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Swim Pool Group Asks B-1 Zoning

BEVERLY HILLS — A defensive move was made by the Beverly Hills athletic club last week when the group asked the village for business zoning for its property near Beverly and Southfield roads.

Steering committee chairman Edward F. Dolan, said the step was taken on the recommendation of the club's attorney to strengthen its position in a law suit.

A hearing on the suit has been set before Oakland County Circuit Judge Clark J. Adams for July 28. At that time the judge will hear charges brought by five residents living near the four-acre site where the club seeks to build a swimming pool.

THE ABUTTING residents charge the pool will create a nuisance, bringing additional traffic and noise to the residential neighborhood.

Through temporary injunction, their suit has prevented the club from building their pool this year, though the village zoning board of appeals in May approved the use of the land for a pool.

After a preliminary hearing on the court suit last week, Judge Adams refused to grant the club's request that the suit be quashed.

Also last week, the Beverly Hills village council accepted the swim club's rezoning request.

It was turned over to the village plan board for study.

THE CLUB'S property just southwest of the intersection is currently zoned residential. It abuts property owned by real estate woman Kathleen Madonna and Elizabeth Kalder which was recently rezoned to B-1, (non-retail) and B-2 (retail) business.

By requesting the B-1 zone classification for the adjacent pool site, Dolan said, "We feel that it makes a firmer case for our defense of that location's use for a pool.

"Madonna has B-1," he said, "and if there is any question as to whether the village zoning ordinance allows such a venture as our swimming club there, that question would be eliminated by getting B-1 zoning."

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Dick Jones and his three-decibel dog, Hamlet, ponder over Ham's latest reviews from his critics.

3-Decibel Dog Causes Neighbors' Pitch Fit

BEVERLY HILLS—Richard F. Jones, 31710 Glencoe, has a problem—at least that's what his neighbors think. The problem is "Hamlet Hall Jones", a three-year-old Basset with a 3 decibel range. The neighbors have taken the so-called problem to the proper authorities and they, in turn, have consulted Hamlet's owner. This is Jones' humorous answer.

Dear Neighbor:

It has been rather forcefully brought to my attention by the Beverly Hills Police Department that our family dog, "Hamlet Hall Jones", is disturbing one or more of my neighbors with his melodius voice. His golden voice has been heard in Chevy Chase, Md.; St. Louis, Mo., and Birmingham, Mich. Heretofore, he has received nothing but critical acclaim.

A perfect voice for a perfect three-year old Basset. Perhaps his 3 decibel range does get a bit wearing and every effort will be expended to keep his range around 1½ to 2 decibels.

However, this raises a point of why Hamlet makes the noise he does. The biggest reason is the many dogs that are allowed to run loose in the neighborhood (strictly against the law) come over and cause him to wish to join up with the "gang" which, of course, he cannot do since he's chained up.

I HOPE I DO not have to perform the onerous task of chaining up each stray dog that comes into my yard and keep him for the dog-catcher, but I may have to!

Speaking of decibels, the shouts and arguments of little boys playing baseball and "battle" have been known to reach the 7 point stage, but isn't this part of growing up in a nice family neighborhood! Cries and screams of joy from little girls on swings and playing "Mother, may I" are preferable to the dead silence of an apartment full of deathly silent people.

WHICH BRINGS me to meal time. I have stereophonic dinner bells, from three sides these bells clang out for chow—10 decibels each, mind you! It is comforting to hear these bells because it means to me that these families are about to get together as a group for one of the happiest hours in a family's day—dinner together.

Say, how do you like that 12 decibel Good Humor truck with its music box blaring away—that is 12 decibels and can be heard ¾ of a mile in any direction.

If you feel further discussion is warranted, come over and well chat over a cold beer.

Sincerely,
Richard F. Jones
31710 Glencoe

Council to Study Clerk's Workload In Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS—Still on the job this week, Beverly Hills Village Clerk Fannie Adams denied that her recent heavy workload was caused by her failure to delegate responsibility.

A special committee, meanwhile, is studying the Beverly Hills office set-up following Mrs. Adams' resignation. It has not been accepted.

