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New Teachers Hired to Meet Growth in Hills

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Approval of 15 new teachers in the Bloomfield Hills school system was given by the Hills school board at its meeting Tuesday night.

This makes 50 new teachers employed for the coming school year in the district. Twenty teachers are needed to meet the increasing number of classrooms. The others are replacements for instructors leaving the system.

ENROLLMENT IN elementary school is expected to be up 200 pupils over last year's 2,977. Approximately 1,900 pupils will be enrolled at the junior high school—up 100 over last year.

A hundred new students are expected at Bloomfield Hills High School, bringing the student roster to 844.

NEW TEACHERS at the high school are Eleanor Lyons, world history; Mrs. Frances Strait, English; Irvin G. Sutherland, counseling and psychology; Mrs. Patricia Dvorak, biology and English.

At the junior high school, new instructors are Mrs. Mildred Eastlund, home economics; Allard L. Eastlund, industrial education; William Lahti, science; Alan Potard, vocal music; and Philip H. Wagner, science and reading improvement.

NEW TEACHERS at Pine Lake School are Mrs. Ellen S. Schwartz, Mary Ann Sherwood, Bruce Chapman, Martha Cox, Mrs. Arlene Harrison, Mrs. Louis McAllister and Les Patterson.

At Conant School new staff members are Ann Shenfield, Elizabeth See (See TEACHERS, 4E).

Cabdriver Beaten In West B'field By Two Youths

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A driver for a Berkeley Cab company was injured Friday night when he was hit over the head with a baseball by two youths.

Wesley Seppamaki, 35, of Royal Oak suffered face and leg cuts. He had been employed by the United Cab Co., Berkeley, for two weeks, according to a company spokesman.

Seppamaki told police he picked up the youths, both about 18 years old, at about 9:25 p. m. in Berkeley. The youths asked to be driven to 15 Mile Road in Bloomfield Township but then ordered him to stop on Walnut Lake Road near Green School, Seppamaki said.

He JUMPED OUT of the cab and fled through fields to a farmhouse where he called the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. A search by the sheriff's department, state police and West Bloomfield Township police failed to produce the attackers.

The youths were apparently frightened away by the township police who were preparing to make a routine check of the school. The police found the empty cab and began a search for the driver.

Seppamaki's department relayed the Royal Oak man's story to West Bloomfield police.

Phenomenon Of Nature...

A partial eclipse of the moon was watched by many area residents last Friday. Some of them went to Cranbrook Institute of Science to view the event through a six-inch telescope.

Although officially described as a partial eclipse, 99.2 per cent of the moon was within the earth's shadow. It slipped into the darkness at 8:36 p. m. and came out of it completely at 11:42 p. m.

Bingham Residents Ask Action on Road Work

BINGHAM FARMS—Following close on the heels of last week's special election approving a charter amendment which authorizes special assessments, residents put the heat on for immediate council action to begin backlogging.

In the steamy gloom of Oakland's Riding Stables Monday night, representatives of the Bristol Lane, Bristol and Sager Court areas pressed for information and directives.

LEARNING THAT another petition of property owners was needed to start the ball rolling, the group requested the council to distribute an advisory letter to all concerned which would explain the function of the amendment, present revised cost estimates from village engineers and a financing schedule from bonding authorities.

EARLY IN THE evening the residents indicated that they hoped the preliminary petition filed with the village a year ago would be sufficient indication of their desires.

However, president Haskall Wright reminded them that this document was merely an informal expression of interest to have such work done and only authorized the council to get engineering and actual cost estimates. Finally, a resolution was passed which resulted in the Aug. 19 election.

FACED WITH the task of getting all new signatures, the backlogging advocates left the meeting with the hope that they would be better equipped with specific answers to questions about actual costs to each property owner and a better understanding of the assessment basis.

IN THE FIRST quarter of '61, Beverly Hills issued six permits. The first half total jumped to 23, almost triple the amount for the first quarter.

There were no permits issued in the first half of 1960. Figures are three in the first quarter, seven by the end of the half; 1959 figures are 22, 25, 22, 31 and 119. Wood Creek Farms did not issue any building permits in the first half of '61.

BEVERLY HILLS BOY Struck by Car

BEVERLY HILLS—A 10-year-old boy was taken to William Beaumont Hospital Wednesday morning after he was struck by a car on 13 Mile Road near Pierce. The accident occurred at 7:46.

... Catches Eye, Imagination of Viewers

Five-year-old Donald Henderson was one of many who went to the McMath-Hulbert Observatory in Cranbrook Institute of Science Friday night to see the eclipse of the moon. The littlest of the group to view the eclipse, Donald had a decided advantage. He was the only one who could look through the telescope without crouching to fit on the confined platform.

Donald attended the demonstration with his sister, Linda, 10, and their parents, the Gordon C. Hendersons of Lathrup.

Bingham Residents Ask Action on Road Work

It is expected an assessment committee will be appointed in September. FEELING NEIGHBORS on Bristol Lane will both be cited for violations of village ordinances and given 90 days to make necessary corrections, the council agreed Monday.

A bamboo structure installed by Robert VanderPyl of Bristol to screen the building debris of his neighbor, Mrs. Janovitch, to the south was properly removed dimly by the council. Although it is more of a shield than a fence in the strict sense of the law, he will be asked to remove it.

