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Where's Junior? Traffic Victim Hits
Just Check New Speeding MotoristsBy SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—It's a wonderful idea, but a bit hard on any member of the family trying to get away with anything . . .

Just suppose some night this fall, Junior decides he needs an extra night out and claims there's a school basketball game at which his cheering services are needed. For mother is a bit tired and thinks she'll forget to mention it to PTO night, just this once.

If they happen to live in the Bloomfield Hills school district, chances are they'll get caught.

THE GIVE-AWAY will be a special green-backed calendar hanging on the wall. On it is printed each event of the school year at each of the Hills schools.

The calendar is the result of almost a year's effort on the part of Edith Givens, wife of W. E. Givens, who recently was elected to a four-year term on the Hills school board and who is last year's president of the PTO council.

The calendar is a council-sponsored project, and its expense is being borne by the council.

But it is Edith Givens, as a one-woman committee, who has assembled the information, which she has made, seen to the mimeographing, held expenses to a minimum (each calendar represents a half-cent expenditure) and run up 1,000 miles

Recount Affirms
Baker's Victory
In 4th District

A recount of the Fourth district has reaffirmed Raymond L. Baker as the winner of the Republican state legislative nomination.

John A. Titus, Baker's opponent, gained one vote in Northville, the only paper ballot precinct, in the recount. This made Baker's final margin 22 votes.

Titus had been declared the winner in an election night, August 2, by a 67 vote margin.

AN 80-VOTE error was then discovered in an official canvass of Farmington township and Baker was declared the winner with a 23 vote margin.

The recount ended last Thursday morning in Oak Park where 38 machines were inspected and errors were found.

Baker now becomes the party's candidate for the legislative seat held by S. James Clarkson of Southfield.

More Children

SOUTHFIELD—The annual school census has shown that Southfield has had an increase of 10 children, of preschool to school age. This increase is the second largest in south Oakland County. The total in 1959 was 12,883 while this year there are 13,887.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

That five-year-old mother of 87 we photographed recently—Jane Martin's cat named Cheeta—has received an honorary title. Jane (Mrs. Frank, of 6030 Lahser) has given her prolific pet whose Easter litter preceded a brood in August, the dignified label of "Mrs. Cheeta."

Jane has talent, too. Not like Cheeta's, but even more remarkable. She can sit at a typewriter and reel off magazine articles and give her five children laugh, play, run and out, turn on the TV and watch those distracting things kids do.

Latest salable story from the Martin typewriter is one called "Fun with Fire." It's being published in a magazine called "My Baby."

ITS AUTHOR just pasted the last clipping in her first scrapbook of published articles. Anybody who can write in the midst of five kids will fill a lot of scrapbooks, I predict.

I tried writing at home once, when my three were little. But they jammed the typewriter keys and my nerve endings. I might as well have tried to write in the midst of a Nixon demonstration.

Then I decided to fox the little one. I set the alarm for 5 a.m., two hours before they awakened. I groped through the darkness, managed to open my eyes to spot the typewriter.

I POUNDED away for about ten minutes. Then I heard little foot-steps. I had forgotten that my four-year-old, the eldest, was a very light sleeper.

on her automobile in the process!

ONE STEP for completion still remains . . . assembling the almost 30,000 pages making up 2400 calendars. PTO presidents at each school have volunteered to take over this job.

Then the calendars will be given out, one to a family, with issuance of PTO memberships.

Besides keeping school events at families' fingertips, the council hopes the calendar will help welcome families, new to the school district, to all school events taking place in their neighborhoods.

The calendar may become a yearly project—if other Edith Givens can be found!

PTO Council
Set for Talks
On New Buildings

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—The PTO council of Bloomfield Hills school district will hold its first meeting Sept. 15 when officials of the coming year will be elected.

Members of the Hills board of education will attend the meeting to discuss with the council the necessity for a school building program in the near future.

Council members for the coming year are Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gerhard and Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Pitts, high school representatives; Mr. and Mrs. Jackson R. Farnell, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Frieke, junior high school.

ALSO Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bobier and Dr. and Mrs. Paul Trimmer, Eastover school; Dr. Charles Bowers and Richard Graves, Hickory Grove school; Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gentzen, Pine Lake school. Mr. and Mrs. John McBride and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Looft, Vaughan school, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Siering, and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Priest, Wing Lake.

