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B'field Twp. Attorney Resigns Post

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—A resignation to accept "with regret" the resignation of Township Attorney Floyd Blakeslee was passed by Bloomfield Township's board Monday night.

Blakeslee tendered his resignation after serving the township for the past 34 years as its attorney. It is effective April 1.

THE BIRMINGHAM Eccentric has been unable to get confirmation from township officials to a report that Pontiac attorney, Tom Dillon, will take Blakeslee's place. Township Supervisor Arno Hulet stated that no confirmation would be made "until the township board has officially acted."

Dillon is presently attorney for the Village of Beverly Hills and Southfield Township.

BLAKESLEE GAVE as his reason for the resignation the increased amount of township business. He stated that he could not spare the time from his private practice.

Also included in his plans for the future is time to travel. He plans an extended trip to California this summer to visit his daughter.

AN INFORMAL tribute from board members, Trustee Gordon Getinger suggested that Blakeslee write a book about the changes he has seen in the township over his long career of office.

Blakeslee will conclude all litigation now pending on which he has prepared the township's case.

TRIAL IS BEING held this week in Circuit Court of a case against the township brought by owners of The Maple shopping center at the southwest corner of Telegraph and

They seek to force the township to extend commercial zoning south of the center on Telegraph. The township's Planning Commission has refused to remove the area.

SEWER OKAYED; Kreider Elected In Wood Creek

WOOD CREEK FARM — Norman E. Kreider defeated his former council colleague, Harry O. Lang Jr. for the post of village president in Monday's village election.

Wood Creekers also gave their approval for the village to enter into a contract with Farmington Township for capacity rights in the Farmington interceptor sewer.

WITH 153 of the Village's 235 registered voters resorting to the polls, set up in the recreation room at the Vernon P. Fisher home of Wellington Road, 119 gave their consent to the sewer agreement; 35 opposed it.

Kreider, who has served two terms as councilman, nudged out Lang by a vote of 61 to 61.



EAST BEVERLY—A model Cub Scout, Danny Den poses in the midst of an all-round family, the George Aldridges. During the month of March, Danny will make his home

Family Ventures Are Joint Ones

Their Philosophy: Live, Work As Unit

By IRMA N. DAVIS
Staff Writer

EAST BEVERLY—Danny Den has two facets to his personality: he is a stickler for neatness and he believes in "togetherness."

A model Cub Scout, he was created out of tin cans and inventiveness by Cubmaster George Aldridge; the fact that he is making his home this month with Cub Scout David Aldridge has nothing to do with nepotism.

Danny's time is allotted on a calendar basis, to the Den Mother Mrs. Cabs present the neatest appearance at the monthly in-session and meeting of Pack 1009. Cub David Aldridge just happens

to be a member of Den Five; his mother, quite naturally, is the Den Mother.

THE ALDRIDGES, who live at 16275 Amber, personality "living and doing as a unit," right down to seven-year-old Barbara.

Aldridge likes "to work with his hands" and play with his children. Mrs. Aldridge, who goes beyond the call of duty—even to practicing ballet exercises with Barbara on the bar Daddy installed in the family room—says the family has visited every museum and point of interest within a 50-mile radius.

They chase battleships for Barbara's collection, enjoy family "read-aloud" sessions, take turns

at the electric organ, admire Daddy Aldridge's handwork at easel and workbench and share a mutual green thumb in the garden, come warmer weather.

THE CHILDREN have their own vegetable patch and keep the dinner table well supplied with tomatoes, carrots and other produce all through the summer.

David was the February "Safety Boy of the Month" at nearby Greenfield School and both he and his father participate in Little League — father as a coach of course.

He is neighborhood handy man; the kids bring their toys to him to fix," his wife said.

Barbara added that he is the neighborhood joker, too — he knows lots of jokes.

Even this youngest member of the family shares her talent and because she likes to play school, a little neighborhood boy entered kindergarten with his "ABC's and numbers" at the tip of his tongue.

They are a team, even to "turning" white as a sheet, all together when Aldridge had one of his rare accidents in his workshop and "drilled a hole right through his hand."

Perhaps it's this pack spirit that makes Danny Den look so much the contented guest.

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2 Incumbents, Winke Win Council Seats

FRANKLIN—Villagers approved the purchase of the village green and elected former treasurer Robert Winke and two incumbents to the council in Monday's election.

A decisive 329 to 78 vote vindicated the gamble four families took in December to save the two-acre site in mid-town Franklin from becoming a commercial development on the auction block.

