TEN CENTS OCTOBER 26, 1961 SECTION E

'round the towns news

The Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM MICHIGAN

BEVERLY HILLS • BINGHAM FARMS • FRANKLIN • WOOD CREEK • LATHRUP • BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP • WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP • NORTH ADAMS • SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP • SOUTHFIELD CITY

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Pick Apples for Charity

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The apple supply at the Charles Rigdon residence on Applewood Lane was a good deal less after this weekend. The Rigdons, whose home is on property that was formerly an orchard, each year invite the Rochester Jaycees to pick the fruit. The group arived both Saturday and Sunday to haul away an abundance of apples. The sale of cider made from them helps to build a fund that will be spent to entertain area children. The money is usually used for an Easter egg hunt, a Christmas parade and youth safety programs. The Rigdons' son, Donald, is former president of the group and their daughter-in-law is president of the Michigan auxiliary.

Beverly Okays Road Plan — Except 14 Mile Route

BEVERLY HILLS—In a letter to the Oakland County Road Commission this week, Beverly Hills gave tentative approval to the proposed county road project in the village—with the exception of the 14 Mile Road extension.

"We feel the traffic occurring at Southfield and 14 Mile could be handled by alternate routing," Councilman Leo J. Linsenmeyer stated.

Linsenmeyer, who wrote the letter as former head of the village's road commission, resigned from the post last week. Councilman Claude Shephard will act on road matters in the future.

CONTINUING, Linsenmeyer said, "We are of the opinion that much of the possible traffic on 14 Mile would be by residents of Westchester and Bloomfield Village to whom alternate routes would be no imposition.

"Because of the necessary bridging and acquisition of right-of-way costs and alternate routes for traffic flow, we would ask you to consider instead the use of Southfield north of 14 Mile and expansion of the now restricted use of Lincoln. Stop streets, one-lane traffic use, permitted parking and potential use of the existing island, make this worthy of consideration.

"WE ALSO FEEL the paving of Evergreen is inevitable," he continued, "and would like you to consider this now and to be tied into the extension of 14 Mile from Evergreen, west. We would be pleased to discuss this with Southfield and Lathrup.

"In addition, the village feels that the extension of 14 mile would substantially increase short-cutting traffic on Riverside. This would aggravate the five-point intersection at Beverly and Southfield.

"WE WOULD like to ask specific questions relative to details of the balance of the program.

1. "When do you plan to construct each of the other three portions? Our financing will be a serious demand on other available bonding capacity now proposed for imperative sewer, water and paving projects.

2. "As proposed by others, would four divided lanes be more desirable than the five proposed?

3. "As your plans exist, to what extent would you plan curb and gutter, assuming present sewer capacity would exist?

4. "When may we have copies of your proposed plans and rights-of-way layouts?"

West B'field Gets $75,000 State Aid Loan for Schools

WEST BLOOMFIELD — The West Bloomfield school district has been authorized to borrow $75,000 against state aid, one of 37 Michigan school districts whose borrowings were approved by the State Department of Public Instruction.

State Supt. Lynn M. Bartlett said that nearly $40 million has been authorized against current aid payments by these latest borrowings.

THE OAKLAND County Board of Supervisors' Ways and Means Committee agreed last week to recommend the board's approval of a $6 million bond issue for county road improvements when the board meets Nov. 7.

The balance of the total $11 million would be met by tax monies on hand and from payments by the 12 benefiting cities and villages.

ACCORDING TO County Road Commission Engineer Paul VanRoekel, Beverly Hills will not get a definite answer to their letter. VanRoekel said there were financing problems and major roads to concentrate on before negotiating any specific details.

Bingham Fence Issue Hearing Set Nov. 27

BINGHAM FARMS—Adjoining its regular monthly council meeting to assume the duties of the zoning board of appeals, the Bingham Farms council Monday evolved a plan to handle the controversial matter of fencing on Bristol Lane.

In receipt of a letter from Robert VanderPyl of Bristol Lane asking for a variance of the fence code to allow him to keep a bamboo screen in staggered sections between his lot and his neighbor's unfinished home, the council tabled the request for a month. This was to allow time for another neighbor, Dr. Paul D. Bartlett, to re-submit a similar request for an eight-foot screening structure. A public hearing of both matters will be held Nov. 27, after residents within 1,000 feet of those properties have been notified.

EVAN REIM AND Maurice Robbins were appointed deputy village clerks to work with Street Commissioner Donald Morse on the details of circulating petitions for the creation of a special assessment district for the blacktopping of Bristol Lane, Sager and Bristol Courts.

