



A Birthday Presentation

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Slides showed "Nature in Your Own Backyard" and Cranbrook Naturalist Walter Nickell was there to describe it when the Berkshire Branch of Woman's National Farm and Garden club held their seventh birthday meeting last week at Birmingham Community House. Club Conservation Chairman Mrs. J. S. Hammer, of Wedgewood, Bloomfield township, helped Nickell ready his projector.

Got Any News?

Your correspondent would like to hear from you. Here are the correspondents and the areas they cover:

If you live in Beverly Hills: (Covering the Village of Beverly Hills and the South Berkshires) CALL: Mary Wilde, MI 4-9504

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If you live in Franklin: (Covering all of the villages of Franklin, Bingham Farms and Wood Creek Farms) CALL: Nita Hard, MA 6-3224

B of E President Will Lead PTO Panel Discussion

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — On Nov. 21, Bloomfield Hills junior high school PTO will present a program entitled, "The Needs of Our Growing Community."

The board of education will discuss the problems and needs of the school districts and community, together with the board's proposed solution.

The panel discussion at the school will be led by David Lee, president of the board of education. The discussion will be supplemented by slides, graphs and charts illustrating the anticipated increase in population of school age children, as well as problems of overcrowded classrooms.

All residents of the school district are invited.

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Southfield News Briefs

County Board Orders Plans For Drain

SOUTHFIELD—Plans, specifications and cost estimates have been ordered by the Oakland county drainage board for the construction of the Eight mile drain to serve Oak Park and Southfield.

Drain commissioner Daniel W. Barry said the board decided to proceed following a public hearing in Oak Park last week. He said the board had determined the sufficiency of a petition from the two communities.

A hearing on cost apportionment will probably be set for December, Barry said.

Before the hearing, Southfield and Oak Park received a contract from the City of Detroit indicating that Detroit would pay a portion of the drain costs, designed to flow into heavy rains from flowing into northwest Detroit. The latter city has agreed to pay about \$250,000 or one-thirtieth of the total cost of the \$4 million drain.

AT THE HEARING, Robert W. Hodge, attorney representing the

Eight mile Taxpayers association challenged the legality of the three-man drainage board.

He also challenged the constitutionality of chapter 20 of the drainage act of 1956, saying it conflicts with the act setting up the county DPW. State representative S. James Clarkson, Democrat from Southfield, agreed with Hodge's objection.

Delos Hamlin, chairman of the county board of supervisors and Robert Y. Moore, chairman of the county board of auditors are drainage board members.

Any court action to halt construction of the drain would depend upon the taxpayers association Hodge said.

Name S'field Woman To Park Commission

SOUTHFIELD—Mrs. Lawrence Brown, Jr., 28600 Everett, will replace Mrs. Ira Jones on the city's five-member parks and recreation commission. The appointment was made at an Oct. 31 council meeting, and appointment is effective Nov. 1.

Mrs. Brown will serve until February, 1962. She was denied a spot on the commission last April when it was vacated by Al Wargo who resigned. Her appointment then was

defeated 4-3.

The new commission member is a mother of five children, a room and member of the recreation committee of the East Southfield school PTA. She has worked with the parks and recreations commission in the past, said Mayor Donald L. Swanson, in recommending her.

Mrs. Jones is moving from Southfield to Wisconsin.

Zoning Ordinance Set for Hearing In December

SOUTHFIELD—A public hearing on proposed changes in the residential classifications of the zoning ordinance has been set for Dec. 5. Proposed for change are reduction in number of zones from six to four, changes in sections one, seven and nine, in side yard requirements and area and size of houses.

House size is limited only by cubic feet in the present zoning ordinance. Square footage in floor space is not delineated.

Under the changes, R-1 zoning will require a minimum of 700 square feet of usable floor area for one story houses and a minimum of 800 feet on each floor of multi-storied houses. R-2 would have a minimum of 850 square feet, or

575 square feet per floor.

R-3 MINIMUMS are for 1,000 square feet or 650 square feet per floor. R-4 would be 1,200 square feet or 750 square feet per floor. One-family houses and accessory buildings in these four zones could not occupy more than 25 per cent of the lot area under the proposed ordinance.

In zones one, two and three, side yard requirements are 7 1/2 feet or 10 per cent of the lot width, whichever is greater. Ten-foot side yard or ten per cent, whichever is greater is required in zone four.

Each side must have a total width of 20 feet or 25 per cent of the lot width, whichever is greater in zones one, two and three. Zone four would require 25 feet or 25 per cent, whichever is greater.

Census Count Will Determine County Board Appointments

SOUTHFIELD—Norman R. Barnard, Oakland county corporation counsel, told Mayor Donald L. Swanson, in a letter dated Oct. 18, that appointment of an additional supervisor from the City of Southfield to the Oakland county board of supervisors must wait official findings of the 1960 census.

Representation from cities is based upon the last Federal decennial census.

Increase Wages For Police, Fire Personnel

SOUTHFIELD—Police and fire department personnel will receive pay raises retroactive to July 1. Approval was given by the city council Oct. 31.

Salary hikes for police and fire chiefs raise their pay from \$6,800 to \$7,410. The fire captain's pay was raised from \$6,628 to \$7,150. Raises from \$6,162 to \$6,880 were okayed for three police and two fire lieutenants. Five police and four fire sergeants had their pay increased from \$5,772 to \$6,344.

The city's 22 police patrolmen and 14 firemen will get boosts raising them to \$5,746, representing an increase of \$182. Fire department mechanics received increases to \$5,746 from \$6,156.

THE COUNCIL also approved rezoning of a section of land between Eight mile road and Northland drive from residential to commercial. Owners of the land propose to build a multi-story motel on the property. Estimated cost is \$500,000.

A restaurant and service shops on the ground level are planned by

the R. H. McManus company with ample space for parking. They are considering an underground parking garage, according to a company spokesman.

Protests Zoning In Master Plan

SOUTHFIELD — Midway civic association's president, John Craft, 19474 Midway, presented the city council last week with a letter protesting proposals in the city's master plan.

He also brought petitions bearing names of "98 per cent" of association members who live between Midway, Evergreen, Stabelin and Eight mile. The master plans calls for industrial zoning in the area.

Councilman Clarence A. Durbin said he had heard that residential development is planned south of Midway. The letter and petition were referred to the planning commission.

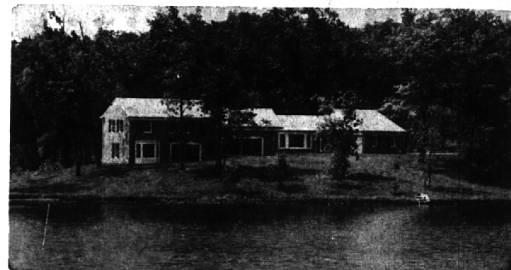
CRAFT SAID, "We are not in favor of boulevards, large parks, large city government buildings or development of subdivisions or new areas at the expense of the City of Southfield. We are asking that the city be left as a rural community."

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