and an example of their ingenuity. And it contains one room which the semi-retired businessman and his wife hope they will never use.

The congenial couple greet you cheerfully in the foyer. So does a colorful column which contains memories of Hawaii, Egypt and Holland for the Hyatts.

The column, 11 ft. from within, sends color vibrating from glass panels with scenes from the three continents.

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Caribbean area islands. Many of the historic items and excavated pieces have a story behind them and the well-educated Hyatt can tell them graphically.

IN THE DINING area, lights are not merely switched on and off. Controls are designed for degrees from dim to bright.

A joy to any Michigan woman would be Mrs. Hyatt's cedar paneled clothing storage room. It's as refreshing as the thought of not having to pack away clothes from season to season.

A red-birch-paneled family room is the center of activity with bookshelves, a fireplace and a panoramic view of the yard just off the screened porch.

THE LARGE AND luxurious living room is the formal area of the Hyatt-designed home. It can be closed off with sliding doors at both extremes.

The kitchen is a cook's delight for a delightful cook who knows how to prepare special dishes in her new electronic oven.

Hyatt specified that a portion of a counter wing should be six inches lower than the average working height. It's a more comfortable, easier level for some of Mrs. Hyatt's kneading and baking operations, and the space also serves as a snack bar.

PERHAPS THE MOST unique feature of the home is an atomic bomb shelter serviced by its own well, air in-let and out-let system and furnished for protection and comfort during an emergency.

The bomb shelter is the room the Hyatts hope they will never use. But it's certain that a lot of use and enjoyment will come from the rest of this pleasant home with the well-traveled personality.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Hyatt taste some of the popcorn they made almost instantaneously in their electronic oven.

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**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**—At its meeting Monday night, Bloomfield township's board acted on two issues raised at the annual township meeting April 2.

The board voted unanimously to place abolition of the annual township meeting on the Aug. 2 primary ballot.

On a motion by board member Henry Hogan Jr., a committee was formed to study, recommend and take action on paving of major roads in the township.

Fred Chapman, zoning board member, was named chairman of the committee. Other members are Hogan, Gordon Getzinger, and police chief Norman Dehnke.

THE COMMITTEE anticipates a paving program for the township by participation on a 50-50 basis with the Oakland county commission. The road commission would use any excess funds remaining at the end of its fiscal year, and township funds would be raised by special assessment districts based on benefit from road usage.

A study to determine the order for improvement of township roads will be made first by the committee.

The method of setting up the special assessment districts is yet to be determined.

THE TOWNSHIP board has asked for three separate legal opinions as to whether special assessment districts can be set up by majority vote at annual meetings or special township meetings called for that purpose.

This was the method attempted by a township group of residents at Bloomfield's annual meeting to force paving of Lone Pine road between Squaker and Telegraph. The move was defeated by a vote of 38 to 34.

At that time, township Attorney Floyd Stalack believed the method was legal. The township board had asked for a written opinion from him after further study. Bonding company attorneys have also been asked to give an opinion. Since paving costs are financed by sale of bonds, the method would have to be legally acceptable to bonding companies.

A THIRD OPINION is being sought from corporation counsel.

The annual meeting's close vote in the Lone Pine paving issue is responsible for the township board's action toward elimination of future annual meetings.

At that time, board members pointed out dangers inherent in a small organized minority passing measures at annual meetings which are attended by only a small percentage of the township residents.

The issue to abolish annual meetings was voted on at a previous primary election in 1956. At that time it was defeated by a vote of 1268 to 361.

Definitely planned for improvement this spring are Lahser road from Squaker Lake to Hickory Grove, and Quanton road west from Woke Lake to Franklin. The work for which the township will pay half will include ditching and application of a gravel base. Blasting will be postponed until 1961.

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