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Trio Seeking Sticker Votes

LATHRUP — Three sticker candidates this week announced their intention to oppose the trio running Monday for the three available seats on Lathrup's five-man city council.

Opposing already-announced candidates Elizabeth W. Mitchell, Vernon M. Peel, and Vincent A. Zatell are sticker candidates Richard H. Anderson, John R. Kohl and Arley Van Meer.

City Administrator Jerald Stone said he expected a light turn-out at the polls for Monday's election. Voting is at Lathrup school's two polling places, from 7a.m. to 8 p.m.

The original three candidates are backed by the Committee for Good Government. Only incumbent among them is Mrs. Mitchell.

Two present councilmen, David P. Anderson and Frederick O. Johnson decided not to seek re-election.

The sticker candidates say they are running to give voters a choice in the election and to get a more economical storm water - sewage disposal plan.

MITCHELL PEEL

The three original candidates, who petitioned formally to be placed on ballots, are:

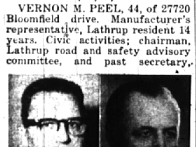
ELIZAZBETH W. MITCHELL (Mrs. Arthur), 18839 San Quentin, seeking third term city council term. Lathrup resident 22 years. Attended business college and Detroit conservatory of music.

Community service activities, South Oakland United Community services advisory council, Red Cross survey of Southfield civil defense problems, Gray Ladies, Lathrup Women's club, first Southfield Township UF campaign.

Three years as member of Oakland county board of supervisors.

Asked for a statement, Mrs. Mitchell said, "Re-election would permit me to follow through on the city development and recreation programs."

VERNON M. PEEL, 44, of 27720 Bloomfield drive. Manufacturer's representative, Lathrup resident 14 years. Civic activities: chairman, Lathrup road and safety advisory committee, and past secretary,



ZATELL KOHL

member zoning board of appeals.

He states he seeks office for three reasons: "First, to join in a helpful and cooperative spirit and continue the dignified city operation of past few years.

Second to continue an active interest in the zoning ordinance . . . and maintain its major objectives, and third, to seek ways

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Planner Resigns In Beverly

BEVERLY HILLS — Virginia (Mrs. Maurice V.) Rogers this week announced her resignation from the Beverly Hills village plan board, effective April 28.

The resignation makes the fourth from the nine-member board since the group split ranks last summer over lot size restrictions in residential areas.

Other plan board matters made news last week as the village council called for a special meeting with the planners.

The council seeks a full report on the master plan now being prepared and rezoning requests which have been referred to the plan board in recent months.

MRS. ROGERS gave no reason for her resignation, but indicated she might have a statement later.

The only woman member of the zoning-man board or any other village appointive board, Mrs. Rogers said in answer to a question from The Birmingham Eccentric that she has been averaging about two full days weekly on plan board work.

She is currently organizing data collected in a house-to-house survey which planners made last year. Information resulting from her anaylsis will be used in the master plan.

THE ATTRACTIVE housewife and mother was named to the board in April, 1958. She lives at 30250 Woodhaven.

In her letter of resignation to Village President Marvin B. Cline, she stated, "I would like to resign with the thought that at some later date I might be able to serve in a similar capacity."

First planner to resign last summer was board Chairman Herbert Herzberg, who said a heavy load of work as Birmingham's city planner forced his July 21 move. The following week Clifford H. Wright resigned, saying, "I've had it."

Both Wright and Herzberg had disagreed with other plan board members over restrictions.

Herzberg had recommended that a minimum 90-foot lot frontage requirement was reasonable, that more than that was "excessively wide." Other planners held out

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Berkley Woman Hurt In Auto Accident

BEVERLY HILLS—A 33-year-old Berkley woman was injured last week when the car she was riding in collided with another at Southfield and Locherbie, Beverly Hills.

Frederick S. Gilman, 36, of Berkley, was traveling south on Southfield when Linda Lou Hoester, 16, of 16140 Locherbie pulled into his path. His wife, Margery, suffered a bruised arm. She was treated at Beaumont hospital and released.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

No need to tell Beverly Hills Village Clerk Fannie Adams what to say when she was sworn into office last week.

