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Evergreen Rd. Right-of-Way Starts Feud

LATHRUP — Poor old bumpy Evergreen road wearing in the Evans ditch like a charwoman's motheaten mink—came back into the Lathrup council limelight again Monday evening. It brought heated words before the council finally requested City Attorney Everett Hayes to request clarification on right-of-way from Southfield and to prepare a legal opinion on Evergreen road jurisdiction.

The wool and warp of the arguments—which brought councilman Frederick O. Johnson shouting to his feet—came near to causing Mayor Richard N. Cogger to wear out his gavel and brought tempers to the breaking point—a heated verbal exchange between subdivider Charles D. Kelley and Hayes.

JURISDICTION OF Evergreen road and maintenance was turned over to Southfield by the Oakland county road commission on May 12, 1958. Hayes told council members that such action was not legal. Kelley said, "Start a suit." Council members and Hayes agreed that all Lathrup needs is jurisdiction from the standpoint of right-of-way for utilities and sanitary sewer lines.

Early in December Southfield sent out a letter mentioning the possibility of a boulevard road plan for Evergreen road. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley indicated at that time they would oppose such a plan. Cogger said that Lathrup cannot consent to the boulevard plan. Southfield would have to get an agreement from the Lathrup and Evergreen road property owners.

1960 Dog Licenses Available in Beverly

BEVERLY HILLS — Beverly Hills dog owners can get 1960 licenses for their animals from 9 o'clock to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at the Beverly Hills office, 18500 13 Mile road.

3 Members Named To UF Board In W. Bloomfield

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Three new members have been added to the board of West Bloomfield's United Fund.

They are Mrs. Rosina Roy, 2220 Harvard Court, Orchard Lake; Mrs. William Webster, 2131 Greer boulevard, Keego Harbor; and Mrs. Vern Bradburn, 2905 Gordell, Keego Harbor.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER The program said, "the most American dessert of all, apple pie, oven fresh and warm." It tasted like it was oven fresh and warm a week ago. But aside from that, the \$100-a-plate "Dinner with Ike" was delightful. They must have had some ad man write the description of the dinner in the elegant program. As they sat down with 2400 other diners last Wednesday night at Masonic Temple amidst noise-making carrying huge trays and an orchestra strumming dinner music—guests read their programs.

Most of the diners were men, but the presence of beautifully dressed, beauteous women proved some men had bought tickets for their wives. Everywhere you looked there were Birmingham area faces—among them Jasper Reid, Norman James, Jr., Roy Mitchell, Bill Thomas, the Rev. A. Fletcher Plant, Oakland's Congressman Bill Bloomfield (Republican) who was racing down a hall after dinner when we said "hello." He had just arrived, he said, with 2400 from Washington was grounded in the

Lathrup Scouts, Eccentric Join In Jubilee Project

LATHRUP—It's going to be a big year for Boy Scouts everywhere. In Lathrup, 86 Scouts and Explorers are swinging into the Boy Scouts of America's golden jubilee year with an important new venture. The scouts are raising money for their accelerated 1960 calendar year activities by selling subscriptions to The Birmingham Eccentric in Lathrup and Cranbrook Village.

For each one-year subscription the scouts sell, The Birmingham Eccentric is contributing \$1 to the Lathrup Scout troop's campfire activity funds. Starting this weekend, each scout will contact 14 families with the weekly newspaper that carries news of Birmingham. Bloomfield, Lathrup area scouting and other activities from women's news to local politics.

THROUGH the cooperative venture between scouts and newspaper, The Birmingham Eccentric is proud to be able to do a good turn for the scouts. For their activities enrich both their community and the lives of the truly informed youths who join in the scouting trips and projects.

A look at the recent activities of Lathrup's Explorer Post 10-1 proves how the 14-year-old youths help themselves and Lathrup. They lent a hand in the city's Christmas tree pick-up in early January, a program inaugurated with the burning of the trees in open fields.

THEY HELPED with Lathrup's Christmas tree lighting ceremonies Dec. 13. In November, they donated money to help for the big Goodwill Industries collection drive, then picked up the filled bags a week later. They're busy now with plans for

Absentee Ballots For Special Election Available in Lathrup

LATHRUP—Absentee ballots for the Feb. 16 special election on the \$100,000 damage to the post office, now available at the Lathrup city office. The last day to file nomination petitions for three council seats is Feb. 16. The last date for registration for spring election on April 4, is March 7. City offices will be open that day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 2 at 2 p.m. is deadline for applications for absentee ballots. According to City Clerk Frank Derbe, three petitions have been withdrawn from his office. Incumbent Mrs. Arthur Mitchell has indicated that she will be a candidate for council.

EVERYWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC Mark March 28 Special Election On School Millage This Week's Photo Page For a Bash Check This Pad Sealhorn Renewals Winning Streak

Duel Lines Up; Alice Spencer In Clerk Race

BEVERLY HILLS — Only one contest shaping up thus far in the Beverly Hills election March 14 is on the distaff side. Two women with conflicting opinions on whether or not one person should be both township and village clerk will get the voters' opinion at the polls. Monday night Beverly Hills village clerk Alice M. Spencer tossed her nominating petition on the council table for village official signatures. The four village council members whose terms expire April 1 followed suit by asking her to sign their nominating petitions. All are opposed thus far.

