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President Records History of Village In Tiny Black Book

By NITA HARD Wood Creek Correspondent
WOOD CREEK FARMS—For the past several years, Wood Creek Farms Village President Alger M. Clark has been writing his own Book-of-the-Month.

two-term tenure is meticulously entered therein. It has been an invaluable reference at council meetings. Some- times arguments, Wood Creek con- sider, a reminder and often the source of "the last word."

Multiple Dwelling Proposal Hearing Draws Residents

LATHRUP—Some 75 citizens at- tended a public hearing of the Zoning Board of Appeals Jan. 4 on the multiple dwelling proposal to amend Lathrup's zoning ordi- nance.

Alger Clark often reviews the latest pages in his account of Wood Creek Farms' development. His favorite critic is Mrs. Clark.

IF THE LITTLE black book in- dicated there were no more money in the bank for some project, Clark insisted a "sit tight" policy be the only course.

THE PROPOSED ordinance in- cludes petitions for zoning changes in three specific areas. Changes suggested are a four-unit town from Guy Place to Bloomfield and one block on 18 Mile from Bloom- field to Sante Barbara, both to multiple dwelling use.

HAVING thoroughly enjoyed his role as Wood Creek's first president Clark feels it time to share the responsibility. Content that qual- ified persons are contemplating run- ning for the vacancy he leaves, Clark will probably spend more time with his wife in their garden at 28390 Wellington Road and as a consultant for several firms.

Council Receives Another Request For Apartments

BEVERLY HILLS—Another building plan request came before the Planning Commission Friday when William N. Gilmore, president of Gilmore and Garvin Building Co., Warren, asked for rezoning of a 30-acre tract on 15 Mile.

THE STRETCHES from South- field Road west to the village hall, Beverly Hills, are being divided into 10 apartment units, according to the plan.

Thieves Satisfy Liking for Liquor, Craving for Candy

LATHRUP—The home of Robert Stedman, 28345 Eldorado, was broken into by burglars Dec. 25 and Jan. 3 while the occupants were away on vacation. The theft was restricted to liquor and candy.

GILMORE TOLD councilmen he would build about 10 apartments per acre, but did not say how many. He observed that the council referred his request to the Planning Commission.

Talk of the Towns

By DENI SCANLON
I'm going to Town Hall this afternoon for two reasons aside from interviewing a noted psy- chiatrist Dr. Smiley Blanton. One is to see if my two years of college psychology has taught me where in my subconscious. The second is to count minks.

FRANKLIN—Initial steps to plant village green are a proposal on the March Ballot, were taken by Franklin's council Monday night. Newest councilman, appointee Eugene Kelly, presented the resolution on the question "Shall the Village of Franklin acquire by purchase the property known as the village green, i. e. that property bounded by Wellington, Egmont, Irving and Normandy roads in said Village, at the price of \$15,000; the down payment to be \$15,000 taken from existing Village funds, with the balance fi- nanced under a 5 per cent and 1/2 contract to be discharged over a period of ten years or less."

Residents Praise Lathrup Council For Work on Complex Sewer Plan



By IRMA N. DAVIS Staff Writer
LATHRUP—Led by former councilman Fred Johnson, attendance of some 30 residents applauded the council at a special meeting Monday night, for their work on Lathrup's sewer problems.

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of both storm and sanitary sewers by June 1, 1962. ALN&M suggested that financing be handled by general obligation bonds to spread costs evenly throughout the city. Based on a total assessed valuation in the city of \$8,386,000, individual cost would be about \$3.80 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, they estimated.

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change in the ditching system presently in use and ditches would be a minimum 18 inches deep. Smit said the report included a \$15,000 estimate for cleaning, re- locating and straightening the Evans ditch, the maximum price he felt Lathrup should pay to get full advantage of this phase of the project.

Sewer Arm Hits Snag On Ruling in W. B'field

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Plans for the development of the Morris Lake Arm of the Farmington in- tegrator have come to a temporary standstill with a ruling last week by bonding attorney Stratton Brown that he could not approve bonding of the project.

Seek Federal Funds For School Guidance Program in S'field

SOUTHFIELD—Superintendent Glenn Schoenhals was authorized Monday by the Board of Education to make application under Title V-A of the National Defense Education Act for funds to improve counseling, guidance and testing facilities in Southfield schools.

'Taxi Service' Not So Hot On 14 Mile, Pilot Discovers

FRANKLIN—For what it is worth, Stephen Kaan, 46, of 7235 Bingham Road, Bingham Farms, proved you can't make a runway out of a country road.

Judge Upholds Township Meeting Constitutionality

THE CONSTITUTIONALITY of annual township meetings was upheld in circuit court Friday by Judge Fredrick C. Ziem.

Elsewhere in the Eccentric

- Area Communities Disclose Plans For '61 Projects
Fourth Graders' Patriotism Results In Two Poems
Off to Races—And Pine Lake Country Club
Seaholm Tankers Defeat Kibblers

'Moist Matters' Agenda Topics At B'field Meeting

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—The agenda for the meeting Monday night of Bloomfield Township's board was "all wet."

Franklin to Vote On Purchase Of Village Green

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Citizens Group Starts Preparing For Next Election

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B'field Township Fire Loss Totals \$1,462 For December

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—The monthly report of Bloomfield Township's fire department shows a fire loss of \$1,462 in the township for the month of December.

Police Beat Topic Of Optimist Speaker

SOUTHFIELD—Southfield Optimists will hear Lee Smith speak on "Police Beat" Jan. 19 at the club's meeting which will be held at Howard Johnson's, 10 Mile Road and Newburgh.

Dr. Otis Dickey To Talk at PTA

BEVERLY HILLS—What is being done in the area of curriculum in Birmingham schools will be the theme of Monday's PTA meeting at the Beverly Hills School.

Marjorie Tate, principal at Franklin Elementary School, is a mighty subtle and tactful educator. Recently, she sent a letter to parents of students at Franklin, concerned information about the regular PTA meeting. Miss Tate stated in the last paragraph that she had received some criticism on spelling errors in a questionnaire the school had distributed.

'See Blazing Yule Before Them'

LATHRUP—Lathrup City Administrator Gerald Stone and Police Lt. Frank Murphy watch as the remnants of Christmas trees burn at the annual yuletide bonfire.

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At the present income rate, it is conceivable the balance could be budgeted for the ten-year period without additional assessment. The property was owned by developer George Wellington Smith for 35 years and generally accepted as "belonging to the village."

THE CITIZENS Committee was started in 1958 and each year it attempts to file petitions for at least two persons for every elected post. The group also attempts to distribute impartial information about important issues on the ballot.

This year the officers of treasurer (one year), assessor (one year), village clerk (one year) and three councilmen will be elected.