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Beverly Sets Two Hearings On Rezoning

BEVERLY HILLS — Village officials Monday scheduled public hearings for June 19 on two rezoning requests.

The first is a zoning change from R-3 (residential) to B-1 (office, professional) for property on the west side of Southfield Road, south of Beverly Road. It is the proposed site of retail businesses including a super market.

The second request, submitted by the Deresco Co. of Dearborn, seeks a zoning change from R-3 (residential) to B-1 (office, professional) for property on the west side of Pershing Road, north of Beverly Road. One of the lots would be used exclusively for parking.

The Deresco Co. wants the change to allow for the construction of office facilities.

Village planners have recommended approval of the Deresco request providing that the buildings are brick on all sides and only one-story high.

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IN OTHER ACTION, village commission sent matters to village engineers, Johnson and Anderson, for review before they take action.

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THREE OTHER matters have been scheduled for the June 5 meeting agenda. The council will review a new rubbish contract, the present contract for dust control and will hold a public hearing on the vacation of the east 30 feet of Edgewood.

Con-Con Topic Of GOP Women's Meeting in Field

The problems facing the Constitutional Convention will be discussed at the annual meeting Monday of the Republican Women's Club of Southfield, at 8 p.m. in the main room of the Southfield High School, Richard G. Van Dusen, candidate for the Republican nomination to the Michigan State Legislature from the Fourth District of Oakland County, will speak.

An attorney, Van Dusen is a former member of the Michigan House of Representatives, having served two terms. He conducted his service in the legislature in 1956 when he was the Republican nominee to the Constitutional Convention.

WITH EMPHASIS being placed on membership in May, interested women from the Southfield area are invited to attend.

Mrs. Thomas Skis is the recent appointed parliamentarian and Mrs. Milton Gould is serving as secretary.

The winners of a benefit telephone bridge party held by the Southfield area will be announced at the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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Young Impresario Loses Self in Work

By NITA HARD
Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN—Tom Saporano is an extra-curricular experience for just about everyone at Franklin school.

The tall, handsome 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saporano, 24455 North Cromwell,

has master-minded an off-Broadway Never-Never Land like of which James B. Barrie didn't dream for his immortal Peter Pan. And if it weren't for the high resolve of his teachers to pursue the prescribed three R's in spite of all the talented Tom would have created a Never-Never Land of the whole school. As it is, his delightful adaptation of the musical version will be presented tonight in the multi-purpose room of the school.

The routine will get back to normal after a month of meticulous and hectic preparation.

HIS EVER-LOVING FAMILY will breathe a sigh of relief until Tom gets another inspiration to produce another play. There will be another play, they already know Tom already has the script written, liberally "borrowing" the music of Oscar Hammerstein and generally acknowledging his contribution by credits properly noted on the manuscript cover.

Tom is no novice as a writer, director and producer. Transferring six months ago from Beacon school in Harper Woods, he came to Franklin, a seasoned impresario. Six full-fledged productions are credited to the name he made for himself there.

He is a gentlemanly and persuasive salesman. Impressed by his abilities as an artist, his teacher, Mrs. Brundage, and principal, Marjorie Tate, decided to "go along" with his idea for an all-school student production of "Peter Pan."

What they didn't bargain for was the relentless urge for perfection that drives this remarkable youngster.

Tom NOT ONLY had typed scripts ready for all 32 parts in the play but he had also had costumes made, scenery constructed, and a cast of 40 members.

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Peanut Butter Heads Salute To Mothers

Tables were turned—literally—for mothers of Mrs. Josephine Alberts' fourth-grade pupils at Beverly School in Birmingham.

The 48 youngsters manned the business end of the table and prepared for their mothers in honor of Mothers' Day.

The meal, designed to be a class project in nutrition, included a variety of sandwiches—among them, peanut butter and jelly—fried fruit salad, milk for the children and coffee for the adults.

PRACTICE SESSION for the luncheon was held the previous week. Fourth-graders made breakfast for themselves and the school principal, Malcolm Ferguson, the director of elementary curriculum, Bill Corliss, and Mrs. Alberts.

The youngsters streamlined their technique Friday by buttering the sandwiches assembly-line style, leaving energy to spare to present a program of choral reading and square dancing.

