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Franklin Boy 'Plows Way' To College Education

By NITA HARD Franklin Correspondent
FRANKLIN—The bucolic image of a man behind a plow and a team of straining horses disappeared from the local scene several decades ago.

literally plowed into his education. A junior at Groves High School, Bruce has had some harrowing moments and he's raked in a bank roll 'hat will pay for his college years ahead.

What's more, he's 'plowed' through one tractor already and is around the second. Much in demand in the village by gardeners, Bruce keeps his tractor in good repair all winter.

The deep snows and occasional ice-storms provide ample opportunities for an enterprising, alert young man like Bruce. And, despite a full academic program, football and Inter-City varsity hockey, he manages to always be there when needed.

A CAREFUL and considerate worker, he has created a demand for his services beyond the village. He has 225 lot-owners in Dearborn township as clients.

This extra-curricular career was all Bruce's idea. For Christmas in 1958, when he was 13, Bruce wanted a tractor. His father in demand in the village by gardeners, Bruce keeps his tractor in good repair all winter.

Gradually he has added a disk, rake and hammermill to the equipment. He now has a complete rig in top working condition. Although major repairs still must be allocated to the professionals, Bruce has learned to do all the general maintenance himself.

AMONG HIS varied tasks, Bruce is called to clear the Franklin cemetery roads of snow for winter burials. During the storm he jockeys up and down roads helping his neighbors get home.

When he has orders from the Co-burn headquarters to quit work by 6:30 p.m., so his school work will not suffer.

In a rural community, Bruce would be one of many. But in a sophisticated suburban area he has gained the advantage of being fairly well known. While his carefree contemporaries ramble around in sleek foreign jobs, Bruce is building his tomorrow from the ground up.

SOMETIMES he hankers for a sweet-running jalopy but the tractor gets him there, too, and he'll probably agree he's come very far along the road to becoming a man—by doing a man's work.

Loving the outdoors, he is his dad's fishing and hunting companion. The family, which includes two sisters, often head for their native Canada for a camping holiday.

Mrs. Sharland, chairman of the reading department at the junior high school, will attend a reading conference at Pace College, New York. As a result of her studies, she plans to establish a new reading course at the junior high school which will emphasize the divisional tests to determine reading abilities.

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International Item

WING LAKE—Cosmopolitan items such as these will delight visitors at Wing Lake School's "International Country Fair," Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Joseph LaRue, Ruth Sharland and Virginia Williams will receive grants to further original projects.

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Tea and Company

WOOD CREEK FARMS—Peck councilmen Lon L. Schell and Norman Smith, accept tea from Mrs. Conrad Lam, Wood Creek Farms council president pro tem, in her home, 29130 Westbrook, Farmington Township. The tea concludes a Mayor's Exchange Day of luncheon at the Detroit Economic Club and touring Wood Creek Farms.

Accident Toll Zero For Memorial Day

Death did take a holiday Tuesday, Memorial Day, according to township area police departments.

Comments like "We don't allow accidents here" jokingly from Beverly Hills Police Department and "It's amazing, but things have been pretty quiet here" (from Bloomfield Township Police) greeted The Eccentric's routine police check on Wednesday morning.

Walnut Lake Man to Try For Con-Con

WEST BLOOMFIELD — A 27-year-old high school teacher and lifetime resident of West Bloomfield Township has announced he is circulating petitions for a delegate post to the constitutional convention.

Kenneth A. Whitmer, 2344 Walnut Lake Road, hopes to gain a spot on the Republican primary ticket July 27 for Oakland County's third district.

Whitmer hopes for more authority for local governments under the present system of earmarking and also believes in a discontinuance of overlapping responsibilities in state offices.

HE WOULD LIKE to see the legislature granted more freedom in dispersal of state funds instead of the present system of earmarking the majority of funds.

He was member of Young Republicans at Michigan State University, holds a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in educational administration, both from MSU. He is a Birmingham Seaborn High School graduate.

Whitmer has been teaching apologetics for a year at Goodrich School, Genesee county, and previously spent four years as a history teacher at Farmington High School.

Government Guests Mayor's Exchange Day

Left: Lathrup Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Mitchell (left), shows Trenton Mayor Robert E. Teifer and Mrs. Teifer the gavel wielded by Lathrup's mayor during council meetings.

The trio stand in front of a paneled wall in the city hall, known locally as "The House-in-the-Woods." Mrs. Mitchell, chairman for the day, arranged a full program for visiting officials that included luncheon at Kingsley Inn and a visit by the women to an area television station. The men toured the salt mines in Wyandotte with City Administrator Jerald Stone acting as host.

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West B'field Plans Appeal On Tax Allocation Decision

By SAVILLA SLOAN Special Writer

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A decision by the Oakland County Allocation Board to hold West Bloomfield Township's share of the 16-mill property tax for 1961 to 1.40 mills will be appealed to the State Tax Commission according to township supervisor John C. Rehard.

"Our attorney, Joseph Brennan, Jr., has been instructed to draw up the necessary papers and file an appeal within 15 days," Rehard said.

