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Dog Ordinance Millage Defeated, Land Purchase Approved in B'field

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—A one-quarter mill tax to finance enforcement of a dog ordinance in Bloomfield Township was defeated by a narrow margin in Tuesday's election.

The voters endorsed a second local proposal which authorizes the township to purchase additional acreage for future public buildings.

A larger vote than had been expected turned out in the township. A total of 4,266 ballots were cast.

THE PROPOSAL to establish a dog ordinance was supported by a special one-quarter mill tax vote.

Its defeat precludes passage of a dog ordinance in the township, as officials have said that present taxes were not sufficient to pay for its enforcement.

The passage was strongly supported in two of the township's precincts where there was an organized effort on its behalf. Voters in Bloomfield Village favored it by 213 to 124.

THE PROPOSITION to buy 10 additional acres south and west of the present township government center at Telegraph near Long Lake called for no increase in taxes.

The purchase price is to be paid from township general funds.

No price for the ten acres has been set. Owners are asking \$4,500 an acre.

TOWNSHIP officials have suggested that condemnation proceedings could be started if an agreement on price cannot be reached.

THE ACREAGE proposal was passed by 2,521 to 1,245.

It had the support of the Township Planning Board which is presently working on long range planning for the community.

A civic center in this vicinity is envisioned off the beat.

Berkley Youth Hurt In Lathrup Accident

LATHRUP—A 20-year-old Berkley youth is in satisfactory condition at William Beaumont Hospital following an accident early Wednesday morning in which his car struck a tree.

A passenger in the car, Douglas Gohardt, 19, of Berkley, escaped injury when he leaped out just before the car struck.

The driver, Francis Conness, suffered a broken left leg and face cuts in the accident which occurred at 8 a.m.

He was driving west on 11 Mile Road when the car went out of control and hit the tree, police said.

The accident took place about 20 feet east of Southfield.

9 Auxiliaries Added to Force In W. B'field

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Nine auxiliary policemen have been added to West Bloomfield Township's police force.

The group have been in training since last April, according to Police Chief Mel Willis.

They are Victor Ritter, Green Lake; Harold Chapman, West Acres; Leon C. Kenfield, Martin E. LaChance and Roscoe A. Hunt, all of the Sylvan Manor; Whitney H. Miller and Thomas Pappey of Briarcliff; Claude M. Mercer, Cass Lake; and Edward F. Ludwig, Hammond Lake.

TRAINING INCLUDED a civil defense course, a police auxiliary course, given by Det. Harold Wade of the Michigan State Police, and 30 hours of pistol practice.

They will begin a first aid course this month.

The additional manpower will allow the township to operate two patrol cars, according to Chief Willis.

Auxiliary policemen will at all times be accompanied by a regular policeman, he said.

Chief Willis will meet once a month with the auxiliary force to discuss problems, practice and procedure.

Western Teen Queen

FRANKLIN—A crowning event of the Franklin annual Roundup and Barbecue last Saturday was the naming of a Western Teen Queen to reign over the day-long affair on the village green.

The 1960 Queen Diana Loppnow (left) places the coveted tiara on her successor Candy Wilson, 16, as the new 1961 queen.



New Signs for Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS—New street signs are going up in the village this week as part of a public improvement program in Beverly Hills.

Road Commissioner Walter L. Kouba watches as Peter Facione, village employee, erects a sign at Warwick and Riverside Drives.

The white on blue reflectorized signs are up in about a third of the village and the project is expected to be complete in about six weeks.

Beverly's Public Safety Retirement Plan Okayed

BEVERLY HILLS—Village public safety officers are now under a retirement and death benefit plan following its approval last week by the village council.

Two years in the planning stage, the program was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote.

The vote split came over the insurance section when Councilmen Dr. Douglas J. Wood and Leo J. Linsenmeyer opposed the "self insurance" feature.

They preferred that the money be invested with an insurance company.

The retirement plan was coordinated by Councilman Edward M. (Ted) Shurcliff, chairman of the public safety commission for the village.

PUBLIC SAFETY officers—there are presently 13—will get a three per cent rate on the first \$4,800 of their annual salary.

An additional six per cent will be paid for any annual income over that amount.

Retirement age is 55.

THE ORDINANCE approved last week is retroactive to July 1 when the plan was read for the first time.

Since then, councilmen chose to investigate the insurance factor before giving the final nod.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY Thomas J. Dillon Jr. is presently finishing details in the ordinance. One inclusion worth a note is a "self insurance" feature.

(See PLAN, 2-E)

4-Year Old Girl Killed by Truck In S'field Accident

SOUTHFIELD—Four-year-old Peggy Jean Adams, was fatally injured Saturday when she was hit by a truck-trailer driven by an employee of her father.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams, 28337 Maitrot, she was dead on arrival at Beaumont Hospital at 1 p.m. Adams operates an excavation firm from his home.

THE DRIVER, Joseph Drexler, 28400 Tyler, Southfield was released.

According to police, the child was hit by the front wheel of an equipment trailer behind a truck which Drexler was driving.