The council adopted an 11-page ordinance, No. 10, at a special meeting earlier this month, setting up the legal machinery for the creation of such a special assessment district.

Residents will receive a copy of the ordinance along with a schedule of financing, prior to the signing of petitions.

A FALL GRADING of village roads has been scheduled for the latter part of this week. Morse indicated, however, that the late grading might create a need for additional chloriding, although no dust control treatment is planned at this time.

"We'll just have to hope there aren't too many complaints," Morse said. "Another chloriding would cost $960 and it won't be needed after a few more weeks."

Village Clerk Mrs. Jean Kalmbach reported that Bingham Farms elections had been criticized by the state election inspector.

The method of canvassing the vote and the lack of a railing at the polls were among the details cited.

There will also be a new procedure for registering voters, she informed the council.

Mother Strangles At Dinner in Son's Home in Lathrup

LATHRUP—The mother of a Lathrup man strangled on a piece of meat that lodged in her throat Saturday evening while eating dinner at her son's home.

Mrs. Martha L. Jones, 64, of Niles Ohio, was dead on arrival at William Beaumont Hospital.

The son, Howard R. Jones, 17648 Glenwood, was administering mouth to mouth breathing when Lathrup police arrived. A Southfield Fire Department resuscitator crew was unsuccessful in attempts to revive Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. Jones had arrived Saturday for a visit, her son said.

Beverly Residents Asked to Use Care In Burning Leaves

BEVERLY HILLS — Village Road Commissioner Walter Kouba today requested residents to take care when burning leaves.

Kouba has asked that villagers not burn leaves on the asphalt pavement or over open drains.

He explained that persons should not burn rubbish in a manner that could menace public health because of smoke, ashes or offensive odor and every precaution should be taken to guard against fire hazards.

Lahser Light Not Needed, Parents Told

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — After hearing reports on traffic conditions in front of three parochial schools on Lahser south of Lincoln, Bloomfield Township's board advised parents of children attending the schools to have an independent study made by traffic engineers, if they persisted in thinking a traffic light should be installed on Lahser.

A report, made by Township Police Chief Norman Dehnke to the board at its meeting Monday night, concluded that there was no need for a traffic light.

DEHNKE TOLD the board that after observing traffic conditions at the schools for a week, he felt a traffic light "would be more a hindrance than a help."

Dehnke did advise the installation of sidewalks on the east side of Lahser south of Lincoln to keep children from walking on the shoulder of the road.

Parents were advised that sidewalks could be installed by special assessment district only, and would have to be paid for by the schools which own the property.

DEHNKE'S REPORT observed that only 25 to 32 children cross Lahser to walk home and that safe crossing was effected by a guard who assisted children across.

He said that he found an even

(See LIGHT, 3-E)

No Quorum, No Meeting In W. B'field

WEST BLOOMFIELD — "It's never happened before," embarrassed members of West Bloomfield Township's board said after a quorum of board members failed to appear at its regularly scheduled meeting last week.

Only three members, Township Supervisor John Rehard, Clerk Dorothy Chamberlain and Trustee Walter Whitmer were present.

Treasurer Sue Warner is on vacation. Trustee John Warren phoned he would be unable to make the meeting. Trustee Emmet DeConick was ill.

It would have left a quorum . . . except that Trustee Charles Forbes was out of town.

Two groups of township residents were particularly disturbed by the meeting's cancellation.

A group of Sagamore Estates residents were present for a hearing on a special assessment improvement district for subdivision sewers.

ANOTHER GROUP from Franklin Valley Subdivision had attended to learn what action the board would take on rezoning of the northeast corner of Middlebelt and 14 Mile Road.

The township planning commission has recommended that the corner be made commercial, despite a protest by some several hundred residents of the subdivision at a public hearing held last summer.

The plan for rezoning the property commercial has since been disapproved by the Oakland County Coordination Committee.

The township board was to have made a final decision on the issue at the meeting.

All matters on the agenda of the missed meeting will be taken up at its next regular meeting date, Nov. 1.

Burglars Enter Village Offices, 3 Franklin Stores

FRANKLIN—A series of breaking and enterings were reported in Franklin's business district late Monday night or early Tuesday morning, according to State Police.

Three village merchants reported minor thefts.

Three inexpensive watches were taken from the Franklin Hardware store; a cigarette machine was broken into at Friesen's Standard Service; and the Golfdale Market reported a loss of a quart of imported wine along with two pints of champagne and a half dozen windproof lighters.

THE FRANKLIN VILLAGE offices above the Golfdale Market was also entered. Apparently looking for cash, the thieves jimmied open the small safe, tearing into envelopes holding voting machine keys and bonds.

