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Sticker Candidates Lose Votes

LATHRUP — Last week's recount of the April 4 council election cost each of the three sticker candidates one vote. The cost to Lathrup Village was between \$250 and \$300, according to City Clerk Frank Derby.

The recount showed a total of 92 sticker votes discarded rather than 134 as originally reported. As certified by the board of canvassers John Kohl and Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell will receive two votes each on the council. Vincent year terms on the council. Vincent year terms on the council. Vincent year terms on the council.

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WITH THE recount completed, the three top vote-getters whose swearing-in was postponed by the election, now take their seats on the five-man council.

Mrs. Mitchell and Kohl were sworn in Monday evening, but Zetell, out of town on business, will wait until the next council meeting.

The official count now stands at 415 for Kohl and Mitchell, 412 for Zetell. Defeated candidates Richard H. Anderson, Vernon M. Peal and Arley Van Meer scored 390, 387 and 378 respectively. Anderson and Van Meer are the sticker candidates who demanded the recount.

CHAIRMAN of the board of canvassers H. Earl Hanson said he was well pleased with the order in which the recount proceeded. Other board members were Frank Derby, Richard M. Cogger, David P. Anderson and Frederick O. Johnson.

Representing Lathrup in the recount was City Attorney Everett Hayes. James G. Hartwick presided. (See VOTES, Page 2-E)

Paving Plan Starts Soon in Lathrup

LATHRUP — Council members gave their blessing to residents who plan to go ahead with a concrete paving program this summer.

Contractor Anthony Vitzig, 28701 Sunset, said that he will complete engineering on the proposed strips to be paved and the contract will be worked out to the satisfaction of all home owners concerned.

As presently planned, the city will collect and hold cash deposits on the paving, inspect the work and make final payment when the job is finished.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

It wouldn't hurt to ask Nikolai Khrushchev, figured ten-year-old Joseph J. David.

So he wrote a letter to Mr. K. Last week he got just what he asked for — stamps from Russia.

Joseph, of 591 Woodway court, Bloomfield township, decided he needed the stamps for his fast-growing collection. When his father, Donald P. David, suggested he write to Russia, Joseph went right to the top man.

The St. Hugo of the Hills school fourth grader said he asked the USSR boss "if he couldn't take care of it, give it to somebody who would."

David started his collection when he received a few stamps for Christmas. Already he has more than 3,000 stamps. With his approach, it's easy to see why.

How do you explain why you're sitting in a tree in the pouring rain playing with Easter eggs on a Saturday night? That was the problem Henry L. Schlachter, 920 Varnouth, Bloomfield village, had when his daughter's date arrived Saturday.

He found his words unconvincing as he told the young man that he was hiding eggs for the Schlachter family's traditional Easter egg hunt.

Now whittled down to what Hugh Carney calls a "hard core" the Easter men's club gets in a hard-played session of volleyball every week.

They have been getting their exercise at Eastover school's gym for almost two years now. Getting pretty good at volleyball, too, claims Carney, of 5717 Sussex, Troy.

One of their "stars" is Dr. Paul W. Trimmer (you saw his name in the papers when he sent his patient, Nelle Lassiter, to the hospital). Because he's a nice fellow, he's been dropping a basketball into a basket, they call him "Stretch" Trimmer.

When Stretch jumps a volleyball over the net, it takes a good man to get it back, Carney will tell you.

Beverly Hills Budget Cuts Halt Tax Hike

School Board Hikes Budget

S'field Asks Hills B of E Another Mill Candidate for Joint Planning

SOUTHFIELD — Southfield school board submitted a budget to the county Monday that will begin in the red if the tax allocation board does not grant them more than last year's 9.38 mills. Southfield is asking for an additional mill to cover the deficit.

A. Zetell, who ran third highest, will fill a one year term.

Defeated sticker candidates Richard H. Anderson and Arley Van Meer will go ahead with planned legal action to be based on the council. Van Meer said Tuesday.

