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Southfield Rescinds X-Way Vote

BULLETIN

SOUTHFIELD — Mayor Donald L. Swanson said Wednesday that he will veto approval of the eastern leg of the east-west expressway...

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The council's action may have been an attempt to show Mayor Donald L. Swanson that it would uphold his veto.

Swanson met Tuesday with state highway officials in Lansing to discuss the route that is causing much controversy in the new city.

The first leg, the western route, has long been approved by the council. The second leg, the eastern route which would be approved last week by a 4 to 3 vote, is now in question again.

THE CITY approved the eastern route to save between \$200,000 and \$300,000 Southfield would have to share in construction costs after the April 1 census. After that date, any rescinding will obligate the city for that payment.

The city and the state have battled over the east-west for approximately 19 months. Last week approval was thought to be the end of the controversy.

The next move will not vote the approval before next Monday's meeting, the council will have to take formal action on its own.

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Winners Announced For Birmingham Shopping Contest
Last Run For 6327
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Communities Vote On School Millage

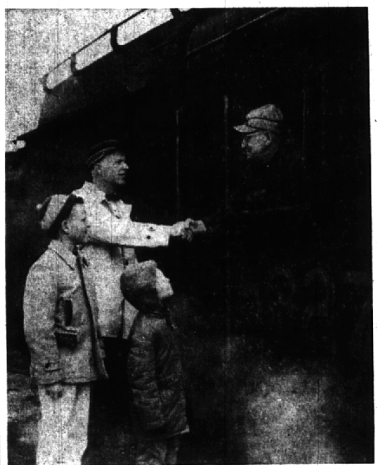
A special Birmingham board of education election Monday is expected to bring hundreds of township area voters to the polling places in their nearest schools...

Putt-Putt Problem Creates Township Tussle on Lakes

By SAVILLA SLOAN, Special Writer

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The problem is nautical-knotty and nice. It has evoked much discussion at two township trustee meetings and one zoning board session. It is still unresolved...

TOWNSHIP Attorney Floyd Blakeslee has three times given his opinion that such an ordinance would not be legal. His reasoning is that a township cannot prohibit what the state permits...

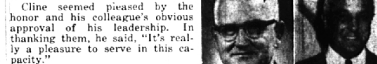


Things Won't Be the Same

EAST BEVERLY — "Thanks for the ride," Beverly Hills resident Paul J. Sheils and sons Steven, 11 and Kevin, 7, tell Grand Trunk railroad engineer Milo Baird at the Birmingham station...

Cline Re-Elected Head Of Village Government

BEVERLY HILLS — A unanimous vote Monday re-named Marvin B. Cline to a third one-year term as Beverly Hills village president...



Cline seemed pleased by the honor and his colleague's obvious approval of his leadership. In thanking them he said a "real pleasure to serve in this capacity."

His selection followed ceremonies in which Cline and councilmen Hugh G. Allerton, Jr., Leo J. Linsmeayer and John A. McClanathan were sworn into office...

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Residents who petitioned for paving on Santa Barbara and Saratoga streets were told they would be in favor of a cost per frontage foot of \$4 to \$4.50.

Hills B of E Campaign Heightens

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — A highly-contested June 6 race for membership on Bloomfield Hills school board is in the offing, if all the candidates for whom qualifying petitions are being circulated run in the June 6 school board election.

Three new candidates have petitions in circulation, in addition to six who have already indicated their intention to run.

Four board vacancies will be filled — two four-year terms and two three-year terms. The five-man school board will be enlarged to a seven-man body in the June election, to conform with a new state law.

PETITIONS To qualify John McBride, 866 N. Pemberton, and Robert W. Morse, 507 Kendry, for four-year terms have been obtained recently and Richard D. Phelps, 6629 Vachon Court, is seeking to qualify as a three-year candidate.

McBride is serving as president of Lathrup. Phelps, who was chairman of the YES committee during the school millage election last year, is a teacher in the Pontiac school system, and Phelps is an administrative assistant in the Clawson school district.

Southfield Schools To Study Increase In Teachers' Pay

SOUTHFIELD — School board members have accepted the results of a survey and a proposed salary schedule for 1960-61, for further study.

The proposed schedule will increase starting teachers' pay from \$4,450 to \$4,750 for a BA degree. New instructors holding MA degrees will start at \$5,050 rather than \$4,750.

Present starting rates place Southfield schools salaries third lowest in a list of 14 schools.

Award Contracts

SOUTHFIELD — Southfield awarded contracts last week for \$900,000 water main transmission systems. Construction on the systems is scheduled to begin this summer.

One was for the safety of residents' children swimming in the lake. The other was because of the motor noise is particularly disturbing on these lakes.

Most lakeside residents are barred through deed restrictions from operating motor boats on the lakes. But occasionally, one or two, by a few outside motor boats sneak in.

It isn't easy to do, for privately owned boats are difficult to make them inaccessible to the general public.

