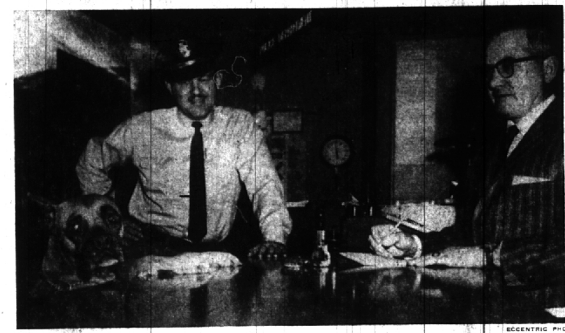


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Top Dog in Lathrup for 1960
LATHRUP — A boxer named Penny stepped right up and put her paws on the counter and became the owner of the No. 1 dog license tag for 1960 in Lathrup last week.

S'field Wins Bigger Share Of Sewer Fund
SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP — Southfield City won a friendly suit with Southfield Township Monday on the distribution of \$267,607 collected in 1956 as an Evergreen sewer fund.

Get 'Horse Laugh' After Being Taken For a (Sleigh) Ride
SOUTHFIELD — Southfield high school students are getting the last story around the second of a sleigh ride last Saturday that turned into an electric sleigh ride.

Youth Drowns Ice Skating At Square Lake
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — A 17-year-old Bloomfield township youth drowned Monday in Square Lake when he fell through thin ice while skating with his younger brother.

4 Voting Precincts Added for Election In B'field Township
There will be four additional voting precincts in Bloomfield township, when August primaries roll around.

4 Persons Injured In S'field Accident
SOUTHFIELD — In an accident at Lahser and 11 Mile roads Friday afternoon, four persons were injured.

Ex-Mayor Criticizes Rezoning on S'field
LATHRUP — Lathrup's TP-1 zoning proposal for Southfield road property has been sent back to the old drawing board.

Elsewhere in the Eccentric
Musked Thold Holds Up
Slusser Gets Degree From Organists Guild
Skaters' Dreams Become Reality
Seahorn Takes Fourth Straight

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Franklin: Voters to Decide on Purchase of Church for Village Offices, Library

By NITA HARD
Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN — They never say 'die' in Franklin!

Less than a week ago, a 1 to 2 vote of the council rejected placing the question of old Community church on the March 14 ballot. Monday night the issue was revived and gained unanimous approval.

Councilmen turned down the original proposal to use village general funds to buy the church on German Mill road for village functions and library use. Feeling was this would impair the zealously guarded property in the charter and leave little emergency reserve.

COUNCILMAN Calvert Thomas, head of a 15-man committee to study possible acquisition of the church for village offices and library use, is not one to take 'no' for an answer.

Firmly convinced that voters and not the council should have the opportunity to consider the issue, Thomas negotiated with the new resolution and won over opposition. Now it will be up to two-thirds of those voting on the question to agree that the time has come for Franklin to have its own municipal home and expanded library.

How much will it cost? According to the two-part question to appear on the ballot, the purchase price of the century-old building is not to exceed \$25,000, with \$5000 to be paid immediately out of general funds. Balance will be payable in annual installments of no more than \$3500 each, under a land contract with Franklin Community church as lessor.

THE SPECIAL tax for eight years (\$150 per \$1000) will be used only for paying interest of \$20,000, maintaining, improving and operating such premises and contributing to the Franklin Library association for the operation of the library.

Franklin presently contributes \$250 a year to the library. There is a statutory limitation of one-half mill for the library. The committee suggests it could charge a reasonable fee for non-resident users. Ultimate goal is to acquire an 8,000 volume library for the community.

THE GREY, cinder block structure, now being used as a Christian Science church, has been the question for the voters in still another way. Left over from last summer's German Mill road issue, the question of whether the property, lot 41, should be rezoned to "professional" although the village office proposed a medical center on the site has withdrawn his option to buy the property.

In his 21-page report the village church is still pressing its request for rezoning. Thirty-three residents of the German Mill road association oppose the rezoning and have supported the recommendation of village office and a cultural center.

At Wednesday night's special council meeting Gordon McAline and James P. O'Neill, Jr., representing the Franklin Community association, suggested the church issue be delayed.

They stated the association was about to launch its own fund raising campaign for a new community hall adjacent to the village (See VOTERS, Page 3-E)

3 Cars, Truck Collide on S'field
BEVERLY HILLS — Three cars and a truck collided Tuesday on Southfield road near 13 Mile road. The accident occurred when Donald Cassmer, 21, of Detroit, stopped suddenly as he was driving south on Southfield.

