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Old Red Barn Ain't That It Used To Be

Beverly Slates Final Hearings Village Hopes to Start Sewer Work in April

By IRMA N. DAVIS Staff Writer
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—It all began—well, almost—when Mrs. W. Richard Walsh, 1135 W. Long Lake Road, placed an ad Sept. 22 in the "Female Help Wanted" column of The Birmingham Eccentric.

everyone, advertised for a "clever woman with flare and imagination to assist in reupholstering an antique and decorating shop. The ad also specified "no sillards or sloths." She got what she asked for.

AMONG THE 10 applicants was Phyllis Paule, formerly an interior decorator in New York City and a member of the American Institute of Designers.

Together the two women have renovated the 150-year-old red barn into the Walsh property. They call their antique and boutique shop Devon Crafts.

IN THEIR SPARE time, both women like to read and "grow" through likely looking places for antiques. Phyllis knits and raises Afghanis; she had a kennel in New York.



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Actually, it all began six years ago when Sally's husband was ill and she decided to sell antiques. SHE STOCKED the barn and antiques were there for the asking, provided, mind you, they were through a clutter of "what-nots and who-sits" in the unheated structure.

The birds were obviously fond of the building, also, before the invaders, air conditioning, was sealed up during the barn's recent face-lifting.

For the unregretted browser there is still a corner aptly called "Prowler's Pit." There is also an unofficial "Frowler's Pit" on the top floor of the barn where "do-it-yourselfers" can duck under beams and rummage while they dream of "refinishing this for a planter."

Sally's main interest is her family and her home. The latter is some 70 years old and is only steps away from the barn. The Walshes have practically built their house since buying it 12 years ago.



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A Touch of Paint

Mrs. Sally Walsh adds a Pennsylvania Dutch treat to an old-fashioned wall telephone in the boutique and antique shop in the old red barn at W. Long Lake Road, near Telegraph.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

Bloomfield Police Capture Suspects In Market Thefts

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Four Bloomfield Township policemen captured two men Saturday night at 2 a.m. The men admitted later that they broke into Felice's Market, 238 S. Telegraph, just a few minutes earlier.

Elliott Decides Not to Compete For GOP Chairmanship 1-A

Bells Will Ring In Birmingham Homes For U of M Bridge 1-C

Responsibility Factor In Child Development, Success in Family Life 8-C

Falcon, Maple Tankers, Cagers Meet Defeat 8-D

Set. Albert LaPlante and Patrolman Nicholas Seseck picked up the two men when they noticed a lot of bottles in the back of the car driven by Knickerbocker. Both men fled when the police pulled their car over.

Lathrup Employs Salary, Wage Talk Scheduled Monday

LATHRUP — The council has met Monday evening for a study meeting to review salary and wage merit increases for city employees. The review is held once yearly.

SESOCK RADIOED for help and Lt. Newton Zubman and Patrolman Donald Zimmerman arrived to collar the subjects about a quarter-mile away on Elisen Drive.

THE COUNCIL has asked for a recommendation by Monday evening from the Zoning Board of Appeals on the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance, involving proposed multiple dwellings in Lathrup. The board held a public hearing on the matter January 4.

Talk of the Towns

A Franklin mother, who was rushing to complete errands in town this week, took a minute to call home and ask the babysitter to help her get a head start on dinner. Her efficient little seven-year-old daughter answered her phone.

Remember the minks? I counted them last week at Town Hall. I was nearing 67 about the time the lecture started. It was a woman, however, because some women would require more assistance and organization. Besides, Dr. Stanley explained, "What did you do that for? It's been my livelihood since I started this practice!"

"Ask the sitter to see if there are any scalliped potatoes in the pantry," the mom told her mediator.

DR. AND MRS. Alexander W. Sanders, 981 Prairie, Detroit, were successful bidders. The lease will run for 10 years with four five-year renewal options included in the contract.

And Something Quaint

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Hills Schools Predict Student Boom Ahead

By SAVILLA SLOAN Staff Writer
BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Bloomfield Hills Board of Education has had wide experience in the recent building of schools, and its budget for the building we propose, if this bond issue is approved, is based on our past experience. It is realistic," David Lee, president of Bloomfield Hills school board, said last week.

Lathrup to Vote On Storm Drain

LATHRUP — We're bounding ahead," said Mayor Richard N. Cogger as the council passed four resolutions related to the storm water drainage project.

Lee was addressing more than 100 citizens in the Hills school district, who assembled at Bloomfield Hills Junior High School to hear a presentation on why a \$4,185,000 building and site bond issue is being sought by the school board.

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THE RENOVATION of the old brick school building with a contractor hired to do the basic work and rough carpentry. The subjects were the Walshes, Phyllis and "another foolish enough to drop in."

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IN ANSWER to a question from the audience as to whether an increase in special millage tax would be necessary to pay for operation of the proposed school additions, Lee stated that this has been under study by the school board.

HE SAID RAY SMITH of ALANM had estimated that it would cost an additional \$5,000 to change the route to come down Saratoga as against the considerable expense of either tearing up asphalt paving on Glenwood, tunneling under trees on relocating gas lines.

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PLUMTREE added that locating the line in the road on Glenwood would entail replacing the paving and providing back fill of sand, causing possible heavy expense.

FACTS AND figures contained in a brochure, mailed last week to all registered voters in the school district.

COUNCILMAN JOHN KOHL recommended that a prior agreement be made with the city of Saratoga.

THE PROPOSED new school would accommodate 600 pupils. With two junior high schools the district could accommodate 1,400 junior high students. Projected enrollment in four years in 1,311 students.

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Sewer Lateral To Speed Work On Lathrup AAA

LATHRUP — The general sentiment of the council was echoed by Mayor Richard N. Cogger Monday when he said, "we'll be happy to see the Michigan Automobile Association in Lathrup."

School Books, Black Bundle Keep Student on Her Toes

YOUNG has studied seriously for four years including summers at the New York City Ballet, the Ontario and the National Ballet of Canada, she claims she's old.

Beverly Considers Purchase of Land Near Headquarters

BEVERLY HILLS — It's a common thing for 15-year-old girls to be seen carrying a arm full of books. It's just as accepted to see Leigh Young totting a small black bag.

Dreams of Dancing

STABLY AND mature for a teenager, Leigh Young, ballet jockey to develop poise. "I assimilated a tremendous feeling of dedication from my teachers," she explained.

Building to Start Soon On Lathrup Post Office

LATHRUP — Contract negotiations were completed last week for the construction of a new city post office.

Other Things Consume Her Energy Too

OTHER THINGS consume her energy too. Homework is high on the list. Leigh is looking forward to seeing the National Ballet of Canada when the company performs next week in Windsor.