Board of Education
Borrows Against
Anticipated Taxes

SOUTHFIELD—The board of education accepted a bid from Manufacturers national bank for a loan of \$250,000 against anticipated taxes at a special meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. March 1, 1961, the loan is made at a rate of 2.05 per cent interest, plus 12 per cent premium, bringing the overall interest rate down to slightly over two per cent.

Taxes for 1960 are due in December. The money will be used to pay off the bond issue and to build a new school.

Bids will be taken at the Sept. 12 meeting for paving at the Angling road school. Tentative estimates set the total cost at approximately \$2,000.



After wheeling their baby buggy with a message into place, Mrs. August E. Gentry (left) and Mrs. Frederick A. Chapman put a finishing touch on the safety reminder.

Ground-Breaking Set
For Cranbrook Pool

CRANBROOK VILLAGE—Ground-breaking ceremonies for the Cranbrook country club pool will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20. Construction will begin soon after this date, according to club president, James L. Snedker, 29448 Full River.

Opening day for the pool will probably be during Memorial Day weekend, 1961, he said. It will be located 1,100 feet south of 13 Mile road on the east side of Evergreen road.

The club was granted permission to build the pool by Circuit Judge William J. Beer on July 6, ending a suit brought by the club against the City of Southfield. The city had rejected the plans through its zoning board of appeals. The board claimed the pool was too close to main highways.

JUDGE BEER allowed certain modifications proposed by Southfield planning consultant Albe Munson. These include restricting membership to an amount easily handled; increased parking area, and provision for young people to reach the area without traveling Evergreen road.

The judge rejected Munson's proposal to move the site, saying the area was zoned for such a structure. The club will be open to family households living in Cranbrook Village, with membership restricted to 920.

Oct. 30 has been set as the close-off date for joining and making deposits. John Naylon is membership chairman as well as secretary of the club and the remaining member of the board is Henry Hastings, treasurer. The club plans to increase its board by the near future.

Trophies Awarded

LATHRUP—Trophies were awarded to Mrs. H. H. Stock, Mrs. James Corke, Mrs. L. Boyel, Mrs. Bernard Rumpfs and Dr. Ursula Rumpfs at the Lathrup and Lathrup golf league fun day at Glen Oaks country club. Fifteen other prizes were awarded to Lathrup women who participated in the golf league's summer activities.



FRANKLIN—Eugene Kaweck of Wellington Road is head and shoulders above his completed project, Snoopy the Bookworm (which took him over 60 hours to build). Kaweck gets the stamp of approval for the animated float which will represent Franklin Community Library in the annual Franklin Roundup parade Sept. 10. Snoopy

By JULIE CANDLER
Township Editor

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—One picture is worth 10,000 words, say the Chinese, and two Bloomfield Township homemakers have put together a three-dimensional portrait that's worth 10,000 tugs at human hearts.

"Motorists tell us it really hits them—it makes them stop and think," said Mrs. Frederick A. Chapman, mother of two, who put the picture together with the help of her neighbor, Mrs. August E. Gentry, who has four children.

It developed because the pair of mothers wanted to be nice. They wanted to ask motorists passing their homes at 4726 and 4706 Pickering road, one-half mile west of Franklin road to slow down.

BUT THEY wanted to do it politely. So they devised a honey-sweet trap for the eyes of a lot of flying motorists.

"It really works," Mrs. Chapman claims. "We see them slowing down as they approach 'our sign'."

Their private traffic cop is a three-year-old size doll, sitting in a baby stroller.

The mothers tied a sling around the big doll's arm. They swathed her head in bandages, put a splint on her leg. They got Mr. Gentry to build a platform they could use when wheeling their set-up in and out (can't leave it out in the rain, or the doll belongs to five-year-old Laurie Chapman).

Above their little traffic victim they put a sign. "Do you want to be responsible for this? Please slow down. 25 miles per hour."

A LOT of cars and trucks use Pickering road—residents head toward homes to the west, trucks haul building materials to new subdivisions. When the drivers speed, they worry not only Mrs. Gentry and Mrs. Chapman, but other parents of the 30 children who run and ride bikes through the area. They, too, are happy about the slowing effect of the "baby" sign.

