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Lathrup Sewers Okayed

LATHRUP—Voters approved a $525,000 bond issue for storm sewers and returned three incumbents to office in Monday's election.

Mayor Richard N. Cogger led with 655 votes. Councilmen H. Earl Hanson and Vincent Zatell followed with 621 and 609 votes, respectively. The three candidates were unopposed. Cogger and Hanson will serve for two years, Zatell for one year.

FAINT ECHOES of last year's stormy council election were reflected at the polls with the appearance of one sticker vote each for Richard Anderson and Arley Van Meer.

Defeated as sticker candidates last year, the two men carried their case to the county circuit court which eventually upheld the victory of Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Mitchell and Vincent Zatell.

ALTHOUGH the bond issue will allow the city to spend the entire $525,000 on storm sewers, later estimates may lower the cost of construction. The city is not committed to spend the entire amount voted. Votes for the bond issue totalled 764 as against 294 "no" votes. Thus, 72 per cent of the voters approved the bond issue.

Cost to taxpayers is about $4 per $1,000 assessed valuation. The issue was put on the ballot to get backing of voters, although the council is empowered by the courts to approve a bond issue, according to a statement made recently by City Attorney Everett Hayes.

THREE OTHER Lathrup residents received two sticker votes each. They were L. Becker, Mabel Simek and Charles Kelley.

Some 1,191 voters cast their ballots out of 2,068 registered voters.

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Chiefly a Matter of Badges

FRANKLIN—Richard Diedrich (left) and John T. Donaldson (right) just swapped badges recently to signify Diedrich's retirement as Franklin's police chief. Village Clerk Mrs. Elsie Garwood was present to make the change official. Donaldson, who has been on the force for a year and a half, will assume the chief's duties. Diedrich, who has been chief for three years, is resigning the job but will continue to participate in the law enforcement program. The Franklin Police Department, comprised of 15 men, works on a completely volunteer basis.

W. Bloomfield Defeats Two-Mill Tax Proposal

State Race Lures Vote In B'field

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Although there was no contest for local offices in Bloomfield Township, interest in state-wide races brought out almost 50 per cent of the registered voters in Bloomfield Township.

Out of a registration of 12,713 a total of 5,821 ballots were cast.

Carrying the township by an overwhelming majority, Con-Con received a 4,502 to 747 favorable vote.

TEN LOCAL officials were elected without opposition.

Arno Hulet was re-elected township supervisor with 4,050 votes. Homer Case, township treasurer, was returned to office with 4,040 votes. Newly appointed township clerk, Deloris V. Little, won her first election with 3,944 votes.

ALICE L. GILBERT, who won her nomination as Bloomfield Township's first woman JP candidate in a hotly contested primary, was elected to the office with 3,871 votes.

Re-elected township trustees, Gordon Getsinger and Sam Reeve received 3,890 and 3,883 votes, respectively.

FRED CHAPMAN, elected highway commissioner two years ago by a write-in vote, was re-elected by 3,943 votes.

Jamie Martin returns to the board of review with 3,921 votes.

Maurice Morey, with 3,826 votes, and Carl Rhodes, with 3,841 votes, were re-elected constables.

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Science in Focus

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Mary Jo Dumon, chairman of Marian High School's first science fair, adjusts a microscope as she peers at a plastic cast of a leaf epidermis made by winner Josephine Stafford (right). Sr. Ann Margaret, IHM, biology teacher at the new school, is proud of her 140 students who entered exhibits in the fair. Josephine won first place and a gold ribbon for her entry which involved photographing the leaf casts through a microscope. The pictures are as lovely as they are scientifically interesting. Twenty-one other students won ribbons in the exhibit.

2,283 Voters Say 'No'

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A proposal to raise the tax limitation by two mills in West Bloomfield Township was defeated by a decisive "no" vote in Monday's general election.

The resolution which called for un to two mills extra tax, as needed to pay off bonded indebtedness for capital improvement in the township, received 2,283 "No" votes to 816 "Yes" votes.

The tax raise was the only local issue on the ballot.