"Our attorney assures us that we have a good case," he said. "I think I owe people who voted for me an opportunity to have their votes counted. If possible, I'm willing to spend some money to accomplish it."

THE REASON for the hike is a \$150 across the board raise for teachers. The raise will cost the action an additional \$45,000.

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IF SOUTHFIELD receives the same as it did last year, the budget will show a \$103,980 deficit. In order to meet the proposed total, the allocation will have to be based on 10.38 mills.

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Swim Club Gets Ayes And Nays

BEVERLY HILLS — A petition protesting noise and traffic which they believe the new Beverly Hills athletic club would bring to their neighborhood was submitted to the village's council Monday night by residents of the area surrounding the club's proposed site.

Meanwhile the club's officers were moving ahead with plans to build a swimming pool this year near Southfield and Beverly roads. More than 290 people attended the first general meeting last week at Birmingham Community House. A club spokesman said that by Tuesday membership totalled 150 families.

After listening to objections Monday night, the council referred back to the zoning board of appeals the club's request for approval to build. The board continues its hearing on the case Monday night.

BEVERLY HILLS — A \$6 million project including two ten-story apartment buildings with shopping facilities housed on by floors was proposed this week for a 13 Mile-Evergreen site in Beverly Hills. (See story, Page 1-A.)

Seek 5th Freedom — From Mud

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — They may mark an anniversary, Saturday. But it won't be a happy one for some Bloomfield township residents near Wing Lake.

They may begin their fifth week of walking nearly a quarter-mile through mud to get home. For nearly four weeks the families of Quanton road trudged through mud with heavy grocery bundles. Some have carried in furnace oil in five-gallon cans and others in two or three.

If an emergency should occur, they say, no ambulance or doctor could get to them.

SAID mud-walker resident Lawrence S. Martz, 4345 Oakgrove, "If we had a fire in there, it would probably burn not one house, but two or three."

Bloomfield township officials are trying to help the mud-marooned residents. Monday they got permission of relief from the Oakland county road commission, and two sewer contractors whose heavy equipment has chugged up the road.

But as of Tuesday night when The Birmingham Eccentric was still impassable and blocked off from Wing Lake road to Lakeview. Quanton is the only access to Lakeview road and Oak Grove road. The unhappy citizens park their cars at Bloomfield Hills junior high school at Wing Lake and Quanton roads, and then their high boots.

AT MONDAY'S meeting the two contractors, told township representative Jim Scott they would make emergency repairs to road sections on which they had worked. The Oakland county road commission agreed to dump gravel and grade along Quanton from Bywood to Franklin.

Monday afternoon Centafanti equipment worked on their portion. The results were "not too good," according to Case.

Before this week when the last frost went out of the ground, Case said, "Equipment couldn't even work in there. It got buried in the mud."

CASE SAID Tuesday that he would again see the Oakland county road commission to do something immediately about the Quanton road mess.

"It's a county road and it's supposed to be maintained by the county," he said.

Meanwhile, the stranded residents are waiting, hoping for no more anniversaries.



Eight Little Bundles of Easter Joy

WEST BEVERLY — The Easter parade ranks decidedly when the Robert Grove family stepped out 19481 Beverly road and headed for services at Northminster Presbyterian church. There was (from left) Vivian, 3; Edith, 4; Miriam, 5; Gwendolyn, 8; William, 6; Charles, 9, three-month-old James with his mother, and Peggy, 18 months, held by her father. It takes both mother and dad to get the eight little Groves ready each week for Northminster's Sunday school and nursery rooms on Big Beaver road. Grove is a Chrysler corporation designer.

Extension Group To Sponsor Revision Of County Plat Book

OAKLAND COUNTY — The Oakland county cooperative extension service is sponsoring a revised county plat book containing individual maps of each of the 25 townships and an alphabetical list of owners of acreage. This publication now has approximately two-thirds of the advertising space taken and should be ready for printing about mid-May. Money received from the project is being used to promote 4-H clubs and other extension activities.