Though nothing was taken, Village Clerk Mrs. Elsie Garwood said records were left strewn around the the council chambers. An adjacent office was also ransacked. Desks and cabinets were forced open.

State Police were notified at 7 a.m. when Prizan Service opened. Although no arrests had been made as of Tuesday night, detectives from the Redford State Police post were checking out footprints, finger prints and crow bars left behind.

NEAR FRANKLIN, SQUARE LAKE ROADS

B'field to Build New Fire Station

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Bloomfield Township will add a fourth fire station to its rapidly growing fire department.

Plans for its completion in 1962 were discussed at the township board meeting Monday night.

At the same time Homer Case, township treasurer, was appointed Public Safety Director. Case will coordinate police and fire department activities, a responsibility he has held over the past few years without official title.

CASE SAID THAT he plans to work closely with newly appointed civil defense director for the township, Charles Wiggins, in working out police and fire directives in case of a national defense emergency.

Case added that as Wiggins develops his civil defense organization, all details will be cleared and filed with the township office to serve as emergency headquarters for defense activities.

THE FOURTH FIRE station is to be located on Kendry, near Franklin Road just north of Square Lake Road.

Bids on the building will be taken early next year. Work will be started as soon as weather conditions permit next spring, according to Township Supervisor Arno Hulet.

HULET TOLD the township board that salaries for the three additional firemen needed to operate the station had been included in he 1962 budget which the township has already prepared.

The station will be built, with minor alterations, with the same floor plan as fire station No. 3.

It is expected to be in operation by next fall.

No new fire fighting equipment will have to be purchased by the township for the station as the township has an additional fire truck.

SLIGHTLY MORE than three years ago, the township had only one fire station located at township headquarters at Andover and Telegraph.

A second station was added three years ago on Eastover Road in the northeast section of the township.

A year ago a third station on Maple just west of Telegraph was put into operation.

DEVELOPMENT OF the township fire department has meant considerable savings in fire insurance premiums to residents of the township living where there are community water systems with operating fire hydrants.

The township fire department has met requirements of the Michigan Inspection bureau which allows a class eight fire insurance rating in these sections.

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Tommy Sullivan watches his dad, (Silky Sullivan) "amputate" sister Kathy's arm. Like all dads, Tommy's father does no wrong. After the magic spell is over, things like arms are back to normal.

Unforgettable Magician From Town Time Forgot

By NITA HARD
Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN — Tiny Tommy Sullivan is a sorcerer's apprentice. It must be conceded not many second graders can make that statement. But, boy — wouldn't they love to!

It's especially nice work—if you can get it at the tender age of seven—and if the sorcerer is your dad, mystifying magician, Silky Sullivan.

THOUGH TOMMY doesn't look big enough to fool anybody, he's already mastered a number of very intricate tricks and performed them skillfully before audiences at Franklin School and other places. Wide-eyed and gibe, the young apprentice is showing great promise, the senior sorcerer says.

Sister Kathy, nine-years old just this week, has been Silky's assistant for quite some time. A living replica of Alice in Wonderland, Kathy serenly subjects to having her arm amputated—by magic, that is — calmly escapes from a locked trunk bound with heavy rope and secured with six locks for which there are six keys; floats through the air on a board or trustingly sticks her pretty blond head in a wicked looking guillotine as the gleaming blade comes crashing down.

Hardly recommended as child's play, Kathy thinks it's lots of fun.

So does Thomas B. Sullivan, general agent for Lincoln National Life Insurance by day—the sly Silky Sullivan by night.

TOGETHER, THE three of them spend hours in the wondrous little magic shop on the back of their property on 14 Mile Road, practicing traditional tricks and inventing clever new ones.

Always fascinated by the art, Sullivan became a card carrying member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians shortly after he had a heart attack four years ago. Advised to find a relaxing hobby, he did it with magic.

Given a medical discharge from the Navy in 1943, Sullivan enlisted in the Army and fought the Battle of the Bulge. He is a past commander for the American Legion and secretary of the American Society of Magicians. Living in Marshall, Mich. before moving to Franklin three years ago, Sullivan still makes many trips back to the neighboring community of Colon, home of the Great Blackstone and the magic center of the world.

VERY MUCH IN demand profesionally, Sullivan classifies himself as a fun artist. With mores than 3,000 tricks in his cozy little magic shop, he uses only those that have a good punch line and get a laugh.

"I'm not interested in impressing people", he said gaily, "I just want to entertain them."

But it's pretty impressive entertainment. This gullible reporter had a glorious time trying to get a few facts in between card tricks, thought boxes, cutting ropes that were pulled whole in a split second.

