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Woman Guns For Police

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Police who answered a call for help eventually had to take cover when an irate Bloomfield township housewife pointed a gun at them outside her ranch home Friday night.

Mrs. Mary Pearson, 54, of 3063 Bradford, was jailed on a charge of felonious assault. Her husband, Robert, 56, also spent the night in jail, charged with assault and battery after he attempted to do battle with five policemen.

Pearson later pled guilty before Bloomfield Justice of the Peace Albert C. Carr, and paid a \$400 fine. L. Newton Dobb was placed under a doctor's care.

BLOOMFIELD Patrolman Jerry Weaver and Auxiliary Jerry Tobin were first to arrive on the scene after Mrs. Pearson called a telephone operator for assistance at 11:18 p.m. Patrolman Harry Bentley, on duty at the station, also dispatched L. Newton Dobb and Sgt. Albert LaPlante to the scene.

Police said they could hear Mrs. Pearson inside screaming for them to break down the door. But Pearson stood just inside the door and told them "everything is under control."

His wife came to the door and Pearson pushed her back, police said. They reported there was visible bleeding from her mouth. When Tobin and LaPlante started into the house Pearson struggled with LaPlante, who subdued him.

Patrolman Martin McLaughlin and Assistant Detention Officer Prosecutor Richard P. Condit, who had been riding with him, were on the scene by then.

ASKED by Mrs. Pearson to leave, the officers started out of the house. The frantic woman then changed her mind and tried to stop them.

At this point Pearson told police to "stop beating my wife," when he grabbed a patrolman by the throat. He was placed under arrest and handcuffed as another struggle.

As officers left, Mrs. Pearson ran out of the house pointing a gun, police demanding that they release her husband. While the others took cover behind patrol cars, Lt. Tugue sneaked behind the gun-toting woman. He grabbed the gun just as she started to turn toward him.

McGuire Kids To Get a New Baby Sitter

BINGHAM FARMS—To the six McGuire children, the March 11 election in Bingham Farms simply means they'll get a change in baby-sitters, every fourth Monday of the month.

As James McGuire retires from his post as councilman, Mrs. M. McGuire will take up duties as new village clerk.

Petitions for candidates were filed last Saturday and approved Monday by the council.

A single slate of candidates will be on the ballot for voters to decide.

NEIL WARREN, councilman; James Washburne, treasurer and Walter Gerrick, assessor, are incumbents.

Newcomers for the other two districts are Henry G. Bleeker, Bingham lane, and John A. Gress of Bristol lane. They replaced retiring councilman Donald Kiger and John Longley.

Mrs. McGuire replaces Mrs. Ralph Marston, completing one term in office.

The election will be held in the dining room of the Outland Riding Stable building on 14 Mile road.

Mrs. John Longley, Mrs. John Longley, Haskell Wright and Mrs. Clayton Lemon will be election inspectors.

Richard Nixon was in training for the coming campaign for the last seven years. He is now in fighting form. He has a keen mind. He answers questions carefully and thoughtfully, taking time to choose just the right, tactful words.

WHEN HE was through answering questions, people in his audience at Ford's reception to him in the pressroom. As Mrs. George N. Hillinger, 19599 Durablane, Beverly Hills, said: "He is a good, single question. We got straight answers."

Mrs. Hillinger is an officer of the Detroit committee for Seven Eastern Women's Colleges, Inc. which sponsored Nixon's Ford auditorium talk.

For a long time Mrs. Wilber M. appears in his picture. He is a little taller than a 5-foot, 7-inch reporter in spike heels. The jawlines that jut in so many of his photographs are hardly noticeable. In fact, with that jet-black, wavy hair and those dark brown eyes, he's not bad—not bad at all.

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3 Suit Lathrup Race

LATHRUP—With the withdrawal of these petitions filed last week for council seats, Lathrup is left with three candidates for the three vacancies to be filled in the April 4 election.

Petitions previously filed by Melvin Humphrey, John Kohl and Mrs. E. F. Lundberg were withdrawn during the past week.

Remaining council candidates are Mrs. Arthur Mitchell, 18839 San Quentin, Vernon Peel, 28725 Altonfield and Vincent A. Zaitell, 28725 Sunset.