Said former Village Clerk Alice Spencer, who officiated, "I don't have to tell you this, Fannie. You know it better than I do."

Whereupon Mrs. Adams, who's been swearing in township officials since 1934, zipped off the oath faster than a salesman can whip out an order pad.

"Are you dreaming of a white Easter?" asks Attorney John E. Pokorny, of 3111 Middlebury lane, Bloomfield township.

So is a shower for an expectant dog any sillier than a game of charades? Or does a game of bridge serve any worthier purpose than a dog shower? How about that universal suburban game, the cocktail party?

Someone called the dog shower featured on these pages recently "a personification of the frivolity which besets our society."

He should take a good look around next time he attends a cocktail party, or gets into a game of bridge or charades, or similar recreation. Let's face it, they're all non-functional.

But if people are having a good time, let 'em! If they accomplish something worthwhile in their daily work, or try to contribute to their society, they deserve to have some fun with their own little private joke over their expectant mamma dog.

OVERHEARD recently by a reporter talking on the telephone to Mrs. Donald F. Swanson, who had asked someone to bring her a pencil: "Well, I keep one in my ear at school, but I don't on the way home!"

It was eight-year-old Tom Swanson, just returning from school as his mother made her request. His dad is Southfield's mayor.

EXCEPT FOR a vague mention that she was "in no position to judge" the merits of the show, Nita Hard has failed to mention that she wrote "Please Don't Drink the Cider."

Not only did she write the musical which Franklin Village Players presented recently, but she also directed it. And not only that, she got accolades from everyone who saw it, our spies tell us.

And not only that, she's Mrs. Chester A. Hard, Jr., 31960 Inkster, who's The Birmingham's Eccentric's Franklin correspondent.

And . . . she managed to write and direct, and at the same time cover the Franklin news, act as a guide at Cranbrook Institute of Science and run a busy household for a husband and five children.

And nobody — not anybody — could do that but Nita Hard!

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Spring's Late But They're Not

WING LAKE—All set for the Easter parade, Kevin Patrick Juett and his little friend Laura Tully are convinced that along with gay baskets, new frocks and fancy eggs, the good old rabbit will bring spring, too. Kevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Juett of Walnut Lake road; Laura, the daughter of the C. R. Tullys of Pickering. For more information about their active role in the PTO Easter fashion scene, see the Bloomfield township north story inside Section E.

Franklin to Tackle Problem of Roads

By NITA HARD
Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN—Embarking on a 'be kind to road administrators' program, Franklin's new council, headed by recently-elected President Calvert Thomas Monday night appointed Norman Naimark chief commissioner over the 27½ mile headache.

Naimark, a defeated candidate for the assessor's post in the March election, will be assisted by a six-man advisory committee and a six-man citizens' committee representing six geographical areas.

Though Naimark will be officially responsible to the state for accounts and records, he will have advisory aid from past street administrator Stan Hunter and past-president Grant Sivier.

Hunter will act as chairman of the committee, while councilmen William Kahn and William Worcester, with Naimark, will be ex-officio members. Sivier and Thomas Barnes of S. Greenbriar have also agreed to serve. Barnes has been the guiding light of Stoneoaks subdivision 'help-yourself' program for the past two years.

Residents will be asked to contact their area captain instead of calling the road administrator in the event of road problems. Area captains will make periodic inspections of the roads assigned to them, make recommendations to Naimark and help to correlate the general construction and maintenance program.

Area number one captain will be Robert Cornillie of Brandingham. Cornhillie will be responsible for Wellington, parts of Inkster, Franklin road and 13 Mile plus the middle of Franklin village and Hersheyvale.

Fred Schwedt, defeated council candidate, will head area number two, south of 13 Mile from Hickory lane to Inkster.

Fred Jaynes heads area number three which is from Telegraph to Hickory lane, and Helman Woods subdivision roads.

Willard Chapotan's number four area takes in Franklin road north to the river and Telegraph south to 13 Mile.

