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'round the towns news

Beverly Eyes Cut For Clerk

BEVERLY HILLS — The job is open, but the pay is in question. Beverly Hills' village clerk position will get a re-evaluation tonight by the village council at a public meeting at 8 p.m. in the village hall.

Clerk Alice M. Spencer was elected to the clerk's position when the village incorporated in February, 1958. Her salary was set by the village council at \$8,800 annually.

Now the council will probably lower her salary to about \$1,200 per year, according to Mayor Marvin Cline. He said the change would make the job more of a "public service" type of position, because full-time people in the office could handle the daily work.

The village's inception, Cline said, "it has been that way."

Spencer's husband, the village assessor, has been paid \$1,200 a month. A full-time clerk, Mrs. Claudia Kroll, assists with court matters and some clerical work.

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IN DISCUSSING tonight's special meeting, Cline said Tuesday the council had been advised by Village Attorney Thos. Dillon to reset the salary "every time there is a new clerk before an election."

Changing the salary, he added, "might make a difference in attitudes toward running."

Mrs. Spencer announced last week that she planned to resign her position to the clerk's job in the village's March 16 election. At the time she told the Birmingham Eccentric that she worked from 9 to noon daily, but she would work from home with her to do in the afternoon and sometimes stayed as late as 2 p.m. at village offices.

CARE Program Scheduled Feb. 16

BLOOMFIELD — Christopher Deane, executive director for the Michigan CARE project, will explain the activities of the organization at 1 p.m. Feb. 16 at the girl scout office main meeting room at 132 Franklin boulevard, Pontiac.

Girl scout troops and other interested organizations or persons are invited to attend the information meeting.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

He can't remember when he didn't love airplanes, and Louis J. Colombo III, 3635 Lahser, Bloomfield township, wants to be around them for the rest of his life.

The dark, slender 16-year-old started flight instruction when he was 14. He's already such an aerial whiz that instructor George Scott says, "I could sit back there and go to sleep if I wanted to. He's that good in all of the planes he's flown."

A year ago after her son started flying, Scott talked Louis into making lessons. As long as she had to drive Louis to the airport, she might as well take her sons, too, Scott told her. She agreed. Besides, she said, young Louis didn't have anybody to talk about flying with.

SHE SOILED last Thanksgiving day, still takes lessons regularly, and likes flying almost as much as her son does.

Scott, who is Birmingham's fire marshal when he isn't giving flying lessons, says Louis has over 20 hours of dual instruction time. He only needed eight to solo.

"He can fly every plane Burtz airport owns," says Scott.

Though he can pilot 150 and 180 horsepower planes, Louis soloed his first mastered.

"IT WAS quite a thrill," said Louis after he climbed out of the trainer.

Someone suggested to the Bloomfield high school high school

Water Softener Really Gives Him Cold Shoulder

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP — When the topic of water softener came up Tuesday at the township board meeting, Trustee Albert Gatzward began an involved dissertation on why the township should get rid of its self-operated unit and buy the service instead.

"We'd come out the same in the long run," Gatzward said, "what with all the feeding around and the softener ourselves, we'd save a lot of money and be sure the thing would work if we just purchased the service."

He said his personal experience with firms that go about doing good advertising for a small fee was very good.

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"Why that service is so dependable," Gatzward continued, "is that on the man coming every Friday while I take my shower, I know because he turns the water off!"

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Parents Calling for Discharging of Students

PARENTS calling for the discharging of students between the hours of 8 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. will not be allowed to enter the school building.

Uniformed police will be on duty. Traffic will be directed to use Carol road, north of the school and Bowden road to Romany Way.

It is heartwarming to watch the boys in troop LC-1 working and planning together.

Next month the scouts and their packs will camp out in tents at the Williams Gun club in Davison.

Old Nike Site Bought by B of E In Southfield

SOUTHFIELD — Southfield school board members Monday approved the purchase of the old Nike site, just north of 11 Mile road and two miles west of Telegraph.

For a five per cent down payment and five per cent annual interest on the unpaid balance, the school district will gain a 16-acre plot of ground which must be used for a school building within the next eight years or revert to the government. Total cost is \$37,000.

