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Wind, Rain, Lightning Rip Area

A series of minor lightning fires, wrinkled fenders and flooded basements resulted last week as torrential rains poured over the towns around Birmingham.

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Two house fires and a false alarm were reported in Beverly Hills. The Loren F. Mills home at 1210 Beverly road and the Fred M. Hopkins home at 31565 Bellvue were struck by lightning. Neither was damaged severely.

According to Beverly Hills public safety department, the village roads were muddy, some with minor flood patches. No permanent damage resulted from the heavy rains.

IN BLOOMFIELD township, five accidents occurred between 5 and 6 p.m. Thursday during the heaviest of the downpours. Police officers were called to the accidents to poor visibility and warn drivers in the future to pull to the left of the road during heavy storms.

A severed telephone wire temporarily halted phone service for Ranch Lane residents in the township. No lightning fires were reported, township officials said.

IN SOUTHFIELD, three heavily traveled roads were flooded.

Eight Mile road between Evergreen and Lahar; Greenfield road, south of 11 Mile and Northwestern Highway between Eight and Nine Mile were impassable. Early motorists through the flooded areas made it through the flooded areas but many stalled late Thursday night and early Friday morning.

Police reported a number of flooded side streets but said the roads drained off relatively fast.

SOUTHFIELD was also plagued by a series of lightning fires in homes with five truck runs recorded between 5:30 and 5:15 Thursday night. None were serious. Police in Southfield also tallied ten minor accidents and several wires down in the south part of the city.

Police Arrest 2 On Larceny Charge

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Two men will be arraigned this week by Bloomfield township police on charges of larceny from a building.

Melvin Hatchel, 34, of Pontiac, and Stanch L. Kilgough, 33, of Detroit, were arrested this week in a larceny last week from the Wright Shell Service Station at 2415 South Woodward.

According to township police, one was talked with the station attendant while the second entered the building and took the money.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

What I know about science barely enables me to discriminate between a test tube and a guinea pig (I'm the literary type).

But I'm easily impressed by scientists. Even by junior grade ones like the Northbrook and other Southfield school youngsters who dissected cats, erected dynamite and ejected smoke from volcanoes.

I put on a science fair just before school closed.

That's one of the places I've visited around the towns in the last couple of weeks.

A nice 12-year-old named Doug Marero took me around the fairgrounds to learn more about science.

Five seventh grade boys got the idea to dissect a cat, and she promptly ordered one from a pet supply house.

(Picked isn't the word for that cat but that's all I know about the cat and the deadline is coming up.)

MISS MAYNARD stayed after school nights for a week and a half with Wayne Barber, Bruce Hasbuhl, Rick Carpa, Jim Moler and Dick Stawski. The results of the dissections were not as good as we hoped for, but the dissections weren't pretty, in my unscientific estimation. But those boys earned a lesson in science. I even learned just looking at the results.



Ah—School's Out

WESTCHESTER—And the livin' is easy—Boy! Typifying the sheer luxury of doing just plain nothing, this trio was snapped on a lawn on Morningview drive Monday morning as summer vacations started in earnest. Taking time to dream big and little

dreams and soaking up a little sun are (from left) 14-year-old Paul Erickson, Darryl Duke, 12, and David Zimmer, 13. All just chucked on a lawn on Morningview drive Monday morning as summer vacations started in earnest. Taking time to dream big and little

\$1,000 Given To New Library In W. Bloomfield

By DENI SCANLON

Staff Writer

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A \$1,000 gift from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moses of Cove road, Walnut lake, to the new main library building of the West Bloomfield township library system under construction on Orchard Lake road, was announced last week at the ceremonies marking the dedication of the new library.

MR. AND MRS. MOSES have designated that the money be used to purchase the charging desk for the library.

In announcing the gift Mrs. Warren said, "The charging desk of a library is truly its heart, and this generous gift will insure that by its custom design and construction ours will be an architectural feature, adding greatly to the appearance of the interior as well as being the most efficient in terms of usage."

Mr. and Mrs. Moses have, over a period of years, been active in library affairs. Mrs. Moses is presently secretary of the board of directors and Mr. Moses is chairman of the library's citizens advisory committee.

THE BUILDING will cost between \$200,000 and \$300,000, or approximately \$14 a square foot including the air conditioning. The voters of the township voted to provide one mill for each of three years to build the library and provide equipment for it. The amount left for this millage will be used to pay for the equipment, the site work, the 35-car parking area and fees.

I saw a real Abyssinian guinea pig whose cage bore a child's print, saying, "We take care of second grade guinea pig, Rag Mo."

