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Light Vote in School Board Elections

Altshuler, Curtis Get 4-Yr. Posts

SOUTHFIELD — Dr. Ira Altshuler and incumbent Charles L. Curtis led the field for two four-year terms of office in Monday's race for school board posts, with 766 and 626 votes respectively. In the contest for a one-year term, Theodore R. Minke won out, approximately 11,000 votes.

President Returned To Board

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Merrill O. Bates, president of Bloomfield Hills board of education, was re-elected Monday to a four-year term on the board by an overwhelming majority in Bloomfield Hills' school election.



BACHMAN BATES



BOWERS GIVENS

The second four-year seat of the board. Dr. Charles L. Bowers of 190 Barrington road, Pontiac, and William B. Bachman of 716 Oakleigh, Bloomfield Hills, were the successful candidates for three-year terms.

APPROXIMATELY 1,125 voters turned out at the polls, representing 16 per cent of the 7,000 voters in the school districts.

In the four-man race for four-year terms, Bates received 870 votes and Givens, 710. Defeated candidates, John McBride of 856 N. Foshburn, Bloomfield Hills, and Robert W. Morse, of 447 and 230 votes, respectively.

Dr. Bowers led the five-man race for the two three-year board vacancies with 705 votes. Close behind was Bachman with 654 votes. Unsuccessful candidates, George Jones of 922 Dowling road, Birmingham, Hugh Carey of 5717 Sussex road, Birmingham, and Richard D. Phelps of 669 Vachon court, Birmingham, received 376, 286 and 217 votes.

All four winners have been active in school and civic affairs in this area.

BATES, who resides at 920 E. Long Lake road, Birmingham, has served on the central association school board for ten years. He is (See ELECTION, Page 2-E)

CFM Stresses Local Services

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Local communities should assume more responsibility for government, according to a recommendation made by the State service study group of Bloomfield's chapter of Citizens for Michigan. Under the chairmanship of T. Hollister May, the group offered their recommendations at a recent chapter meeting.

Their recommendations included mental health, highways, welfare, education and general government. Problems of care for the aged should be separated from care of mental patients, with local communities taking more preventive measures, the group suggested.

The state should provide research and direction, care for the mentally incompetent and help finance family care and more outpatient clinics in local communities. More trained personnel is needed.

ON HIGHWAY questions, the study group believes local political units should use available state funds to maintain secondary and local roads, setting up their own

Court Decision On 12-Town Case Expected in October

When the state supreme court convenes again in October, a decision is expected on the future of the 12-town drain, the long disputed answer to seasonal storm flood problems in south Oakland County.

The supreme court heard arguments last week in Madison Heights' appeal case. The trouble spot is how the \$47 million of local taxes will be apportioned among a dozen communities.

Madison Heights contends its assessment share is beyond the potential benefits the city might realize.

Franklin Group Says 'Y'all Come'

FRANKLIN — An invitation to a groundbreaking was issued this week by the Franklin Community association.

The group will wield shovels at hand-picked children at 9 a.m. Saturday to start work on their new community hall on the village green.

Evidence of the Franklin school board held together for years with Leonard at its head.

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FRED D. LEONHARD

Iceland Warms To Yankee Ways

LEONARD W. KEIL
By IRMA DAVIS
Special Writer

Seniors Listed

The 584 seniors graduating today and yesterday from Southfield and Bloomfield Hills high schools are listed in this week's issue of The Birmingham Eccentric. Names of Southfield graduates are on Page 8-F. Bloomfield Hills graduates are listed on Page 7-F.

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The Higley youngsters, Russell, 131 Candy, 11, and Gordie, 9, have discovered she will crawl inside their pockets to get scraps.

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Plan Vote Postponed, Keil Named

BEVERLY HILLS — Apointed last week to the Beverly Hills planning board, Leonard W. Keil will take his place with that group when it meets next Thursday to decide on a luxury apartment proposal.

The board last week postponed its decision on the \$6 million apartment project for the village's 13 Mile-Evergreen Intersection by real estate man Lee Keating and two Detroit men.

Board Secretary Edward F. Dolan said the two-week postponement would allow time to investigate plans for development of more than 70 vacant acre north and west of the 13-acre corner property.

