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## Lathrup Eyes Zoning Change On 12 Mile

LATHRUP—An amendment to the zoning ordinance to provide for transitional - professional (TP) zoning, including a parking green belt, for a short block of 12 Mile Road, will be prepared by City Attorney Everett Hayes.

FROM THE ALLEY west of Southfield Road, the first five lots would be zoned for parking green belt and TP; from there west to Guy Place, the lots would be TP.

The rear of the latter TP lots would include a green belt area where they are contiguous to residential property.

THE 12 MILE ROAD property is now zoned single residential.

Michael DiMatteo Construction Co. petitioned late last year for the zoning change. They proposed to build a medical clinic.

A REPORT ON Southfield Road residential property was requested by Mayor Pro Tem Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell. She asked City Administrator Jerald Stone to detail the number of such lots that could be changed to TP zoning. The report would also indicate lot sizes.

## Hills B of E Approves Audit Of Past Year

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Cost of operating schools in Bloomfield Hills School District for the fiscal year ending June 15, 1961 was $1,732,551, according to the annual school audit.

The audit was approved by the school board at its meeting Tuesday night.

Operating income for the year was $1,932,095.

Seventy-five per cent of the revenue is from local taxes within the school district. State Aid, plus a small special education fund, accounts for the remainder.

Total school taxes in the district are 24.47 mills on an equalized property valuation of $85,755,410. Of this amount, 15.73 mills are used for school operation and 8.75 mills retire bonded indebtedness for school buildings and site purchases.

BOTH OPERATING income and operating expenses were higher than anticipated.

Income was 106 per cent of annual estimate. Expenses were 102 per cent of the budget figures.

SCHOOL BOARD policy since 1959 when tax payers voted an additional 4.6 mills for school operation has been to try to build up a cash reserve at the end of the fiscal year. The reserve is used to help finance the school operation from June until the next tax money is collected in January, and cuts down the amount which must be borrowed until that time.

The cash position for June, 1961 was $328,800—up $20,000 over 1960.

However, with 18 new classrooms being opened this fall, the district had to borrow $600,000 for operation this fall. Last year it borrowed $500,000.

SCHOOL BOARD members noted with satisfaction that, although the district still has to borrow, it is not deficit borrowing as it was in 1958, when the annual audit showed the district approximately $50,000 in the red.

## Pontiac Man Mute On Morals Charge

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — A 20-year-old Pontiac man stood mute on arraignment before Circuit Judge William J. Beer Monday on charges of indecent exposure.

Bond of $1,000 was continued for Larry John Glass. Date of trial was not set.

GLASS WAS TRACED through the license number of his car by Township Det. James Keller, after several complaints from the parents of young girls had been received. Keller said the car had been seen following school buses on several occasions and that complaints had been coming in since Sept. 14.

## Attorney Addresses Country Day Boys

BEVERLY HILLS — Detroit Country Day School boys listened to Attorney Anthony Buesser in his discussion of "The Law" on Friday.

Buesser is an associate member of the firm of Chase, Goodenough, and Buesser. He graduated from Country Day in 1948, and received BA and MA degrees in English from the University of Michigan.

## Boughs Ever After In Bloomfield's Saga of the Trees

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — There's a 200-year-old butternut tree in all its autumnal glory on Lone Pine Road between Lahser and Telegraph. Along with other ancient trees, it makes the road shady and inviting in the summer and a joy to behold in the fall.

Residents along Lone Pine and in adjoining subdivisions are attached to the natural beauty of the trees. So much so, that when plans for paving the road threatened their existance, they fought to save the trees.

Just how it was done becomes the story of Bloomfield Township's road committee, which listened sympathetically to the residents' cause and set out to see what could be done.

The fight was won two weeks ago when the township board accepted an agreement with the Oakland County Road Commission for the paving of Lone Pine in 1962, complete with installation of curbs and gutters at an estimated cost of $104,000-to be borne equally by the road commission and the township.

PROVISION FOR CURBS and gutters was necessary to preserve the trees. Original plans of the County Road Commission called for ditches to carry off surface road water. The ditches would have been dug just where the trees line the roadside.

The provision that the Road Commission would share equally with the township the cost of the curbs and gutters was another important provision, for originally the Road Commission had refused to consider paying any share of the extra cost to provide curbs and gutters.

