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'round the towns news

Predict \$20,000 Budget Cut

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—Southfield township board members will meet Tuesday to determine a possible \$20,000 budget cut for fiscal 1960. Beverly Hills, Franklin and Bingham Farms residents will convene April 2 to give either a nod or no to what the township officials propose.

Funds for the township are expected to take a sharp drop this year with no capital improvements in the offing. Last year's budget totaled \$67,735; this year's prediction is expected to be less than \$40,000.

Some \$27,000 was spent in '59 to contract an addition to the township hall at 15000 13 Mile road. It houses the village and the safety offices of Beverly Hills.

TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS WILL MEET

Residents will meet at 8 p.m. at the proposed budget. The meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at 15000 13 Mile road and Lathrup.

It will be the second budget since the township and Southfield split. The township tax rate for fiscal '58 was \$1.56 per \$100 of assessed valuation; last year it was \$1.01. The tax is split between the township, the county and the schools.

Probate Judge Ist Lathrup Mayor In Lapeer County

LATHRUP—Lathrup's first mayor, William H. Harvie, 59, was recently named probate judge of Lapeer county.

A lawyer, former of Oakland county supervisor and director of Lapeer, Harvie will replace the late Judge John G. Libbers.

Harvie is a resident of 1000 W. 26th population northwest of Inlay City. He retired last year after 25 years of public service. He formed after 40 years in the state highway department.

Democrats to Host New State Justice

BLOOMFIELD—The Bloomfield Democratic club will introduce Oakland County Michigan's newest supreme court justice, Justice Theodore Souris at its March 22 meeting. Justice Souris is the youngest supreme court justice in Michigan's history.

Program chairman is William Cochran. The meeting will start at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Allan Harlan, 3535 N. Adams road, Bloomfield township. Residents of the area and interested parties are invited to attend.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

Positive that it would take a drastic measure to rid herself of her heavy cigarette chains, Mrs. G. T. Dweley asked a hypnotist to help. She had grown about the man's ability to turn chain into non-smokers.

His system was to place his subjects under hypnosis, then tell them they didn't like or want cigarettes any more. When they woke up, the instinct to reach for another cigarette was squashed.

The hypnotist started to work on Dee Dweley. Two hours later she was still wide awake. The necessary trance-like state wouldn't arrive.

FINALLY the hypnotist told her, "This is a conversation with me. You're trying too hard!"

"That's because I want so much to give up smoking," said Mrs. D. "I smoke so much that I'll never be able to force myself to quit."

The hypnotist tried to break the resistance caused by her strong desire to be hypnotized. And she tried to stop trying so hard, because she wanted so much to be hypnotized.

The Dweleys plan to move from Birmingham to West Bloomfield one of these days. Their new house will be well-equipped with ash trays. Mrs. D. needs them just as much as ever.

BACK IN the days when I was vacationing at the beach at the Lost Lake Woods club near Alpena when I just happened to have a conversation with the handsome, golden-tanned lifeguard. He turned out to be Dick Griffith, son of Edward W. Griffith of 2234 Pine.

Beverly Hills Backs Council

By JULIE CANDLER
Township Editor

BEVERLY HILLS—Voters returned the four incumbents to the Beverly Hills village council Monday, giving them a vote of confidence which Village President Marvin B. Cline called "most gratifying."

They gave Mrs. Fannie Adams a 900-vote margin over her opponent for the office of village clerk, Mrs. Betty Chinn.

At the same time village property owners unanimously approved the \$140,000 sewer bond proposal to maintain the building of a \$600,000 sewer system in the village's western portion.

Four men led the victorious incumbents, with 1,091 votes, Hugh G. Allerton, Jr., followed with 1,085; John L. Linsenmeyer tallied 884 and Allen R. McClanathan, 849.

Behind McClanathan was Herman Draack, 736 and Claude A. Shepherd, 663.

Mrs. Adams, who has been Southfield township clerk since 1934, won the village clerk's post with 1,094 votes, over the four challengers. Mrs. Chinn got 300 votes.

With 1,480 of the village's more than 3,000 voters in the polls, the bond proposal received 1,204 yes votes, 194 against.

Biggest opposition to the proposal for the village's sale of \$140,000 in general obligation bonds came from four council incumbents from the issue, Precinct 6, which contains the Valley Woods and South Beaches areas, and Precinct 7, Evergreen road where the big sewers will be installed, cast 89 of the 124 "no" votes.

14 Mile Offices Proposed

EAST BEVERLY—The approval which will enable owners to go ahead with construction of two office buildings at the southeast corner of 14 Mile and Pierce was granted by the Beverly Hills village council last week.

At the same time the council received a request regarding an office building at 14 Mile and Southfield.

The council approved installation of a water line to property owned by Milton Freedman, of the Timely real estate exchange.

