

Traffic Safety Plan Launched By B'field PTO

BLOOMFIELD—An action program to protect children from traffic hazards is under way in Bloomfield Hills as a result of Bloomfield Hills PTO council's call to increase safety.

The program, which will be considered tonight when the council convenes at Vaughan school, stresses the need for education and instruction focused at children, parents and school employees.

In cooperation with Bloomfield Township Chief of Police Norman Henke, the council will deal with the hazards of unsupervised play of children waiting for school buses along busy roads, improper use of school drives and parking lots and the more effective and consistent use of school bus

warning and signaling systems.

THE COMMITTEE reported that unsafe conditions exist when parents created traffic congestion during peak periods of picking up and discharging children. The report said that many drivers disregarded the "do not enter" and "no standing" as well as "no stopping signs."

The committee also pointed out the need for better illumination in the hazardous areas at night and the placement of certain traffic control devices near schools.

Dr. Charles Bowers, president of the Franklin WNFGA, is the chairman of the safety committee. Other members include W. Earl Givens, Hazel MacGill, Dr. George Sewell, Tim Clark, Mrs. William Robbins, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Townbridge, Mrs. Guy Pitts and Supt. Eugene Johnson.

Swanson

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votes needed to override Swanson's veto could not be mustered.

Council President C. Hugh Doherty and Councilmen Clarence A. Durbin and Mrs. Jean McDonnell voted against the center.

Continued Swanson in his statement this week, "It is understandable that Mr. Lockwood might not agree with me and would issue his own peculiar version of the reasons for my action. I would not, however, propose to substitute name calling for sound city planning."

"TO INSINUATE that the Mayor could insinuate that the Mayor would insinuate the thinking of any member of our council or our boards or commissions is an insult to these public-spirited citizens who are devoting their best efforts to the task of making Southfield the finest city in the United States," Swanson said.

Swanson said he vetoed the center because it is on a highway between two intersections, while all other land up to the intersections remain residential.

"Traffic problems would be generated by a shopping center fronting on a two-lane highway to or from which there can be no other entrances or exits except through residential property," Swanson said.

OTHER REASONS listed by Swanson include presence of residential property on three sides of the plot. Rezoning the 26 acres for shops for persons "of high income would draw traffic from outlying areas, Swanson said. He believes the area needs "small center residentially located to provide daily necessities."

Swanson said Southfield's planning consultant advised that "the proposed shopping center would compound planning problems."

The city council and planning commission have agreed informally on Nov. 11 Swanson said, to accept the city planning consultant's recommendation for "convenience shopping centers at 12 Mile and Evergreen and 13 Mile and Southfield."

ADDED SWANSON, "It will be a 'Black Day' for our city when we have a major riot on the basis of 'how much will the city get in tax benefits.'"

Lathrup PTA Names 2 Board Members

LATHRUP—Two new members were named to the Lathrup PTA board recently to replace two members who moved from the city.

Mrs. Mary Block will act as council delegate to replace Mrs. H. Rubiner. New school education chairman is Mrs. Margaret E. Fischer, who replaces Mrs. J. Williamson.

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Franklin PTA to 'Revitalize' Favorite Children's Books

FRANKLIN—Who sees Johnny can't read? Johnny and everybody else at Franklin school virtually read the print right off the pages and the pages right off their covers.

The hard and constant use of favorite volumes has necessitated replacement and the Franklin school PTA hopes its Book Fair next Monday will solve the depletion problem.

Parents are urged to buy a book in their child's name for use in the library. An exhibit of recommended volumes to suggest selection will be on display.

An array of tattered books will also be on display to show how popular they've been.

Mrs. Marion Young, chief of children's services for the Detroit Public Library, said that the book "The Cat in the Hat" is the most popular of all.

Mrs. Howard Rex and Mrs. Edward Green will serve refreshments at the University of Wisconsin.

WOOD CREEK — Golden and gay, the Herman Dobsons of Wellington road have returned from five weeks at Balaire, Fla., where they visited with Mrs. Dobson's sister.

The Franklin boys who make up the basketball team representing the Franklin community church in the YMCA church league in the city will return from their way to another season of victory. Last year they won the title and this year at the end of the first round they stand in first place, winning four games and losing none. Rooters are invited to see them play each Monday night at Derby school.

Home isn't always where the heart is. Judy Mitchell of Franklin Park drive entrained for the coast to enroll at Washington state university at Pullman. Her fiancé, Robert Homann is an instructor there.

The Stan Fay's of Franklin road hosted 37 guests for a rehearsal party on Friday night. The bride was married Saturday to Barbara Abbott by the Rev. Mr. James James at Birmingham. The young couple will make Ann Arbor their home.

