

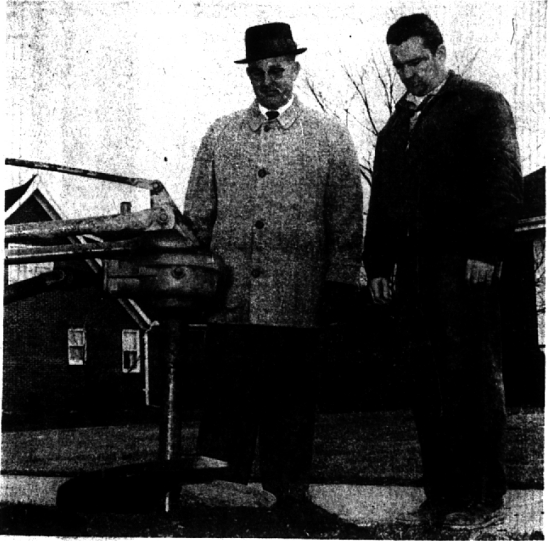
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Begin Tree Subsidy Plan

LATHRUP—Joe Reske of the Birmingham Landscape Co. (left) and Jim Andrus, head of Lathrup DPW, watch intrigued as an over-sized post hole digger cuts into the ground signaling the beginning of Lathrup's tree replacement subsidy program. Residents who applied will get trees adjacent to their homes on city property for about \$5 each.

Cost since the Dec. 1 application deadline has been set at \$9, with unsubsidized trees for private property available at the higher price. The program enables residents to replace shade trees, lost from disease and other causes, on public rights-of-way. A total of 100 trees will be subsidized at the \$5 limit.

Dogged Quest Ends Happily; Pepper's Home

By KAROL DARLING
Special Writer

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Pepper is a Scottie dog who firmly believes that a dog's best friend is a woman.

In his case, the woman in his life is Mrs. M. B. Ricketts of Pebble Lane, Westchester Village.

Not too long ago the Ricketts sadly decided that Pepper would have to move in with some friends—they were no longer able to keep him. They made sure he would receive lots of tender loving care and so Pepper moved to Dearborn.

FIVE DAYS later, Mrs. Ricketts found out that Pepper had been so sick with loneliness that he had left his new home. He had been missing for 24 hours by that time.

That was just too much for Pepper's ex-family. She drove 30 miles to Dearborn—an area completely strange to her. She walked and she walked up one street and down another, calling for Pepper.

PERIODICALLY the cold forced her back to her car but after short warm-ups, she continued the search.

Finally she found the Scottie—huddled under a car with a long, mournful face and a mighty cold nose.

Now he is home again, being nursed back to health by his loving former owners—and forever present—owners.

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Susie, the newest law enforcer in Bloomfield Township, (left) demonstrates her ability with the help "a would-be trouble-

New Zone Ordinance Enacted

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

WEST BLOOMFIELD—An amendment to West Bloomfield Township's zoning ordinance, providing for multiple-dwelling in the township and rezoning one township area for their development, was passed last week by the township board.

West Bloomfield is the second township in this vicinity to recognize a need for providing apartment houses in rapidly developing suburban areas. Bloomfield Township passed a similar amendment to its zoning ordinance several months ago.

The Village of Beverly Hills has also had requests for multiple zoning within its limits.

Passage of the West Bloomfield amendment came after a year's study by the township planning commission, which gave its approval to the measure some time ago.

IT HAS BEEN before the township board twice for final approval. The first time it was tabled because of a technical error in description of the property to be rezoned.

The second time it was tabled for review at a joint meeting of the planning commission and the township board, after objections to some of its restrictions was raised by Jack Raisin, owner of the property rezoned for multiple dwellings.

THE TOWNSHIP board passed the amendment without change in its provisions.

Raisin had asked that the restriction requiring 4,500 square feet of property for each one-bedroom apartment be lowered to 3,000 square feet. He also wanted the maximum number of 12 units per building raised to 18.

