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An early morning fire that started in this garage caused an estimated \$25,000 damage to the home and property of Joseph R. Hainline.

Fire, Explosion Damage B'field Township Home

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Extensive repair work began last week after a fire and explosion caused about \$25,000 damage to the home of former newscaster Joseph R. Hainline.

The \$50,000 tri-level home at 735 Robinhood caught fire early Friday morning. The blaze began in the attached garage near cages of two pet chipmunks. Bloomfield Fire Chief Volley Yanuszewski believes electric light bulbs, used to keep the animals warm, were the cause of the fire.

Hainline discovered the fire and battled it with a hand extinguisher. After he and his wife and two daughters fled from the house, Hainline summoned the firemen. Two neighbors also called.

When Bloomfield Township firemen arrived, the two-car garage had caved in, the gas tank on the automobile had exploded and the gas meter coupling had broken and was feeding natural gas. Two fire trucks from Bloomfield Township fought the blaze with the help of a Troy engine. The fire was out by 6 a. m. It was reported about 5 a. m.

ACCORDING TO YANUSZEWSKI, one of the neighbors who called the fire department was misunderstood by the telephone operator. She apparently mistook "Robinhood" for "Robinwood" and summoned Troy firemen.

"Robinhood" is near Wattles and Adams. "Robinwood" is near Robinson and Adams.

3 Act Promptly To Save Woman From Auto Fire

SOUTHFIELD — A Southfield mother of three was spared a possibly serious injury last Thursday morning by the prompt action of two Southfield DPW employees and a Birmingham man.

Mrs. W. H. Blumberg, 18168 Dorset, was still sitting behind the wheel of her car, apparently suffering from shock following a collision with a car driven by Lewis J. Warner, 2367 Fairway, Birmingham.

THE ACCIDENT occurred about 9 a. m. at Dorset and Southfield, during a heavy rain. Following the collision Southfield DPW employees Fred Edwards and Russell Graf radioed a report to the police department, then routed traffic around the accident while waiting for police.

THE TWO MEN were about a block away in a city truck when the collision occurred. When a fire started in the motor and under the dashboard of Mrs. Blumberg's car, Warner helped her out while Edwards and Graf ran back to their truck to get a fire extinguisher. They put out the fire just as police arrived.

Dearborn Man, 35, Killed in Excavation Cave-In in S'field

SOUTHFIELD — A Dearborn man was killed Saturday when the pit of an excavation at Southfield collapsed and buried him. The victim was Richard P. Letizio, 35, who was on arrival at William Beaumont Hospital.

LETIZIO WAS at the bottom of the excavation when Southfield police and firemen arrived at about 2:10 p. m., Saturday. Workmen had already uncovered Letizio's head and shoulders, firemen said. Police and firemen dug the victim out and moved him to the surface. Firemen said they used a 10-foot ladder to reach Letizio. The excavation was being made by the Colliast Construction Co., Dearborn, the police said.

Aerate Ground After Gas Leak Nearly Explodes

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The gas explosion of a home was averted last Wednesday when Bloomfield Township fire department putting out a minor fire discovered "an above explosive limit" gas leak condition.

A crew of men from Consumers Power Co. worked 24-hour shifts last week to aerate the ground below and near the home at 6702 Castrol. Workmen are still checking the soil conditions.

The new and unoccupied home was purchased earlier last week by Paul E. Sallin, who presently resides at 129 Westchester, Birmingham.

ACCORDING TO Bloomfield Township Fire Chief Volley Yanuszewski, Sallin's son went to check the house and found it very hot. After discovering flickering flames in the basement, he called the fire department, Chief Yanuszewski said. The township's fire engine, engine No. 3 extinguished the furnace room fire which caused about \$110 damage. A wire shorting out to the drain pipe from the sump pipe ignited the seeping gas.

YANUSZEWSKI SAID firemen called a Consumers Power serviceman who discovered gas coming out of the sump and soil pipe in the floor.

A test revealed the leaking gas was due to a broken service main. It also showed the house and lots surrounding the house were dangerously charged with gas.

ACCORDING TO a representative of Consumers Power, the service main had been torn apart by excavating equipment used on the property since the main was installed in September.

Yanuszewski commented that it was fortunate the fire was discovered. "The house would probably have blown up and it wouldn't have been much more than a hole in the ground," he said.

Township Youth Hits 3 Parked Cars On Quarton Road

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — A Bloomfield Hills youth was reported in satisfactory condition at William Beaumont Hospital Tuesday morning following an accident Monday evening on Quarton Road about one-quarter mile west of Telegraph Road.

Timothy David, 21, suffered internal injuries. He lives at 4855 Franklin Road.

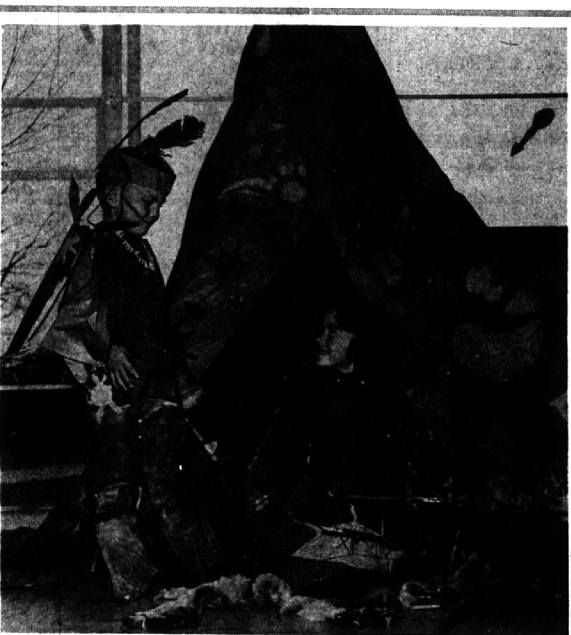
Bloomfield Township police said David hit three parked cars. The accident was witnessed by Officer Robert Beauchamp who was driving east on Quarton Road at the time of the accident. David was headed west on Quarton Road.