The committee is considering appointment of a deputy clerk to assist Mrs. Adams.

She emphatically denies the charge that she refused to delegate some of her duties to two other women employees in the office.

"ONE OF them is completely tied up with the village treasurer's work," said Mrs. Adams. "The other is completely tied up with secretarial duties for the village manager, plus handling the building department work and answering the phone."

At the time that she agreed to run for village clerk in March of this year, Mrs. Adams said, "I was definitely promised that I would not have to take the minutes of the meetings and that I would have a deputy clerk."

She said that the deputy clerk had not been authorized and that she had consequently had to work from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day since she assumed the new duties. In addition, she said she worked from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, and took additional work home most weekends. She also spent many week nights back at her desk to handle the duties of village clerk as well as township clerk.

She said she had found the task of taking minutes at council hearings and regular meetings especially trying. Because she does not take shorthand, recording resolutions and statements after a full day's work was particularly tiring.

IT WAS while she was taking minutes at a council meeting last week that she got up and left about 10:45 p.m., calling in her resignation shortly afterwards.

She had sent the village a formal letter of resignation on June 21.

"I just couldn't carry on with the job the way things have been," she said.

She has been (since 1934) and still is Southfield township clerk, at an annual salary of $7,000. She gets $1,200 for her duties as village clerk. If her resignation should be accepted, she will remain clerk for the township.

New Bell Building

SOUTHFIELD — Ground breaking ceremonies will be held tomorrow for Michigan Bell Telephone company's new northwest staff center at Southfield and Northwestern highways. See related photograph in Section A.

Zone Ordinance Faces 3 Hurdles In W. Bloomfield

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Three legal hurdles remain before West Bloomfield's zoning board can accomplish its two-year effort to bring the township's zoning ordinance up to date.

The first is a public hearing, which has been set by the township board for 8 p.m. Aug. 8 at the township hall.

The second is approval of the new zoning ordinance by the township board.

The third is a 30-day period after passage of the ordinance in which a petition signed by ten per cent of the township's electorate can force the ordinance to be voted on by the people as a whole.

It is this third legal provision which prevented the ordinance from becoming law months ago.

A GROUP OF township residents objected to the rezoning commercial, of some 500 feet frontage on Commerce road at its Green Lake road intersection. Since one segment could not be deleted from the ordinance, as passed, the entire ordinance was defeated at an election held in February, 1959.

Since then a new ordinance has been drawn up by the zoning board, omitting the objectionable commercial property on Commerce road.

IN THE MEANWHILE, zoning board members have attended a number of civic-organization meetings to explain provisions in the new ordinance.

"We have found that, at these meetings, about 80 per cent of the audience approve of our new proposal", said zoning board chairman Claude Whitmer, when questioned by The Birmingham Eccentric.

"It is essential that people in favor of the ordinance turn out for the public hearing on Aug. 8," he continued.

It is expected that an organized opposition from the Twin Beach area of the township will attend the meeting. This group was very much in evidence at a public hearing held in June by the zoning board several weeks before the zoning board voted unanimously in favor of adoption of the ordinance.

ACCORDING TO ZONING board members, the opposition stems from inclusion of trailer-camp regulations in the zoning ordinance.

Trailer camp restrictions are high. Lots for each trailer are set at dimensions of 40 by 75 feet. Requirements are made for the camp to provide paved streets, playground areas, central sewage systems and green belts between adoining properties.

Opponents don't want provision for trailer camps in the ordinance at all, maintaining that if there is no provision for trailer camps, they can't be built in the township at all.

THE ZONING board has provided the restrictions on the advice of township attorney, Floyd Blakeslee.

In a letter to the zoning board,

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Hogan Hurried To Move Motion, Wonder Why?

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—A resolution by the township board to hold a primary election Aug. 2 is a routine legal requirement, but both board members and audience got a hearty laugh when the matter came up on the board's agenda, Monday night.

Their amusement came from the speed and eagerness with which Henry Hogan Jr. made the motion. Hogan is a candidate for the state of representatives for the third district of Oakland county.

