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Beverly Hills Water Hearing Set for Oct. 16

BEVERLY HILLS—A necessity hearing for extending water mains to the southwestern portion of the village has been set for 8 p.m. Oct. 16 at the village offices on 13 Mile Road.

Sixty per cent of the residents in the South Berkshires, the area west of the village limits, petitioned the council in May for action on the water situation.

Residents in the Marlin-Kenno-way-Stafford area north of 13 mile Road have also expressed interest in the project.

Another strip on Evergreen north from 13 Mile to 14 Mile is involved too.

DURING THE interim, the village officials will determine estimates on the number of units that will be served and the cost of the project.

Beverly Hills for the present is limited to its legal limit. Any drawing of finances would have to be done in 1962 but officials expressed a desire to iron out beforehand as many of the details as possible.

Representatives of Johnson and Anderson, consulting engineers for Beverly Hills, were in an estimate Monday of \$441,000 to service about 340 units.

COUNCILMAN Leo Linsenmeyer, head of the road commission, is preparing a tentative schedule for street work in 1962, so that the village can consider how much of its borrowing allotment must be used for roads.

"We don't want to use all our financing power on the water project," Council President Marvin S. Cline stated. "There are other village projects, such as the roads, that must not be hindered."

ANSWERS TO THE financial and engineering questions will be discussed before the necessity hearing so that the council can give the residents an overall picture of the project—and its effect on other village plans.

According to President Cline, several families in the South Berkshires area are bringing water into their homes in large quantities.

"Many of the wells have gone dry," Cline said, "and some people have hit sand while drilling for water."

Postpone Meeting LATHRUP—The regular meeting of the city council was not held Monday evening due to the absence of a quorum, Mayor Pro Tem Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell presided at the meeting Friday evening at 7:30 for a special meeting of the council.

FRANKLIN — A junior volunteer fireman was injured Monday night in a house fire that broke out in three area fire departments.

Contents of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Webb, 26175 W. 13 Mile Road, were totally destroyed and damage to the building was very extensive, according to the Franklin Fire Commissioner William Albee.

Alan Young, 19 of 24 Franklin Road, was treated for minor eye injuries at William Beaumont Hospital and released.

THE FIRE was reported at 11:02 p. m. by a neighbor who heard Webb shouting when the latter noticed the house in flames.

Webb had been working in a barn on his property and had left it to return to his house when he saw the fire.

MRS. WEBB and the couple's four children were at the movies when the fire occurred.

Albee told the Birmingham Eccentric that the fire must have started from 60 to 90 minutes before it was reported. He said the house was already gutted when the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department arrived.

BECAUSE THE stairs and the flaming on the second floor of the burning building. The fire broke out late Monday evening and was fought for several hours. Franklin residents at the scene lauded the local volunteers "who arrived before the siren stopped wailing."

CLOUDS of smoke issuing from the windows of this home at 26175 W. 13 Mile Road obscured the vision of firemen as they scaled ladders to reach the second floor of the blazing building. The fire broke out late Monday evening and was fought for several hours. Franklin residents at the scene lauded the local volunteers "who arrived before the siren stopped wailing."



This photograph of the architect's model for the \$1 million addition to Bloomfield Hills High School shows the new structure largely to the front of the present building, between Andover Road and the school. A notable feature of the new exterior is a large bouldering canopy with precast concrete arches. O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach Associates of Birmingham are the architects.

New Look, More Room for BHHS

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Twenty-five new classrooms; new science and art equipment, including three science labs; an enlarged library and a little theater are among the main features of the \$1 million addition to Bloomfield Hills High School.

Construction on the facility began Aug. 3. Completion date will be September, 1962.

The \$1 million addition will add 67,000 square feet to the school and house an additional 400-500 pupils. The present building was designed for 700 pupils.

PLANNED TO match the existing architecture, the new addition will be added mainly to the front of the building between Andover and the present facility. The science wing will be at the rear of the school.

Students whose appetite for knowledge is matched by an equal interest in their physical appetites will be considered with the inclusion of precast concrete arches, constituting a major aspect of the design.

TO COMPLETE a nicely-rounded attention to the arts, a 386-seat auditorium and large stage will result in a little theater. Enlargement of the present library by 35 per cent is also in the plans.

A striking feature will be the large bouldering canopy constructed of precast concrete arches, constituting a major aspect of the design.

Poor soil conditions presented a real challenge to architect Stephen S. Page, designing architect of O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach Associates, Birmingham. The firm estimates that this situation will add about \$1 per square foot to the cost of building.

A RADIANt acoustical ceiling and heating system with mechanical ventilation are to be featured in the new high school facility. Architectural contractor J. Schurr Construction Co. of Pontiac. The electrical contracting work will be done by Rogers Electrical Service, also of Pontiac, and the mechanical work will be done by H. L. Johnson Inc., Detroit.