Marie Hees, 46, of 1911 Villa, Birmingham, hit Nussmeier's car in the rear. She was hit by Donald Bloom, 22, of 2841 Eldorado, Lathrup.

Bloom was injured and his car was wrecked when Diatt Plastic company truck hit him. The truck was driven by Kenneth LaFrance, 19, of Detroit.

Break in Pizzeria
SOUTHFIELD — A safe containing \$2,500, a cash register, adding machine and typewriter were taken Monday from Dino's Pizzeria, 26431 Northwestern. Southfield police estimate the loss at approximately \$4,000.

Franklin — Voters will have to elect a brand new village president March 14, retiring president Grant Sivier announced recently. Asked if he would run for a second term, Sivier declined, saying he would be 'nearly to help', but could not continue presiding over village affairs.

would be willing to place her name on the March ballot for the village clerk's job.

Assessor Alfred Emmerling will toss his hat in the ring for the third time. Out of town this week, treasurer Robert Winkler was not available for the question, but reliable sources say he has not completely disposed of the idea.

Chief whipping boy for the council, street administrator Stanley Hunter also declared he was retiring from his appointive office with the new administration takes over Saturday.

Chief of the new administration takes over Saturday. He is well on his way with a road program he fought hard to promote, Hunter has indicated he will be replaced after April.

6 1/2 Mills Seen As Cost Of Drains for Lathrup

By DOROTHY ZATTELL
Lathrup Correspondent

LATHRUP — This city is all set to go ahead with plans to end pollution and install a separate storm water program, providing its residents okay them.

The factory group school system Monday evening, City Attorney Everett Hayes handed council members a 20-year bond payment schedule on the city's proposed storm water program.

Residents will vote on the polls Feb. 16 vote on a \$700 thousand bond issue to finance the separate storm water program.

HOME OWNERS in Lathrup, therefore, can expect a tax increase of approximately \$75 annually. Two years ago when voters in the courses chambers, and county circuit court to sell bonds amounting to \$442,000 for their part of the Evergreen interception and connections to it. This will add another 4 mill per \$1,000 valuation. Because these bonds are court-ordered, no vote is required.

Costs would be prohibitive if storm waters flowed into the Evergreen. There is a per gallon charge will be made for treatment.

More than 40 Lathrup residents met in the courses chambers last night to hear a detailed explanation of the proposed storm water system and view preliminary plans drawn by storm water engineers.

Richard N. Cogger to act as block information centers to explain the plans to their neighbors.

A FOLDER compiled by the storm water advisory committee after 14 months of study recommended a separated over a combined system.

According to the report, City engineer Agnes Lewis, Norris and the separate storm water system would be cheaper.

Other problems involved in a combined system would be to locate a sewage treatment plant within the city limits and the elimination of odor from the storm water committee investigated and determined that a combined system could not be designed to meet.

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2 Days to Register For Lathrup Vote
LATHRUP — After today, only two days remain to register for the Feb. 16 special election on storm sewers in the city of Lathrup.

NEWCOMERS of at least 30 days' residence or anyone who has not voted in the past two years are second in line to register for the election at the city offices at 19000 Forest drive.

City Clerk Frank Derby said registration hours Monday would be from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Tuesday hours are 8:30 to 5. City offices are closed Saturdays.

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Seventh and eighth grade dual jumper uniforms, big straw sailor hats, black stockings and no lipstick. Then they march off to their own separate schools.

Jim likes it much better the way it is in Bloomfield Hills.



RECENT PHOTO

Every morning Jim Nelson donned his school tie of Navy blue and yellow stripes, his straw boater and grey suit before heading for school in Australia. At school regattas and sports events he saw alumni proudly wearing their "old school tie."

Finds Uniforms and Courses Well-Tailored 'Down Under'

By JULIE CANDLER
Township Editor

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — If Jim Nelson walked into Bloomfield Hills junior high school in his Australian school clothes, he'd be considered way out, man.

Jim looks more like the well-dressed man in the "Grey Flannel Suit" than an American high school student when he dons the neatly tailored suit he wore to Scots college, Sydney, Australia.

Jim came back to the States in November with two grey school uniforms, his boater hat and school tie — and a high regard for the education he got in Australia.

He was studying logarithms at the end of the seventh grade. He studied the serious 14-year-old, "My older brother didn't study logarithms until he was a sophomore in college here."

Jim's taking algebra now in the ninth grade at Bloomfield Hills junior high school.

Said the tall, curly-haired youth, "I was a sophomore in college awfully boring."

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