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Lathrup Accepts \$148,000 Low Bid For Sewer Work

By IRMA DAVIS Staff Writer LATHRUP—The council Monday night accepted the \$148,000 low bid contract for sanitary intercepting sewers, subject to sale and issuance of bonds.

Mayor Richard W. Cogger and City Clerk Frank Derby were authorized to execute the contract with the bidder, Glanville Brothers Construction Co., Detroit, subject to the approval of City Attorney Everett Hayes.

Residents Object On Zone Variance In Bingham Farms

BINGHAM FARMS—Five residents of Bristol Lane and the subdivider of Franklin River Heights subdivision filed a voluminous article of objections with the zoning board of appeals Monday night to protest the proposed variance of the zoning code requested by 16 owners.

AS PROPOSED, the bonds will be dated March 1, 1961, will be general obligation bonds running for 30 years, in the amount of \$1,000 each.

Eight Mile Drain Hearing Complete Bids Due Jan. 31

SOUTHFIELD—Southfield will spend a city-wide bid to pay share of the cost of the proposed Eight Mile Storm Relief Drain through Oak Park and Southfield.

Talk of the Towns

Amid the many files in the second drawer of my desk there one marked "Dad."

THE BILL STATES that the proposed building site, which is on a part of lot 6 because the Griggs only own half, falls within the required 140 foot width at the front set back line. It also violates the side and rear lot lines.

THE GRIGGS own adjacent property which extends into Southfield. They request to use the Bingham Farms property to secure better drainage.

AFTER ADJOURNING as a zoning board, the group convened as the council and acted through the month's agenda with the only formal report coming from street commissioner Donald Moore.

MORSE ALSO said bonding applications are now studying the validity of the revised rules to be empowered by the village to declare special assessment districts.



His Spirit Grows and Grows and Grows

BEVERLY HILLS—You think you're confused! This quartet is (from left) St. Nick, Kris Kringle, Santa Claus and Helper No. 576. Not one of them is really the jolly old gent. Each is merely an over-sized elf assigned to interview kiddies in the Beverly-Artesian Association area in Beverly Hills.

Franklin's 78 Year-Old Virtuoso Blends Youth, Wisdom in Poetry

By NITA HAMD Franklin correspondent FRANKLIN—To Don Morrison, music, poetry and selling real estate are related arts.

A FORMER CONCERT violinist and pioneer in the field of a instrumental education, Morrison calls himself an "avocational writer."

After reading the classic collection of 23 careful and concise comments on life, as he sees it, it seems Mr. Morrison understates his talent.

AT LEAST HE hasn't had many poems published for a long time. In 1911, the early Lafayette Press bought a collection of his works called "Garden of Youth."

However, between 1916 and 1948 he published numerous musical manuscripts, creative compositions for violin and strings; methods for violin, viola, cello and bass; a Dorothy Jensen 9500 Loggrecast, told police a small sum of money was stolen Dec. 10 when burglars broke into the home.

SOUTHFIELD Police continue search for a man who played at the coronation of King George VI, Academy; gave matinee concerts at Beckett Hall; had the official title of "The Rogers' Violinist" in 1900-1902 through association with Elbert Hubbard and was named Professor Emeritus of Oberlin College in 1948—writing is a secondary interest.

Don Morrison finds enjoyment in spending frequent moments at the piano. The real estate man, poet and musician gets satisfaction from all of his pastimes.

Police Nab RO Youth; Recover Stolen Items

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—The prompt work of Bloomfield Township Police has resulted in the recovery of loot and the arrest of a Royal Oak youth, accused of the Dec. 8 breaking and entering of part of the loot from the burglary in his car.

SOUTHFIELD—Still unapprehended are thieves who broke into two Southfield homes over the Dec. 10 weekend. Don Gilme, 30700 Baleswood, reported losses of jewelry and clothing valued at \$325.

