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Franklin Association Files Reply

FRANKLIN — An answer filed with Oakland county circuit court was released this week by the Franklin community association, which will have until Sept. 12 to prepare its defense against a temporary injunction halting the building of a new community hall.

The restraining order was served Aug. 2 and a hearing set for Aug. 15 before Oakland county circuit Judge William Henry. The association attorney Orland Ellis was granted more time to prepare his showing. The answer filed should not be made permanent.

The property owners protection association, Inc., plaintiffs, brought the restraining action after the community association filed for a building permit on Aug. 1. The bill of complaint was signed by W. R. Milner, 26450 Clark road, president of the property owners' group.

OBJECTIONS To the building plans on deed restrictions on the six and one-half acre site, which is commercially zoned on three sides, was broken in suit for the hall intended to replace the frame community hall destroyed by fire in 1958.

In the answer filed with the court, the community association denies that its activities will serve neighboring areas, including surrounding townships. The answer also stated that restrictions cited by the plaintiffs have been superseded by subsequent restrictions recorded in Oakland county and that neither set of restrictions preclude the community association from proceeding with its building program.

The defendant's answer said the restrictions have been waived because the said property has been used for public, recreational, social and community purposes with the property association's knowledge and consent.

THE ANSWER also cited that the plaintiff has permitted the expenditure of money by the defendant to purchase and improve the site and property and that the defendant to spend time and money to obtain financing and to pay the zoning ordinance amended to permit erection of the proposed structure.

The community association claims the proposed hall will enhance the value of the property and that the property owner group's members favor the construction by a new building.

Break-In Nets Thieves \$2,000
WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—The National food store at Midland and 14 Mile road was broken into Sunday night. Reported loss was about \$2,000.

The robbery was made by a ceiling panel. A safe was ripped open and a torch was used unsuccessfully on a safe and the house operated by Fred Sanders company. The crime is being investigated by state police.

Tak of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

All I could think of when I went through the Omnibus Players' traveling bus was one ugly-sounding word: guts.

Call it courage and it sounds nicer, but whatever you call it, it's possessed by the eight girls who travel on the rickety old school bus. And they're wonderful, every one of them.

Of course, I'm prejudiced about one of them, because she's a local girl. Beverly Hills resident Sue Taylor of 18250 Devonshire. She's not only pretty, she's smart, and she can act.

SO CAN the other seven Skidmore college girls who performed at the Village Players' Playhouse last week. They packed the house that night, and they wonned them every well-paced minute of Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors."

Their comedy was delightful. Their costumes, scenery, direction and staging were skillfully handled.

It was hard to believe, when you thought of the beat-up bus parked outside the Playhouse. With it, the eight girls had brought Shakespeare to some 30 communities this summer.

From Pennsylvania to Colorado, they had drawn Shakespeare's genius out of the pages and delighted audiences in miniature towns, factory towns, even at some Army bases.

Sue and her dark-eyed friend Gail Ryan, of New York state, did the driving.

I SAT in the bus driver's seat, tugged at the heavy wheel they steered. I hoped the funny old horn.

Then I walked through the narrow passageway between the mattresses and clothes racks that took up bus floor space, and wondered

WASHINGTON — When U.S. Congressman William S. Broomfield (R, 18th district) was host to Bloomfield township Treasurer Homer Case and family recently, the group posed for a photograph outside

Congressman to Return the Call

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—It isn't taking U. S. Congressman William S. Broomfield (R, 18th district) long to return the call recently paid on him by Bloomfield township Treasurer Homer Case and family.

The GOP group is sponsoring the "Meet-Your-Candidate" session at 8 p.m., Sept. 15 at the Bloomfield Hills junior high school on Quanton road.

CASE praised Broomfield after he and his family visited him two weeks ago in Washington. After visiting the House and Senate and seeing the workings of our government," Case said, "Broomfield has been on the public works committee and recently returned from a European tour of NATO bases."

THE SESSION with the candidates next week, Case said is the first in a series planned by the club to give voters an opportunity to meet the candidates in person.

Next Thursday the congressmen will be on hand, along with Henry M. Hogan, Jr., who is running for state representative from the third district, and candidates for all Oakland county offices.