Residents Join W. Bloomfield In Zoning Case

WEST BLOOMFIELD — A lawsuit by Arthur Twork against West Bloomfield township was reset for July 21 by Judge William Beer, when the suit came up for trial in Oakland county circuit court last week.

Judge Beer also ruled that residents of Interlaken subdivision could intervene in the case in behalf of the township. The postponement was allowed to give their attorney time to prepare his case.

TWORK IS ASKING that a township ruling, refusing to rezone his property commercial, be rescinded.

Twork operates a boat livery on Pine Lake as a non-conforming use of property, zoned residential. Twork wishes to renovate and enlarge his facilities, but cannot do so unless the property is rezoned commercial.

Residents of Interlaken, a lake subdivision, oppose the rezoning. Some 25 or more were present at the court hearing last week.

Cranbrook Gets Court Approval For Swim Pool

CRANBROOK VILLAGE — Cranbrook Country club was given the right last week to build a $90,000 swimming pool and bathhouse at 13 Mile road and Evergreen by Circuit Court Judge William J. Beer.

The plan, which had been rejected by the Southfield zoning board of appeals, was brought before Judge Beer July 6.

Southfield planning consultant Albe Munson outlined some of objections to the project and he proposed some modifications.

THE MODIFICATIONS include keeping membership to an amount the club can handle reasonably, increase parking area and provide a means for young people to reach the area without having to travel on Evergreen road. He also wanted the pool site moved because of noise and traffic.

The judge allowed all Munson's modifications except moving the site. He said that because the area was zoned for such a structure, it was reasonable to expect noise.

The members of the association plan to have the facilities complete next year.

Smitten Speeder Works Off Wrath, Tallies 2 Tickets

BEVERLY HILLS — Lightning, in the form of two Detroit traffic policemen, struck a Beverly Hills man twice within 20 minutes early last Friday morning.

James Seter, 26, of 18931 Devonshire, told police he was working off an argument with his girl friend when he led a patrol car on a 105 mph chase on the Ford expressway at 3 a.m. Only 20 minutes earlier Seter was tagged by another patrol car for doing 35 in a 25 mph zone.

HE WAS CHARGED with reckless driving after the second incident by police who said he had been drinking.

Seter lost his license Sept. 11, 1956, on a drunk driving charge. Up to last Friday his record showed four traffic tickets, three for speeding.

ELSIE LLOYD

Southfield B of E Names Mrs. Lloyd New President

SOUTHFIELD — The new president of the Southfield board of education is Mrs. Edward H. (Elsie) Lloyd, former president of the Southfield PTA council.

Mrs. Lloyd, of 21005 Tamarack circle, Southfield, is serving her first four-year term on the school board, to which she was elected in June, 1958.

She was named president—at an organizational meeting last week, following the June 13 election at which Charles Curtis was elected to another term and Dr. Ira M. Altshuler and Theodore R. Minke gained seats on the board.

Gordon Henderson was elected board vice president; Curtis, secretary, and Will Oliver, treasurer.

MRS. LLOYD is the mother of three. A son, David, was graduated in June from the College of Wooster in Ohio. Her twin daughters, Rachel Lloyd Wright and Rosemary Lloyd Knighton, are both teachers.

Born in Wales, Mrs. Lloyd has returned there several times since her 1926 arrival in North America.

"I go back and reinforce my accent," she says.

While she was PTA council president from 1954 to 1956, she developed the Jessie Davenport scholarship fund which makes grants to Southfield high school graduates entering teacher training. The fund was named in memory of a former Southfield high school teacher.

Beverly Planners Study Proposal For 172-Home Sub

BEVERLY HILLS—A proposal to build 172 homes in a new subdivision to be known as Beverly Hills estates was presented to the village council last week and referred to the planning board.

Owner of the 77-acre property involved is Al Borinstein, of Detroit. A spokesman for Borinstein proposed that the lots, off 13 Mile between Evergreen and Southfield, be platted R-1 and R-2, single family residential.