THE CHANGE IN heart of the Road Commission is due to efforts of Bloomfield Township's road committee, which township officials were foresighted enough to establish several years ago.

The innovation of a road committee for a township might have seemed at the time, a bit superflous because the roads in the township are the responsibility of the Oakland County Road Commission, a completely autonomous governmental unit.

However, a program for improvement of township roads on a 50-50 cost with the Road Commission was being developed, and township officials foresaw the need for study of which township roads should be improved under the program.

FRED CHAPMAN accepted the chairmanship along with his duties as newly-elected township road commissioner. Serving with him are township Treasurer Henry Hogan Jr. and Gordon Geteinger, Police Chief Norman Dehnke and Township Treasurer Homer Case as an ex-officio adviser.

The section of Lone Pine west of Lahser was selected by the committee as part of the joint road improvement program for 1961.

THE COUNTY ROAD Commission accepted the selection. It submitted a figure of $86,000 as the estimated cost of improving the roadbed, paving the road and installing the ditches.

When residents complained to the township over the proposed

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## Man Stands Mute At Arraignment In Assault Case

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Charged with assault with intent to murder after his car struck a Bloomfield Township resident on Sept. 5, a Pontiac man stood mute on his arraignment Monday in Circuit Court.

Judge William J. Beer continued bond at $5,000 for Robert L. Hackney, 20. No trial date was set.

THE VICTIM, Mark Lightfoot, 45, is still in Pontiac General Hospital suffering injuries to both legs. He is listed in fair condition by the hospital. He is an assistant experimental engineer at the Pontiac Motor division, General Motors Corp.

Several witnesses, most of them Pontiac Motor division supervisory personnel, said Hackney deliberately drove onto the Motorcar Transport Co. parking lot, hit Lightfoot and drove off. Hackney told police he did not realize he had hit Lightfoot until later.

ACCORDING TO A statement made to The Eccentric by the county prosecutor's office in September, Lightfoot was struck as a result of an incident that occurred the night before at the gate of the parking lot, next door to a home where Hackney was visiting a girl.

Other witnesses said Hackney said he "wanted to get a certain supervisor," according to the prosecutor's office.

## *Meeting Set To Discuss Sewage Rate*

LATHRUP — Progress on two aspects of Lathrup's sewer program wait on further negotiation.

A meeting was set for Wednesday of this week with State Health Department's Don Pierce, and County DPW director R. J. Alexander and council members.

PURPOSE OF the meeting is to attempt to work out rate of sanitary sewage flow into the Evergreen Interceptor. Council members hope to establish the nine-tenths cubic feet per second of flow for 1,000 persons (CFS) as proposed by Lathrup.

The Lathrup figure represents a compromise between the county's proposed four-tenths CFS and the state's 1½ CFS.

ON THE STORM sewer program, extension of the Roseland line to the Evans Ditch is held up pending agreement on location and size of an easement west of Santa Barbara and in line with Roseland.

The easement would be on property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Kelley.

Disconnection of downspouts is progressing, City Administrator Jerald Stone said, with about 300 homes surveyed already. Only an approximate 10 per cent have been issued violation warnings, Stone said.

## *Off Agenda— On Ground*

LATHRUP—"Off the agenda at last," breathed council members Monday night as City Administrator Jerald Stone reported signing of a contract for concrete paving of one block of Bloomfield.

Work will be completed by Nov. 1, Stone said, by Western Construction Co., owned by Anthony Vittiglio.

The section to be paved extends up to the southern edge of the 11 Mile Road right-of-way. Cost will be $4.50 per square yard.

PART OF THE 1959 paving program, the work was delayed by changes in type of surfacing desired by residents. Because gravel paving was originally scheduled under a special assessment program, 100 per cent approval of residents was necessary to change to concrete.

Hairstylists Chett Sands and Gerald Haynes of Franklin Road put the finishing touches on the latest thing in fashion, a wig modeled by Diann Stratman.

## *Style Comes to a Head In Local Beauty Palace*

By NITA HARD
Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN — Santa, honey—don't let me disturb your good work. Keep right on counting minks, fur-lined convertibles and 14 carat goodies for the usual Yuletide knick - knack exchange.