Joint Agreement To Spare Trees On Lone Pine Rd.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—When Lone Pine Road between Lahser and Telegraph is paved next year, the large trees lining the sides of the road will be spared.

The township board voted at its meeting Monday night to bear one-half of the additional expense involved in saving the trees.

Township Supervisor Arno Hulet advised the board that Oakland County Road Commission has made a verbal commitment to pay the other half.

THE ADDITIONAL cost comes the installation of curbs and gutters at the road side, instead of the usual ditching which would extend into the line of trees.

The road is being paved on a 50-50 basis by the township and the road commission. Work was to have been completed this year.

IT WAS DELAYED at the request of property owners on Lone Pine and adjoining subdivisions, who asked for time to raise the money needed for the curbs and gutters.

The resolution adopted by the board relieves them of having to come up with the estimated \$65,000 cost of curbing and guttering.

Two Youths Get Jackson Sentences In S'field Crime

SOUTHFIELD—Two Madison Heights youths were sentenced to Jackson Prison and a third put on two years probation by Oakland County Circuit Court Judge William J. Beers last week.

The youths were charged with breaking and entering in the nighttime.

William D. Pottenhoff, 17, received 1-1/2 years and Donald L. Wentworth, 21, was sentenced to 2-1/2 years. Robert Guseff, 17, was put on probation and must pay \$100 costs.

THE THREE youths were arrested on charges of breaking into a gas station at 15226 W. 12 Mile Road in Southfield. They were captured by Beverly Hills police after a 30-minute chase at high speeds through area communities.

The three were arraigned in Southfield Municipal Court on Aug. 9 and bound over to Circuit Court.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

Birmingham Eccentric Ownership Change Announced This Week

Local Episcopal Women Prepare For Convention

Margaret Wilson, John P. MacManus Wed at St. Hugo

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What's New? These Folks' Love 'Trailer'ing

Graves-Seaholm Battle Opens Prep Grid Season

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Glorious gobs of grandparents surrounded four-year-old Donald and six-year-old Kenneth Looze when they "came over the hill and through the woods" to grandfather John Allmand's home in Franklin last Sunday.

Representing five generations are great-grandmother Mrs. Bessie Forester of Dearborn, 81; great-grandmother Mrs. E. Anderson of River Rouge, 61; grandmother Mrs. John Allmand, 45; mother Mrs. Donald Looze, 23, with her two sons. Eleven grand- parents gathered for the family reunion.

THEY DON'T phase 'em a hardy stock. There were seven children in great-grandmother Bessie Allmand's family and the line of descent has proven vigorous and profuse.

At 81, she reigned regally, Sunday thoroughly enjoying the undisputed seniority of her position, and hearing about her 12 grand children, and their 12 grand children living in California.

WITHOUT GETTING into each and every life history, it is natural to surmise that early marriages are a family characteristic.

Keneth and Donald's mother married when she was 16, grandmother Allmand of Franklin was all 16—otherwise it would never be possible to have so many young-looking grandparents to share the shade on a steamy summer's day.

ORIGINATING in South and North Dakota, the family is a

Engineers to Study Use of 12-Town In East Beverly

BEVERLY HILLS—How to make the best use of the future 12-Town Drain in Beverly Hills was a question put to the village's consulting engineers last week.

Johnson and Anderson, engineers for the village, will conduct a sewer system study to determine how the 12-Town system can help prevent flooding in the eastern portion of the village.

THE 12-TOWN includes only a small sector in the east part of the village, that area, however, has been plagued with basement flooding.

Councilman Dr. Douglas J. Wood spurred the study in an effort to fit the 12-Town service in with the sewer system now being installed in the village.

There were 42 property damage accidents and 10 personal injury accidents. There were no fatalities.

Police investigations included 38 simple and grand larceny cases, seven breaking and enterings and eight missing-persons.

FIRE LOSS was \$19,900. The value of property endangered is estimated at \$2,259,700, which include Bloomfield Plaza Shopping Center where a conduit fell off a building causing a number of short circuits.

B'field Twp. Man Injured; Driver Faces Charges

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—A Pontiac driver was examined Wednesday in Municipal Court. He has been charged with assault with intent to murder after his car struck a Bloomfield Township resident on Sept. 5.

The victim, Mark Lightfoot, 45, assistant experimental engineer at the Pontiac Motor division, General Motors Corp., remains in critical condition in Pontiac General Hospital with multiple fractures of both legs and possible internal injuries.

Robert L. Hackney, 20, told police he did not realize he had hit Lightfoot until he later found a front headlight broken.

Several witnesses, most of them Pontiac Motor Division supervisory personnel, said Hackney deliberately drove onto the parking lot of the Motorcar Transport Co., hit Lightfoot and sped off. Hackney was arrested later by police.

According to the Oakland County prosecutor's office, 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," the prosecutor's office said.

The girl whom Hackney was visiting has filed a paternity action against Hackney, according to the prosecutor's office.

Lightfoot was at the lot at the time he was struck, directing the parking of cars in reference to a possible strike.

Assistant Prosecutor Robert Cornman jumped in the way and that he didn't think he had hit Lightfoot.

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