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'round the towns news

Plan New Unit Of Novel Design

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—An addition to Conant elementary school, featuring innovations in school design to meet advances in educational techniques, was approved by Bloomfield Hills board of education last week. Weather permitting, construction will begin by Dec. 1. School officials hope completion in time for the 1961 Fall term.

Night Raiders Hit In Beverly Hills, Get \$345 Loot

The rash of breaking and entering cases that hit the Birmingham-Bloomfield area in October has subsided, but the night raiders returned to Beverly Hills home Saturday. Another burglary occurred Thursday in the same Beverly room and driveway were forced ransacked by Samuel Pivar, 15788 Buckingham, when he returned home at 2 p.m. Sunday. A diamond ring and an electric razor, total value estimated at about \$345, had been stolen.

School Survey Is Scheduled By Southfield

SOUTHFIELD—At a meeting Monday night in Southfield school board of education members voted unanimously to authorize the superintendent to direct the services of an agency for conducting a comprehensive survey of the school district. Such a survey would be in preparation for an anticipated expansion program and would include a study of the educational community enrollment and population forecasting, a financial study of the district, instructional improvement and program planning.

B'field Township Attorney Resigns

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A Floyd Blakeisen, 30 years attorney for West Bloomfield township, submitted a letter of resignation to township board at its meeting last week. Blakeisen gave his reason for resigning as a lack of time to meet the ever-increasing legal problems in the fast growing community. The board accepted his resignation, which becomes effective Dec. 31, and authorized a study of a replacement for Blakeisen.

Talk of the Towns

Overhead around the towns: from a father at the PTA meeting in one week; Whether you're at a Rotary meeting, or a bar, or at the PTA makes no difference. You're still not being a good parent because you're staying away from your kids. "If you want to live in the center of a farm, the best thing to do is buy the whole farm. It costs more to own vacant property these days."

Beverly Area Asks For Water

BEVERLY HILLS—Petitions requesting installation of a water system have been signed by more than 60 per cent of the property owners in a large section of south-west Beverly Hills, it was revealed Monday at the village council meeting. Village President Marvin H. Cline said a serious water shortage is imminent in the area unless relief is provided. Residents of the South Berkshires subdivision are asking the council for creation of a special assessment district to finance the project. The cost would probably be shared by the village water department, also. There are 24 lots in the area, covering 13 miles. It extends to the village limits at approximately 12 1/2 miles, and from Evergreen on the east to Lasher on the west.

Plenty to Be Thankful For

GILBERT LAKE—There'll be no Thanksgiving turkey for the two new additions to the Paul Bickner family on Burnham road. But there will be plenty of turkey for the other nine members of the household, here watching Mrs. Bickner mixing things for tomorrow's big day. And by next year, twins Cathy and Robert will sink some teeth into a gobbler. They were born Oct. 24. Anticipating a joyful Thanksgiving day are (from left) Martha, 6; Patty, 7, (holding Cathy); Paul, 10 (holding Robert); and her father, (holding Richard, 11 1/2); Mom, holding bawl and spoon; Mark, 9; Barbara, 5, and Matthew, 3.



The Holdens and some of their guests Mr. and Mrs. Rohan Rivett, Mrs. Malcolm from down under. From left are Holden, Uren, Mrs. Holden and Uren.

'Down Unders' Drop In, Thanks Are Exchanged

By NITA HARD
Franklin Park Farms - It's Thanksgiving time. And, among many things for which to be thankful, we're beholden to the Sprague Holdens. They, in turn seem to be merrily bemoaning the charming Australians they met in the 18 months they spent "down under" three years ago. This charmed circle started when Sprague Holden, chairman of the journalism department at Wayne State university, was granted a Fulbright scholarship to study in metropolitan newspapers in Australia. They, (Holden and his wife Sheila) had a wonderful time. The more academic aspects of their visit will soon appear in a book Holden has written. It is being readied by the WSU press for publication next year. A number of articles have already appeared in trade journal journals, which, we suppose, is to be expected of a Fulbright recipient.

Head-on Crash In Southfield Fatal to Man

SOUTHFIELD—A 30-year-old Farmington man was fatally injured Monday night in a head-on collision on 12 Mile road between Telegraph and Northwestern in Southfield. Richard C. Kincaid, 24025 Middelet, died early Tuesday morning in Beaumont hospital after having a brain concussion, multiple severe fractures and internal injuries. Police reported that Kincaid was unable to give them a statement.