Area Traffic Sees 'Safest' Holiday Weekend
Death took a holiday over the Labor Day weekend, at least in township area traffic circles.

In commenting over on the quiet holiday, West Bloomfield police chief Vae Meter typified area police when he said "this was one of the lightest accident records I can remember over a holiday's weekend."

The only serious accident reported was at Middlebelt and W. Maple Sunday afternoon. West Bloomfield police reported a two-car collision in which four persons were injured.

Leo N. Calhoun of Wayne, driver of one of the cars was injured as well as his wife, Mary Joan. A 1958 Chevrolet and 14 Mile road was involved. A passenger in the other car, driven by Paul E. Boyer of Pontiac, was also injured.

Senate Approves Postmaster for Lathrup Village
LATHRUP VILLAGE — President Eisenhower's nomination of Robert C. Stager for postmaster of Lathrup Village was confirmed by the United States Senate last week before its adjournment.

Interested Republicans are veteran, Stager has been "acting postmaster" pending confirmation. A former steel design and construction engineer for steel companies in Pennsylvania, Cleveland and Detroit, Stager came to Lathrup Village in 1946.

He was consultant engineer to several Detroit companies until retirement to accept the present federal position.

He and his wife, Ruby Craig, and two children live at 18350 San Diego, Lathrup Village.

Westchester Man's Mother Dies Abroad Plane in Flight
WESTCHESTER — An 82-year-old woman, Mrs. Clara Weiss, resident of Detroit, died while en route to Detroit to visit her son and family in Westchester Village, died Sunday on a Northwest Orient airline plane in flight.

Mrs. Clara Weiss, mother of Philip Weiss, 520 Cranbrook Crossing, Westchester, became ill about 3 p.m. and died five minutes later, according to crew members.

They've Earned the "Expert" Tag, even here in their own home towns. Herzberg is the good-looking guy who's city planner for Birmingham. Brown is the tall, handsome attorney who advises boards of education and municipalities, particularly on bond issues.

They'll render their expert opinions in a discussion on "Urban Renewal and Downtown Redevelopment Projects" at the Michigan Municipal League gathering.

Another expert who deserves the title even though he spoke 2,000 miles from home, is

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the house office building. From left are Case, Broomfield, Mrs. Case and sons David, 13, and Ronald, 19. Another son, James, 21, was not along on the trip.

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Bloomfield Police Say Burglar Fleeing after Gas Station Rob

Observing Lathrup Woman Faces Busy Days at UN

By IRMA DAVIS Staff Writer

LATHRUP—"Sit down and rest," said Mrs. Philip Gentile in the living room of her home on E. California drive.

As I did just that, she chatted about her husband, who is associate minister of Lathrup's Community Congregational church.

"I couldn't do anything without his help," she said, "so please use 'Mr. Philip'."

It must have been this special quality of thoughtfulness, in addition to her tremendous ability, that brought her appointment as an official observer for the United Nations in 1954.

Dark-haired and slim, this busy lady has a full calendar. On Sept. 18, she will attend a reception at the Waldorf-Astoria given by the American association of United Nations, for United States delegates to the UN general assembly.

THE FOLLOWING day she will be present at a dinner arranged by the speakers' research committee for the UN, which has been a member for three years.

On the 20th, of course, she will attend the opening session of the UN, to observe not only the election of a new general assembly chairman, but the proceedings in that session and those to follow.

Her duties involve "getting an overall picture of international situations and interpreting them through lectures, classes and various means to others."

AS AN observer, under the of



MRS. PHILIP GENTILE

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of the Non-governmental organization of UN, she will attend state department briefings in the UN offices. The briefing orient observers about department policies. In turn the department itself is often influenced by the observers' questions and comments, as they reflect public opinion.

The observers representing many organizations, disseminate knowledge of the UN through their writings. Thus the organizations they represent, as well as John G. get up-to-the-minute information about the international picture.

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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—After ordering him to halt and firing a warning shot into the air, Bloomfield township police Monday night shot and killed a fleeing gas station burglar.