Superintendent of Schools Glenn Schoenhals said Tuesday he is sure the school site can be made of the property long before the eight-year deadline.

Construction could be started within eight months of purchase there would be no charge for the school district, but funds for immediate construction are not now available.

Southfield Schools Seek Aid Under Act

SOUTHFIELD — Southfield school board members Monday authorized Superintendent Glenn Schoenhals to apply to the state department of education for participation in the national education act.

If the application is approved, Southfield schools will gain extensions of their science and mathematics projects on all grade levels and foreign language departments.

Under the national education act, the government will pay 40 per cent of costs with the school district absorbing the balance.

1,000 Expected to Vote Lathrup Tuesday

Together: Scouts, Dads And the Birmingham Eccentric

LATHRUP — Whether squaring knots, pitching tents or building campfires, boys in Lathrup's typical Boy Scouts troops are learning to work together and plan together.

The Lathrup Scouts are also working together to raise funds for their accelerated activities in 1960, the 50th anniversary year of the Boy Scouts of America.

Since this week, the young enterprisers are joining in a cooperative venture with The Birmingham Eccentric, the newspaper which carries news of Lathrup scouting and other community activities. The boys edge \$1 for every one-year subscription sold in Lathrup and Cranbrook village during the three-week campaign.

IN JUNE the father-son teams will attend the thirtieth jubilee celebration of the Boy Scouts of America, to be held at the state fair grounds.

Other LC-1 outings include a camp-out at Oxford's D-Bar-A Feb. 19 to 21 and a tent campout at Huron-Clinch metropolitan authority park in April.

If that isn't enough, the boys and their dads hope to hold an ice fishing derby if time permits and ice thickens.

STEERING the troop's organizing and planning is no small job. Scoutmaster Douglas Greenhill, of Cranbrook, and Assistant Scoutmaster Robert Blazier, 19018 Coral Gables, Southfield, spend two hours with the boys every Wednesday at Lathrup school.

The scoutmasters spend many additional hours out-camping with the boys or helping them to learn

City Asks Bond Issue For Drains

LATHRUP — A turn-out of at least 1,000 voters was predicted by Lathrup Village's clerk Frank Derby for Tuesday's special election on a proposed storm water program.

Termining it a "vital question," Derby estimated as many as 1,200 of the city's 1,900 registered voters would vote on the \$790 thousand bonds.

If approved by the city's voters, bonds will be sold over a period of five years to construct a city-wide system of ditches and catch basins to carry storm water to the main branch of the Rouge River.

Because of the plan to sell the bonds, the city is in a special section of the city, the pressure

Polks Open at 7 For Lathrup Vote On Storm Drains

Polks at Annie Lathrup school will open at 7 a.m. Tuesday for the City of Lathrup Village's special election on storm drains.

Voters will be requested to sign an application for ballot showing that they are property owners in Lathrup (husbands and wives).

Resident and non-property owners will not be permitted to vote in this election. Polks will close at 8 p.m.

The storm drain proposal reads: "The City of Lathrup Village, Oakland county, Michigan, borrow the sum of \$790,000 and issue its full faith and credit bonds therefor for the purpose of defraying the cost of installing a storm water disposal system for the city, consisting of open surface drains for the collection of storm water and enclosed sewers for the transportation of such water to the places of its disposal."



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Off He Goes!

The skies cleared Tuesday and 16-year-old Louis J. Colombo III, who has been ready to solo for two years, took off for his first solo airplane piloting. Watching from the ground at Bertz airport, Troy, were Louis's instructor George S. Scott and his mother, Betty, who also is a flying pupil of Scott's. Louis, of 3635 Lahser, Bloomfield township, had to wait until his 16th birthday Monday before state law permitted him to fly solo. The take-off was postponed a day because of bad weather. Louis's father, a prominent Detroit attorney, has also taken flight instruction. Scott, Birmingham's fire marshal, lives at 787 Hazelwood, Birmingham. (See "Talk of the Towns")

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Southfield School Board Appointee Quits

SOUTHFIELD — Patrick B. Bruder, 19410 Goldwin, resigned from the Southfield school board Monday. Appointed July 6, 1959, to replace Philip Maloney, Bruder cited the press of business as his reason for leaving.