I looked in a peek-a-box box on which Kristine Pearce and Dennis Kacmarek had written, "We are planning beans without light. Look you know that if you get an egg which a rooster got to first, it could have eggs after five days?"

THERE WAS a terrific display of Greg Papp's custom jewelry, a fantastic rock collection by Debbie Hobbs, Craig Coverdill's volcano spewed forth nightly at 8 with the aid of chemicals. And the little electric motors, generators and such made by Mrs. Sue Hobbs' fifth grade at Lathrup school were great.

Jim Herrin and Brian Pettit cut open fertilized eggs and displayed the chicken embryos as it looks daily from 48 hours to the time it's ready to hatch at 17 days. Did you know that if you get an egg which a rooster got to first, it could have eggs after five days?

Nature is grand, and 1,400 kids and adults went to see it on display at the science fair at Northbrook (Angling road school was the heaviest contributor of displays by the way.)

NOW THERE'S talk by Southfield school administrators of having the science fair every year.

Wonder what I'll learn about nature next year?

'Another' H. C. White Is Franklin Minister

By DENI SCANLON

Staff Writer

FRANKLIN—His middle name is Clifford. He is Methodist and he'll be the third H. C. White in Franklin.

The Rev. H. C. White, former pastor of the Grosse Pointe Methodist church, will take the pulpit for the first time Sunday as the new minister of Franklin Community church.

No relation to Hugh Carleton White Sr., insurance man in Franklin, or the insurance man's son, the Rev. Hugh C. White, Jr., director of Detroit's industrial mission, the Episcopal church, Mr. White will take residence at the Franklin parsonage on June 28.

THIS WEEKEND, he and his wife, Doris, will travel to be present at a reception for his father, the Rev. Stuart D'Oll White, who is retiring after 47 years in the ministry.

The white's two sons, Stuart Clifford, 11, and Jeffrey Starnes, 8, are now in Texas visiting their maternal grandparents.

Mr. White was educated in the public schools of Chicago and Downers Grove, Ill. His undergraduate work was at North Central college, Naperville, Ill., and graduate work at Garrett Theological seminary, Evanston, Ill., on the North-western university campus.

MR. WHITE started the Grosse Pointe ministry 15 years ago. Since then membership has soared from 0 to 1,100.

He spent three months of 1958 in Japan, founding a church there under the sponsorship of his Grosse Pointe congregation.

"We are very happy to become a part of the Franklin community," Mr. White said. "Our home will be open to all and we will be as near to the congregation as the telephone."

W. B'field Asks Subdivision Aid In Traffic Control

WEST BLOOMFIELD—All subdivision associations in West Bloomfield township are being asked by the township board to cooperate with authorities in curbing traffic violations within their subdivisions.

The motion passed by the township board last week came, after complaints from residents about traffic hazards.

Residents Albert Hartung and George Back appeared before the board, charging the Cuddy Club Lane in Knottwood Heights is being used as a drag-strip.

The board directed Police Chief Van Meter to check.

IN A LETTER representing Pleasant Ridge association, Mrs. John Duncan asked that no parking signs be placed on certain residential streets.

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THREATS by Detroit this week made the June 30 date set for the Evergreen and Farmington intercor sewer inauguration doubtful.

Detroit officials said the \$17 million in sewers would not be connected to Detroit facilities until Southfield's South - Oak Lane gets under construction. (See story on Page 1-A)

Eastover Area Rec Project Set at School

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Plans for development of a special recreational area in the Eastover school district were revealed Tuesday night, when a group of area residents asked the Bloomfield Hills board of education for permission to use part of Eastover school grounds for the \$13,366 project.

The board granted their request, with the reservation that school architect Charles MacMahon approved selection of the exact site.

W. S. Bobier Jr. of 892 Eastover explained to the board the group's plan to build a "magic square."

THE SQUARE, developed first in Ferndale for recreational purposes, contains four tennis courts, which are also marked off for badminton, basketball and shuffleboard. The square can be flooded for ice skating and hockey in the winter.

The group backing the project plans to pay for its erection by public subscription from area residents.

Final cost of the completed square would be \$13,366, but it could be initially started with \$5,700, which is the goal the group has set for this summer.

Proposed Action Tabled Till July

A proposed \$44,000 improvement on a drainage ditch near 14 Mile road and Lahar was tabled at a June 14 Oakland county department of public works meeting, according to Don Ringle, deputy DPW director.

Residents in the ditch's area have been complaining the ditch needs cleaning and that construction of Marian high school nearby has contributed in part to storm water problems.

A plan has been prepared which would enclose the presently open ditch from Forest land to Crosswicks road.