Candidates for local office, nominees of the Citizens party, were unopposed.

Winning their party's nomination in the primary was tantamount to election, as it was the only party with candidates for local office.

THE BALLOTING reflected the lack of local contests.

There were 3,419 voters at the polls out of a total registration of 7,810.

Of the ballots cast, the top local vote was 1,570 votes for Mrs. Dorothy Chamberlin for township clerk.

However, on the hotly contested statewide Con-Con issue, more than 3,000 votes were cast, with Con-Con receiving a 66 per cent majority.

JOHN C. REHARD was elected township supervisor with 1,909 votes. Mrs. Sue Warner, re-elected treasurer, received 1,950 votes.

Running for re-election to the township board, Emmet Deconick and John Warren received 1,791 and 1,805 votes, respectively.

RUNNING FOR the three vacancies on the library board, Mrs. Laurette C. Murray tallied 1,772 votes; William E. Miller, 1,731; and A. Finley Pence—1,686.

Justice Elmer C. Dieterle, over 20 years a township JP, was re-elected with 1,858 votes.

Donald Hats becomes highway commissioner with a write-in vote of 69.

RICHARD McCLURG was elected to the board of review with 1,799 votes.

Edwin Heiron Sr. and Joseph Nenhaus were re-elected constables with 1,743 and 1,738 votes.

Add This Note To Your Dial File

WEST BLOOMFIELD—If you want West Bloomfield Township's fire department, dial 682-111 or 682-112.

If it's the police you need, the number is 682-1555.

If you're not in too big a hurry to get the township office or building department you can take the time to look in your new phone book. You'll find that they too have new numbers.

THE TOWNSHIP departments, formerly Federal exchanges, were changed, effective last Sunday, in a wholesale rearrangement of Federal numbers in locations west of Telegraph.

Franklin Eyes Bigger Library, New Quarters

FRANKLIN — Larger quarters for the Franklin Community Library and a possible re-location of village offices to a real estate office on the village green came up for discussion at Tuesday's council meeting.

Council passed two of three resolutions to consummate the purchase of the green as approved by voters in March.

Present owners of the village green will be given a letter of intent to execute a land contract for the purchase at $53,465. Terms are a $15,000 down payment and 10 equal yearly payments.

The Library Association will be informed that the council is considering using the building, now occupied by developer George Wellington Smith, for a village office and village library.

IT IS PROPOSED that the small room on the north presently used by the library, will become the village office. The rest of the space will be for the use of the library council and other village meetings would be held here.

Since some repairs will be necessary to the building, with possible remodeling, the council is asking for an expression from the library directors as to how they can occupy the quarters without expense to the village. A reply from the library group is due at the council's next regular meeting Monday.

A resolution to notify Smith to vacate the building in 90 days was tabled.

COUNCILMAN J. Robert Mitchell cautioned council to consider maintenance and remodeling costs. He was unsuccessful in efforts to persuade them to disregard the building and urged them to continue village business in their present quarters.

Village now rents quarters above Goldfale Market at a rental of $700 per year.

Lamb Acting Head Of New Department

SOUTHFIELD—Leonard Lamb has been appointed acting head of a combined city service department with a salary tentatively set at $9,000 annually.

The appointment by the city council was made on the recommendation of City Administrator Donald Smith. Lamb has been associated with Southfield for 20 years in an official capacity and has served as head of the township water department and the City of Southfield water department.

Committee Director To Address PTA

LATHRUP—Mrs. Maldo Talick, new director of the Southfield curriculum study committee, and Mrs. Ruth Clark, former director, will be guest speakers at Tuesday's meeting of the Lathrup School PTA.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. and will include the annual election of officers.

Drain Hearing Is Adjourned Until May 11

BEVERLY HILLS — A hearing on the necessity for improvement of the Evans drain was held at the southeast corner of Southfield and 13 Mile Roads Tuesday afternoon and adjourned until May 11. The new hearing will be held at the Beverly Hills fire station on 13 Mile Road.