WITH WHAT SEEMS like an endless repetoire, Sullivan offers three seperate shows. A former pantomine artist, he has a bum act; a pitchman routine and a silk top hat act. A big man with slightly sad brown eyes, he is often in demand as a clown.

Around Christmas time, he's a busy "you-know-who" being built like a Notre Dame full-back and having a marvelous spontaneous laugh.

ALL HIS SHOWS open with

(See MAGICIAN, 3-E)

Two Cars Collide In Beverly Hills; 5 Persons Injured

BEVERLY HILLS — Five persons suffered minor injuries in a two-car collision Thursday evening of last week at 13 Mile and Lahser Roads. Both drivers claimed they had the green light, police said.

Treated and released from William Beaumont Hospital were Jean M. Rumbaugh, 23, of Marine City, one of the drivers; her two sons, Gary, 2, and Jeffrey, 1; Gerald Rumbaugh, 18, of 1640 Orchard Lane, Birmingham and Barbara Czerniawski, 17, of Marine City. All were in the Rumbaugh car.

THE OTHER DRIVER, Mrs. Lena Loy, 46, of 19705 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, was not injured. She was driving west on 13 Mile Road at the time of the accident. Mrs. Rumbaugh was headed south on Lahser.

Another son of Mrs. Rumbaugh, Mark, 3, escaped injury.

Lathrup to Connect Sewer to Interceptor

LATHRUP—Long awaited connection of Lathrup's sanitary sewer system to the Evergreen Interceptor will take place within a week, City Administrator Jerald D. Stone said Monday.

At a meeting Oct. 17 between council members, the State Health Department and the Oakland County DPW, agreement was reached on the rate of sanitary sewage flow into the interceptor.

THE RATE WILL be nine-tenths cubic feet per second of flow for 1,000 persons (CFS) to utilize the city's total purchase capacity, Stone said.

Based on present population, this equals 3.3 cubic feet per second and covers the interim period between connection of the sanitary system and completion of the city's storm sewer system.

CONNECTION has been delayed pending agreement between the county DPW which wanted their rate held to four-tenths CFS and the state health department which asked for 1½ CFS.

Stone said the rate agreed upon at the meeting will be satisfactory, except when heavy rainstorms hit the city. He said the city will make an all-out effort to reduce the amount of storm water going into the system thus helping control the total sewage flow.

Lathrup is presently completing a survey of homes to enforce its new downspout disconnection ordinance. Almost all residents are complying, Stone said.

S'field School Bond Issue Vote Nov. 27

SOUTHFIELD — Electors will go to the polls Nov. 27 to vote on a proposed $7.2 million school bond issue for new construction and a five-mill operating tax.

The Southfield Board of Education set the date after hearing building recommendations made by a special citizens committee, headed by Dr. Donald Leu of Michigan State University.

THE BOARD noted that room for an additional 3,545 students will be needed by 1966-67. Recommended were additions to four elementary schools, two new elementary schools, a new junior high and additions to the senior high school. A campus plan set-up is envisioned for the high school.

Site purchases for seven elementary and two junior high schools were also recommended.

The bond issue is the largest ever requested in the southern part of the county.

OF THE FIVE MILL request, two would be an increase and three a continuation of present taxes. Three of the six special operational mills will expire in December.

The tax hike would be somewhat higher in the Lathrup part of Southfield School District.

School taxes in Lathrup are now $40.30 for each $1,000 of assessed

(See BOND ISSUE, 3-E)

Leo Likes Facts Mam; He Gets 'em!

BEVERLY HILLS—Councilman Leo J. Linsenmeyer likes to get facts straight.

He got a surprise answer last Thursday night, however, when his wife showed up two hours late at a campaign headquarters of a Detroit council candidate friend.

"Where were you?" Leo asked pretty Ginny.

Then came the facts.

"WELL," SHE started. "My car was hit in the back and the front is smashed in and, incidentally, I think it's on fire right now—out in front."

It was.

Then she marched to the phone to call the fire department.

LINSENMEYER'S request for an elaboration of the facts revealed:

En route to the meeting place, Mrs. Linsenmeyer's car was struck from behind at the intersection of Southfield and 12 Mile Road.

The force of the impact pushed her car into the back of the car in front.

After Lathrup police straightened out the tangle, she set out on her way — only to smell smoke when she arrived.

The car was on fire.

Now it's being fixed.

Those are the facts—straight.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

Parade, Parties Slated Tuesday For Halloween 1-A

St. James Sponsors New Concert Series 6-B

Happy Hoodooing Hints Offered 7-B

Italian Star Visits Family In Wing Lake 1-C

Newhouser Signs With Cleveland 8-E