Freedman agreed to disconnect later and participate in a special assessment district to finance a more extensive water installation planned in the area.

ASSOCIATION ENDORSEMENTS

appeared to have been of little value to candidates for the village council. Endorsement was endorsed by the Valley Woods civic association, was 183 by the 192 and McClanathan, 250 Draack followed with 183 votes, while Freedman polled 91.

Bids for residential lots owned by Linsenmeyer and McClanathan in office precinct, number 2, which votes for a new school in east Beverly.

Aware of criticism of the council last week in creating the special assessment district for sewers in the village's western half, Cline said he said the council might be changing their thinking.

THE PRESENT VILLAGE GOVERNMENT'S

policy is to keep taxes low by providing only essential services. Sunday he criticized the council for a more expensive operation which would maintain its own engineering department, necessitating higher taxes. Village engineering is currently handled by a consulting firm.

Cline said a confidence assured him he said, that most citizens preferred the status quo.

We have a bunch that are being elected to two-year terms, while McClanathan's is a one-year term.

B'field Schools Seek Share Of Federal Aid

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Bloomfield Hills school district is seeking a \$15,000 participation in federal school aid funds, now being made available under the national defense educational act, title III.

The district is seeking a share of Michigan's \$4 million allotment was reached at a special meeting held at the school district office on the March 15 application deadline.

Educational defense funds made use in either science, mathematics or language departments. The federal government would furnish 42 per cent of expenditures, but Bloomfield school district furnishing the remainder.

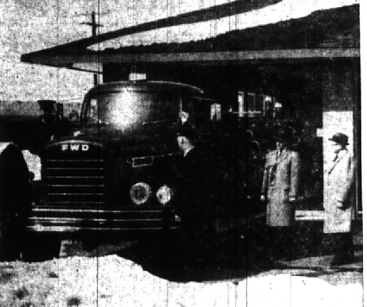
ACCORDING TO SUPERINTENDENT

Edward Johnson, Bloomfield would use the \$15,000 to upgrade science and math departments in all grade levels of the school system.

Equipment to be purchased would include movie projectors, science kits, text and library books, record players, visual aids such as maps and charts, laboratory equipment, and science "do-it-yourself" kits.

Police Chief Chases Thief thru Township

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—For details on Bloomfield Township Police Chief Norman Denhke's chase after a thief, see the story in section A.



Bloomfield 'Siren' Makes Chilly Debut

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—The latest "baby" of the Bloomfield township fire department is this 750 gallon pumper, who fought her way through a snow storm to get here.

The huge \$20,000 truck started from Clintonville, Wis., but was delayed 50 miles south of Milwaukee because traffic in front of her was snarled.

"BUT HECK"

one fireman said with brass buttons bulging, "that little dolt could of kept right on a comin' through all kinds a snow if it wasn't for the traffic out front."

Equipped with four-wheel drive, "She" now awaits the completion of a new home, the proposed Station 3 at West Maple and Woodbank. Bids for the station will be opened Monday.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Henry Hogan, Jr., and Fire Commissioner Homer Case (at right) admire the addition of new fire officials (from left) Capt. Lester Allen, Fire Marshal Vally Yanuszeski and Capt. Maurice Morey.

40 Approve 'No Contest' In Bingham

BINGHAM FARMS—Only 40 of Bingham Farms 175 registered voters bestirred themselves to cast a ballot Monday.

With no contest to excite interest, villagers drifted to polls at Outland Station to duly accept incumbent Neil Warren, former zoning commission John A. Gress and newcomer Henry G. Blecker as council members for the next two years.

MRS. JAMES MCGHIRE, mother of six will take over the clerk's post held this past year by Mrs. Ralph James.

James A. Washburne, treasurer, and Walter Gerick, assessor, both incumbents, will serve another term.

LATHRUP

A well known comedian often says, "Every-one wants to get into the act."

It looked that way Monday when the City of Lathrup Village again appeared in Judge Russell Holley's court on contempt charges. Approximately 19 Lathrup residents participated with Lathrup in the ultimate solution and cannot elect or select plans. "These," said Judge Holland, "will have to be worked out with the city fathers."

Judge Holland has set March 28 at 11 a.m. for a hearing on the petition to intervene. The Lathrup petition case has been postponed indefinitely.

ALTHOUGH THE NAME

of developer Charles D. Kelley did not appear on the Harrisville petition, Kelley explained that "rumor" of court ordered bonds for a storm water system had led the Steinfurth committee to institute the petition.

Attorneys for the developer and the State board of health indicated Monday, March 7, that they would accept the \$100,000 bonds for a storm water disposal system. This was done because the city has twice turned down proposed bond issues for a storm water plan and because the two state commissions hold that a permit to build a sewage disposal system was issued contingent upon the disposal of storm water.