The Raisin property, which was rezoned from commercial to residential, lies west of Middlebelt Road and south of Greenhick Road, fronting on Woodrow Wilson.

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B'field Township Police Add German Shepherd to Ranks

By DENI SCANLON
Township Editor

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—What started out to be an experiment is beginning to look like a pretty good bet for the township police department.

A 20-month-old German Shepherd joined the force last week.

The young police dog spent her first night on the beat Friday with Lt. Newton Tubbs who started her out tracking the scent of a burglar.

She led Lt. Tubbs to a parked car two blocks away. The car, according to township police, has been traced to the men suspected of the crime.

guarding. If told, she will keep a prisoner in place and will pin him down if he attempts to run.

If she is set loose in an open area, she will track the scent of anyone—from a burglar to a lost child.

"We haven't got the manpower to seal off an area," Chief Dehnke explained, "so she should be helpful in locating the person we're after."

IS SUSIE CAPABLE of being vicious? What the township police say, the answer is both yes and no. "It depends on the situation," Dehnke said. "If she's not working

or not under command, she won't hurt anyone. If she's working, she does what she has to—but she's not taught to kill. Her mean look and growl do the trick most of the time. "It's gets a startling psychological reaction," he said with a smile of understatement.

THE TOPIC of dogs has been a controversial one in police circles for the last several years. Some municipalities find them valuable, others, a burden.

Which Susie will be still an unanswered question, but, as the township policeman says, "from the looks of her first night's work, she'll be a big help."

Black Satin Wins Courtroom Race; Jury Says, 'Nay'

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Black Satin and Leroy Brown were far from blue Tuesday when a county jury of 12 declared no cause for action in a suit brought by an Oak Park woman.

Brown and his wife, Hazel, 7571 Walnut Lake Road, owners of Roy's Ranch in West Bloomfield Township, were defendants in a suit seeking \$16,000 for medical bills, pain and suffering after one of their horses, Black Satin, allegedly bit Miss Corbett, 21, of Oak Park.

MISS CORBETT claimed that two and a half years ago the horse bit her on the thigh. Her attorney argued that the Browns were negligent in allowing the horse to be ridden while, he says, it was "in season."

The mare nipped at the horse Miss Corbett was riding, the attorney said, and either missed or got angry.

To Seek Replacement For Trustee Vacancy

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—a vacancy on the township's board of trustees became official Monday with acceptance of Gordon Getzinger's resignation.

No immediate appointment to fill the vacancy was made.

Township Supervisor Arno Hule said that the board possibly will take action at the next scheduled meeting on Dec. 26.

Twelve applications for the office have been received, according to Hule. More than three years remain in Getzinger's term of office, which expires April, 1965.

AFTER ACCEPTING Getzinger's resignation, board members passed a resolution commending his service to the township.

Getzinger, a member of the board since 1962, turned in his resignation at a board meeting two weeks ago. His acceptance was tabled until Monday night's meeting when a full complement of board members could be present.

Getzinger has accepted an executive position in New York City with Chatham Manufacturing Co.

OTHER ACTION by the township board included acceptance of two sanitary sewer petitions and a contract award for construction of a third.

The petition for the sewer in Brookside Hills was signed by 55 per cent of property ownership. Its estimated cost is \$31,200.

A sewer to serve five lots in Devon Gables and 20 lots in Devon Hills Estates was petitioned by 59 per cent of the property ownership. Estimated cost is \$25,800.

The contract for sewer construction on South Darlington Road in Oak of Bloomfield was awarded to Grinnell and DePompoli at a price of \$7,582.

Peeping Tom Reports Cause Double Patrol

FRANKLIN—Village Marshal John Donaldson reported Monday that his deputies have doubled their patrol of Franklin following a series of Peeping Tom reports and an attack upon a woman resident.

Donaldson revealed only that an attack occurred near the Crestwood-12 Mile intersection about 11 p.m. last week. The woman was going from her garage to her home when someone approached her from behind. The attacker was frightened away by the family dog, Donaldson said. Stunned, the victim could not be sure if there was more than one person in the dark.