MRS MITCHELL, seeking her third term as councilwoman, has lived in Lathrup for more than 20 years. Besides representing Lathrup on the board of supervisors, Mrs. Mitchell calls herself the "Lathrup Community Department."

Housewives who believe "something should be done" call Mrs. Mitchell to lead an interested listener.

Peel, a Lathrup resident for 16 years, is a manufacturer's representative in the cutting tool field. He lists among his civic activities membership in the Lathrup safety advisory committee, and is now serving on the zoning board.

Zaitell has lived in Lathrup for ten years. He has served with the Lathrup boys' club and as a volunteer advisor for five years. He was also a member of the storm water advisory committee.

Ex-Candidates Tell Why They Dropped Out

LATHRUP—Why did three council candidates—all of whom had filed their petitions just before the Monday, Feb. 22, deadline—suddenly withdraw from the race?

The Birmingham Eccentric this week contacted the trio, Mrs. Edward F. Lundberg, Melvin H. Humphrey and John R. Kohl, to find out why they had withdrawn.

Humphrey and Kohl indicated they followed suit because of the break-up of the three-man slate which they were running.

"One of the people who had indicated to also run had previously withdrawn her petition," said Humphrey. "Also, my wife felt it would be better if I did not run."

Kohl said because "there was no slate there, it would be a year of waiting time" he alone was elected to the council.

In a letter to City Clerk Frank Dittus, Kohl said: "When and if I should run for this office, it will be as a complete independent—without commitment or obligation to any person or groups of persons."

Kohl told The Eccentric also that his decision came after he learned his interest in not running was not mutual. He said that James Couzens would have to be moved because of the expense that some petitions were circulated without the candidates' names. Kohl said "That candidates' names. We made a personal telephone canvass of everyone in the most up-to-date methods of fire fighting. Besides Franklin, the department provides protection of Wood Creek's Farms, Bingham Farms, Meadowlake and other parts of Bloomfield township.

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Two Interchanges Included in Plans

SOUTHFIELD—The East-West expressway will definitely go on or somewhere near 10 or 11 Mile road through Southfield. Also confirmed this week were two other expressway segments and two large interchanges—one a 65-acre interchange at Northwestern and Telegraph, the other a 20-acre interchange at Nine Mile-Southfield-Northwestern.

Southfield officials gave final approval to the two interchanges Thursday night, and along with them consented to plans for making Northwestern an expressway from Eight Mile to Inkster road, the boundary of Southfield. Approval was given for making Southfield an expressway from Eight to Nine Mile roads.

The city's officials gave no approval to an East-West expressway route proposed to them Thursday by highway department executive aide Irving J. Rubin. But the route offered to the council by Rubin indicated that the highway department would hold to the 10 to 11 Mile corridor. Previously, the department's proposal had been for a 10 Mile to 12 Mile corridor.

RUBIN'S proposed route diagonally across the eastern part of Southfield from a point near 11 Mile and Lakerd to the expressway would leave the city at about 10 1/2 Mile and Greenfield.

Plans for the East-West expressway were tabled until a special meeting set for Saturday at 10 a.m. in the city hall, where Rubin will again confer with Southfield's council.

The East-West highway will eventually link U.S. 16 at Farmington with the northwestern end of Telegraph. Approaching drives for the 65-acre Northwestern-Telegraph interchange were ordered as far as Lakerd road.

SOUTHFIELD'S council, which has refused approval of the East-West route for two years, approved the closing off of all streets except Mill roads leading to the Northwestern and Southfield expressways. Continuous service drives are provided.

Rubin said the Southfield expressway on Eight to Nine Mile will get underway by April, 1961. The section of the Northwestern-Telegraph should start by January, 1961, Rubin said. The first leg of the East-West from Inkster to Lakerd is expected to start by February, 1961.

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According to Cliff Thompson, chairman of the cast committee, nearly 200 persons will participate in the show. Interested persons should contact him at his home, 26443 Edgemont, Southfield.

Tickets can be obtained from the Kiwanis members or at various business establishments in the city.

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