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Renew 1-Mill Tax In West Bloomfield

WEST BLOOMFIELD—The township's hard-pressed financial situation was relieved, somewhat, by the result of a local issue on Tuesday's ballot.

Township voters authorized extension of a special one-mill addition to the property tax by a vote of 698 to 469. It will be levied over a 5 year period, 1963 through 1969.

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The township's financial position has been burdened by payments on its share of the Farmington Interceptor costs. It originally expected to meet payments through charges for connection to the interceptor, but development of laterals in the township have not been made as fast as was anticipated, and connections to the interceptor have lagged.

Last year, the township had to meet a deficit in the interceptor account of approximately \$20,000. It is expected this year. It will have to come from general township funds.

An additional expense to the township is operation of the township library. It is providing \$30,000 this year toward the library's budget.

Township Voters Okay Lot Sale
SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—The township board was authorized by voters Tuesday to sell 11 lots between Kinross and Locherlie on Pierce.

The lots had been bought many years ago by the township for use for wells and pumps for water since the township connected with Detroit water in 1956, the lots have been unused.

The township authorized their sale by a vote of 972 to 220.

Prepare Resolution
BEVERLY HILLS—Monday's council meeting was adjourned until 7:30 last night in order that a resolution to request the Municipal Finance Commission in Lansing to issue bonds for the new water main program could be drawn up and acted on. The \$272,210 project is set for completion late this fall.

Prohibit Haynes-Bowers Left Turns onto US 10
By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

In a move to improve traffic flow and cut down the number of accidents on US-10 at Bowers and Haynes, the Birmingham City Commission Monday night passed a resolution prohibiting northbound left turns from US-10 onto those two streets.

The action was taken upon a recommendation by the Michigan State Highway Department. The state had made an extensive survey of traffic conditions in the US-10 Bowers-Haynes area.

During a 17½-month period 22 accidents occurred at or near the intersection of US-10 and Haynes. Ten of these were of the right-angle type and were of considerable concern to traffic authorities.

According to the highway department report, much of the traffic congestion was due to cars leaving Wrigley's and Greenfield's and cutting across US 10's four northbound lanes.

TRAFFIC COUNTS of the area were taken March 27 between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m., and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

It was found that 313 vehicles from Wrigley's and 94 from Greenfield's left those business places via US-10. Eighty-four of the autos made a left turn at Haynes and were a part of the total of 273 vehicles that made the turn.

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Franklin OK's One Project; Drops Another

By NITA HARD
Special Writer

FRANKLIN—The village council agreed Monday night to proceed with the hard-surfacing of 600 feet of Romany Way alongside Franklin Square, and the entire stretch of Franklin and Evelyn courts.

The action came following a public hearing.

A third proposal, to have 600 feet of Wellington Road from Franklin Road to the Little Baseball League diamond at the Franklin Community Church was dropped for lack of sufficient interest on the part of adjoining property owners.

VERY MUCH interested and very much opposed to the Wellington Road proposal was former charter writer and councilman Edward Green. Green owns 300 feet fronting on Wellington.

Green reiterated his consistent objection to any paving in Franklin at any time. He repeated statements he made many times during the four years he served on the council.

"The preamble of our charter is directly opposed to hard-surfacing," Green declared.

"We will destroy the rural character of our community, the very thing that made us select Franklin as a place to live, if we hard-surface our roads."

"Many of us prefer gravel roads even though we know they are more expensive to maintain," Green said. (See PROTECT, 7-A)



VIEWING THE 126-year-old ledger of their great-grandfather Roswell T. Merrill are Bob Hudson, 12 (left), and brother, Bruce, 12. They live with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hudson, at 2920 Stoneridge, Troy. Their grandmother, Mrs. Wallace B. Hudson, turned the ledger over to Birmingham's city clerk Friday.

He recorded names, what was purchased, what was paid and what was owed.

HE ALSO kept an index listing the page number where every name in his 573-page hardbound, leather volume could be found.

Merrill used blue and brown ink and included many straight lines to guide the eye to another page, one on each page. His handwriting was small but legible.

Now this ledger, thanks to Mrs. Hudson, is in the hands of Irene E. Hanley, city clerk, where it will remain until Mrs. Hudson returns from her Florida home next year.

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Romney Tour In Oakland On Saturday

With the primary now history, Oakland County political observers are turning their attention to the Nov. 6 general election.