Some 438 property owners in Beverly Hills and the City of Southfield were notified of the meeting by the Oakland County Drain Commission. The outdoor hearing was conducted by a board of determination, appointed by Drain Commissioner Daniel W. Barry.

THE PROJECT would cost around $100,000," according to a spokesman for Barry; plans were to deepen and clean the drain as well as extend it westward and south to 13 Mile Road.

The spokesman said 12 property owners petitioned for the project.

Southfield's Mayor Donald L. Swanson protested the time and place of the meeting in a letter to that city's council.

First signatures on the petition for the improvement were those of a developer and his wife, Jacob and Blanche Rose, followed by the signature of Jack Iden, vice president of the Southfield Development Co.

Southfield Man Held in Robbery Of Berkley Store

SOUTHFIELD — James Barefoot, 27, of 28430 Brentwood, was bound over to Circuit Court for arraignment Monday after allegedly holding up a Berkley market with two other men last Thursday night. He is being held in lieu of $1,000 bond.

The other two men demanded examination on charges of armed robbery at their arraignment Friday before Justice of the Peace Ralph F. Finley of Berkley. They are held in lieu of bond set at $5,000. The two are Kenneth Patterson, 21, of Royal Oak and David L. Bartolio, 31, of Flint. Examinations was set for them for April 11.

POLICE SAID the men escaped with about $300 after holding up Eversons Market, 3766 12 Mile Road. They were arrested an hour after the robbery at a roadblock at 11 Mile and Woodward. Most of the money was recovered, according to police.

Two clerks and a butcher, victims of the robbery, provided descriptions of the bandits. Clothing and two pistols were found in Barefoot's home, allegedly used in the robbery.

Swanson Meets Defeat For S'field Mayor Post

SOUTHFIELD—Donald L. Swanson, mayor of the city since its incorporation in 1958, was ousted from his post Monday by S. James Clarkson in a surprise finish.

Clarkson, former state representative, took a total of 4,218 votes compared to Swanson's 3,268.

Along with Swanson's defeat, his backers on the council tumbled too.

ELECTED TO Southfield's council were Council President C. Hugh Dohany, who netted 3,914, with three other anti-Swanson incumbents, O. David Edwards—3,221; Clarence A. Durbin — 3,051 and John J. Hollywood—3,026.

Others chosen for the seven-man body were Robert G. Landers — 3,662; Philip B. Peterson — 3,568 and Thomas Rowley—3,026.

THOSE WHO MET defeat for council posts included Jean McDonell — 2,983; Leiv Larson —2,971; Thomas J. Grady—2,901; Howard Coleman—2-896; Emanuel Christensen—2,659; Donald W. Hanford —2,513, and Leonard J. B. Blaszak —2-157.

Patrick G. Flannery was re-elected city clerk by scoring 5,195 votes to 1,729 for June M. Curtis.

Treasurer Clara Lane—5,873 — defeated Philip A. Maloney—1,029.

INCUMBENT Municipal Judge Clarence A. Reid Jr. defeated the associated judge, Alexander C. Perinoff, 3,980 to 2,673.

Thomas M. Costello with 4,213 votes won over Sol Seigel, 2,023 for the associate judge's post.

A total of 8,862 persons, more than half of the city's registered voters, went to the polls.

Cranbrook Village Group Announces Officers for '61

CRANBROOK VILLAGE—New officers for the Cranbrook Village Home Owners Association were elected at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors held at Northbrook School.

Retiring president, Henry Hastings of Spring River Drive, announced the new officers. Sidney S. Zwiren is president; Russell Palmer, vice president; Robert Sutton, secretary; and W. Richard Wallin, treasurer.

Both Wallin and Sutton retain the offices they held during their last term. Newly elected to the board were Sidney Zwiren and Donald Cavanaugh. Re-elected were Gilbert Rice and Rodney Lockwood. Roger Tyslan, an appointee last year, was elected to serve on the board again this year.

The Association's membership comprises residents living in Cranbrook Village between 12 Mile and Webster. Plans of the new administration will be announced at a later date, according to Zwiren.