A reckless driving ticket was issued to David.

To Attend Meeting

LATHRUP — City Administrator Gerald Stone will attend the annual conference of the International City Managers Association Nov. 28-30 at Miami Beach, Fla.

Stone will combine his business trip for the city with part of his vacation returning home Dec. 3, city officials said.



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Indian Know-How

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Hills B of E Sets Policy Of Non-Discrimination

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Non-discrimination in the hiring of teachers and other school employees was adopted as official board policy by Bloomfield Hills Board of Education at its meeting Monday night.

Another action approved employment of professional consultants to make two studies—one on teacher salary schedules and the other on recreational programs—for the school district.

ADOPTION OF non-discrimination as an official policy by the board came after school superintendent Eugene Johnson reported that he had been questioned as to the district's policy in choosing employees.

Johnson explained that there has been no discrimination practiced in the hiring of school employees, and asked the board if it wished to make the policy official.

The motion that "the most qualified applicant be hired regardless of race, color or creed" was made by Max Miller and passed unanimously.

A MAXIMUM OF \$500 was voted by the board for the hiring of a recreational planning expert to assist a volunteer committee in the study of a recreational program for the school district.

Serving on the recreation committee are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gehrand, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forshaw, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Mersky, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hutzgins, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hertzler and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brogan.

SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON was empowered to hire "at his discretion" Michigan State Bureau of School Service to make a study of teacher salary and benefits.

The study will assist the board in its forward planning in salary schedules and fringe benefits for the district's teaching staff.

Set Petition Deadline

LATHRUP — Council has designated April 1, 1962 as the deadline for submitting 1962 paving petitions.

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Deny Change On Middlebelt, 14 Mile Zoning

By SAVILLA SLOAN Special Writer

WEST BLOOMFIELD — The township board voted at its meeting last week not to rezone to commercial a five-acre parcel of land at Middlebelt and 14 Mile Road.

The board's action followed an on-the-spot study of the land, after having tabled the issue at its meeting two weeks previously.

Noticeably absent from the meeting last week were the two board members—Walter Whitmer and Emmett DeConick—whose motion the matter had been tabled.

THE OTHER FIVE members of the board voted unanimously not to rezone the property.

In doing so, they followed a recommendation made by Oakland County Coordinating and Planning Committee, which had found the site unsuitable for commercial usage. They by-passed the West Bloomfield Township Planning Commission which had received several months earlier in favor of its commercial use.

IN CASTING his vote board member Charles Forbes said he would like to go on record as to his reasons for voting against the rezoning.

"I disagree with spot zoning," he said, "and I think there is a hazard there with the elementary school across the street. The property might well be used for multiple zoning or a church."

A NUMBER OF residents of subdivisions near the property in question attended the board meeting. They expressed satisfaction with the board's decision.

They have vigorously opposed the planning commission's earlier commitment to make the land commercial.

Table Action On Multiple Zone Request

BEVERLY HILLS — The village council Monday night tabled a request for rezoning property on 13 Mile near Southfield to multiple dwelling residence.

The request, submitted by William N. Gilmore, 32075 Waltham, Beverly Hills, asked for a change from residential to multiple dwelling. The property is located on commercial property on 13 Mile at Southfield and the village offices.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT Marvin B. Cline stated he thought multiple dwellings would have an adverse effect on adjacent lots.

Gilmore said he would bring in a new proposal and petition on the property.

Lathrup Schedules Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

LATHRUP — Date for the annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony has been changed to Dec. 17, it was announced at council meeting Monday.

As in past years, Santa Claus will arrive in his helicopter, the Birney School band will play and carol singing will be featured. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will participate in the event.

The tree, a giant blue spruce, was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Flemming of Glenwood.

Teacher's Dad to Lead Hoosiers' Concert Here

BEVERLY HILLS — When "Indiana's Ambassadors to the World," the "Singing Hoosiers" and "Hoosier Queens," appear at Wylie E. Groves High School auditorium next Wednesday evening, they will be directed by the father of the school's vocal instructor, Fritz Krueger.

George F. Krueger, professor of choral music at Indiana University, will direct the singing groups in their second appearance at Groves. The performance will begin at 8 p. m.

THE "HOOSIERS" are sponsored jointly in their local presentation by the Groves Senior Choir and the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham.

Every year since 1938, the Singing Hoosiers have given a concert at Groves. This year, the group, as the Men's Concert Choir, they were re-christened in 1949.

WHEN THEY began to tour for the State Department in 1952, the Hoosier Queens became a part of the company. They have traveled over 100,000 miles and sung to approximately 19 million persons since Krueger took over the directorship in 1949.

GEORGE F. KRUEGER



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Bloomfield Hills School Superintendent Eugene Johnson (left) surveys progress on the new junior high school being constructed at Kensington and Opdyke roads. With him are architects, Charles H. MacMahon Jr. (center) and Peter Tarapata. Contracts were awarded Oct. 12.

Footings and foundations are in and workmen will continue construction through the winter. The parking lots and drives are in and most of the former gravel pit site has been seeded. The building should be ready for occupancy by September, 1962.

New Junior High Going Up

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