For a sum of \$53,500, of which \$15,000 down payment will be made from existing general funds, and the balance payable on a five percent land contract in ten years or less, the village will now hold title to land that was generally assumed by many as being village property.

THE GREEN was owned by developer George Wellington Smith for 25 years. Pending the time when he had hoped to create a colonial-type shopping and municipal center, Smith maintained the property and made it available for village purchases over the years many residents assumed the area was public domain.

The sale of the building which houses Smith's real estate office and the Franklin Community Library.

LAST FALL Franklin residents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Green, Mrs. Donald Green, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hampson and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kronlund, hearing municipal-type zoning and business tax liens, purchased the property for a sum of \$70,000 for forestal possible sale to business interests.

The village may use Smith's office as village offices or may expand library facilities in the future.

The proposal was feasible without any additional taxes. Should present income from reapportioned state funds continue, more are anticipated to finance the purchase.

OF THE 435 cast at the Franklin Fire Department Hall, former treasurer Robert Winke led the six-man council race with 289. Incumbent Don Hunter won a third term with 245 votes, while Eugene Kelly, last year's runner-up and council appointee to replace resigned William Worcester, secured his post and the third council seat with 215 votes.

Richard Oberacker, a resident of 20 years, got 188 votes for his political debut, trailed by David Good-nough, 166, and Gilbert L. Anderson, 148.

MRS. ELSIE GARWOOD pulled 422 votes as unopposed candidate for a third term as clerk.

A. Newton Cole, led three aspirants for treasurer with 173 votes. Donald Hacker had 152 and Richard Cuddihy, incumbent assessor, led his opponent Dr. Ralph Franklin with 128 votes.

Franklin has slightly more than 700 registered voters.

SEWER TIE-IN OK'D

CRAWBROOK VILLAGE will be able to tie into the Evergreen Interceptor, following approval by the Southfield Council at Monday's meeting.

Have Scholarships, Can Travel

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—School Superintendent Eugene Johnson, the board of Education member Merritt Hill share the pleasure of Karen Sundberg (second from left), and Barbara Listman who were awarded the Robert C. J. Traub Memorial Scholarship Travel Fund. The scholarships art to Barbara, who is a resident of 3345 Chickering Lane.

Bloomfield Hills School Building Program Underway

By SAVILIA SLOAN
Staff Writer

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—To get a whopping big \$4,135,000 school building program underway takes both an expenditure of time and thought, as well as money.

Property owners in Bloomfield Hills School District indicated their willingness to spend the money, when they voted Jan. 30 in favor of the \$4,135,000 plan by a 2-1 majority.

Since then, the seven members of the Hills School Board have been equally as generous with their time and thought in getting the program underway—and it is well underway.

The board has made this possible by many hours of pre-planning with architects before the bond issue was authorized.

ADDITIONAL hours have been spent considering purchase of land for schools that will be needed in the future when Long Lake and Hickory Grove Roads and extends back to Grand Lake. Purchase price was \$120,000.

Purchase of a second high school site was authorized several weeks ago. Known as the Danitz property, the 40-acre tract faces Lake and Hickory Grove Roads and extends back to Grand Lake. Purchase price was \$120,000.

According to School Superintendent Eugene Johnson, the board expects to complete all site purchases within the next six months. These will include land for a third junior high school and two elementary schools.

IT IS AT Conant School that construction has already begun. Total construction bids for the addition were \$122,700. They were slightly higher than had been estimated due to extra cost from stringent fire - protection codes recently enforced by the state. A total of \$175,000 has been budgeted for erection, landscaping and furnishing of the building.

The addition will be completed in time for the fall term. It will add 150 pupils to the school. Construction bids awarded for the present building, an additional 150 pupils can be accommodated at the school.

PINE LAKE and Eastover school additions will be started this spring and will be ready for occupancy no later than Thanksgiving or Christmas, according to Johnson.

Construction bids awarded for the two projects total \$220,000. They are under the budgeted figure of \$335,000.

THE ADDITION to the high school will get underway no later than Aug. 1 of this year. It will be completed by Sept. 1962.

Designated by the Michigan Public Trustee, will be held on March 7, marks the beginning of work on Beverly sewers.

THE NEW JUNIOR high school will be built on acres at Kensington and Opdyke Roads. This site was purchased from Bloomfield Township last year.

Tarapata and MacMahon, who designed the present junior high school which won national architectural awards, are architects for

the school.

The building will begin no later than August of this year and completion will be by September, 1962. Cost is estimated at \$1,500,000.

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