SEVERAL HAVE reported suspicious looking individuals on their property and one woman stated she gave chase to a peeping Tom with her husband's shot-gun.

The council reminds residents police assistance is close at hand. State Police from the Redford post should be called in such instances, he advised.

Donaldson also recommended that the village police phone should be moved from the Franklin Volunteer Fire department to the new village offices.

Steal Beer, Liquor

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Barrelers took beer and whiskey from a home at 6760 Franklin Road Friday, according to township police.

Police said the entry occurred between 4:30 and 7 p.m.

Fire Chief Sends 'Warm Greetings,' Words of Caution

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—"Best wishes for a merry and fire-free Christmas."

That sounds like a greeting from a fire chief, doesn't it?

VOLLY YANUSZESKI, chief of the Bloomfield Township fire department, has a few other words to add:

"A Christmas tree demands a great deal of care. Don't use one larger than necessary and place it in the coolest part of the room, away from heat sources. The base of the tree should be placed in water and checked regularly to see that the water is above the base. When the tree starts to dry out, discard it. Never burn it in a fire-place."

Chief Yanuszeki also stated that only approved lights should be used for decorating. He advised checking them for frayed wires, broken sockets or loose connections.

NEVER USE candles on or near the tree," the chief continued, "open flame only invites fire."

He also cautioned parents not to leave children at home alone and to set up trains and other electrical toys away from the tree.

Warm-Hearted Project

WEST BLOOMFIELD—It took teamwork, but West Bloomfield Township firemen blazed their way along the annual Goodfellow route Saturday, selling papers and collecting donations for needy families. Dana Hoffman and Carryn Shoemaker gave an assist by serving breakfast to the warm-hearted firemen. Mel Zoritz, dad of one of the firemen, sampled the 18-year-old's cooking before the gang arrived. All the new young firemen and several local teenage boys joined in the project to help needy families have a happy Christmas.

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Friend and neighbor Robert J. Webber of Rainbow Drive points out "Laura's Corner" to Mrs. Howard Humphrey of Rainbow Circle who, he claims, has earned the title of his property because she traveled over it so often.

Somewhere Over Rainbow

THAT'S WHERE THIS GAL DRIVES

By IRMA N. DAVIS
Staff Writer

LATHRUP—It all began a year ago when a New Year's Eve party when Robert J. Webber lamented that someone was cutting corners, especially the corner of the lot on which his home stands at 19251 Rainbow Drive.

Webber went on to explain that the corner was slowly being chipped away by an unknown driver, perhaps someone who believed the shortest distance between two points was a straight line.

ABOUT THEN Mrs. Howard Humphrey, of 27363 Rainbow Circle, joined the group that was laughing at Webber's sad story. "Maybe he's the one," she confided, "I can't seem to turn the corner."

"Well, then," rejoined Webber, "I'll have to put up a sign."

Not too long after, Mrs. Webber noticed that her husband was disappearing into the basement of the Rainbow Circle and Rainbow Drive. Mysterious sounds and evil chuckles drifted up the stairs from time to time. No amount of questioning could pry Webber's secret from him until the evening arrived when he produced his masterpiece.

IT WAS A SIGN designed to end all signs. Mounted on a steel pole, it announced, "Laura's Corner."

"You aren't?" gasped Mrs. Webber. "I am," replied her husband. And he did.

The Humphreys were out of town when the sign was posted.

They returned to Lathrup, quite unsuspecting. Headed for the end of Rainbow—circle and drive that is, the rounded "Laura's Corner"—and spotted the sign.

AS FAR AS Mrs. Humphrey is concerned there was only one thing to do—christen it. She promptly sets the Webbers a bottle of champagne.

"They're saving it until the two could can get together that portion of the sign."

Meanwhile, the post and its message remain at the intersection of Rainbow Circle and Rainbow Drive—a sign—that the shortest distance between good neighbors is no longer than the distance a joke can travel.