"We are fighting with our backs to the wall to maintain services to the people of the township. The allocation board has given no recognition to our financial plight. They're leaving us to waddle out on it any way we can," he added.

THE ALLOTMENT board considered the case of West Bloomfield township separately, after having adopted an allotment formula for the remainder of the county.

"However, its final decision on West Bloomfield's allotment was the same as adopted for the rest of the county units—5.26 mills to the county, 8.36 mills to schools and 1.40 mills to townships.

Bring 'Burglar' To Mock Trial

By NADINE JAKOBOWSKI Special Writer

A Beverly Hills burglar was tried Wednesday for a \$2,300 robbery that occurred near the Beverly Hills Police Dept.

Fourteen South Oakland detectives tracked down the culprit, Lt. John W. Reed of the Beverly Hills Police, knows he did it. So do two FBI agents.

BUT — AS yet would have it — despite the lopsided evidence in favor of the law, the outcome of the trial does not matter.

The defendant won't have to serve time anyway. The trial was a put-up job.

South Oakland County Police Chief's Association and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The detective study class, which meets at Groves High School, used the latest procedures of criminal investigation in solving the on-the-spot crime, enacted by three of their class members.

CLUES FROM the "crime" were plotted by class directors, Lt. Reed and Lt. William Lennox, Oak Park, tracked the office sale at Beverly Hills real estate office.

Joe Orment of Hazel Park posed as a suspect at the Reed home, Richard Oakes of Royal Oak and Morey Foltz, Oak Park, portrayed the burglar and his roommate at the Sorrento Motel, 2400 North Woodward, Royal Oak.

The remaining 14 classmates actually dusted for fingerprints, made a plaster cast of tire tracks.

Hulet Family Holds Reunion

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Township supervisor Arno Hulet took time off from his official duties this week end to take part in a family reunion with some 65 kinsmen.

Occasion for the reunion was the 50th wedding anniversary of Hulet's sister, Mrs. William Watson and Mr. Watson of Davidsburg, Pa.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hulet at their home, 23565 Franklin, over the weekend included his brother, Dr. E. C. Hulet of Schererville, Ind. and niece Mrs. George Gaslas of Milan, Pa., with their children, Chris and Pavel.

Also attending the family reunion was the Hulet's son and wife, the Russ Hulet's of Livonia.

and Robert Moore cast the opposing vote.

THE BLOOMFIELD had presented figures showing a need of an allotment of 2.15 mills in order to meet its 1961 budget.

A major item within the budget was approximately \$70,000 toward meeting a \$108,000 installment on the Farmington Interceptor. Tap-in fees which were to have met the installment payments have not been forthcoming in the township.

"An allotment of 1.40 mills leaves the township \$20,000 short in meeting necessary expenditures," Rehard said.

He added that the township would meet its interceptor bond payments even if it meant a drastic cut in other services to the township.

TOWNSHIP TREASURER Sue Warner said that there were 12 variables in allotments made by the allocation board in other parts of the county.

Finally Bloomfield's attempt to vary the township's allotment was opposed by Bloomfield Hills School District on the principle that it opposed variables within its school district. Its school board voted at a recent meeting to contest the legality of variables. If West Bloomfield Township was granted a variable at the school district's expense.

The school district maintained that the district would lose an additional \$22,127 if West Bloomfield Township received the 23 mill increase, and the school district refused a variable within its district. The 23 mill meant \$12,600 to the township.

"We proved to the allotment board our need for additional funds. We don't believe the school district showed the need for increased funds that we did," Rehard contended.

B'field GOP Women, Newcomers To Hear Con-Con Hopefuls

June 5 Bloomfield Republican Women's Club meeting offers local Republican women an opportunity to meet their Con-Con delegate candidates.

All candidates for the office of Constitutional Convention Delegate from the 3rd District are invited to the home of Mrs. Robert Lytle, 7065 Pinewood, Birmingham, at 1 p.m.

The primary election is in July and this is the last meeting of the Bloomfield Republican Women's Club until the Fall season begins in October. Each candidate will give a 10-minute speech. Questions and a general discussion will follow.

Delegates from the third district are Henry L. Woolfenden, Mrs. Bertram Jean Kitchum, Mrs. Donald (Martha) Kothe, Jasper Reid, Jr., and Richard H. McManus.

A membership tea will conclude the meeting. All ladies interested in joining the group are invited. The Bloomfield Republican Women's Club is composed of Bloomfield Township residents. New members are welcome at the meetings at any time.

Father Fatally Hurt In B'field Accident

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Services for a Walled Lake man, who was fatally injured in a Township accident Sunday, were conducted in Milford.

William Heath, 37, of 254 Hillcroft, died shortly after he was admitted to St. Joseph Hospital, Pontiac. He lost control of his dump truck on a curve in gravel-topped Malibu Road near Franklin Road, Bloomfield Township. He was thrown out when the truck hit a tree and a trailer ran over his body.

He worked for the J. A. Ron Asphalt Company of Wixom. Heath's wife, Mildred, and seven children survive.

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