GORDON IS BEING held in Oakland County jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond. He waived extradition and pleaded guilty before Justice Elmer C. Dieterle Monday

area in Beverly Hills. They will visit homes Friday night. Men in the association who made arrangements for the visit include Tom Sullivan, 17340 West 13 Mile Road; Bill Coulter, 16942 Elizabeth; Dick England, 31955 West Rutland; and Bob Kratt, 16551 Elizabeth.

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As part of their normal school period, he had seen the promise in this field during his stay in London in 1913 when he attended an exhibition of mass-playing with English public school children at the Crystal Palace.

He has written a number of poems, some of which are published in a book called "Garden of Youth."

Some of them illustrated with a pen sketch of Morrison as a young violinist in New York, drawn as a gift of artich James Montgomery Flagg. Others have a photo of a dreary eyed long-haired youth, Morrison in London in 1911. They are the key to the era about which Morrison reflects, though the poems were actually written in the past three years.

His wife, BETH, was an accomplished musician too. Before her death three years ago, they made beautiful music together. He on his violin, she at piano. Today, though still very straight and tall, he finds his arms tired to hold the violin, so he finds pleasure in playing the piano accompaniment he wrote long ago.

And he sells real estate. With poetry.

As a real estate salesman Morrison sees the "sky, asleep on the ground" and is bound over circuit court for appearance Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

THE THEFT WAS reported by Barbara Flann, 18, whose parents were away at the time of the burglary. She recovered two portable televisions, one a remote controlled set; a clock radio; six new men's shirts; whiskey; a woman's coat; two boxes of jewelry; a wrist watch; a new purse and shoes.

Elsewhere in the Eccentric

Community Sing For Christmas Slated Saturday

IN OTHER ACTION, the village ordinance in line with state law regarding the use of a dog in a public place, which will cost \$3 if purchased before March 1—\$4 if charged after that date.

THEY agreed to send a plaque and a banner of thanks to Louis A. Palmer, former village assessor, who was transferred to Ohio, for his assistance to the village.

Road Improvements Get Final Approval In Bloomfield Village

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE—A two-year road improvement program for Bloomfield Village was officially approved Thursday night by Bloomfield Township's Board of Trustees.

THE PETITION to repair the roads was signed by ownership of 67 per cent of property in the assessment district. It was approved by other residents in the area.

THE ROAD REPAIR program is expected to cost \$420,000. The project cannot legally proceed unless actual bids exceed this amount by more than ten per cent.

COST WILL BE allocated to residents on the basis of front footage owned on the roads to be repaired—approximately \$4 per foot assessment.

NEW DEADLINES Set For Filing Petitions In Area Townships

THE OAKLAND County Clerk's office has ruled on Jan. 31 as the accepting of nominating petitions for township posts.

IN SOUTHFIELD Township, the offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2 to accept the petitions.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP deadline for filing petitions has been set at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30.

IN WEST BLOOMFIELD, the township office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 2 to accept the petitions.

FIRE CHIEF Sends 'Warm Greetings,' Words of Caution

"BEST WISHES for a very merry and fire-free Christmas," Chief of the Bloomfield Township fire department, has a few other words to add.

"A Christmas tree demands a great deal of care. Don't use one larger than necessary and place it in the coolest part of the room, away from heat sources.

BEVERLY HILLS—Dog and traffic infractions will cost violators more money in Beverly Hills in the future.

THE BEVERLY Hills council Monday night approved the amendment of three village ordinances.

DOWNSPOUT ORDER Deadline Extended By Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS—The deadline for the discontinuation of downspouts in the village was extended Monday from March 1 to April 15.

RECKLESS DRIVING under the ordinance is 45 mph or more in a 25 mph zone, 50 mph in a 30 mph zone, 55 mph or more in a 35 mph zone and 60 mph in a 45 mph zone.

IN THE DOG ordinance (No. 43), the village brought its ordinance in line with state law regarding the use of a dog in a public place, which will cost \$3 if purchased before March 1—\$4 if charged after that date.