Results of the state election, including a breakdown by Birmingham - Bloomfield area communities, can be found inside Section A.

Drug Store Robbed By 2 Armed Men

WEST BLOOMFIELD — The Sylvan Drug Store, Sylvan Shopping Center, was held up Monday evening at 10:30 by two armed men. About $3,000 was stolen.

Police said the men, each carrying a gun, forced occupants to the rear of the store.

Descriptions given police described one man as about 25, 5 foot-10 inches, stocky build and wearing green overalls. The other man, also wearing green overalls, was about 30, and wore a grey hat.

One Vote Paves Way, Opens Road for Him

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP — One was a majority for John A. McClanathan.

The former Beverly Hills councilman, who lost out in village's March 13 election, was named Southfield Township highway commissioner Monday. A single vote was all it took.

McClanathan, 44, received one write-in vote from a total of 3,079 ballots cast. There are 6,454 registered in Southfield Township.

McClanathan will have jurisdiction over the township's half-mile of road — Virmar Court, located south of 13 Mile Road and east of Lahser. McClanathan lives at 31355 Kennoway Circle, just a few minutes drive from his new area of responsibility.

THE REST of the Southfield Township officials, mostly incumbents and all unopposed, were escorted into their posts with no problem.

Township Supervisor Hugh G. Allerton Jr. tallied 2,082 votes. Clerk Fannie Adams scored high with 2,185; Treasurer Audrey Leach netted 2,025.

Richard O. Speir and Neil Warren, incumbent trustees, were separated by only five votes. Speir received 1,935 and Warren 1,930.

ROBERT BELL, the only person to file who was not holding office, totaled 1,983 votes and got the job as constable.

Orland H. Ellis, who was running again for justice of the peace, got 1,992 and Orrin S. Gulley took the board of review post with 1,968 votes.

Land Values Up $4 Million In Bloomfield

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Property valuation in Bloomfield Township, which has been on a steady decline for the past ten years, again climbed higher this year.

The fast growing township showed an increase of $4,961,000 from 1960 to 1961.

Total property, real and personal, in the township for 1961 is assessed at $68,882,050. In 1960 it was $63,599,600.

THE FIGURE was released by Township Tax Assessor William Maloney, after Board of Review hearings.

Some $3,638,050 of the increase is accountable to new home building and improvements on existing homes.

A general revaluation of vacant property in the township netted an increase of $412,800.

DEVELOPMENT of commercial property increased valuation by $396,250. Platting of new subdivision raised vacant property valuation by $513,000.

Valuation of personal property increased from $2,961,100 to $3,282,450. Personal property valuation applies only to commercial establishments.

Optimist Orators Compete Tonight

SOUTHFIELD—A Lathrup and two Southfield boys will compete tonight for the Southfield Optimist Club's oratorical contest.

James Voss, 21390 Evergreen; David Coup, 18755 Saratoga, Lathrup; and Larry Saber, 24160 Prairie Drive, will speak out at 6:30 when the Optimists meet at Howard Johnson's, 10 Mile and Northwestern.

The winner of the club contest will be eligible for the zone competition on April 20. District and national divisions will follow, if the local boy wins.

John Stone, sales representative of the Aquarama, will present "A Tour of the Aquarama" at the April 20 meeting.

Builders Propose $1.5 Million Motel in S'field

SOUTHFIELD—Action on a possible 1.5 million dollar motor hotel has been tabled by the Southfield Planning Commission, pending further evidence by the Pickford Construction Co. that the city needs such a motel.

Norman Feder, attorney for Pickford, told planning commissioners that the project would not be incompatible to desires of nearby residents. The proposed site is located near Northwestern and Telegraph, at the proposed expressway interchange.

THE CITY'S proposed master plan has designated land up to 12 Mile Road for multiple dwellings. Commissioner Thaddeus Obals, noted that the site is within one-quarter mile of the interchange and that demand "primarily depends on access from the highway."

The project provides for construction of hotel accommodations, an office building and some facilities for small conventions or office rental, Feder said.