True to tradition, proved loyal and thoughtful. They showed up 100 per cent for the luncheon laboriously prepared by the youngsters, and brought with them dessert: cupcakes iced with Mrs. Alberts' recipe for the teacher's 30th year of teaching.

SYMPATHETICALLY, perhaps, they also presented a silver loving cup, engraved "Mrs. Alberts: the Greatest Teacher."

'Meet Candidates' Night Set Monday For Hills B of E

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Residents of Bloomfield Hills School District will have a chance to "Meet the Candidates" Monday at a PTO Council-sponsored rally at Bloomfield Hills Junior High School.

The meeting, which begins at 8 p.m., is planned to introduce the four candidates for two three-year terms posts on the board of education.

According to PTO Council President John McBride, the candidates will be allowed time to give a brief statement of their ideas and philosophy and a resume of their qualifications.

A question-answer session will follow.

FREDERICK L. SYME, 5575 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Township, is the latest candidate to join the race.

Syme, 38 is assistant manager-distributors for the Air Reduction Co., Detroit. A graduate of Robert Wood High School, he is the father of a pre-schooler. Syme is former president of the Forman's Wing Lake Association.

Incumbents Mrs. Jean Martz and Max Miller are seeking re-election. Mrs. Martz is a member of the Forman's Wing Lake Association.

VOTER REGISTRATION deadline is June 2. Poll hours will be from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 12.

Voting precincts are at Bloomfield Hills Community Church on German Hill Road for a municipal building and expanded library facilities two years ago. The Franklin Community Library directors are now all fired up about their move "up front" into the real estate office purchased with the village green.

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Swimming Pool Proposal Set for Hills School Vote

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — A proposal for a swimming pool addition to Bloomfield Hills High School is set for a vote by the June 12 Hills school board.

Board of education officials Monday night received petitions from a citizens group requesting the action.

The citizens requested that the pool issue be listed separate from other financial matters so voters can decide freely whether or not they want the addition.

According to Hills Treasurer Max Miller, the estimated construction of the project is \$500,000 and would cost each family about \$5 per year for a period of 20 years.

School officials and their legal aide are presently drawing up the proposal.

REPRESENTATIVES of O'Dell, Hewlett & Luchenbach, local architects, met with the board Monday to discuss the other scheduled additions to the high school.

According to architects, poor soil conditions and existing mechanical difficulties have increased the cost of the planned addition.

The board will convene Tuesday for a special meeting to consider a series of alternatives for bidding on construction work.

Fire Causes \$3,000 Damage to House

SOUTHFIELD — Fire caused \$3,000 worth of damage to a one-story brick home in Southfield on Friday.

Smoke damaged the contents of the home of Delbert Vowell, 22015 Beech. The fire was confined to the rear bedroom, where it originated in a mattress, according to Southfield Fire Department.

Franklin Library Turns New Leaf Begins 'Volume I' at Facilities in Town

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FRANKLIN—What a feeling a year or two makes!

Discouraged and a definite futile after voters denied the village a chance to buy the old Franklin Community Church on German Hill Road for a municipal building and expanded library facilities two years ago. The Franklin Community Library directors are now all fired up about their move "up front" into the real estate office purchased with the village green.

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WHILE EVERYTHING else around blossomed to the rapidly growing demand of the rush to suburbs, the little library had to stifle its dreams of providing a quiet reading because of public apathy. Only a handful seemed to care. But they cared a lot.

Hampered by a contracting budget which maintained the barest funds for staff, maintenance and heat, they nevertheless managed to keep the latest and best literature on the shelves. Now they have plans for adding nearly 1,900 volumes—but they still seek the means.

INVITED to share the larger space purchased recently by the village, the library hopes to increase its services and ultimately meet state standards of two and one-half volumes per capita with 40 per cent in adult fiction and non-fiction and 40 per cent juvenile reading material.

To do this, they'll need "friends," lots of friends.

And the best way to make friends, they've decided, is to constantly furnish the new quarters, concentrate on reference and resource materials to supplement school assignments, and keep the library open every day starting with the fall school term.