Tommy Wright, 28, of Pontiac, drew two shots from Lt. Newton Tubbs, 43, and Patrolman Jerry Weaver, 27, fired two shots at him. Wright was running from the Shell gas station he was discovered inside of, at Golf drive and Telegraph.

Patrolman Weaver spotted the former Jackson prison inmate in the building as he passed in a patrol car at 10:42 p.m. He radioed for help. Within minutes Lt. Tubbs pulled up in another township patrol car, and a third car manned by Sylvan lake police Patrolman Don McLaughlin arrived.

WEAVER, meanwhile, had drawn his gun and climbed out of his car. As he did so, the trapped man bolted through a front plate glass window and ran toward the station. Weaver pursued, ordering him to halt.

Wright continued running, with Weaver behind him, McLaughlin and Tubbs by then approaching him from the rear.

Tubbs joined Weaver in ordering the halt. The two officers fired, striking Wright in the chest and arm. Wright, entering an inch and a half to the right of his spine and piercing his stomach before emerging. He dropped immediately.

WRIGHT HAD pushed a large garage door up far enough to slide tires through. Police found three tires near the door and two in the street.

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Auto Skids, Six Injured In Beverly

BEVERLY HILLS—Six people were injured during last Thursday's storm when a car skidded onto the shoulder and rolled into the path of an oncoming vehicle.

Phyllis Hazen, 26, of Waller Lake, told Beverly Hills police she was attempting to stop light rain on a road slick with rain.

The car skidded, slid broadside into the northbound lane, and was struck on the right side by a vehicle driven by Hugh Vane Nowell, of Washington, D. C.

MRS. HAZEN was accompanied by her three children, Mark, 2; Jerry, 3; and Gloria, 8, and another child, Pamela, Noble, 7, of Waller Lake.

All six were taken to William Beaumont hospital.

Mrs. Hazen, her daughter Gloria and Nowell were released for cuts, bruises and abrasions.

Mark Hazen was hospitalized with a cerebral concussion, but it is in fair condition.

Also hospitalized was his brother, Terry, who has broken arm, leg, and ribs and facial cuts and bruises. His condition is fair also.

Pamela Noble is in fair condition at the hospital with a fractured jaw.

That's the way she is.

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Engineers Report On Agattas Dump

SOUTHFIELD—First step in possible court action by the city to alleviate problems of drainage from the Agattas dump near Cranbrook village was taken this week. The city engineering consultant firm, Spalding DeDecker, delivered a preliminary report to the council Friday.

The city must be able to show Circuit Judge Russel Holland an engineering plan to prove the necessity and feasibility of modifying the decree under which the dump has been operating. The Munn contracting company leases and operates the dump.

Gilbert Rice and Henry Hastings, the latter president of a Cranbrook Village homeowners association, spoke for residents at a recent council meeting. Calling the dump "an outstanding eyesore" and complaining of insufficient drainage, Hastings asked the city to take the matter to court.

THE COUNCIL authorized City attorney James Allen to go to court to get the decree modified to include requests made by Cranbrook. Pending the engineering plan, the decree must be to include one end of the dump to prevent surface and sub-surface drainage from flowing westward toward the Cranbrook area; 2) to

place a sewer in the ditch to collect any effluent emanating from the dump and to prevent leaching away of the dump material to connect with the 12 Mile road branch of the Evergreen interceptors.

Residents also asked that surface erosion be prevented by sowing and mulching the entire dump with sufficient grass.

THE COUNTY board of health reported July 7 that the run-off was not then known to be pathogenic. The report noted that it "could conceivably become so and that the run-off might better be diverted." Residents claim the effluent does not flow underground and is not sufficiently filtered when it reaches the Rouge river.

City administrator Robert M. Nutt said at the meeting that the dump at the rear of the dump was not functioning and that the weekly report indicates the situation is getting progressively worse.

SOUTHFIELD—Just west of the Agattas dump, ponds of rust-colored water form on property slated by owner Rodney Lockwood, for development as part of Cranbrook village. Rains cause seepage from the dump onto the property at the village's eastern end, according to Cranbrook residents who are protesting the condition.