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## Beverly Hills Approves Trailer Bank Opening

**BEVERLY HILLS**—Approval to set up a branch bank temporarily in a house trailer was given to the Public Bank Monday night by the Beverly Hills council.

The trailer bank offices would be located on property recently rezoned for commercial use on a 491-foot frontage on Southfield road near Beverly. Primary owner of the property is Kathleen Madonna, Beverly Hills real estate woman with offices on the site, who proposes a \$1½ million shopping and business development there.

## City Attorney To Ask For Sewer Bid Delay

**LATHRUP**—Choosing what they hoped was the best of two calculated risks, the city council moved Monday toward a possible postponement of construction awards for a sanitary sewer system.

The council was faced with two alternatives: either seek a delay, or comply with the court decree and award bids before completion of preliminary engineering plans. Either choice involved possible unnecessary expenditure.

**THIRD AND FINAL** step in the council's resolution authorized Hayes to petition circuit court Judge H. Russell Gilchrist for a delay based on the ALN&M letter as proof of good faith. His letter will also note the desire of the council to utilize the experience of ALN&M to make the most prudent use of taxpayers' money.

## Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER  
When you don't get around much except to sewer sessions and council meetings in the Birmingham area, you lose touch with sophisticated women in the big city.  
But last Friday night the man at our house took me to one of those fancy Detroit harems.  
The female glamour get-ups was more fun than the floor show.  
As to the risk of sounding catty, I must say it's getting so you can't tell wives from the best women who I'm referring to are those honeys with eyes that look like lightning bolts and hair that's topped with bee hives and other such swirling masses of obviously-tinted hair.  
WHAT ARE THEY TRYING to attract? Hees?  
If it takes all that artifice for a girl nowadays to attract a man, then the boys had better give their cupid's shot of riboflavin.  
And if the glamour girls' attitudes and actions are as phony as the color of their hair and the Louis Fourteenth culture, the guys better head for the bomb shelters.  
Of course, the fellows can always come out to our towns to find the girls with the casual, well-scrubbed, natural look. At least there's a lot like that around these parts.  
For the big me, I'm glad to be back from the city, feeling at home with the sewers.  
SOMETHING ought to be done about those power movers that are too powerful. Now Southfield Mayor Donald Swanson had an unfortunate encounter with one.  
He was mowing his lawn Saturday, according to the account by Southfield's legal consultant and Birmingham resident Jim Allen. "And," says Jim, who's not a city council member, "everyone knows that's dangerous."  
The mower hit a rock, the missile clobbered his Honor, knocked him down and broke his ankle.  
Similar thing happened recently in Michigan when a child was standing nearby. The misguided missile struck the little girl's forehead a fatal blow.  
DID YOU know that Lathrup Village filed its petition for incorporation just 20 minutes ahead of Southfield township?  
According to the new booklet, "Spotlight on Southfield", Lathrup

Joseph Verhelle, of Grosse Pointe, told the council that it would take at least seven months to complete a permanent bank structure on the site.  
"This community is in a definite position to sustain a bank," the council heard the council. "But we have to act now before someone opens up another one nearby in this community. Then we wouldn't be able to go into this area."

**COUNCILMEN** expressed doubt that financing could be obtained at this time for Mrs. Madonna's proposed project.  
They set the seven-month deadline to prevent the trailer from remaining on the site indefinitely.  
At the same time, they were assured by Verhelle that "the minute we get in there we want to move ahead and see that the buildings are built."

He said the bank had not thus far entered into the financing on the project.  
VERHELLE said he thought rents for the proposed development would not be prohibitive for the businesses planned, and would support the project. Mrs. Madonna said earlier the center would include a bank, drug store, barber shop, beauty parlor, dry cleaners and her real estate office.  
The council stipulated in its approval that the banking trailer must be located on property just north of the Detroit road station and that adequate parking must be provided.  
Mostly, the council held a 127-foot frontage at the site for parking. It had been erroneously in the site description during the May rezoning.

The Public Bank has been in operation two years, has six branches in the Detroit area, and four more are planned.

## City Administrator Undergoes Surgery At Sinai Hospital

**LATHRUP**—City administrator Gerald Stone underwent two operations last week at Sinai hospital because of a severely ulcerated stomach. His condition was reported satisfactory by Mrs. Stone who accompanied him to the Birmingham Eccentric.

Stone was a patient at Mt. Carmel mercy hospital late June and early July when he was diagnosed as having a peptic ulcer.

Stone is expected to return to his city post.

## Police Report Burglary Halt In Bloomfield

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**—Burglaries dropped to nothing this week in Bloomfield township, where an increase in past weeks prompted police to report new suspicious cars or persons.

Chief Norman Dehnke said no unusual activities had been noted to police following an appeal for aid in the case in the township of the Birmingham Eccentric.

The week before, however, several burglaries were reported in the township. Police were not told until after the burglaries were discovered. One woman told police after a break-in next door that she had noticed someone walking around the house with a flashlight.

## Another Veto By Swanson Forces Issue

**SOUTHFIELD**—Another veto by Mayor Donald L. Swanson produced a dramatic final act in the township. The mayor is expected to test his veto powers in court.

Swanson vetoed an action by a 4-3 vote of the city council Sept. 26. It designated the city of Southfield as a special assessment district in the area which was to be bonded.  
Property owners in the district quickly organized a Southfield citizens' association, which fought the high individual assessments.  
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## Prosecutor's Office Drops Investigation Into Boy's Death in Car-Grader Crash



**Watching His Flock**—A 160 Beverly Hills school children cross Southfield road at Beverly Hills. Another guard near Greenfield school is employed by the city of Southfield for children crossing 13 Mile from that city. Omelianoff lives at 1542 Buckingham, with his daughter, Olga.