THE EXTRA time will also be used to determine the possible effect of apartment buildings on the development of other property in the area, Dolan said.

No one visited the planners' session at which a decision was expected last week.

The newest member of the nine-man planning board, Keil is 40, lives at 16123 Redmead.

He has been in Beverly Hills resident six years and spent five years as drain study committee chairman for the Beverly Hills Beverly Improvement Association, of which he is a board member.

HE REPLACES Mrs. Virginia Rodgers, former board secretary who resigned April 28. The new planner has four daughters. He is an aeronautical engineer with Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Warren, by Carburetor company, Warren.

S'field Loses Case In Zoning Mix-Up

SOUTHFIELD — Ruling that Southfield was without a zoning ordinance for six weeks in 1959, Circuit Judge Fred C. Zimm ordered a building permit be issued to a Detroit man for a proposed medical clinic on 10 Mile and Rutland.

Sam Weener, Detroit, filed for a building permit June 9, 1959, and was refused because his property was zoned residential. The council thought it had legally adopted a zoning ordinance but it was invalid because of an error in publication on the public hearing for it.

Third through eighth graders, piano players or not, will pioneer Southfield and the entire area's first typing course this summer. Lathrup school. Four classes of 25 students each will meet Mondays through Fridays for six weeks, beginning June 27. The hour-long classes will be held between 8 a.m. and noon.

The tiny typists are expected to achieve average speeds of 42 words per minute as opposed to a third-grade average handwriting speed of 10 words per minute.

Experiments have shown that children completing typing improve their penmanship and learn the removal of time pressure—especially where large amounts of homework are involved—and formation and exactness of letters appearing on typewritten material.

IN LINE with the trend of teaching foreign languages and other "mature" skills at an early age, elementary pupils learn typing skills in less than their high school sisters and brothers. They are able to use manual typewriters afterward as the skill is never lost.

The electric machines are used to relieve the physical strain and coordination in youngsters of this age. The keyboard is standard and carries over the manual type so that Johnny won't be unduly startled.

PROFESSOR JOHN L. Rows, department of business education, University of North Dakota, con-

Squirrel Gets Nuts A La Carte And Room Service

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It's Graduation Time

The momentous day arrived this week for 584 high school seniors in the "Around the Towns" area, with 399 receiving diplomas at Southfield high school last night, and 185 in line at 8 p.m. tonight at Bloomfield Hills high school. Southfield graduates filed into their high school gymnasium (above) for baccalaureate services Sunday. Two of the Bloomfield Hills seniors (below) at their

Sunday baccalaureate were Ken Tregenza and Nancy Knight. Merritt D. Hill is the Hills commencement speaker. "Learning to Live" is the topic of the Ford Motor company Tractor and Implement division general manager. In demand as a speaker to American youth groups, Hill lives at 965 E. Glengarry, Bloomfield Village.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC
Festivals Gal
Draws Gay Throng
List of 646
Seashell Grads
Mayor Tosses
First Ball
In Legion Opener
Famous Names,
Talents Combine

West Bloomfield To Break Ground For Its Library

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Little Elaine Spencer, youngest of the Young Friends of the Library, will dig in to assist Mrs. Joel Warren in groundbreaking ceremonies for the new West Bloomfield township public library June 18 at 2 p.m.

The building will be located on Orchard lake road between the township hall and Walnut lake road.

Young Friends is a unique organization of about 50 township young people, from six to 18, who aid in special community projects of the library. Mrs. Warren is president of the library's board of directors.

Following the invocation by the Rev. Karl Bohmke of the church (See LIBRARY, Page 2-B)

Retiring One School Job To Continue in Another

By IRMA DAVIS
Lathrup Correspondent

SOUTHFIELD — "It was like a postman's holiday, but I thought I could make the greatest contribution to Southfield with pleasant people but it hasn't been all clear sailing. There have been rough spots."

Thus Fred D. Leonard sums up his 13 years on the Southfield board of education. During almost all of that time he has been president. He is retiring June 30.

He has worked with the fervor of men for his "Southfield youngsters" and takes great pride in them. Active in the school districts in his native Michigan since his birth in St. Ignace 82 years ago. Raised in the town of Pontiac — "the lexicon of the nation," he grins — he received his teaching certificate at Michigan State until much later.

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