Area number five has Paul Robertson to look after things north of the river and east to Fourteen and Telegraph roads.

Richard Oberschulte is the area six captain looking after roads north of Wellington to 14 Mile and Inkster to Franklin roads.

NAIMARK ANNOUNCED Monday that he was calling a pilot meeting of the area captains Tuesday and would soon distribute a directory to all residents for easy referal.

The program is designed to alleviate the wear and tear endured by Franklin's past administrator's. It is hoped that by sharing the 'complaint' load and spreading the responsibility, life will be more bearable for the men who volunteer their services to the community.

THOMAS assigned departments to his colleagues Councilman Edward Green will continue to handle building department matters and was given police matters as an added task.

Councilman Don Hunter was appointed to develop a method of improved communication among residents regarding council activities. He will be in charge of publicity for forthcoming and current issues, as well as continuing as parliamentarian and on village office matters. Hunter was also named president pro-tem Monday night.

Councilmen William Worcester and William Kahn will share the load of road matters, drainage problems and have been assigned to work out details with the Franklin Hills country club regarding pending drainage work affecting residents on Inkster road.

FISCAL MATTERS and budget items will be the concern of councilman Fred Ziegel who was also named deputy treasurer Monday night.

Veteran Councilman J. Robert Mitchell, re-elected after a two years absence, was handed a lion's

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S'field, OC Election Cost Case Delayed

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP — Southfield township, Southfield city and Oakland county will go to court April 11 to determine which one will pay approximately $26,000 for special election expenses incurred since 1952.

The case, scheduled last week, was postponed by Circuit Court Judge William John Beer.

The elections were incorporation-charter approval attempts, the last finally successful in April, 1958, for Southfield city.

THE COUNTY paid the bills, but supervisors have asked the communities to reimburse Oakland. The suit, filed in September, 1958, raises a constitutional question. State law states that the "locality" must pay. The definition of "locality" (township, city, county or all three) will be determined.

The 1958 charter vote was preceded by several attempts to incorporate or approve a charter. All failed. Many of the attempts did not involve the same area in the now 26-square-mile city.

B'field Hills B of E to Buy School Site

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Bloomfield Hills board of education is purchasing an elementary school site in, what has been termed, "the most explosive population-growth area in the school district."

The purchase, contingent on legal approval by school attorneys, is on the east side of Wing Lake road, south of Maple.

Price of the 12½ acre site, owned by Clifford A. Anderson, is $66,500.

SEVERAL FINANCIAL matters, of a lesser nature, were also transacted at Monday night's school board meeting.

The board agreed to reimburse Wing Lake association $2,042, for Wing Lake school's share of recent subdivision water main repair and improvement.

After hearing Mr. and Mrs. Earl Givens' outline of summer school recreation programs, the board agreed to donate $300 for materials and equipment. Recreational programs are planned for Pine Lake, Wing Lake and Eastover schools.

A $25 rental fee, to cover maintenance cost, was stipulated for the use of Hickory Grove school by a recently organized Baptist church group.

Outboard Motor Stolen from Garage

BEVERLY HILLS—A 200-pound 35-horsepower outboard motor was stolen Saturday from the garage at the home of Eugene Tappero, 31555 Kennoway court.

Tappero told police the $650 motor was attached to his boat in his garage.

Bicylist Victim Of Hit, Run in S'field

SOUTHFIELD — A 21-year-old Southfield man was hit by a car Tuesday night as he rode a bicycle on Nine Mile road just west of Lahser.

Gilbert S. Miller, 21241 McClung, told police he was hit from behind and could not identify the car as it sped away. Two witnesses, who stopped to aid Miller, told police they could not give concrete identification either.

Miller was taken to Beaumont hospital, treated for head cuts and discharged.

4-Mill Tax Loses

School district voters turned down the Birmingham board of education's proposal for a four-mill increase in operating funds. For the complete story on the proposal's loss by 1300 votes, and how each school area voted, see Page 1-A.

