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## 3 Townships Pass All Local Issues

### New Zone Class, Subdivision Eyed By Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS—A proposed new zoning classification and a subdivision tailored to meet such qualifications will be considered in two weeks by Beverly Hills councilmen.

A public hearing has been set for 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22 to consider the institution of a new zone classification termed R-1a. The proposed revision suggested by the village planners would be a cross between the highest residential requirements set down in R-1 provisions and the next highest residential stipulation called for in R-2.

SUGGESTED as a "buffer and more gradual lessening of requirements, the proposed classification would call for a 100-foot frontage on lots (as in R-1) but less total area (more in line with R-2).

Planners recommend that R-1a would require 1400 square feet for a one-story structure and 1800 square feet for a two-story home. The side yards would be 12 1/2 and 17 1/2 feet as in the R-2 class.

THE PROPOSED subdivision that would incorporate the new zoning was approved at the July 21 planning board meeting.

Developers for the 73-acre residential area are Borinstein and Robinson.

The plot extends along 13 Mile road west from the village offices approximately to the Baptist church property. It is bordered on

the north by Beverly Hills No. 12 subdivision and the park.

THE PROPOSED development, called Beverly Hills Estates, would consist of 172 homesites. Twenty-five of the lots would meet R-1 zoning requirements.

Some 44 lots would fall under the proposed new zoning category R-1a.

All other lots would be rezoned R-2. The R-2 lots, however, would maintain 100-foot frontages at the building line but some would be as low as 12,000 square feet in total.

THE VILLAGE zoning requirement for concrete streets and curbing would be upheld. Developers stated that the water and sewer facilities would be adequate.

A 20-foot green belt would be planted along 13 Mile road, developers said, with sufficient entrances and exits and curved streets.

The R-1 and R-1a zoning is requested for the wooded northwest corner section of the plat. The developers feel that R-2 zoning is appropriate for the remainder of the property due to the proximity to 13 Mile road, the freestone and the unknown nature of future developments between the plat and Southfield road.

### Councilman-Guilmet Meets Merry Match In Monicker Mix-up

BEVERLY HILLS—A small newspaper clipping caught at Beverly Hills' council meeting.

Councilman Ted Shurtleff firmly asked his colleague Chester Guilmet if he had been a force behind changing the village's name from Westwood to Beverly Hills.

"Yes, I was," Guilmet answered quietly. "Why?"

"Well, what about this?" Shurtleff said as he read the following:

"One of the women who witnessed a hole in one at Birmingham country club was tonight, at Howard Johnson, 10 Mile and Northwestern. A film on the construction of an outfall sewer project into the Pacific ocean will highlight the program."

"Mrs. Chester R. Guilmet, 19603 Riverside drive—WESTWOOD."

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### Southfield Optimists Convene Tonight

SOUTHFIELD—The Southfield Optimist club will meet at 6:30 tonight, at Howard Johnson, 10 Mile and Northwestern. A film on the construction of an outfall sewer project into the Pacific ocean will highlight the program.



'Mmmm, Mmmm, Good'

Denny and Ted Inman, 17319 Redwood, Southfield, get a head start on the crowd for St. Bede's ice cream social to be held this Sunday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the church grounds, 12 Mile and Southfield. The social is sponsored by St. Patrick and St. Gerard guilds and there will be lots of ice cream for everyone. The children will also be entertained by movies and a fish pond.

### Another Ditch Proposal Considered in Lathrup

By IRMA DAVIS Lathrup Correspondent

LATHRUP—Lathrup council members agreed Monday to review the city budget to determine if funds are available to match \$5,000 held by the Steinfurth committee to clean out, straighten and deepen the Evans ditch.

G. E. Steinfurth and Charles Kelley are promoting the money-matching plan. The council stipulated, however, that the committee must first write a letter stating how much money is in the committee fund and spelling out the exact details of the offer, before a budget review is made.

According to Kelley and Steinfurth, plans have been prepared by the engineering firm of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May for the Ronge Number one clean-out.

Kelley said that the engineering firm had informed him they could get bids for the job for that would not exceed \$10,000.

