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Ask Voters In Beverly To OK Bond

BEVERLY HILLS—Voters will be asked to approve a \$140,000 bond issue...

The village council moved Monday night to place the proposal on the ballots...

THE MAJORITY of costs of the \$1/2 million sewer project will be financed by special assessment bonds...

Premo Named Head Of Zoning Board In Wood Creek

FRANKLIN—Ellis Premo was named new chairman of the zoning board...

Premo replaces Winfield Hinman who has consented to continue as a member of the board...

Lassiter's Widow Is Murder Trial Witness in Detroit

BEVERLY HILLS—Getting underway last week was the Wayne circuit court trial of three men accused of the murder of Parvin (Bill) Lassiter...

Mrs. Nellie Lassiter, the wealthy car dealer's widow, took the stand in testimony for the prosecution...

Talk of the Towns

Be a non-conformist. Look for challenges. Don't be a herd-follower status-seeker who merely thinks like the peer group...

It happened at Derby junior high school the other day. Teacher Carl Pacacha was looking for the conventional answer of "Pennsylvania" when he asked his class, "Where was the constitution signed?"

WHEN we asked Dorothy Zaitell to do a feature story on the Southfield and Lathrup justices of the peace, she first turned in her copy on Southfield JP Clarence Reid, Jr. and Lathrup's James K. O'Leary...

WHEN A MAN'S WORK occasionally forces him to ask a woman her weight, he's in trouble. Sgt. Robert Pepper has to ask the girls' weight when they apply for driver licenses at the Birmingham police station.

WE GOT a bill for \$3 the other day. It came from the Bloomfield Hills' protective association since we had on their mailing list for bulletins and such...

Southfield City Father Eugene V. Swem, Dies

SOUTHFIELD—Eugene V. Swem, one of Southfield's most active citizens, died Feb. 11, only a year and a half after assisting at the birth of a city.

Southfield's first city administrator and the area's last township supervisor, the 74-year-old politician and teacher died at Mt. Carmel hospital after suffering a heart attack last month.

HE LIVED at 21399 Telegraph Southfield, for 18 years. Swem became a township trustee in 1953, a position that he held until he became supervisor in June, 1955.

Swem was named supervisor at the death of former supervisor

William Roesser and was re-elected in 1956. He worked on two city charters and was appointed city administrator in April, 1958.

Swem was a Mason, West Branch Lodge, and was a past president of the Redford Exchange club. He also took the chairmanship of Southfield's Citizens for Michigan organization just prior to his illness.

SWEM IS survived by his wife, Marion (Kenyon), a son, Floyd of Ewart; a granddaughter, Kay Swem; two brothers, the Rev. Blucher Swem of Ewart and Boyd Swem of Middleton, N. Y.; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Swem of Flint and Mrs. Ann Colford of Chicago.

Funeral services were Saturday, with burial in West Branch Sunday. The family asked that tributes be sent to St. Christopher's Episcopal church, W. Six Mile at Episcopal, Detroit.

EUGENE V. SWEM

2 PTO Leaders Plan to Enter B of E Race

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—With a deadline for filing still over two months away, nominating petitions are being circulated in behalf of two additional candidates for Bloomfield Hills board of education.

Dr. Charles L. Bowers, 199 Barrington road, and Hugh T. Carney, 5717 Sussex road, are the two additional candidates.

Dr. Bowers is president of Hickory Grove PTO and heads a PTO safety committee and presides at the school safety controls in the school district.

Carney, active in PTO at Eastover school, is a past president of the organization.

They are seeking three-year terms on the board.

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Scouts Can Stand Cold, But Work Up Fast Heat

LATHRUP—How many camping skills can an 11-year-old boy learn in six months of Boy Scouting?

Typical Lathrup Scout Doug Master, 29951 Rock Creek drive, Southfield, proves he can learn a lot.

Since he joined Troop LC-3 six months ago, Doug will tell you, he has learned such things as how to start campfires, give first aid, and handle a canoe.