3 Townships Ready Budgets, Reports For Annual Meets

$18,000 Hike Seen in West Bloomfield

WEST BLOOMFIELD—An $18,000 increase is included in the budget to be presented to West Bloomfield township citizens Saturday. The proposed budget was drawn up with austerity in mind, supervisor John C. Rehard said.

It will be presented this week at the 2 p.m. annual meeting at the township hall, 4460 Orchard Lake road. Citizens will also hear departmental reports and review financial statements.

A light turn-out is anticipated for the session, attended last year by 77 of the township's estimated 12,500 residents.

REHARD said emphasis on austerity would have to continue until "we find out where we are going on this sewer project."

With the completion this year of the Farmington interceptor sewer and the first major payment of $104,000 due April 1, 1961, Rehard foresaw possible difficulty in meeting the payments. A tap-in fee of $250 charged to home owners connecting through laterals and with building permits for new construction is the method by which the township anticipates raising the payments.

HOWEVER, few building permits are being taken out as land owners wait for sewer lateral installations before beginning construction.

Ten different sewer lateral and arm projects are now underway in the township. But as existing homes are connected to them, they probably will be permitted to finance the $250 tap fee over a ten-year period, Rehard anticipates. As a result, the township would collect only $25 per home each year.

IF SUFFICIENT sewer funds are not collected from the tap-in fees annually, Rehard said the money would have to be taken out of the township general funds.

The 1960 budget totals $243,695, with $36,250 allocated for fire protection, $37,525 for police, and $30,500 for capital improvement.

S'field Denies Cranbrook's Swim Pool

SOUTHFIELD — Because it would have been located "too near a main highway," Southfield zoning board of appeals denied the proposed Cranbrook village subdivision swimming pool.

Residents propose to build an Olympic-sized pool and bath house on the three-acre site on the east side of Evergreen about 430 feet south of 13 Mile road.

The board indicated that if the pool was relocated on local streets more in the center of the subdivision that the request would be approved.

RODNEY LOCKWOOD, developer of the subdivision, donated some of the land and sold a second part to the residents. The land, not yet part of the subdivision, is unplatted.

Lockwood owns vacant land in the middle of Cranbrook, between Southfield and Evergreen. Both the appeals board and the planners recommended that residents attempt to buy part of the remaining vacant property.

PLANNERS, who voted unanimously to deny the proposed pool, claimed that it would be too close to main highways and it would be a danger to children.

1 Persons Hurt In Southfield Crash

SOUTHFIELD — Four persons were injured in a rear-end collision Saturday at Southfield and Franklin roads.

Curtis F. Fouch, 52, of Indiana, and a passenger in his car, Grace Furnary, 47, of Detroit, were hit as they turned off Southfield on to Franklin road. Their car slid 100 feet and went over an embankment.

The driver of the second car, Buddy L. Karnes, 28, and his passenger, Kenneth Chappin, 29, both of Toledo, were also injured when their car skidded approximately 140 feet on Southfield.

According to Southfield police, Karnes was under the influence of liquor. The four were taken to Beaumont hospital, treated and released.

Building Done, S'field Cuts Budget, Tax

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP — Southfield township's proposed budget for fiscal '60 took its expected $20,000 plunge last week when the board met to determine finances.

With the $20,000 addition to the township offices complete, this year's $47,890 proposed budget will face residents at the annual meeting Saturday a good deal less than last year's $67,795.

THE ANNUAL meeting is set at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Detroit Country Day school, Lahser and 8 Mile road.

Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin residents will convene this weekend to either approve or alter the budget as prepared by officials.

A TOTAL of 19,845 was nicked from last year figures causing the predicted drop in taxes for residents this year.

The tax should tumble from .67 of a mill to a half-mill on the assessed valuation (equalized). The assessed valuation of the township is $27,942,000.

Assets total $33,778.23 leaving only $14,1?? actual dollars that would be collected from the township residents.

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B'field Eyes $80,000 Building Plan

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — There will be several projects up for approval at the annual township meeting at 1 p.m. April 1 at the township hall, 4200 Telegraph road.

Foremost, is an addition to the township hall, which would provide a 200-seat auditorium, double office space and enlarge firemen's quarters.