Accepting Bruder's resignation with regret, the board faced the necessity of finding a replacement within 20 days.

They will make a survey of qualified people to fill the vacancy.

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Thieves Break In Township Home

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Approximately \$900 in cash and \$500 in valuables were taken Sunday from a Bloomfield township home.

Edwin W. Hubbard, 728 W. Long Lake, told police that thieves entered the home between 4 and 9 p.m. They piled up a rear porch and liquor were taken.

Former Mayor Urges Lathrup To Vote 'No'

LATHRUP — A letter being mailed Friday by five non-voters backs up residents to vote "no" on the \$790 thousand issue for storm drains.

Signed by John G. Campbell, former Lathrup mayor of 1941 Glenwood, the letter urges voters: "Do not be misled."

Mrs. Campbell told The Birmingham Eccentric Tuesday that she was personally handling the matter. "Five residents whose names she preferred

City Officials Estimate Maximum Annual Cost

CITY OFFICIALS estimate the maximum annual cost to the owner of a home having a storm drain to be \$43.75. However, as more homes are built in Lathrup, the cost of a storm drain is expected to decrease.

Lathrup's storm waters now drain into the sanitary sewers. But costs would be prohibitive if storm waters flowed into the big Evergreen interceptor once Lathrup is connected to it later this year.

A per gallon charge for treatment of sewage will make it necessary to choke off the sanitary sewers to carry only waste material and no storm water, Lathrup officials say.

According to Stuart Bogue of the engineering firm of Pate and Hirri, plans for the construction of a ditch running from 10 to 20 inches deep.

The proposed storm water system, according to Mayor Richard N. Coogler, has been designed to fit the potential growth of the city to 8,000 people and 2,000 homes. Present figures are just over 4,000 population and about 1,000 homes. New growth will spread the tax burden.

Approving the proposed storm water plan are engineers from the city department of DPW, Michigan, and the firms of Hayes, Lewis Norris and May, and C. A. Hill. They are black picture of flooded basements, washed out roads, and general filth for the storm water steps to dispose of storm water.

Elsewhere in the Eccentric

Lathrup Village Court Report

Lots of Light Work

Baptists to Add Educational Facilities

Nixon Talk Scheduled Monday

Seahorn Cagers In First Place

Beverly Eyes Bond OK, Group Hits Bottleneck

By JULIE CANDLER
Township Editor

BEVERLY HILLS — After trying since early spring to get bond and drainage improvements along with the sanitary sewers scheduled in their area, Valley Woods association residents this week found themselves back where they started. And they didn't like the location.

A \$100,000 bond issue to make possible the financing of the big sanitary sewer development in the village's western portion.

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IN DISCUSSING his association's unsuccessful attempt to get bond and drainage work done while the area is torn up for sewer construction, Valley Woods association President Jack Bush said Monday that the Village of Beverly Hills will ask voters to approve a \$100,000 bond issue to make possible the financing of the big sanitary sewer development in the village's western portion.

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BUSH and about 15 other Valley Woods home owners were told by village officials Monday that the \$12 million sanitary sewer installation in the entire village west of Evergreen probably cannot be financed entirely by creation of a pumping station and arterial, not going directly onto individual properties.

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PLANS are for the lateral sewer construction to connect the big area up with the Evergreen interceptor to begin about Aug. 1. (See GROUP, Page 3-E)

Jeweler Reports \$10,400 Theft In Southfield

SOUTHFIELD — An estimated \$10,400 in jewels and \$400 in cash was taken Sunday from the Southfield home of a retired Detroit Jeweler.

George Rapp, 1885 West Nine Mile road, told police that robbery apparently occurred while he and his wife had dinner at the home of a son, Norman, 2830 Glasgow, Southfield.

Rapp told police that he started the thieves when he returned at 8:30 p.m. They fled leaving a full-length mink coat and a mink stole valued at \$5,000.

FORMER OWNER of Industrial Jewelry company, Detroit, Rapp reported a diamond bracelet-watch, a diamond and pearl necklace, a diamond watch and a carat diamond ring missing.

Robbers gained entry by forcing the door to a rear porch and then smashing the kitchen door window. The crime was similar, police said, to a \$15,000 robbery Jan. 4, at the home of a Southfield physician.