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Lots of Locks to Hit Dust When This Shop Door Opens

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Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN—Of all the good things that have happened to this little village in recent years, one will bring such rejoicing from chauffering manas as the news that a barber has come to town.

The sharp scissors of Herb Slonaker, thirish young Korean war veteran with eight years of barbering to his credit, will cut the tie that binds male-bearing mothers to the family wagon.

The best historical source, a nicely oblong barber chair, will be housed in the tonorial salon that is opening next Monday in redacted quarters above Golfdale Market on Franklin Road, to be the first of its kind in the village.

ALMOST SINCE 1828 every crew cut in town has represented a monthly journey beyond the village limits, if there isn't a gifted shearer in the house.

Once or twice in more than a century an itinerant barber set up shop behind a door in Main Street. But only this week did two well-organized, pump-up-and-down barber chairs appear on the scene for permanent installation.

A long resident of the area, presently living with his wife, Carol, and two-year-old daughter in Royal Oak, Slonaker has caught the spirit of the village.

Appointments in his shop include an old wagon wheel table with a glass top and planter in the hub highly polished brass spittoon, an old regulator clock and women wall phone which share the walls with a rack of personalized shaving rugs for the business men of Main Street. Forgoing a handle-bar mustache, he'll do the never-faded part by wearing candy-striped shirts or bright vests. A little iron stove now stands as a coffee warmer and a bulletin board to post local events will be his contribution to the community.

THOUGH HE doesn't sing a note, Slonaker is hoping he can at least offer a harmonious gasp setting for the future quarters. The male contingent will find him available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, (except Wednesdays, of course) and 'til 5 p.m. on Saturday.

As you might have guessed, this highly prejudiced piece of information is enthusiastically dispensed by a mother of four boys who has shunted her woolly young to be shorn during 21 years of residency.



Herb Slonaker will hold up his end of the barber bargain by trimming the fringe of Franklin fellows in a permanent village shop—the first since 1828.

For her, the "good old days" are starting like now—when she can divest herself of this obligation by simply charging junior to "stop in at the barber shop on your way home from school."

Mr. Slonaker, we salute you.

Beverly Approves Water Project

Hunter on Hoof; Township Drivers See Him Bag Ride

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—The corner of W. Maple and Telegraph Roads was the scene of a real traffic stopper last Friday afternoon as a husky Grose life youth stood waiting for a ride—with a 150-pound spikehorn buck deer on his back.

One way or another, Terry Kinney, 29, was going to get home with his trophy, even if he had to hoof it part way.

He had already thumbed a ride from the Mackinac Bridge when area drivers spotted him, still on target, at the busy intersection.

HIS FIRST RIDE from the Upper Peninsula was with a fellow deer hunter with his own buck in a flat-bed trailer. Kinney shot his deer early last week with a borrowed rifle near Eckerman, about 35 miles west of Sault Ste. Marie.

A pickup truck driver gave him a lift at Telegraph; another truck driver meted out another ride and young Kinney eventually bucked traffic for a third and final lift home with a Bedford Township driver.

The buck was placed in the trunk of the car, putting the lid on the final leg of a wild journey.

Lathr'p Downspout Violations Down Stone Announces

LATHRUP—A concerted effort by the city to end downspout disconnection violations has resulted in a reduction from about 140 to about 12 violations, City Administrator Jerard Stone announced Monday.

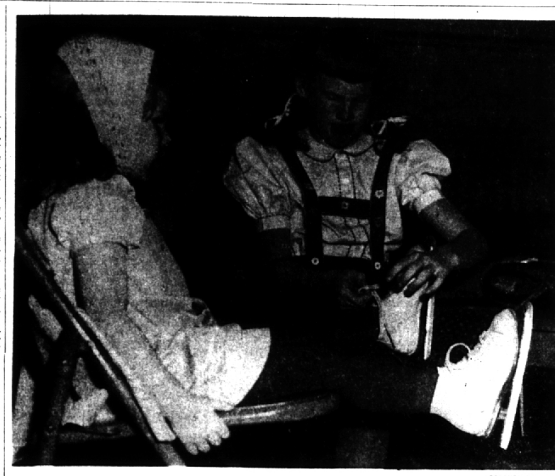
In addition, 10 appeals are awaiting final action.

Most of the violators, Stone said, "have complied 50 per cent;" others involve owners, out-of-town who have been sent violations via registered mail.

THE REDUCED VIOLATIONS open the way for final connection of the completed sanitary sewer system to the Evergreen Interceptor. Connection has been delayed until violations were reduced in order to cut the amount of storm water flow into the city sewers. Reduced flow means reduced cost to the city in sewage disposal charges, since the connection is made.

Council decided Monday to set the connection date for shortly after Tuesday when violators are forced to be tried in the local court.

CITY ATTORNEY HAYES on Tuesday morning visited the trial date at the suit against the city, brought by Louise Lathrup Kelley. Hayes said the date was Dec. 21 after Charles D. Kelley said he had been told no trial date had been set. The suit has delayed the city's storm sewer project.



Fit to Be Tied

FRANKLIN—Let it snow! Laurie and Robin, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Day are all set for skating on the pond back of their house—after finding a proper fit at the recent Skate, Boot and Ski exchange.

They selected their skates from the 125 items brought to the Franklin Community Church last Sunday morning. Although

49 pairs of skates, 6 snow boots, 2 sets of skins and ski boots passed from one owner to another, there are still plenty of sizes and styles left to choose from, chairmen Mr. and Mrs. George Howard of S. Greenbrier report.

The remaining items are stored at their home and can be seen and tried on there. Phone if you're interested.