**BEVERLY HILLS**—When 160 Beverly Hills school children cross Southfield road at Beverly Hills, Mike Omelianoff stands by to see that they get across safely. Last week the 69-year-old retired groundskeeper at a country club took over crossing guard duties at the dangerous five-way point where River-

## No Negligence Seen After Partial Inquiry

**BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE**—"We have completed our investigation as far as we can go," Oakland county Assistant Prosecutor Richard Condit said Tuesday the accident last week which killed the son of a prominent Birmingham dentist.

Condit said the James F. Boyle family's attorney would not permit him to take a statement from James A. Boyle, 16-year-old Bloomfield Village youth who drove the car in which William Rennell was killed Sept. 27.  
Rennell, 15, was the son of Dr. and Mrs. Francis W. Rennell, 976 N. Cranbrook, Bloomfield Village.

Condit added that "we saw no criminal negligence on the part of the operator of the grader which killed the Boyle car collision."  
"IN THE ABSENCE of a statement from the boy or a statement from witnesses that there was any negligence on the part of the grader operator, we have completed the case as far as we can go," continued the assistant prosecutor.

No witnesses have indicated that the grader operator was working on the Maple road widening project.

Condit said the grader operator maintained he was proceeding slowly in the right-hand lane of Maple near Cranbrook Cross, in the same direction as the car owned by Boyle's father.

Four witnesses have also testified that the grader was headed westward.

The impact with the blade of the grader decapitated Rennell. It decapitated the car, strewn pieces of it several hundred feet along the road.

Asked why he would not permit the Boyle youth to make a statement to the prosecutor's office, Pontiac attorney Robert Sauer answered, "He talked to the Bloomfield township police officer who questioned him after the accident. If it was your boy, would you want him to babble this thing over and over?"

"IT'S A PROBLEM of aback with him," said Sauer.

He said both the boys and their parents were close friends. Boyle did not return to classes at U of D until Monday of this week.

Sauer repeated young Boyle's statement to Bloomfield police that he was going 40 to 45 miles per hour, that he turned out to pass the grader, tried to avoid the wide blade but couldn't.

Condit said the prosecutor's office is "not interested in the case." (See INQUIRY, 2-B)

## How's That Again?

**WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**—Podge Avery, of Detroit was injured Monday by a mobile grader that toppled over and struck him. The accident occurred at the central office of the Michigan Telephone company, 7020 Middlebelt road, where construction work was being done.

Avery was taken to William Beaumont hospital, where he was treated for laceration of the left eyebrow and discharged.

## Council Skips Engineers' Report On Agatgas Dump

**SOUTHFIELD**—Action has been postponed once more by the Southfield council on the seepage problem at the Agatgas dump on Southfield road near 12 Mile.

A report on the dump from Spalding, DeBoeker, engineering consultants, was scheduled for review by the council Monday night. It was requested in August by the council. The council session adjourned before the item was reached on the agenda.

Cranbrook Village residents have complained that the standing pools behind the dump and near their homes are odorous and a hazard. Southfield Administrator Robert J. McNutt said recently that the subsurface drainage from the dump has "about disappeared."

(See INQUIRY, 2-B)

## Everybody Pays, Southfield Says On Drain Issue

**SOUTHFIELD**—Little objection was raised to council action last Thursday to finance construction of all proposed drains in Southfield through city-wide (ad valorem) taxes.

A crowd estimated at 700 to 1,000 jammed the public hearing at Lederer school. It had been set to determine the method of financing the controversial South-Oak storm drain along Eight Mile road.

With agreement reached in Southfield at last on financing its share of the \$4½ million drain, and the county drain commission ready to get the big project underway, Detroit agreed to allow the township to finance the drain.

Added then were the names of George and Jean Cavanaugh, Jr.; Paul F. and Heromine Schoeffel; Donald Morrison; Edwin C. and Virginia Paige; George and Teresa Cardarelli; Murdoch C. and Martha Morrison; Taylor and Helen Fainley; John J. and Alice Gersteck; Wilfred R. and Della Miller; William R. and Mabel Jacobson; Robert J. and Esther Rowse; Victor E. and Anna Matulis; and Robert L. and Mary Wilbur.

The names were filed with Judge Stanton G. Dondoro Sept. 29. Mr. and Mrs. Milner are the only petitioners whose property is near adjacent to the controversial drainage project.

(See HALL, 6-E)

## 25 Petition for Halt Of Franklin's Hall

**FRANKLIN**—A new petition of protest and crowded court dockets have halted Franklin's proposed new community center for at least six months.

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## School Is Proud of New Principal

By NITA HARD  
Franklin Correspondent

**FRANKLIN**—For a little while that doesn't even have a chamber of commerce, Franklin certainly gets its share of "firsts."

Proving that some innovations can be most attractive, is Franklin school system also becomes the first coordinator of student teachers in the Birmingham system.

IN THIS POST, she has helped to launch approximately 70 new teachers each year and functioned as their consultant during their first year of teaching. Her talents have influenced and inspired teachers from Michigan State University, Wayne State University

and the University of Detroit as well as U of M.  
Starting her career with an undergraduate major in Spanish, French and minors in French, English and social studies, Miss Tate has added extensively to her qualifications. She has taken additional studies at Northwestern University, WSU and the U of M, and has held several part-time teaching positions in these colleges.

HER WORK in curriculum groups has been widely recognized and, somehow, she finds time to under-graduate major in Spanish, garden, play golf, swim, cook, read and enjoy good music.

Mothers will find her a genuinely thoughtful and understanding person with whom they can discuss their children's problems.

And Junior isn't going to mind being sent "down to the principal's office" one bit.



**FRANKLIN**—Going over the year's PTA program with Franklin school's new Principal Marjorie Tate, is program chairman Ted Kelter.