By the same token, Mrs. Janovitch will be required to clean up the unsightly conditions around her unfinished home so her neighbor will not find it necessary to screen it from his view.

DELINQUENT TAX payments will be extended as in previous years, the council agreed. This will allow property owners another 30 days to clean up the nearly three miles levied for last year.

SOUTHFIELD CITY, B'field Twp. Lead In Bldg. Permits

Two Oakland County communities led the list of the top ten areas with a high amount of home building.

Southfield City and Bloomfield Township both noted an active building climate although the overall picture shows a decline as compared to last year.

According to a report from the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, the first half of 1961 total is 65 permits less than for the same period last year. It is a decrease of 8.19 per cent.

THE NUMBER OF dwelling unit permits issued in the Detroit Metropolitan Area Region during the first six months of 1961 showed a decrease of 2.02 per cent as compared to '60. A total of 9,305 permits were issued in 1961 as compared to 9,497 in 1960.

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Okay Use of Well Sites For Recreational Areas

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—The use of township-owned well sites for recreational purposes was granted to township residents Monday by the township board.

Board members, after considerable discussion, agreed on five regulations concerning the use of the well sites.

THE BOARD also adopted a new policy in the acquisition of well sites. Any new sites added to the township-owned water system will not have a reverter clause returning the site to its original owner, should it be no longer needed for its original purpose.

THE FIVE regulations concerning use of well sites for recreational purposes are:

1. All requests must come from organized property associations.

2. They must be renewed on an annual basis.

3. Written consent to use of the property must be given by 100 per cent of all adjoining property owners.

A public liability insurance policy must be furnished to the township.

A bond covering damages to the property must be furnished. Amount of the bond will be determined by the township sewer and water department.

2 Men Hurt In Collision

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Arthur Silverman, 61, of Detroit and Earl E. Simkins, 38, of Dearborn, were injured on Wednesday morning of last week when a car driven by Silverman apparently jumped the dividing strip on Telegraph Road and was struck broadside by Simkins' car.

Both drivers were taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, where Silverman was reported in satisfactory condition Tuesday. He suffered some fractured ribs; Simkins was discharged from St. Joseph's two days after the accident.

By NITA HARD Special Writer

B'field Twp. Adopts Multiple Dwelling Zoning Ordinance

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Ignoring a suit for damages brought against its members, Bloomfield Township's Board of Trustees Monday unanimously adopted an amendment to the township zoning ordinance providing for multiple dwellings in the township.

The amendment includes zoning of five sites in the township for apartment-type dwellings. The amendment allows for rezoning to allow the property to be used for commercial development.

THE BOARD'S ACTION came only hours after owners of one of the five sites brought suit in Circuit Court seeking \$100,000 damages against the board for refusing to allow the property to be used for commercial development.

THE SITE involved in the law suit is located at the southeast corner of Maple and Labor Roads. The township is the owner of the property. Leslie R. Schmier, Barney Katzman and Sidney Katzman are its claimants.

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B'field to Start Building to House Township Vehicles

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—A new building to house township vehicles is to be built at Bloomfield Township center, 4200 Telegraph Road.

A bid of \$57,840 for construction of the garage was awarded Monday to Hickson-Costigan, a Detroit construction contractor.

THE BUILDING to be located south of the township hall, will be a two-story. Its dimensions are 88 by 78 feet.

THE GROUND floor will house a service garage with a hoist for servicing fire trucks, police cars and water department trucks.

THERE IS garage space for all township equipment, sewer and water department trucks and two fire trucks.

THE SECOND floor will be used to house the 31 voting machines owned by the township, which are presently stored in rented quarters.

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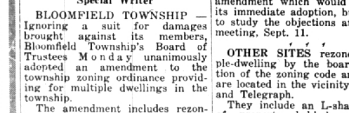
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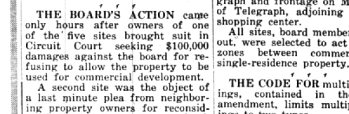
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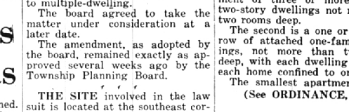
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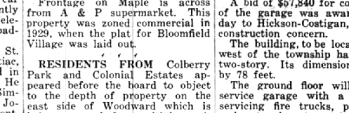
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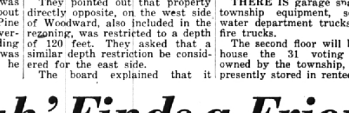
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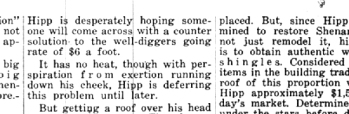
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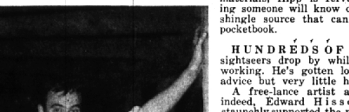
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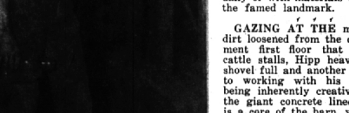
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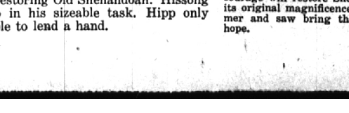
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