Adopt Budget For 1961-62 In Lathrup

LATHRUP — The 1961-62 city budget was adopted Monday night with \$194,250 deleterious to the general fund; \$48,750 to the DPW and \$65,400 set for the water department for a total of \$308,400.

A \$45,810 increase over the total 1960-61 budget includes a \$38,410 jump in general fund and an increase of \$8,000 in DPW.

According to City Administrator Gerald Stone, the increase is due to capital expenditures for sanitary and storm sewers; salary increases and new personnel; and a salary contingency rental for the municipal building.

ALSO ADOPTED at Monday's council meeting was an appropriation and tax levy resolution to cover the coming year's budget.

A levy of \$7.50 on each \$1,000 of assessed value plus an ad valorem property will be assessed for general fund purposes.

Three other levies will be a \$120 burglar alarm payment and the 1962 interest payment on general obligation storm sewer bonds. The third levy is a \$100 ad valorem property tax for the 1961 and '62 interest payments on sanitary sewer bonds.

Asher Tilchin Is Candidate For Con-Con

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Asher N. Tilchin, attorney and real estate developer, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Michigan constitutional convention.

Tilchin said, "The constitution is the overriding issue and rules governing the lives of the people of Michigan and the welfare of the state. The constitution is an awesome responsibility. I hope that my a d e m i c background and my experience with the law and my practical exposure to the business world will be of some benefit in the all important task facing us next fall."

Tilchin said, "I have begun a study of the constitution as it now stands and will attempt to make suggestions as the case goes on."

A RESIDENT of 5901 St. James, Tilchin is married and has three children. He has practiced law since 1949 and was active in land development and building in Oakland County.

He is serving as chairman of the lawyers committee of the Business and Professional Group of the county Democratic Party; is a member of the Michigan Bar and formerly headed the youth committee of the Jewish Community Center.

HE IS A PARTNER in a development firm which operates a chain of motels. He is a member of the Birmingham B'nai B'rith and is a member of the University of Michigan.

Lathrup to Study New Ordinance For Downspouts

LATHRUP—City Attorney Everett Hayes will review a proposed new downspout ordinance and present it to the city council meeting for a first reading.

The new ordinance will include provisions for the installation of downspouts leading to sanitary sewers and sets up procedures governing their construction.

A downspout board of appeals will rule on extreme hardship cases and the proposed ordinance will also cover previously granted appeals under an earlier ordinance.

Dust Control Work Underway in Village, Road Head Stays

BEVERLY HILLS — "Have patience. Weather permitting we'll have all unpaved streets treated within the next 10 days," Beverly Hills Road Commissioner Walter Kouba stated Monday night when the issue of dust control was discussed.

According to Kouba, the Valley Woods area dust control work is complete and the South Berkeley territory is presently being treated.

The area east of Southfield will be completed next and then final treatment will be put on major roads, he stated.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

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- Two Sculptors Convert Barn Into Studio 7-B
- City Waves Flag For Michigan Week 1-D
- Junior Group To Stage 4-Season Mart 1-C
- Maple Track Star Suffers Injury, Sideline for Year 8-E

Friends of Library To Meet Friday In New Building

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Friends of the library will hold its first official meeting in the new building Friday evening at 8. The library is located at 5030 Orchard Lake Road.

The new Board of Directors will be introduced and will discuss the present status of the library's operation, its financial structure and plans for the future. Information on the 2,000 books now in the library, on loan from the State Library Association, also will be given.

AN ELECTION of officers will be followed by a tour of the facilities. All interested township citizens may attend the meeting.

Volunteers who wish to assist in the operation of the library on a regular basis, may call Mrs. William Devereux at the library. Temporary hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays and Saturdays and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Meeting Wednesday With President Nicholas Rissello

MEETING WEDNESDAY with President Nicholas Rissello, the board is planning the best possible arrangement of shelves to accommodate 5,000 books.

The remodelled offices will hold a large table and plenty of chairs which will double for those evenings each month when the village council and committees meet in the library.

SPECIAL ATTENTION will be given to proper lighting. The big rustic fireplace may often have a roaring fire during the winter months to add charm and warmth to the more spacious atmosphere.

And, Mrs. Walter K. M. Rodgers will be on hand to continue 17 years of service as librarian, guiding counseling children by suggesting new books and just being generally gracious.