Mrs. Spencer's toss informed councilmen that she plans to seek re-election. She will continue to fill a council vacancy after Robert E. Reed resigned because of a business transfer. Last week Village President Marvin B. Clire and Councilman Lee J. Linsenmeyer announced they would run again. Deadline for candidates to file petitions is 4 p.m. Feb. 15.

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Calls Dual Clerical Role Impractical

BEVERLY HILLS — In announcing his week that she will seek re-election to the office of Beverly Hills clerk, Alice (Mrs. Robert W.) Spencer, 1510 Beechwood, issued a statement of her views on the issue of whether one person should hold the jobs of both Southfield township and village clerk.

"Last week, Southfield township clerk Mrs. Fannie Adams said that if she was elected village clerk, she would also continue to hold her present job, if the township board approved. She stated she would accept the combined \$7,750 salary she receives in both positions." (See ROLE, Page 3-E)

Citizens' Head Offers Hope For Michigan

A comparison of Michigan's political and economic tension to the international situation was the highlight of a talk given to the Southfield chapter of Citizens for Michigan by William H. McLaughley, 131 Guilford road, Bloomfield Hills, vice president of American Motors and associate of George Romney. McLaughley and his family spent four weeks in Russia last summer. He found the Russian people "very friendly, but suspicious of their leaders, because President Eisenhower is a military man." He observed that the exchange of visits by Khrushchev and Vice President Nixon eased the international tensions.

"There exists the same sort of tension in Michigan between the Democrats and Republicans," he said. Then he offered hope that study and recommendations for solution of our local problems by Citizens for Michigan may ease the tension in Michigan and pave the way for a more favorable economic climate. "As citizens, we should be concerned with these situations," McLaughley said. "We can't depend on elected officers to do the job unless they have contact with their constituents."

Bloomfield Hills Schools Announce Top Level Shifts



BLOOMFIELD HILLS—To meet increasing administrative problems in a growing school system, Bloomfield Hills board of education has reorganized the schools' administrative department, with three shifts of top level personnel. In announcing the changes, school superintendent Eugene Johnson termed the new plan "flexible" and "designed to further improve our educational standards."

The new positions have been created, both titled assistant superintendent of schools, and the present duties of administrative assistant have been changed in scope. IRVING MENCUCI, former administrative assistant, becomes assistant superintendent in charge of business administration. Mr. Kay Flint leaves the position of elementary supervisor to become assistant superintendent in charge of instruction.

Mrs. Ellen Beauchamp, secretary to Johnson for the past four years, assumes the additional responsibilities of administrative assistant. With two assistant superintendents to relieve him of more routine matters, Johnson will give more time to curriculum and instructional programs. Before coming to Bloomfield Hills school system, Johnson specialized in the field of curriculum study.

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Swanson Answers Lockwood 'Insult'

SOUTHFIELD — In a special letter issued this week, Mayor Donald L. Swanson called Developer Rodney M. Lockwood's recent criticism of Southfield officials' failure to approve his proposed shopping center "an insult to these public-spirited citizens."

"The seven-point veto message which I sent to the council decried my objections and was based solely on my sincere belief that this proposed center would be poor zoning," Swanson said. "Last week Lockwood blasted the mayor and 'those councilmen.' The council approved zoning for the center by a 4-3 vote Jan. 4. I am sure that the council will align with him" for their failure to approve the \$3 million shopping center proposed for construction on a 20-acre Southfield road site between 12 and 13 Mile. The property is zoned residential.

LOCKWOOD accused Swanson of attempting to force decisions on administrative matters which will enlarge the scope of the school system. Mrs. F. Flint will enlarge the scope of her former position as elementary supervisor, which she has held for the past 12 years, and take the duties of a junior high school. She will place emphasis on bridging educational gaps between elementary and junior high school, and junior high school and junior high school. Mrs. Beauchamp, as administrative assistant, will assume routine administrative problems. She will act as recording secretary for the school board, have charge of personnel files, and handle other duties as assigned.



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Children Start Two Blazes In Southfield

SOUTHFIELD — Children playing with fire caused two blazes in Southfield this week, one destroyed a house trailer and the second damaging a bedroom. A couch caught fire Sunday in the 27-foot aluminum trailer home of the Lloyd Burns family. Burns told Southfield fire officials that he tried to get out of the trailer but when he couldn't make it, he evacuated the trailer with his wife and children.

Firemen estimate the damage at \$3,000. The Burns live at Foss Trailer park, 30050 Southfield road. A TWO AND A half-year-old boy started a fire in a bedroom of the George Sedorchuk home Friday causing approximately \$1,700 damage to the room and furnishings.

Sedorchuk told firemen that his child had apparently started the blaze with a cigarette lighter and then ran from the room closing the door behind him. The Sedorchuks live at 29865 Pierce, Southfield.

Danny and His Dog Click As Business Partners

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE — "Now with here for five minutes while I collect them meet me at the next stop," Danny Dickinson tells his paper route partner, Misty. Her 12-year-old mother, Ginger, often accompanies the pair but tired from lending some 13 pups during the past year, she doesn't make a complete inspection tour too frequently. Danny, a Derby junior high school student, doesn't want Misty to be a hunting dog. She's a pet, he claims, and besides, he doesn't like to run the business alone.

REAPPOINT BECKER LATHRUP — Council members Monday evening approved the reappointment of Lorenz C. Becker, 2821 Santa Barbara to the board of review for a three-year term.