He proposed the smaller lots along 13 Mile road, with the larger R-1 lots adjacent to wooded areas. From 10 to 15 builders would be involved, he said.

Court Hears Suit On Voting Mixup In Lathrup Village

By IRMA DAVIS
Lathrup Correspondent

LATHRUP—The suit seeking to unseat mayor pro tem Elizabeth Mitchell and Councilman Vincent Zatell went into its second day as The Birmingham Eccentric went to press yesterday. Sticker candidates Arley Van Meer and Richard H. Anderson are the plaintiffs asking a recount of votes cast in the April 4 election. The case is being heard by Circuit Judge Clark Adams.

Mrs. Mitchell and Zatell were represented by attorney Harry D. Wise, Jr. Van Meer and Anderson were represented by attorney Harry B. Hartrick and David C. Pence. Lathrup city attorney Everett Hayes was present as election commissioner.

CRUX OF THE SITUATION is whether sticker votes, cast in the wrong slots of the four machines used in the election, should be counted. A recount in mid-April resulted in discarding of 92 sticker votes that were wrongly placed.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs attempted Tuesday to show that proper precautions were not taken to inform voters of voting procedure for sticker candidates and to prevent use of slots beyond the 1, 2, and 3 positions on the voting positions on the voting machines.

DEFENSE COUNSEL countered by attempting to establish that proper precautions were taken by City Clerk Frank Derby who testified that he did not receive an official notice in writing from the sticker candidates that they were sticker candidates.

Cullen Towne, sales representative from Doubleday brothers, testified that Derby ordered voter instruction ballots for use with voting machines and in voting sticker candidates, according to the defense attorney.

ROBERT M. MONTGOMERY, secretary of the State election board, explained the mechanical operation of the voting machines. Questioning for the plaintiffs elicited a statement from Montgomery that he had told Lathrup officials that they should seal off slots beyond slot three with tape, according to one of the plaintiff's attorneys.

The roll from one of the four voting machines was examined after Tuesday's session in the judge's chambers with all attorneys present. It was expected that yesterday's session would involve further testimony and a review of the remaining three rolls from voting machines on which the names of sticker candidates were attached.

Unfair to Dogs, Says Lathrup Man Of Cats' Privileges

LATHRUP—Shall cats be licensed in the city of Lathrup?

The question has been raised by Frank L. York, 18769 Wiltshire, who told the council recently the present animal ordinance is "antiquated." He claimed it discriminated against dogs because it did not require the licensing of cats. Dogs must be vaccinated against rabies in order to be licensed.

The council requested City administrator Jerald Stone to get expert advice from the Oakland county humane society. Stone is presently awaiting an answer.

A comparison with "cat ordinances" of other municipalities is also being conducted. Few have such an ordinance; only a small percentage of cats get rabies. Squirrels, rats and mice can also be infected.

Correction

SOUTHFIELD — A story and headline in last week's Birmingham Eccentric stated that the Agattas dump was closed June 24, in accordance with an Oakland county circuit court order. The statement was incorrect. The dump was not closed by court order. The story also stated that there had been a modification of a two-year-old court order. There actually were two separate court actions, and the second legally did not modify the first.

THE MUNN contracting company, leasora of the dump, are complying with the terms of the court order which established grade levels. They have commenced covering the dump in accordance with the order.

The Birmingham Eccentric regrets the errors.

Southfield to Pay $30,000 a Year For X-way Lights

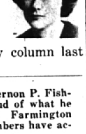
Southfield will pay an estimated $30,000 annually to light the close to 10 miles of expressway which will run through the city.

The city is required to provide expressway lighting by state law acording to City Administrator Robert J. McNutt.

The expressways which will fall within the city limits are the Northwestern expressway from Eight-Mile to Telegraph, and the Southfield expressway from Eight-Mile to Nine-Mile, including ramps and interchanges. The expressways are scheduled for construction in 1961.

The money will come from the near $100,000 a year the city will get from the state for expressway mileage.

Talk of the Towns



By JULIE CANDLER

Varied responses came in after I wrote my column last week covering the sewer beat.