SINCE The present plat book was published in 1955, many changes in property ownership have taken place. Future plans call for revision every three years.

Anyone wishing further information regarding the plat book may contact Lyle Abel, county extension director, 1260 W. boulevard, Pontiac.

Franklin's Tax Set at 8½ Mills

FRANKLIN — It will take eight and a half mills instead of nine to continue the five-year road program and operate proposed 1960-61 budget.

With a public hearing set for 8 p.m. May 9, they held that an income of \$15,000 would allow increases to the police budget, village clerk and building department salaries, and restore an additional \$250 contribution to the fire department.

\$20,000 will be spent on the second lap of the eight-mile road program. By coming up with a new source of revenue, interest income the council granted the fire group's appeal to receive the original grant of \$500 contributed until three years ago.

DECIDING to invest the nearly \$9,000 from accumulated surpluses over a period of years, the council figured an interest of three percent would cover the fire item. Until now, the surplus has been carried for contingencies.

Councilman Robert Mitchell held to his conviction that the road millage should be cut down to three. His was the only dissenting vote on the proposed road budget.

He contended engineering costs were too high. His colleagues maintain that the major expense of engineering has already been paid out of the first year's income and will now derive much more of the taxpayer's money.

THEY ARGUED a cutback in millage would impede progress of the five-year plan.

Village residents last year authorized the taxing of up to eight mills per \$1,000 valuation for the road tax in the village's history was levied last July. Along with the road mills the village levied one mill for general operation, under a charter provision allowing up to three mills for that purpose.

ASSESSMENT rolls will be made up May 1. A board of review has been set for May 21. Assessment roll members are Dr. Ralph Smith and Richard Caskey made up the board.

A SUMMARY of the fiscal budget will be published in The Birmingham Eccentric next week. The council welcomed its newest member William Kahn Monday night. In Europe for the past month, Kahn has not met with the present administration since it took office March 28. He has been assigned to work with councilman William Worcester on roads.

Street administrator Norman Naimark reported village progress. He said the new "committee system" with area road captain functioning successfully through the difficult period caused by the sudden thaw. Naimark paid special tribute to Worcester.

3.93 Millage Will Continue After Paring

BEVERLY HILLS — A tax increase predicted when Beverly Hills' 1961 budget was first drawn up has been prevented, Beverly Hills Councilman John A. McClanathan revealed this week.

In a letter to the village council in his absence Monday night, McClanathan said cuts had been effected in the village's proposed 1961 budget. They mean that the village's 3.93 mill tax will not be increased to 4.70 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, as originally forecast.

The increase was at first foreseen by Village Manager Robert E. Murphy when he submitted the budget to the council last month. At that time McClanathan was named to head a budget study committee.

IN A series of meetings, McClanathan and other budget committee members Ted Shurtliff, Hugh G. Allerton, Jr. and Chester P. Guilmette, worked out the plan. Among them was the transfer of legal expenses involving the sewer lateral to be built in the village's western portion. Originally included as a village operational cost, the fees will be included in the special assessment costs in which residents benefitting from the sewer will share.

In other business Monday, the council set a public hearing date on a request for rezoning of property on Southfield road south of Beverly. Owners Kathleen Madonka, 18915 Bedford, and Elizabeth Kalder, 19340 Devonshire, seek rezoning of the 691-foot frontage now zoned residential to permit its use for retail stores, a bank and parking.

A HEARING was set for 8 p.m. May 16 at the village hall.

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Council Refuses Appointment Okay

SOUTHFIELD — Southfield Mayor Donald L. Swanson walked out of last week's council meeting after councilmen failed to approve his recommendation to the city's recreation board.

Swanson asked approval for Mrs. Lawrence Brown, Jr., 28600 Everett, to succeed Al Wargow, who moved from the city.

Councilmen voted 4 to 3 against the appointment. Two women are on the five-member board.

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