Beverly Tax Hike Proposed



Prosecutor's Wife Hurt in Accident

BEVERLY HILLS — Mrs. George F. Taylor, wife of Oakland county's prosecutor, was released Saturday from Beaumont hospital after suffering injuries March 16 in a three-car collision at 13 Mile road and Lahser.

The 60-year-old Mrs. Taylor, 631 Franklin road, Farmington, suffered fractures of the right shoulder and left wrist.

Beverly Hills police said Mrs. Taylor's car skidded into an east-bound auto driven by 50-year-old Melvin B. Hummon of 2768 Wellington drive, Farmington. He was uninjured but his wife was bruised.

Miss Virginia Hever, 26, of Detroit, who was traveling behind Hummon, skidded into a tree along the road. She also suffered bruises.

Children Enter Space Age Rage

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE — From the looks of the first grade classroom at the Bloomfield Village school, the word "car" may not have quite so prominent a spot in the vocabulary of youngsters of the future.

Already strapped up in the study of space science and one-to-ten countdown arithmetic, these six-year-olds are fascinated with the latest teaching aid introduced by their teachers, Miss Nancy Tischer and Miss Barbara Hagen.

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Beverly Hills Water Rate Increase OK'd

BEVERLY HILLS — A water rate increase establishing a flat \$2.12 across-the-board charge per 1,000 cubic feet was authorized by the Beverly Hills village council Monday night.

The council has been studying the increase since January, following a 12-cent raise in rate charged by the village's water supplier, the Southeast Oakland county water authority.

The increase will most seriously affect heavy users of water, since present water rates decrease with amount consumed. Under the new plan, most water customers will pay a \$3 quarterly service charge in addition to the \$2.12 per 1,000 cubic feet. The service charge previously varied from \$1.80 to \$2.15 for most homes.

The consumer of 1,000 cubic feet who presently pays \$4.80 quarterly will now pay \$5.12. A home using 15,000 square feet was formerly charged \$31.80, will now pay \$34.80.

Murphy Sees '61 Budget Up

BEVERLY HILLS — A budget calling for a tax increase was submitted to Beverly Hills council Monday by Village Manager Robert E. Murphy.

To cover the proposed village expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, Murphy estimated a tax increase from the present \$3.93 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to about \$4.70 per \$1,000, just under the village's 6-mill limit.

The budget must be adopted, under village charter, by the second Monday in May, following a public hearing.

Village President Marvin B. Cline appointed Councilman John B. McClanathan head of a budget study committee which includes Councilmen Ted Shurtleff, Hugh G. Allerton, Jr., and Chester F. Guilmet.

Murphy's total proposed budget calls for an expenditure of \$174,177, an increase of less than \$3,000 over last year's expenses. However, the \$40,000 cash surplus which the village held at last year's opening has now dwindled to \$16,000.

MURPHY SAID \$10,000 of the surplus was utilized last year to pay salaries of four men hired after the Southfield fire department pulled out its crew. The city of Southfield manned the fire station at Southfield township-Beverly Hills headquarters around-the-clock cooperative basis. Last October the city moved its men to a temporary station on 11 Mile road.

The move necessitated hiring the four additional men by the Beverly Hills public safety department — three men working eight-hour shifts each day, a fourth man on leave.

Because of the extra men, Murphy estimated the 18-man public safety department's budget will jump from last year's \$72,611 to \$92,788.

Steal Hub Caps

BEVERLY HILLS — Thieves took hub caps Saturday from a car parked in lot at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church.

Richard Kientle told police that the hub caps were taken between 8 and 9 p.m.

Talk of the Towns

As the Franklin village fire department hustled around at a practice drill Saturday, I spotted Volunteer Searls in the midst of it all. What a shock to see the Rev. Robert J. Searls minister of Franklin Community church, in a fireman's hat, black coat and high boots.

He looks good, mind you. But so un-ministerial.

SPEAKING of ministers, that reminds me of the day I ran into the Rev. Dr. Harold DeWindt, of Kirk in the Hills. We were discussing the fact that I wasn't church editor anymore.

He looked at me, grinned and said, "You're going to lose your halo, aren't you?"

I've been looking in the mirror a long time, Dr. DeWindt, and I never saw anything about my head, but hats.

SOME OF them admitted it frankly to one another. They were picturing everyone in the room in a bathing suit.

It was the first meeting of the members of the new Forest Hills club since the club was formed. Families had joined the club, and they got together at Birmingham on a hot day to talk over swimming pool plans.

Admitted one feminine member, "I'm looking for a man there are going to look around the pool this summer."

OUR LAWS to protect juveniles lead to some of the problems juvenile officers encounter. "When boys are 16, but can't get work until they're 18, that leaves a no-man's land where there's too much idle time."

The only recent Beverly Hills council candidate not living in a subdivision with a property owner's civic association was John A. McClanathan.

He lives at 31855 Kennoway, in the only "un-associated" section of the village. After he defeated candidates who were endorsed by their civic associations in last week's election, McClanathan exercised his subtle sense of humor and his good imagination to announce this statement: "I want to thank all of my supporters, and particularly Dr. Bruce Foster, the president of the Kennoway Good Government association."