The next scheduled meeting of the DPW is July 19. An earlier meeting could be called, however.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

Why Southfield's Clogging the Drain

Organist Guild Convention to Visit Birmingham Area

Young People's Art Workshop Begins June 28

Detroit Horse Show At Open Hunt

Beverly Hills Sets Costs, States Hearing on Sewers

BEVERLY HILLS—The answer to the big question of cost went to property owners in the 20 assessment districts for the Beverly Hills lateral sewer project Tuesday.

With the completion of the assessment roles by Village Assessor Howard Palmer, the council this week set a second public hearing for 8 p.m. Thursday, June 30.

Palmer reported that individual costs varied from a low of \$288 to over \$5,000 for one huge portion of acreage with a single owner.

ABOUT two-thirds of the bills are in the \$750 to \$200 category, Councilman Leo J. Linsenmeyer said Monday.

CLERK Pannie Adams mailed notices Tuesday to the property owners involved, advising them of the hearing and their individual cost estimates.

Mrs. Adams said residents could contact her for further information. Billing for the charges will start when the sanitary sewer laterals are completed, probably sometime next year. Work is expected to begin about Sept. 1.

HOME OWNERS will be permitted to finance the costs over a 20 to 30-year period, not yet definitely determined.

The village's entire wastewater half will be connected to the new Evergreen interceptor by the \$608,475 project.

Besides their share of the \$625,475 in laterals leading to the sewer main, each home owner must pay a share of the \$143,000 charge for mains and pumping stations, financed by the village's general obligation bond.

ABOUT half the rental and supervision cost of admissions fees of 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children, or 75 cents on weekends.

THE VILLAGE would be required to have three lifeguards plus a paid supervisor on hand. The department has \$500 remaining in its budget.

\$345 Taken From Pharmacy

SOUTHFIELD—Gil's Pharmacy, 25032 Telegraph, Southfield, was broken into Saturday and \$345 taken from the store.

According to Southfield police, burglars drilled a hole in the back door and entered the store and tried the door of the safe. Several watches were also taken from the store.

Queer Duck Named Elmer Gets Renamed: Stumpy

By JULIE CANDLER
Township Editor

BEVERLY HILLS—Nobody knows exactly how Elmer became a lame duck. He had two feet when he arrived at Mrs. Arthur Zebedes's house at 19400 Riverside drive.

But now they call him Stumpy because he hobbles around on one wheel-less foot and one footless stump of a leg. He still swims in the Kousge river behind the Zebedes' house, but he makes wild circles.

With only one foot, he's like a rowing who paddles on only one side of the boat. And Elmer does it WAS several months after

ELMER SLEPT in Zebedes' basement on January night, and every night after that through March.

Mrs. Zebedes could see right away that Elmer's feet had been frozen—the webbed toes were all crumpled in the snow. His warm breast melted the snow beneath him, then it froze around Elmer's toes. When he awakened, he must have pulled so hard to free his foot that he left the toes in the ice. The vet told her.

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PROPERTY OWNERS will be charged a \$200 tap-in fee (which can be spread over a 10-year period) at the time of actual connection. Individual sewer lines leading from property lines to homes will also cost the owners approximately \$250 per foot.

The council ruled recently that homes more than 400 feet from the nearest lateral need not connect. They must, however, pay for their share of the lateral.

Village Attorney Tom Dillon is preparing a special ordinance controlling the special assessment districts and the general obligation districts.

Should Beverly Hills Rent Pool? You Decide

BEVERLY HILLS—Swimming, anyone? That's what the Beverly Hills council want to know. If village residents would like to swim this summer at the new junior high school pool, the recreation department will rent the pool for their use a few hours each week.

The beautiful pool at the new school will be filled and available for swimming this summer. The board has advised Beverly Hills Recreation Chairman John A. McClelland.

The councilman recommended to the council Monday that the village recreation department try to rent the pool for a total of 20 hours this summer.

AFTER INDICATIONS from councilman Leo J. Linsenmeyer that the Birmingham recreation department's swimming program at Birmingham high school drew poor attendance, the council asked for a public response before its next meeting July 5.

At that time they will decide whether to rent the pool at a cost of \$27 per hour.

Based on reports obtained by McClelland from Birmingham Recreation Director Don Martin, the village could expect to recover

Elmer had arrived last fall, to live with the other wild ducks who like to swim and fish and eat grain from Mrs. Zebedes' out behind her riverside home.

I saw he didn't have the use of his feet, said Mrs. Zebedes.

Seeing that Elmer was helpless to get to a warm place outside the house, Mrs. Zebedes put out behind her, "We're going to have to go down and get Elmer."

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