Grease Fire Damages

BEVERLY HILLS—A fire starting from a pan of grease fried in a deep fryer at the home of Wales Bigelow, 31236 Pierce. The Beverly Hills police department said the flaming grease set nearby curtains and a window sill afire. Mrs. Adams entered the hospital Monday afternoon. She expects to return to her duties in about two weeks.

Local Women Plan Benefit Performance

Area women attended the Oakland-Pontiac town hall tea held recently at the home of Mrs. Abbot on Illinois in Pontiac from Wood Creek Farms were Mrs. Ross Blevins and Mrs. William Weighman. Present also was Mrs. Donna Hollig of Franklin. The group planned for the afternoon performance of the Canadian players of Stratford who will present Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" Jan. 3 for high school students. The evening performance will be given for the benefit of an MSOU scholarship fund.

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Two Disagree On Dr. Conant

By IRMA N. DAVIS
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SOUTHFIELD—"You can't scare me with Conant," said Southfield school board member Dr. Ira Altshuler this week when recommendations of educator Dr. James Conant were cited as desirable goals for Southfield schools. At a study meeting of the board Friday, Dr. Altshuler said Board Member John Campbell refers to the "Bible of Conant." It is not a magic book of Campbell's, as such, and every school. The meeting was held to review the remaining six parts of a seven-part resolution for "improvements" in the educational program of Southfield junior high. One aspect of Campbell's proposals, Schoenhals was asked to furnish information on the number of teachers who are assigned to teach in their major or minor subjects. The report will cover only basic subject junior high. Junior high principals at the meeting indicated that a high percentage of teachers are already assigned to teach their specialties. HE ALSO WILL report on curriculum changes in basic studies to be declared and made into regular programs for junior highs. Two proposals to standardize procedures for proposing pupils to develop their maximum educational potential and to establish a standard for the number of assignments to schools on, or before the end of the semester were not acted upon. The board said these proposals had already been accomplished.

Trailer Park Decision Pending in Bloomfield

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Action is still pending on the recommendation of a Bloomfield planning officer for permission to encroach on an area adjoining the park. The issue was referred to the township's zoning board of appeals by Edward H. Blakeiman, owner of Gilbert Lake trailer park north of Miracle Mile at Telegraph, between Fairfax and Ward. The board took no action after it held a public hearing in October to review Blakeiman's request to expand his trailer park onto 30 parcels in the area. Blakeiman's attorney said he needed the additional space to enable him to enlarge the size of trailer lots. Presently, his park cannot accommodate the extra-trailer trailers that are coming into use.

Planners Get Agatgas Dump Rec Proposal

CRANBROOK VILLAGE—Residents of Cranbrook continue to put the heat on Southfield's zoning board of appeals to prevent conversion of a 60-acre Agatgas dump into a Southfield recreation center. Villagers will be able to air their disapproval again tonight at a meeting of the zoning board of appeals scheduled for 8 p.m. in Southfield city hall. In the meantime, however, zoning board members passed the zoning ordinance to the planning commission and now await its advice and recommendations. No action is planned until that service is received, at which time a special meeting will be called.

County Completes Grading, Gravel Work on Quarton

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Grading and graveling on Quarton road between Woodward and Lathrup was completed Friday except for some driveway approaches. The Oakland county road commission announced the work is being done by M. D. Deemer, James B. Byrnes, chief engineer said. Work on Quarton was begun in June for about 600 automobiles. Deeper penetration westward would be a 4.8-acre lot owned by Mr. and Mrs. Little League baseball diamonds and a dozen tennis courts. According to the township and courts, providing a 250-foot buffer between the money-making portions of the site and Cranbrook Village, would be made available for free public use in cooperation with the city's parks and recreation commission. BETWEEN the parking lot and the ball diamonds would lie the money-makers—a swimming pool, shuffleboard area, kiddie pool and a m u s e u m ride, an archery range, trampolines, a go-cart track and miniature golf. The five-acre Miller plans a pair of hockey rinks and a possible toboggan slide, both for public recreation commission. Total development would be installed at a cost of about one-half million dollars. Southfield Attorney James C. Oatley, here in court, was responsible for the decision on the matter with the zoning board of appeals. The action is scheduled for that day, before the city council, Allen said, since the land's use as a recreation area would comply with zoning. The work will require approval from the board of appeals.