His Scoutmaster, Percy Warner, 15445 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills, will tell you that Doug has also learned to work together and get along with his fellow scouts.

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Safety Week Observers

FRANKLIN—Safety patrols Roger Brode and David Beier watch approvingly as Brian Sickle practices the correct way to board his mother's car at the noon hour School safety week in Franklin starts Monday with the cooperation of the village police, PTA and village council.

Elsewhere in the Eccentric

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Break In Home

BEVERLY HILLS—Thieves broke into a Beverly Hills home Saturday and took a camera, wine and jewelry valued at \$1000.

Fred Wood, 30785 Vernon, Beverly Hills, summoned police when he found someone had broken through the window in the kitchen door.

256 Favor, 863 Oppose Bond Issue

LATHRUP — Residents here turned out a \$790,000 storm water bond issue by a 4 to 1 majority Tuesday.

Final count was 170 "yes" and 584 "no" votes in precinct one; 86 "yes" and 273 "no" in precinct two.

Over 1100 of the city's 1500 registered voters went to the polls. Waiting until the last minute when it became impossible for city officials to reply or respond, those opposing the bond issue flooded the city with "Vote No" literature over the weekend.

As late as 10:45 p.m. Monday, puzzled homeowners sent representatives to the council meeting seeking answers to questions arising from letters they had received. The letters came from Lathrup Developer Louise Lathrup Kelley, John G. Campbell and John R. Kohl.

On Feb. 13 release following up his letter written in last week's issue of The Birmingham Eccentric, former mayor Campbell stated:

"We should not blame the engineers for Lathrup's sewer predicament. The engineers prepared the kind of plans that the council asked them to prepare. The engineers had to follow the instructions of their client, the city council."

On Feb. 7, 1957, Councilmen Johnson, Mackey and Cogger instructed the engineers to prepare preliminary plans and estimates for separated sanitary and storm drain sewers. The Lathrup council continues to insist upon this method regardless of cost. No other South Oakland county city has chosen to use this expensive method.

"WHEN THIS \$790,000 storm drain system is voted down, Campbell continued, 'leaving Lathrup's sewer problem in a mess, we are repudiating the poor judgment of our city officers and not the engineers. The engineers did what our city officers instructed them to do. It is unfortunate that our city officers have maneuvered our money into such an ill-used predicament,' Campbell concluded.

Gloomy and depressed council members had hoped until the last moment that Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Kelley would back their plan which, according to Mayor Richard N. Cogger, would have made Lathrup a model city."

"I'M NOT going to sit here and take this," said Guillet. "I don't like to see the rest of the council not having a chance to review these things."

Bogen's report had been submitted to Shurtluff and Guillet for the first time just before the vote. Village President Marvin Cline also voted against the raise, but not by any opinion.

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Wood Creek Incumbents Withdraw

WOOD CREEK FARMS—Voters will find new names for village officers on the March 14 ballot.

An almost completely new slate evolved as petitions were filed by Saturday's deadline. Though petitions were circulated for incumbents Clerk Arthur Busek, councilman Dr. Zar Reader and Herman Dobson and Treasurer M. W. Davenport, letters of withdrawal indicate they will not seek reelection.

Instead, three new candidates will vie for the pair of two-year council seats. Running are Thomas Davenport, John M. Ambrose and Roy M. Nelson.

Mrs. Everett Bell will have no opposition for the one-year term as clerk.

Fire Damages Home In Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS—Sparks from a container of ashes caused a fire that destroyed a home in Beverly Hills Sunday.

The fire broke out in the basement of a home on the corner of 2475 Northchester, Beverly Hills. Firemen arrived at the scene at 10:30 p.m. and extinguished the fire. The cause of the fire was determined to be sparks from a container of ashes that had tipped over and ignited a rug.

The fire caused approximately \$20,000 in damage to the home. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, are expected to be in the area this week to inspect the damage.

The fire was contained to the basement and did not spread to the rest of the home. No one was injured.

The fire department was called by a neighbor who noticed smoke coming from the house. Firefighters arrived within minutes and worked to contain the fire.

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