General plans and specifications for the $80,000 addition were given approval by the township board at their meeting Monday night

IN CONJUNCTION with the addition, citizens will be asked to approve sale of 30 acres of township property at Opdyke and Kensington roads. Proceeds from its sale would be used for the building program.

Included on the annual meeting's agenda is a discussion of a group insurance plan for township employees, as well as acceptance of the 1960-'61 township budget.

Township officials expect a larger turnout of citizens this year than the 11 who attended last year's meeting.

Council Backs Beverly Hills Blood Bank

BEVERLY HILLS — A resolution calling for citizen support of the Beverly Hills village blood bank April 21 was passed by the council last week.

Village President Marvin B. Cline asked councilmen to urge residents to contribute to the bank, being sponsored by four village schools.

Sponsoring schools are Greenfield, Valley Woods, Beverly and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, where the bank will be held from 2 to 8 p.m.

Donor recruitment chairman is Mrs. D. E. Custance, 32201 Arlington. Residents will be contacted through school PTA organizations.

Lathrup Councilman Hits Back at Critics

In a statement issued this week, Lathrup Councilman Frederick O. Johnson answered council critics who "swayed our citizens, with their honeyed publicatiions, into a state of complacency" before the February election on a proposed $790,000 storm drain project for the city.

Now that city residents have returned down the proposal at the polls, Johnson claims, "we have found that our opposition has faded away and now they expect us to perform miracles."

Johnson's statement reads:

The recent "Storm Sewer Bond Issue" vote in Lathrup Village has again placed us in the headlines of the newspapers. The chief contributors are the misinformed, the ill can do it better Sidewalk Superintendents", special and selfishly interested minorities and those who have ulterior motives. This has all been most uncomplimentary to the Council" and is indicative of what can happen when "non-politicians" are trying to handle city affairs on a strictly unbiased and economical basis.

"Some of the members of the council have been personally attacked with false and fictitious words, and statements have been printed without any effort to be truthful or honest about them.

"However, since the election when these troublemakers swayed our citizens with their honeyed publications, into a state of complacency, we have found that our opposition has faded away and now they expect us to perform miracles!

I suppose that the "council" will again have to go through the same process of determining which is the best method and the least costly to us home owners. May I again remind you that it has now cost each home owner 600 dollars for delaying this work; and the longer we delay, the greater will be the loss. The "land" owners have not had to pay anything extra, which is all gain to them.

"I hope that the next council will receive more help and constructive co-operation so that these selfish interests can be submerged and engulfed in a sea of truth and honest economic facts and that us "Home Owners" can begin to live, knowing our sewer and drainage problems are behind us.

NOW, LET us set the record straight and review the history of our sewer and drainage problem in order to realize the amount of work and study was incorporated in the council's decision. This is really what happened:

1. SUMMER 1960. After a heavy rainstorm, which flooded over two hundred basements in Lathrup, the "city council" hired Pate & Hirn Company to study the existing sewer system and to submit a report of their finding concerning the design of a "relief system" for eliminating basement flooding.

"2. JANUARY 1957. The Pate & Hirn Company reported that a "relief system" could be installed for about $525,000 which would eliminate basement flooding, except that it would not guarantee against flooding under severe storms of long duration, such as in 1956.

"3. FEBRUARY 1957. Mr. Norris, of Ayers, Lewis, Norris and May, Mr. Bogue, of Pate & Hirn and Mr. Pierce, chief engineer of the Michigan helath department were called into conference with the council to discuss the Pate & Hirn proposal.

DURING this meeting, Mr. Pierce presented the viewpoint of the state health department about as follows: "The primary objective of changes in the Lathrup sewer system must be to end pollution in the River Rouge. This pollution is why Lathrup and seven other communities are under "Court Action."

Because of the extremely low dry-weather flow in the "Ditch", substantially 100 per cent treatment of storm water would be required of any combined sewer system from Lathrup."

"Both engineers then agreed that this condition meant the addition of a waste treatment plant in Lathrup and that the extra costs, made a combined system very questionable. Based on this

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