NOW MIND YOU, you jolly old elf—they can't be bought with box-tops. And, it takes from four to six weeks to get delivery—so we thought now would be a good time to tuck this little thought under your tassled cap, for the coolest clue since the automatic washer.

Made of human hair in Germany, although wigs are pretty international . . . we've seen some from France, they're not as wacky as you may think. Just the ticket for the busy mother, committeewoman, career gal or sports lover, wigs are a real breakthrough of the bobby-pin barrier.

With this standby thatching, women are emancipated from the roller routine that has more than one man wondering if he married a UNIVAC. This kind of ready-for-everything-anytime grooming is bound to result in more home-cooked meals cause less time will have to be spent at the hair-dressers.

"IT'S THE ANSWER", the lovelies are chorusing. Married to fine executive type males, the sweet things want to look their best. But the new high, wide and handsome hairstyles require frequest trips to beauty shop and every self-respecting cutie is caught in the crush.

In between coifs, the bouffant hairdo collapses and the little woman is a gonner 'til her next appointment.

That's why wigs offer a whole new horizon.

WEIGHING ABOUT four ounces, they fit snuggly over the real thing and are ordered to match milady's own tresses. Starting out eight inches in all-over length, they are cut and styled to the individual the shorter, the perkier.

After the initial "do", a dis-

(See STYLE, 5-E)

## Robert L. Templin To Address Group Of GOP Women

SOUTHFIELD—Robert L. Templin, assistant prosecuting attorney of Oakland County, will be guest speaker at the next regular meeting of the Southfield Republican Women's Club.

The meeting will be held on Monday at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. H. M. Lockhart, 25705 Circle Drive. Interested women in the Southfield area may contact Mrs. Lockhart for further information.

## Submits Resignation From Committee

LATHRUP—Because he will be unable to attend many of the meetings of the Budget, Audit and Business Procedures Advisory committee, Veld E. Blue formally resigned from the committee in a letter to the council last week.

John J. Fox, 28051 Woodworth Way, has been appointed to replace Blue.

## B'field Twp. Man To Be Committed To Vet Hospital

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — A 33-year-old Bloomfield Township man, a former mental patient, will be committed in the near future to a veterans' hospital in Battle Creek, Township Police Chief Norman Dehnke said Monday.

The man had been held in the Sept. 8 beating of Mrs. Mildred Steel 235 Keating. Township police later released him, pending further study of the case.

DEHNKE SAID the man was released into the custody of his parents who have arranged for his commitment.

Mrs. Steels was treated and released from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital following the beating.

## Stone to Ready Tree Replacement Plan for Lathrup

LATHRUP — City Administrator Jerald Stone was asked by council Monday to prepare a program for tree replacement on city parkways. It is hoped such a program can be partially instituted this fall and replacement of trees completed next spring.

Forestry Advisory Committee chairman Alvin Plumtree recommended that trees of a maximum 1½ inch trunk size be planted, preferably in the fall.

THEY SHOULD meet with specifications in the city tree ordinance, both as to kind of tree and spacing of plantings, Plumtree said, with the DPW determining location where stumps exist.

Where desired, the city could do the planting, he suggested, with residents paying for the tree. Plumtree estimated cost of trees of the right size and kind at about $7.50.

There are an estimated 500 trees missing in Lathrup, about half of them in populated areas, he noted.

## Southfield Man Faces Charges In Fraud Case

SOUTHFIELD — A Southfield man and five other men stood mute on arraignment before Circuit Judge William J. Beer Monday charged with three counts of conspiracy.

Bond for Ivan Batten, 46, of 29400 Fall River, and four of the men was continued at $10,000. Bond for the other man is $5,000. Trial dates were not set.

THE MEN ARE charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, conspiracy to obtain money under false pretenses and conspiracy to avoid paying the state sales tax.

The charges involved an alleged $100,000 fraud on the Ferndale branch of the General Public Loan Co.

THE OTHER MEN are Peter Lazaros, 27, of Troy; Gino Ronchetto, 33, of Garden City; Robert Levine, 27, of Detroit; William Tees, 39, of Detroit and Frank Beznos of Huntington Woods.

The six are accused by police of forging names to credit statements, of selling household goods to bad credit risks and putting loans through the Ferndale loan company branch.