Janet Fay will leave this week for Hillsdale where she will receive her Ph.D. in education, transferring from the University of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Robert Richardson of Rosemont Hills was hostess for a miscellaneous shower last Friday to honor former Franklinites, Sue Sutherland. Sue's marriage to John Woodward Stebbins has been set for this Saturday afternoon at Christ Church Cranbrook. They will live in Dayton where Stebbins is stationed with the Air Force.

Following a successful paper drive on Saturday and a court of honor Monday, boy scout troop B-11 and their dais left for Caseville this week for a campout (in heated cabins) at Sleeper state park.

Mrs. Irma Davis of German Mill road returned Monday from a business trip to California where she attended her father's funeral.

Tuesday was Groundhog day and the state occasion of the first anniversary of the Junior Woodchucks. Who are they? Why six fourth grade buddies who anxiously build and burrow and generally keep happily busy in small boy fashion. All their assisted by engineers with the Inkster road 'improvement' project. Collectively they have altered the topography of several back yards.

So it was fitting that their official birthday should be celebrated and Mrs. Robert Kerr of Franklin road came through nobly as the lucky hostess. Even the groundhog showed his shadow.

Frankly, the importance of the occasion escaped Mrs. Kerr until Tuesday morning when mothers of the members arrived bearing commemorative cakes and goodies for the party. Each boy had assigned his mother to prepare and deliver a portion of the lunch menu and bless 'em, they did.

Meeting in Denver, the Von Pol.

Franklin Group Plan Skating Party, General Meeting

FRANKLIN—Offering another first, the Franklin Community association will hold a skating party Feb. 11 at Eton Park in Birmingham—for adults only.

Arrangements have been made for the exclusive use of the lighted rink located on West Lincoln for the hours between 9 and 11 p.m. The cost will be a dollar per couple.

Afterward skating Franklinites will congregate at Biff's on Telegraph for a dutch-treat snack.

The party is being planned by program chairman Adam Schubei with assistance from Bert Coburn. The association also asks its members and their friends to reserve the evening of Feb. 18 for a general dinner meeting at the Franklin Community church. Each member will be asked to bring a guest, whose dinner tab will be picked up by the association. The speaker of the evening and details will be announced later.

Wood Creek Adopts Two Ordinances

WOOD CREEK FARMS—Minus two councilmen Tuesday night, Wood Creek officials nevertheless adopted two new ordinances and whipped through the month's business in record time.

Having studied and discussed the ordinances—a school bus stop law and a topsoil and dirt removal and fill code—at an informal meeting of the council Jan. 13, the council was in agreement Tuesday, formally adopting both.

The school bus stop law takes sections of the Michigan Vehicle code verbatim to prohibit passing around school buses stopped to discharge or take on students.

Having studied in Wood Creek was urged by the Farmington school board as being consistent with the code adopted generally in that district, and enabling uniform enforcement on border roads.

THE TOPSOIL and dirt removal and fill ordinance results from the requirements where large amounts of dirt have been dug by contractors and removed without satisfactory grading. Other residents have had huge loads of broken concrete and fill hauled in to the displeasure of adjacent property owners.

The new ordinance spells out the requirements of permits from the village and stipulates specific conditions under which topsoil and dirt may be brought in or taken from the village limits.

THE COUNCIL also expressed disappointment in lack of interest apparent at this time for the March 14 village election. Petitions for the offices of councilmen (two); clerk, treasurer and assess-

Propane Gas Leak Causes Area Alert In Farmington Twp.

FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP—An explosion hazard created by a leak in an 18,000-gallon propane gas tank caused an alert Thursday for nearly an hour in Farmington township.

The leak occurred in a storage tank at the Northwest Propane Bottling Gas company, 22455 Northwestern highway. A pipe line broke inside the storage tank while a tank truck was unloading.

Residents were cautioned not to start fires and Oakland county sheriff's deputies blocked all traffic in a four-square-mile around the tank.

Cemetery Auxiliary

FRANKLIN—Valentines will be exchanged among members of the Franklin auxiliary meeting at 1 p.m. Feb. 11 for a pot-lock luncheon. Mrs. Kenneth Green, 884 Percy, Birmingham, will be hostess for the meeting.

so are due by Feb. 13. President Alger Clark said he hoped there would be several names balloted for each office.

Franklin WNFGA To Meet Feb. 8

FRANKLIN—A panel discussion on gardening developments and problems will highlight the Feb. 8 meeting of the Franklin WNFGA. Starting at noon with a casserole luncheon at the Franklin Community church, the group will have

Mr. Paul Ziegelbauer, Mrs. George Catlin, Mrs. Thomas Larkins, Mrs. Ralph Marson and Mrs. Art Thurston as hostesses.

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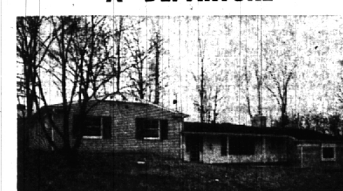
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