Okay Subsidy For Tree Plan In Lathrup

LATHRUP—Partial subsidy of tree replacements on city property, Monday when City Administrator Jerard Stone reported orders for 80 trees had been placed by residents. Planting will begin this week, Stone said.

COUNCIL had decided Nov. 6 to partially subsidize the trees if enough orders were received to justify the program. A \$500 limit was set on funds to be used by the city.

The plan provided that the first 100 residents who applied by Dec. 1 would get trees for about \$5 each, just after the applications are set at about \$9, with unsubsidized trees for private property available at the higher price.

THE PROGRAM will enable residents to replace shade trees, lost from disease and other causes, on public rights of way. The DPW will select the exact planting location, Stone said.

Stone said further orders, up to the 100 tree limit at the \$5 price, will be taken if placed while tree planting is underway.

Beverly Residents Can Now Apply For Library Cards

BEVERLY HILLS—Village Clerk Fannie Adams is now issuing applications for non-resident library cards for villagers who wish to use the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham.

Cuban to Speak At Lecture Series

BEVERLY HILLS—Another Garcia, at present with the Berberentation on the schedule of Little School of Languages in Detroit, Detroit Country Day School and formerly an instructor in a lecture series will be that of Raul Garcia who on Friday will discuss in Havana, was one of the many who chose to flee with his family from Castro's Cuba.

Residents Dial With a Smile Now in Wood Creek Farms

WOOD CREEK FARMS—"I numbers in Wood Creek Farms hope the phone company doesn't mind," says Mrs. Robert Day of Westbrook court. "But I get so tired of juggling all those books. Something had to be done."

She did it.

MRS. DAY has published and distributed, free, a special little phone directory of all the telephone numbers in Wood Creek Farms.

"It was so confusing to all our friends" she added, with many amens from her neighbors.

AS A RESULT, almost everyone in Wood Creek Farms treasures the little salmon-colored 12-page, alphabetically organized copy of the little phone directory.

"Not having to pore through endless columns of names and numbers, just to call the neighbor across the street, or find another Wood Creeker just a mile away."

A ONE-FINGER typist, Mrs. Day spent three days and three nights compiling the 323 names and cutting a stencil. Her civic-minded husband, who also serves as village treasurer, collaborated and had the list run off on a duplicating machine at his office.

Together they cut and stapled the pocket-size volume which has become the most read book in the little mile-square village.

"OF COURSE, LIKE all phone books, it is becoming somewhat obsolete before the ink was dry," Mrs. Day sighed.

"Some houses were changing hands while I was typing. But it still comes close to being complete."

The need for the special directory is recognized in many suburban communities that are self-contained, recently incorporated municipalities like Wood Creek, with a strong interdependence of neighbors for a happy social co-existence.

Often private organizations provide good listings of their membership, but they seldom include an entire village.

"AFTER TWO years as corresponding secretary for the women's group of Wood Creek Farms, I was certain Wood Creek needed its own directory, just so we could find each other."

Of the 47 cities and villages listed in the North area directory, Wood Creek isn't mentioned. And, it isn't to be found in the 44 communities of the West and Downriver area directory.

"IF OUR friends and business contacts don't happen to know me, they meet me at the new one. We're really lost," another Wood Creeker resident ventured.

So when Mrs. Day meets a new comer, you can be sure her first question is "Number, please?"



Mrs. Robert Day solved the "find the telephone number" problem for her Wood Creek Farms neighbors by compiling a book just for the one-mile square village.

Lathrup Council Postpones Action On 2 Ordinances

LATHRUP—Action on two proposed ordinances will be held over until the Nov. 18 council meeting, council members decided Monday night.

Also postponed, pending further study and information, was any possible action on fallout shelters and a Sister City program. Post-segregation of a city building fund was also put off for consideration until the next city budget is drawn up.

CITY ATTORNEY HAYES was asked to draft a resolution on a proposed transitional professional zoning amendment by the Dec. 18 council meeting.

The zoning amendment will then be referred to the zoning board for a public hearing, provided council has it amended in a form satisfactory to them.

A proposed liquor control ordinance will get further council study also.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

- Men's Night
Draws Big Crowd,
A New Twist
'You'll Find Him
'Down at Station'
Christmas Walk
To Highlight
Holiday Decor
- Age-Old Predicament
Results as Teacher
Meets Publicity
Groves Upsets
Seaholm High
For First Triumph

Two Men Injured In 2-Car Collision

BEVERLY HILLS—Two men one from Southfield and the other from Birmingham, were injured Friday morning in a two-car collision at Lahser and 13 Miles Road.

Robert Brooks, 40, of 2013 Brooks Lane, Southfield, and Fred Guenther, 21, of 7200 Old Mill Road, Birmingham, were treated and discharged from William Beaumont Hospital. Brooks suffered a cut forehead, Guenther a cut scalp.

POLICE SAID Guenther, driving South on Lahser, turned left in front of a car driven by William Thomas, 40, of Detroit. Thomas was headed north on Lahser.

Intelligence Topic Of S'field Meeting

SOUTHFIELD—"What is Intelligence?" will be the topic for tonight of the Southfield Education Association's program at the Southfield 10 School.

Beginning at 8 p.m., a 20-minute film strip will be shown on intelligence. It is measured and its relationship to a child's education. A member of a Southfield school's staff will answer questions following the program.

New Garage for Township

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Water and Sewer Supt. Jim Scott (left) and Township Treasurer Homer Case look over the township's new two-story garage that will be completed this week. Behind the present township headquarters on Telegraph near Long Lake, the building's first floor will be for the water and sewer department. It will also accommodate a general maintenance area and workshop for servicing township-owned vehicles. The second floor will be used to store voting machines and other equipment. The building, according to Case, cost about \$57,800.