There were originally eight men against whom warrants were issued; one man was never apprehended; the other was named just a co-conspirator.

FOLLOW AMERICAN PAINTERS ABROAD

## *Art Lures Couples on Tour*

By IRMA N. DAVIS
Staff Writer

LATHRUP — Richard H. Anderson of San Quentin Drive bought a snow-white shirt in Rome not too long ago. It is a very colorful item —at least in the laundry, where it remains white until it hits the bleach.

There it turns a bright, bright red and remains this startling hue until dipped in rinse water. Then it subsides and reverts to its original pristine whiteness.

This lapse in the laundry is just one reason why Mrs. Anderson is sure she will never forget the couple's recent three-week whirlwind tour of four European cities. They returned Oct. 8.

THE ANDERSONS made the trip with neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. John Paulus of Rainbow Drive and 116 other members of the Archives of American Art.

The tour was an experiment by the Archives—a first—and its purpose was to follow the route of American painters abroad. Archives members visited Amsterdam, Rome, Paris and London where they observed the sights seen by yankee painters—where they lived, what they painted.

Visits to state-owned and private collections were included in the Archives tour and members were given the opportunity to compare the achievements of European and American sculptors and painters.

The group "concentrated" on modern art.

"Everything was so well-organized," Mrs. Anderson commented, "that we hardly had time to change our clothes."

MEMBERS OF THE GROUP were guests of the American embassy in each city and were honored at reception after reception.

Their adventure began in New York at a pre-flight party at the Dorset Hotel on Sept. 21. The next day their chartered plane took off from Idlewild Airport, filled with owners and directors of art museums and art-lovers from all over the country.

The flight was smooth, as was every detail of the trip—with one exception . . .

. . . only half of the Andersons' luggage arrived in Amsterdam. The other half pursued a mysterious journey of its own, finally winding up in New York City after the Andersons returned home.

"We just bought things as we needed them, after that," said Mrs. Anderson. "That's why Richard bought the white shirt in Rome."

THE TWO COUPLES found that food, clothing, "everything," was more expensive overseas.

"In Amsterdam, for instance, we drew the best room in the hotel and then the bathroom was only two feet wide. The group had just about the best of everything over there, from accommodations to food, and yet nothing compared to even the everyday items over here."

Nevertheless, they enjoyed themselves thoroughly and were impressed with the interest of the "man-in-the-street" in art.

"The museums were filled with whole families during the weekends," Mrs. Anderson said.

Both couples felt that American art—at least in the area of modern work—was better than what they saw abroad and their only regret was the lack of time to see "more of the Old Masters."

AT EVERY HOTEL, invitations to visit private collections and exhibits awaited them. Highlights were the opportunity to visit the famous collection of Hugo Gloutbier, the ambassador from Brazil, while in Rome.

Another highlight in the Italian city was an audience with the Pope.

"We were told there would be only 2,000 people there. It was more like 21,000," said Mrs. Anderson, "but we were lucky. We were in the front row."

A reception at the U. S. embassy in Rome was unexpectedly cancelled due to the serious international situation and "we were rather frightened. The next day, however, they told us the worst part of the scare was over."

MRS. ANDERSON SAID the Coliseum was especially impressive and "to be actually in the place where the early Christians were martyred was very inspiring. Sometimes we tend to take our faith for granted—but not after that."

Only Mrs. Paulus spoke a language other than English but the "couriers" who accompanied them smoothed the way for the travelers.

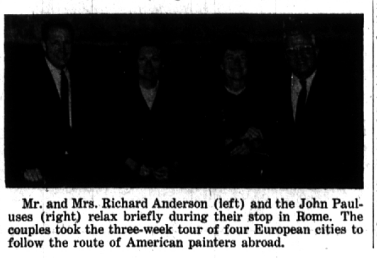
"We had trouble in clothing stores when we wanted to indicate a size," Mrs. Anderson noted. "Another time we decided to pass up the coffee in a restaurant—it's uniformly horrible over there—and we ordered hot chocolate. They brought us a gravy boat full of chocolate sauce."

NEVERTHELESS, the four travelers from Lathrup overcame the language barrier enough to bring home everything from prints to perfumes for the seven Anderson daughters and the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Paulus.

They also brought back memories and a strong desire to make the trip next year with the Archives group.