CAMPBELL

IN recent letters circulated to council members and state officials asked the approval of a little pollution in the Evans area. But engineers have continually held that Lathrup's present system is too small for storm water and sewage combined. A large storm would cause sewage-contaminated basements, they said. Campbell has persisted that a sewage treatment plant weirs and overflow into the Evans drain is the city's solution to pollution.

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Franklin Rejects Library Proposals

By RITA HARD
Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN—No matter what it was, they just weren't buying at Monday's election. Especially if it cost money. Obviously determined to hold the line on spending, voters turned down the chance to buy village offices, a bigger library and even sidewalks.

Three propositions were roundly defeated as 287 voters reported to the polls at the new fire hall.

The electorate flatly turned down two proposals to purchase the old Franklin Community church for use as a village office, library and cultural center. A total of 408 votes rejected the idea of buying the church for \$25,000. Some 82 were in favor of it.

The eight-year special assessment plan at one and a half mills per \$100 assessed valuation to finance the measure was rejected. Only 95 supported the millage.

Thomas Franklin President

FRANKLIN—Councilman Calvert Thomas was named Franklin's new village president Monday as 304 voters assured his victory over Dr. Ralph Smith, who trailed with 243.

Voters also indicated in other ways that they were reluctant to have too many other changes at this time.

Incumbent Councilman Edward Green headed the seven-man council race with 362 votes. Returned to office after a brief absence was former councilman and road administrator J. Robert Mitchell, with 336.

WILLIAM RAHN

a resident of Franklin for 34 of his 57 years took the third council seat with 294 votes after being defeated in his first try last year.

Candidate Eugene Kelly lost with 210 votes, followed by Charles Blank with 117. Polling 144 votes apiece, Otto Schubert and Fred Schweit failed in their first attempt to gain public office.

MRS. ELSIE GARWOOD

won a re-appointing vote of confidence after serving one year as village clerk. She edged her opponent Mrs. Sylvia Fellows, 455 to 297.

For treasurer, incumbent Robert Winkel again defeated Archie McCordell, last year's opponent, by 411 to 179.

ALFRED EMMERLING

holds on to his post as assessor for a third term by a overwhelming 422 to 103. Norman Naimark running for the first time was his opponent.

Returning president Grant Sivier held his final council meeting Tuesday night to canvass the vote and clear up remnants of village business. The new officers will be sworn in at 8 p.m. March 28 in the village offices.

Nelson, Ambrose New Councilmen In Wood Creek

WOOD CREEK FARMS—Over the coffee cup at the James Wankin residence on Eastbrook, 95 out of 245 registered voters elected Roy W. Nelson and John M. Ambrose to the two-year council seats. Thomas H. Jennings was defeated, polling 107 votes. Nelson had 81 and Ambrose 64 ballots.

Retiring village clerk Arthur J. Bush received 69 votes as a gesture of appreciation for the job he has done in the past four years. Billie Billu, Wood Creek home-maker, was elected with 77 votes.

THE ONLY candidate

for treasurer, Robert C. Day, got 92 votes over incumbent assessor Robert J. Swift.

Coffee and cookies were served throughout the day, as voters came to the Wankin residence to make their choice. Members of the Wood Creek Farms women's group provided the goodies and served as an election board without compensation.

Language Therapists Request Aid

BEVERLY HILLS—To establish a norm for language disorder tests, Dorothy M. Peters of Riverside Drive and Grover Farrowcroft of Dunbar have requested the help of area parents.

The two Birmingham speech and hearing therapists have constructed a non-verbal language test to measure the "inner language" or thought of the slow child. However, they need to test normal children to maintain the norm for the test.

Interested parents should contact either therapist after 6 p.m. or be willing to "donate" normal children for the test.

THE TEST consists of photographs of environmental objects, persons and situations. Through a matching-the-pictures technique, it is possible to measure the child's ability.

The test is used primarily for the deaf, the brain-injured and mentally retarded youngster.

Karl Buttonmiller Named Principal For New School

SOUTHFIELD—Acting upon the recommendation of Superintendent Glen E. Hays since its Southfield school board Monday approved the appointment of Karl Buttonmiller as principal of the new Birney junior high school which opens next fall.

Birney school, at 11 Mile and Evergreen roads is now ready for the enrollment of 8th and 9th graders in September.

Buttonmiller has been principal of the Northbrook school since its opening three years ago. Previously to that he was an instructor at Southfield's high school and adult education administrator.

Robert Riggs was appointed to succeed Buttonmiller.

Merrily They Sing

WALNUT LAKE—Girl Scouts like to sing, as is demonstrated by the happy faces of Walnut Lake school Brownie and Girl Scout troop members who held a songfest last Thursday. Joan Lowke leads the 135 girls from ten troops who attended the annual event at the school. Troop consultant Mrs. W. Mitchell Middleton, of Dartmouth, a flag ceremony and a game of "bear hunt" completed the program.



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