With school about to start, the battered baby on Pickering road can remind other motorists to slow down. PLEASE, that is the message politely.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

Rail Strike Threatens To Halt Commuters

Congregationalists To Start New Education Program

Hong Kong Night Enchants Party Goers

Small Fry Take To The Water

Archers Pulling Strings To Get Their Deers

Judge Gives Club Go-Ahead
For Pool in Beverly Hills

S'field Administrator Offers Resignation

By DON PEMBER
Staff Writer

A Southfield political football has decided the issue of his administrative status has been kicked around long enough, and is getting out of the game.

Robert J. McNutt, Southfield city administrator who has been the object of a five-week feud between Mayor Donald F. Swanson and four council members, offered his resignation effective Dec. 31, at the Monday night council meeting. It was accepted by a 4-3 vote.

In submitting it, McNutt asked that he be allowed to attend a city managers' conference, continue city engineering work he has started and be free from "interference by individual council members."

McNUTT was originally fired July 25 after a series of council actions in which Councilmen C. Hugh Doherty, Thomas M. Costello, Glibo D. Doherty and John A. Swanson voted in favor of a motion to dismiss the administrator.

On the opposite battle line were Mrs. Joan McDonnell, Clarence Doherty and Mayor Swanson, who vetoed the firing.

Anti-McNutt forces then challenged the move, contending the mayor had no veto power on administrative firings.

CITY ATTORNEY James C. Allen agreed with the mayor and Swanson would go to court to prove the legality of the move. The 4-3 vote, accepting the resignation, was a narrow one.

2 Republicans
Act as Co-chairmen
For Bentley

Two prominent Oakland County Republican residents have been named co-chairmen of a new division of the county Republican Party.

The chairman of the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Bloomfield Hills division are Frank Hardy, of 1550 Tully court, an administrative official at the Ford Tractor and Implement division plant, and John R. Crisman, of 260 Applewood Lane.

Bill Carstens, Detroit insurance man, is the general chairman of the Oakland County Bentley for Senate Committee.

A MEETING of the new sub-committee has been scheduled at 8 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Birmingham country house.

Any Oakland county residents interested in working actively in the Bentley campaign are invited to attend.

Franklin Committee Busy
Working on Annual RoundupBy NITA HARD
Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN—A half a ton of carefully selected beef is aging gracefully in a cooler to achieve the proper maturity for appetites at the Sept. 10 Roundup and Barbecue in Franklin.

Food chairman Bert Coburn is getting valuable assistance from two pro-restaurateurs, Arthur G. and Fred Elias, in planning the menu and service of the big outdoor meal. It is the highlight of festivities on the village green at the annual homecoming event.

Confronted with rising costs (and who isn't), the trio convened last week end to revise the policy for "seconds." Promising banquets for the initial serving, the committee dolefully decided a large order of seconds should be made for additional servings instead of the free return trip as the past years' custom.

Franklinites overestimated their capacities and frequently wasted the second portion.

THE TRIO have already chosen the corn crop which will be the fresh morning of the Roundup. The program will start at 9 a.m. with a parade featuring the two and two National all-star teams in the Little Baseball and Babe Ruth leagues. Promising a big parade of ball diamonds back of the church.

A Roundup Queen will be chosen from Franklin's fair and the dedication of the new historical marker will highlight parade ceremonies. Records show that Walter K. M. Rodgers will be on hand.

BEVERLY HILLS—A consent decree signed Wednesday morning by Oakland Circuit Judge Clark J. Adams permits Beverly Hills athletic club and its 300 member families to use its four-acre site near Beverly and Southfield roads for its proposed swimming pool.

The consent came after agreement was reached out of court by attorneys for the club, the village and the two residents who obtained a temporary injunction halting construction of the pool.

The plaintiffs, represented by Attorney James G. Hartwick, of Potomac, Md., claimed that the pool would create a traffic hazard and a nuisance in the residential area.

IN THE SETTLEMENT, they agreed to drop their suit in return for assurances from the club. Represented by William F. Nern, the club agreed that an adequate greenbelt would be established between its property and adjoining homes.

The club also agreed that no vehicular entrance to the club would be built off Beverly road, that hours would be held to 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and that no alcoholic beverages would be permitted on the property.

It also has agreed to have allay their fears that this would develop into a year-around, indoor-outdoor type club building with alcoholic beverages, said the club's steering committee chairman, Edward F. Dolan.

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