And, in the case of the Andersons, they hope to be able to send their daughters abroad some time in the future.

"Especially our Joan," Mrs. Anderson said. "She's an art major and wants to study at the Sorbonne."



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson (left) and the John Paluses (right) relax briefly during their stop in Rome. The couples took the three-week tour of four European cities to follow the route of American painters abroad.

## Franklin Discusses New Office Move, Road Plan Finances

FRANKLIN — Moving day for the Franklin village offices to new quarters on the village green is set for Oct. 31.

With repairs due for completion this week, according to Councilman Edward Green, painting of the interior and the installation of several lighting fixtures should make the offices tenable shortly after Oct. 24.

It is expected the council will hold its next regular meeting, Nov. 13, in the refurbished area of the former real estate office which will also serve as enlarged quarters for the Franklin Community Library.

For the first time since incorporation, village offices will occupy space on village owned property.

Several years after becoming a village, official business was conducted in a partitioned section on the second floor of the old Franklin Community Hall, enjoying the free hospitality of the Franklin Community Association.

On Jan. 27, 1958, fire destroyed the historic landmark. Village records were first moved to safety to the church. Several days later temporary offices were established in the back store room of a former drug store on Franklin Road. Here routine daily business was conducted while council meetings were held in a basement room of the church.

About a year later, arrangements were made to rent office space on the second floor of the same building, over the Golfdale Food Market. Village offices and council meetings have been conducted here ever since.

UPON PURCHASE of the village green property this spring, the village became owners of the small frame building (which Bert Wood village historian says was once Sammy Green's woodshed). The one-story structure served as real estate offices for George Wellington Smith for 35 years, housing, the small but independent community library as well.

The village waited through the summer for Smith to build new offices just across the street. Early this fall, after he vacated, some major repairs were made along with the installation of a septic field, plumbing, a well and central heating.

The council took steps Monday night to notify their present landlord, John Showers, of their intention to vacate the premises by the end of October.

So far, no plans have been revealed for a formal dedication.

AT THE SPECIAL meeting held Monday night to complete the monthly agenda, the council entered into its minutes an eight-mill program progress report, as of Oct. 1, submitted by the chairman of the road advisory committee, Stan Hunter.

Hunter's figures sharply refute the optimistic outlook of councilmen last week. The council anticipated approximately $16,000 in surplus — indicating a possible modification of the five-year eight-mill program, now in its third year.

HUNTER STATES IN his report that of the $56,800 budgeted, $31,179 was spent for the base contract this year. Some $5,650.82 has been spent for change orders, a partial payment of $4,175.90 goes for engineering charge with another $740 for engineering fees on a two per cent basis. A total of $4,842 of the $6,600 budgeted for chloriding has been spent to Oct. 1 with a final chloriding, yet to come, costing about $2,200.

Though there appears to be a balance of about $7,917, Hunter states there will be an additional charge under administrative and engineering fees. He also pointed out that there is about $1,000 in delinquent taxes, adding that about $5,000 is usually held in reserve to do road work next year before taxes are paid.

A DISCREPANCY occurs because of the complex structure of Franklin road authorities. Three men are authorized to issue work orders.

Hunter as chairman of the three-man road advisory committee, Norman Naimark as street commis-

(See MOVE, 4-E)

## Change Chairmen Of Commissions In Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS—Heads of village commissions were shuffled around Monday giving three councilmen new responsibilities.

Leo Linnenmeyer asked to be relieved of the road commission responsibilities because he is a resident of Beverly Road, an avenue that is part of a proposed paving program. Linsenmeyer said he did not want to be in a position to determine financing of the program.

CLAUDE SHEPHARD agreed to take over the duties. Linsenmeyer was named head of the finance and administration and public relations commission, a position filled by former councilman Charles M. Dotterrer Jr., who has moved from the state.

Chester F. Guilmet, appointed last week to fill Dotterrer's vacancy, will take over Shephard's duties as head of the commission on parks, recreation and capital improvement.

## Southfield Board Group Names Curtis VP

SOUTHFIELD—Charles L. Curtis, secretary of the Southfield Board of Education, has been elected vice president of the Oakland School Board Association.

Curtis replaces Mrs. Katheryn Hunt of Birmingham who became president.

Curtis is Southfield's postmaster.

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