They will be keeping a close eye on the Romney-Swainson battle.

And Romney, who has been stumping the state the past several weeks even though he had no primary opposition, is coming home to campaign.

Romney, Bloomfield Hills resident, will spend all day Saturday on a whirlwind campaign in his home county, including stops in the Hills and Bloomfield Township.

HE WILL START the day off as he does almost every day—on the golf course. At 8 a.m. he will visit golfers teeing off at the Eakham course in Huntington Woods.

At noon, Romney will attend a luncheon for the press at Devon Gables, at Long Lake Road and Telegraph in Huntington Woods.

He will address the Young Republicans at a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Open Hunt in Bloomfield Hills.

OTHER STOPS during the day will be at the Royal Oak Farmer's Market, Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, shopping centers in Oak Park, Farmington and Pontiac.

TO MAKE AN "official" presentation to the city.

TWO CITY auditors, James Hogan and J. H. Parkiss, studied the ledger briefly late Friday afternoon.

"Boy, this is really an old-timer," Hogan said.

However, after 10 minutes they were figuring out the relationship of figures, lines and references to other pages.

They called the volume "interesting."

Actually, Birmingham was fortunate to get the ledger, for the University of Michigan was also interested in it.

Several of Mrs. Hudson's relatives have gone to UM and so she wrote the university asking if they would appreciate having the ledger. They wrote back they would.

HOWEVER, Mrs. Hudson and her husband were planning to leave Saturday for their Florida home after spending two weeks in Troy at the home of their son, Wallace B. Hudson, Jr., 2920 Stoneridge.

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Romney Outdraws Swainson in Area

See election table, 4-A

In a light turn-out of voters, Republicans out-poled Democrats in traditionally Republican Oakland County in Tuesday's primary election.

The Birmingham-Bloomfield area had more Republicans than Democrats going to the polls, as usual.

County Republicans chose incumbent Farrell E. Roberts of Pontiac over two other candidates, and Democrats elected Leland H. Smith (unopposed) to compete for the post of state senator in the Nov. 6 general election.

IN WHAT was observed as a personal popularity contest, Republican George Romney of Bloomfield Hills far outdrew Democrat John H. Swainson in the county in their nominations for governor. Romney had 35,114 votes to Swainson's 16,414.

Statewide, final results showed Romney with more than a 125,000 vote margin over Gov. Swainson. But both men agreed that these primary results were not reliable in predicting the outcome of their race in November.

FOR LIEUTENANT governor, county Republicans chose Clarence A. Reid, who held the post once before, in a close vote over Republican John H. Stahlin, state senator from Belling, and Robert J. Gust, Jr., a Con-Con delegate from Grosse Pointe Farms.

In the Republican senatorial race, Roberts gained 17,778 votes to Robert J. Huber's 6,692 and Richard D. Kahn's 9,072.

One of the most intensive campaign battles during the primary campaign was between incumbent County drain commissioner Daniel W. Barry and Arthur Becker, a printing firm executive from Southfield, for the Republican nomination.

Barry won with 19,538 votes to Becker's 11,025.

However, the Democrats had an even closer margin in their race for drain commissioner: Roy J. (See ROMNEY, 6-A)

He had served as a West Bloomfield supervisor for more than a decade before being appointed road commissioner in 1960.

The county's largest road reconstruction program in the last 30 years was launched this year under Mr. Thatcher's direction.

HE WAS currently heading an \$11 million program in conjunction with the State Highway Department's freeway construction in Oakland County.

A veteran of World War I, he was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church and of the Masonic and Elks lodges.

Surviving are his wife, Neva, and his mother, Mrs. H. H. Thatcher, of Pontiac.

Committee Organizes Fight Against Litter

Last of two articles
See editorial, 1-B
By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Birmingham's downtown area has long had a reputation for being neat and clean.

The merchants, under the guidance of the Chamber of Commerce, have always led the drive to help maintain the city's sparkle.

Lately, however, many residents have felt that Birmingham's downtown business district has been the verge of deteriorating.

TO STOP this trend the Chamber of Commerce has formed a committee chaired by Virgil Laszlo, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Adams to study the situation.

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The rules, seven in all, will be distributed to the merchants by Sept. 1.

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Pioneer Descendant's Gift Revelatory of City's Past

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Democrats to Hear Frank Kelly at County Convention

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