WARRANTS for eight men were issued Monday but charges against two of them were dropped Tuesday for lack of evidence.

BATTEN was arraigned before West Bloomfield Township Justice Elmer Dietrich Monday. Also arraigned Monday was Peter Lazarus, 27, of Troy. Both demanded examination which was set for 3 a.m. Aug. 29. They were released on \$10,000 bond.

JORDAN Raider, 24, of Detroit, one of the men against whom charges were later dropped, was arraigned at the same time as Batten and Lazarus. Charges were also dropped against Frank Beston of Huntington Woods.

THREE OTHER MEN are still being sought. According to the Oakland County Prosecutor's office, the ring-forged names to credit statements, sold goods at inflated prices to build retail risks, and sold worthless retail-sales contracts (for household furniture and appliances) to the Ferndale branch of the General Public Loan Co.

BATTEN, Lazarus, Raider, and three other men were officers or employees of one or more of three now-defunct furniture firms in Ferndale, Madison Heights and Royal Oak. The companies were set up in 1960.

The prosecutor's office said Batten is the leader of the alleged ring.

Robert Levine, 27, of Detroit, a former branch employee of the furniture company, was arraigned Tuesday on three-count warrants. Examination was set for Aug. 29. He was released on \$10,000 bond also.

Zoning Change Granted For Medical Village Inc.

1-A BEVERLY HILLS—Officials of Medical Village Inc., a proposed development for the southwest corner of Beverly Road and Southfield, were granted approval Monday night on their request for rezoning of a 127 ft. strip in the center of the property.

7-B The change was from the parking classification to B-1 (office-professional). The site is popularly termed "the Madonna property."

1-C The route to the club from Southfield Road will not be finalized until the buildings are located on the property.

6-D HE ADDED that the access would be a "control drive". Residents using the club's facilities will have to use the designated route and will not be allowed to cut across any other portion of the Medical Village property, he explained.

8-E NERN assured the council that he and the Medical Village officials would cooperate. The club is under court order not to use Beverly Road for anything but pedestrian traffic.

Southfield Man Faces Charges In Fraud Case

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Headin' for the Next Roundup

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Madalin and Dr. John Burger may get a few ideas on how to corral the necessary committee help as they watch young John Burger handle his pony. The traditionally colorful Western theme will again include a horse show, barbecue, midway, games, parade with marching band and an arts and crafts show of local talent.

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Bloomfield Planners Revamp Proposed Multiple Zoning

W. Bloomfield Moves Library Loan to Budget

WEST BLOOMFIELD—West Bloomfield Township's library will receive \$2,000 a month from the general township operating funds, it was decided at a meeting of the township board last week.

This is the amount the library has received on loan basis for the past several months.

The township board voted unanimously to remove the contribution from a loan basis to an item in the township budget.

A. FINLEY FRANCE III, library board president, who was present at the meeting, said that the library would have to continue restricted operations under the financial arrangement.

A library board meeting will be held tonight to deal with curtailment of operations.

Responsibility of the library's support was resumed by the township after an effort by the library staff to get a special one-mill tax for library support failed at the July 25 election.

Eliminates Efficiency Apartments

By SAVILLA SLOAN Special Writer

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Two major changes were announced providing for apartment-type dwellings in the township at a meeting of the Township Planning Commission Monday night.

A provision for efficiency apartments, contained in the proposed amendment to the township zoning code regulating multiple dwellings, was eliminated.

Three of the six areas originally selected by the Planning Commission for apartment house developments have been deferred from immediate rezoning to a multiple dwelling classification.

THE AREAS eliminated are a triangular-shaped area on the west side of Telegraph north of Square Lake Road, an acreage on the southwest corner of Joyce and Square Lake Roads bisected by Grand Trunk Line railroad, and a 500-foot strip on Telegraph road south of Maple.

"WE HAVEN'T retained for multiple dwellings those areas where there have already been problems in maintaining their residential character," commission member Robert C. Boyer commented.

The areas eliminated are two narrow strips on both sides of Woodward between Hickory Grove and Square Lake Roads, the southeast corner of Maple and Lahser, and an L-shaped plot behind commercial frontage on Maple Road east of Telegraph.

Also retained is a 200-foot strip fronting Maple, located behind Telma's shopping center. A request that it be rezoned commercial was denied at the meeting by developer Irwin Cohen.

It was taken under advisement by the board.

THE CALM and collected meeting of the Planning Commission Monday was in direct contrast to the noisy and belligerent scene at the public hearing on the matter the week before.

Residents from the six areas complained loudly at the hearing about the board's property selection.

Some of their objections were reflected in comments made by the planning board.

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