THE ENGINEERING firm estimated in early April that the would cost \$48,000 to move the Evans drain, off Louise Lathrup Kelley-owned property along Evergreen road, to the center of a proposed boulevard strip. The ditch would be 15 feet wide at the base, 40 feet wide at the top and eight feet deep.

Kelley continued that the clean-out was important enough to justify using any unappropriated city funds that are available and asked for a report from the city treasurer, Ruth Bippus.

He was told by the council that the quarterly auditor's report and monthly budget report are available to the public and that all funds had been allocated for various city uses. Kelley said the \$5,000 in committee funds was not enough to do a proper job on the ditch.

COUNCIL members also scotched reports that a fund of approximately \$19,000 had been set aside for a future city hall and explained that a contingency rental fund of about \$13,000 had been set aside by the city during an earlier administration.

The contingency rent fund was set aside in 1954 and 1956 as an emergency fund in case the city should find itself without a home due to fire or other unforeseen event.

Lathrup presently rents the House-in-the-woods for use as a city hall and city facilities.

MRS. KELLE provided the council with an opportunity to close the lengthy discussion by requesting that someone be appointed to shut windows in the city offices following council meetings.

### Adjoin Hearing On Beverly Pool

BEVERLY HILLS—Due to a crowded court docket the scheduled July 28 hearing on Beverly Hills athletic club's proposed swimming pool has been adjourned until Aug. 19.

A temporary injunction preventing the club from going ahead with plans was granted in May by Oakland Circuit Judge Frederick C. Ziem.

The injunction was granted after suit was brought by residents of Beverly Hills immediately surrounding the pool's four-acre site near Southfield road and Beverly.

### Annual Meetings No Longer a Must

By DON PEMBER Staff Writer

The voters of Southfield, West Bloomfield and Bloomfield townships decided Tuesday that they no longer saw a need for the annual township meetings and voted them out by a substantial majority. All other townships proposals were also passed.

The issue, which has been "in the wind" for several years, was finally put on the ballot this year with top backing of all three township supervisors.

The three listed poor attendance, namely, 10.6, inaccurate and indecisive voice vote and no voice for township officers as their reasoning behind the move to abolish the meetings.

The vote in the separate townships on the meeting issue was: Bloomfield, yes 8678, no 1334; West Bloomfield, yes 898, no 701; Southfield, yes 885, no 576.

THE TOTAL VOTE for the communities averaged a dismal 38 per cent of the registered voters. In Southfield township only 2,045 of the 5,887 registered voters made an appearance at the polls. West Bloomfield polled 2,270 of the 7,087 who were registered and Bloomfield township voters numbered 3,913 of the 11,299 registered.

IN BLOOMFIELD AND West Bloomfield other proposals loomed and were passed by "landslide majorities."

The question of making use of the 1959 Planning Act of the state of Michigan was presented to the voters in both areas. It passed by a vote of 1,207 to 645 in West Bloomfield and 2,707 to 462 in Bloomfield.

The townships now have voter authorization to establish township planning commissions, a body which has been peculiar to only city, towns and villages in the state.

The townships will be two of the first users of the act. The commissions would be used to promote public health, safety and general welfare; utilize natural resources; and provide adequate community services.

THE VOTERS OF Bloomfield township gave the township board permission to sell a gravel pit on the intersection of the state and Kensington roads. The vote was 2,840 to 373.

The township supervisor, Arno Huiet, called the property unsightly and asked that the gravel be removed. The township board voted to sell the 30 acres to be used for a new township office building.

Now that the proposal has been passed, the property will most likely be reponed and sold to the highest bidder.

### Five Three Youths On Entering Charge

BEVERLY HILLS—Three area youths were fined \$30 on charges of entering without permission this week by Southfield Judge Clarence Kadd.

Michael W. Murphy, 19 of 30349 Marshall, Southfield; Clifford Brink, 18, 7777 of 13 Mile; and Troy and Guy E. Brown, 19, 31259 East Rutland, Beverly Hills, were charged with entering a private home at the residence of Harold Hurkett, 19416 Riverside, Beverly Hills.