It would be operated on a contractual basis rather than dependance on transient trade, he said.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. McAnall of 18378 Bedford? The McAnalls and Mrs. 4, moved to West Beverly from Royal Oak on Feb. 20. Both are Ohio State alums. He's a financial analyst with Chevrolet.

S'field Scientist Dreams of Space; Career Rockets to Top of Field

By IRMA N. DAVIS
Staff Writer

SOUTHFIELD—Donald J. Ritchie, of Red Leaf Lane, is a man whose career has been on a rocket course since he first picked up a science fiction book in his high school days.

While he was a student at Lawrence Institute of Technology he helped found the Detroit Rocket Society and he has been dreaming of rockets to the moon and space ships ever since.

Today he is a scientist with Bendix Corporation's research laboratories division in Southfield. He has worked with the company since 1949 in the fields of mathematical analysis and systems design.

Because of his wide experience in his fields and his many technical papers and articles on Soviet missile and aircraft developments, Ritchie was asked to address an important group of scientists in New York on Thursday of last week.

THE PAPER he read to the Society of Automotive Engineers National Aeronautic meeting was not only technically informative but of political import.

It was highlighted by a startling and detailed description of a Soviet supersonic airliner that may be operational in the near future.

Ritchie began his address by disclaiming any "startling exposes" of Russian technology. However, he noted that the Soviet will, if present patterns are maintained, "undoubtedly attempt to produce a super, supersonic transport, well ahead of the United States and Western successes, if for no other reason than to prove that things can be done under a Communist dominated regime."

"THEIR PRESENT heavy bomber, the 'Bounder', may be the forerunner of a similar, civilian-type airliner," Ritchie said. "It is believed that Soviet scientists and technologists are rushing such an aircraft to completion, and that it may be operational by early 1962.

"It is estimated that this supersonic airliner would carry about 75 passengers, have a range of 1600 miles and cruise at twice the speed of sound at 50,000 to 60,000 feet." Ritchie said it will probably have four turbojet engines, developing a thrust of 148,000 pounds.

From a detailed survey of many Red technical publications, Ritchie described the work of leading Russian scientists and engineers and delineated the development and design of Russian aircraft, turbine engines and fuels in his technical paper.

HE COMPARED the Communist's rate of progress with that of the West in development of new aircraft and said it cannot be judged from western standards.

"The present operating level of Soviet commercial aviation is not in direct competition with western aviation. However, the rate of development and production of new turbine power plants and aircraft is proceeding at an almost astounding rate" the sandy-haired and bearded scientist commented.

"Soviet transport aviation is in reality operated as part of the Red Army," he said, "and noted that unlimited manpower and materials can be marshalled behind any desired project."

A student of the Russian language, Ritchie's favorite hobby is the study of comparative science in Russia and America and he has been labeled by "Missiles and Rockets" magazine as "one of America's top non-government experts on Soviet rocket and aircraft technology."

EXTENSIVE lecturing to professional societies has led to trips all over the country. Some of his subjects are rocket missile and aircraft propulsion, turbine transport aircraft, space electronics and satellite television technology in Russia.

He has published articles on the Soviet exploitation of German technology, the development of aircraft and missile propulsion in the Soviet, the use of ball lightning as a weapon in both countries, reconnaissance systems and many other topics.

"The American Men of Science,"

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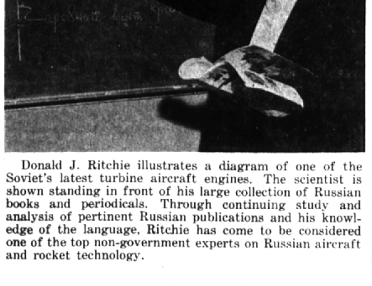

Donald J. Ritchie illustrates a diagram of one of the Soviet's latest turbine aircraft engines. The scientist is shown standing in front of his large collection of Russian books and periodicals. Through continuing study and analysis of pertinent Russian publications and his knowledge of the language, Ritchie has come to be considered one of the top non-government experts on Russian aircraft and rocket technology.

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