My boss, and The Birmingham Eccentric's publisher, George R. Averill, had a suggestion. He called handling the story of an early Grandaddy of the Evergreen interceptor sewer. The man who was his source of news promised that if he kept reporting on the sewer faithfully they would name it "The George R. Averill memorial sewer."

GRA suggests that at least one little arm of the Evergreen could be named "The Julie Candler memorial sewer." Then I will not have lived in vain.

Kay (Mrs. William H.) Barney has another idea.

"PERHAPS," she says, "this may lead you to a role in 'Les Miserables'."

Then comes a note from a friend who said he had known for a long time that I was a newspaperwoman, but he had never connected me with sewers!

He addressed it to Julie Candler, department of sewers, adding to the envelope a note asking the postman to AIR mail, if possible.

The return address states, "Backed up at Box No., etc. . . ."

"Exciting!" says my friend, "To reflect on your being sort of a pipe line to current sewer dope . . . Hoping for bigger septic tanks, I remain, Fragrantly yours . . ."

SUNDAY I saw Walter F. Skinner at the Cranbrook summer music festival concert in the Greek theatre.

"What are you doing?" asked Walter. "There's no sewers here!"

A FELLOW deserves to brag a little when something worthwhile is accomplished, and my friend Vernon P. Fisher should be proud of what he and his fellow Farmington school board members have accomplished.

At their last meeting they literally turned $125,000 over to the property owners in their school district.

They were empowered by the county and their voters to collect a total of 30.67 mills in taxes. But after the state equalized valuations went up six per cent the board lowered the tax rate. They will collect 29.11 mills, 1.56 mills less than they're legally entitled to collect.

IN A statement released after they lowered the tax, the board stated, "Because of the increase in state equalized valuation . . . the board of education believes that they should keep faith with the taxpayers of the school district by lowering the tax rate to as great an extent as possible."

Farmington schools are allocated 8.67 mills from the county's 15 mills. They have been authorized by Farmington voters to collect ten mills for general operating funds, and 12 mills for debt service to pay for school construction.

The millage they're entitled to collect is generous—higher than Birmingham's—but the Farmington school board in turn is generous to the voters who authorized the millage.

AND ISN'T it good to see mutual cooperation between

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Eight Hurt in Crash on Telegraph

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Eight people were injured last Thursday afternoon in a four car accident at Maple and Telegraph.

James Floyd Frankum, Box 164, Monroe City, Ind., who was traveling south on Telegraph, ran a stop light at Maple, witnesses told police, and smashed his semi-truck into two cars, causing injury to himself and seven others.

The first car struck was driven by Sadie Koltys, 960 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Mrs. Koltys, who was accompanied by her two sons, Norman, 14, and Henry, 8, was traveling west on Maple when the truck struck her car.

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

How close three people in this car came to death is evident here—the front right side of the car took the full impact of a semi-truck.

THE TRUCK THEN careened into a second car driven by Eleanor Brokaw, 1165 Bates, Birmingham, whom police believe had stopped facing west on Maple, and was attempting to turn left onto Telegraph.

The impact caused the Brokaw car to spin into a third car occupied by Betty Humpal, 360 Westborn, Birmingham, the driver, and her two sons Tommy, 6, and Mark, 8. Mrs. Humpal was traveling east on Maple.

THE INJURED WERE:

Sadie Koltys, partial fracture of the spine; Norman Koltys, fractured right collarbone; Eleanor Brokaw, fractured right collarbone; James F. Frakum, face cuts; Jim Beyers, Monroe City, Ind., a passenger in the truck, face cuts; Betty, Tommy and Mark Humpal, cuts and bruises.

The injured were taken to St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, Pontiac.

Those suffering from cuts or bruises were treated and released immediately. The others are reported in good condition.

FRANKUM WAS arraigned Friday morning before Justice of the Peace, Elmer C. Dieterle in Bloomfield township.

Frankum entered a plea of not guilty and bond was set at $100.

The trial will be at 2 p.m. July 26 at the Bloomfield township hall.