### Know Burglar With Mink and Drink? Call the Police!

Birmingham police are on the trail of a scotch-loving burglar who may have a girl friend sporting a mink or ermine stole.

The burglar broke into the apartment of Erna S. Zimmer, 426 Oak Street, last Saturday night.

Stolen were two mink stoles valued at \$2,000 and one ermine coat and one ermine stole for which police said they had no estimate of value yet.

Two bottles of scotch were also carried off by thief last Jan. 1. Entries to the apartment by jimmying a door in the lobby and the apartment.

POLICE ARE seeking for questioning magazine salesman who was soliciting at the apartment house Saturday afternoon.

### Commission Extends Deadline for Angle Woodward Parking

You can continue to angle park on the east side of Woodward from Ravine to Oak until next Jan. 1.

This decision was reached Monday night by the Birmingham city commission to allow time for completion of a parking lot at the rear of the Reid building.

In effect, the commission extended the July 1 deadline which it had set at the end of last year.

Court proceedings have been started to condemn three parcels owned and managed by the city. The parcels are located on Woodward parking lot (Lot No. 6). Three other owners have agreed to sell the city their parcels.

### Depths of History Supply Her Hobby

Let's see, 200 million, 300 million, 400 million. This "fossil" which Mrs. Don Odle examines could be that many years old. This specimen is just one of many Mrs. Odle has in her collection.

By NITA HARD Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN — So, you're mad about antiques? Get a shivery pleasure out of the opaline sheen of colonial milk glass? Love the nice warm feeling when you caress pre-revolutionary, metal, hand-rubbed wood? Drift dreamily into the golden past at the glint of medieval hand-forged metals? You're not alone.

Millions of homes are decorated annually around little fragments of Americana which exchange collectors hands across the nation during the sunny months of summer. But don't blow your stack when Junior comes in with his pockets bulging with rocks. He's an antique collector, too. Like Mrs. Don Odle of Adair court in Franklin.

Though most of us can remain fairly impassive about the small gray objects tucked away in the wrinkles of the earth, it's fun to be with people like Mrs. Odle who care about everything, however remote or obscure.

NOT ALL OF her specimens are perfect nor even rare, but they're all tied up in the threads of her life and the places she's been. That's the fun of it.

Though it's just a suggestion and really hard on the rear axle if you go in for this kind of collecting in a big way, we recommend Mrs. Odle's type of souvenir hunting during the remaining days of the summer.

I'll mean fruitful hours in the library during the coming winter, just trying to identify each one. It may also lead you to the Cranbrook Institute of Science where Mrs. Odle has also spent several months as an assistant to the curator of design.

When A LITTLE weary of the persistent inquiries with their musty, dimly lit interiors and their shrewd proprietors, try the sunlit, tree-hunting grounds which may take you into a sink-hole near the "Thunder Bay" region, or scarping sharp cliffs that overhang a new highway.

WOOD CREEK FARMS—Before long you'll be able to find an address in Wood Creek Farms village without the aid of a compass and emergency K rations. Ninety-six new street signs have been placed to replace non-existent signs or those with obliterated lettering.

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### Trees Topple for Maple Widening

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Slicing a fallen tree, a workman for the Oakland county road commission, helps clear the way for the widening of Maple road from Cranbrook west to Telegraph. Many trees have and will succumb to the project but road commission officials stress that they are attempting to save as many trees as possible. Maple road will be closed to through traffic from three to four weeks,

depending on weather. The road commission recommends that motorists take Southfield to 13 Mile road and 13 Mile west to access to Telegraph. Paving, which began this week on the south side of Lahser moving east to Cranbrook, will continue on the north side from Cranbrook west to Telegraph and then on the south side of Maple from Telegraph back to Lahser.

### In Car Festival

BEVERLY HILLS—Gerald C. Joryt, 21200 Smallwood drive, Beverly Hills, recently introduced his 1932 Packard phaeton in the historical "car" festival in Bluffton, Ohio. The show is sponsored by the Bluffton business men's association.