



These days one reads and hears much about the "tragic road" that humanity appears to be traversing. . . .

How Hills Government Functions

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the second in a three-part series of articles on taxes, form of government and characteristics of the city of Bloomfield Hills. It is an attempt to give residents a closer look into their community and how it works.

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Bloomfield Hills has what is described in governmental books as a city manager-commission type of government.

The structure is basic and easy to understand; it operates with a quiet efficiency on an elastic budget, and it is faced with a minimum of normal suburban "growing pain" problems.

The major governing body is the city commission, composed of Mayor John S. Bugas and four commissioners. James R. Boreford, Lyman J. Craig, Robert A. Frye and Henry L. Woodfenden.

THE CITY COMMISSION has

the final word on nearly every facet of city business, but it acts on any matters from information received from various "study and recommendation" agencies.

These agencies, which examine matters concerning tax, zoning and the like in detail, and then report their recommendations to the city commissioner for his planning commission, board of appeals on zoning and board of review taxes.

BUT GOVERNMENTAL bodies which simply make and interpret the law are not enough; there must be branches to enforce it. Fitting into this category are the police department, justice of the peace and a constable.

The laws are made and the laws are enforced. Is there need for another type of government in the suburban community?

In the case of Bloomfield Hills, yes. Two more groups:

The first concerned with public safety, the fire department; and the second governing the city's educational program, two school boards of education.

THIS IS THE general outline of Bloomfield Hills' various governing agencies. Now let us examine them one by one, observing at once the agencies' duties and obligations, and the duties and obligations of their individual officials.

First study: The city commission.

A commissioner differs from a councilman in the mayor council type of government—prevalent in large cities—in that his job is part-time, done for only a token fee (five dollars in Bloomfield Hills).

THE COMMISSION meets the second Tuesday of each month at eight and acts upon reports presented by the city manager and city clerk. They also convene for special meetings.

City Manager Elmer Kephart, at a salary of \$11,000, is the man who possesses the running of the city. His is a full-time job, and he works side-by-side with the other city "director" City Clerk Robert Studler. Studler's yearly salary is \$9,700.

HERE IS AN interesting sidelight: Because the two men are more responsible for keeping the city government on an even keel than anyone else, each is the other's deputy, ready to assume each other's duties at a moment's notice.

Yet, it was said the city commission possessed the ultimate power in running the city. This is true, because commissioners are elected by the people, while their advisory officials are all commission-appointed.

Each commissioner serves a two-year term, three elected by the people one year and one the next. The mayor is chosen by (See **FUNCTIONS**, 6-A)

Police Find Paint Clues On Death Car

SOUTHFIELD—Meager clues were all Southfield Police had to go on Wednesday as they continued a search to track down teenage drug racers whose search for thrills caused the death of Southfield Patrolman Donald L. Harding early Sunday morning. Another patrolman was injured in the accident.

However, Police Chief Milton Sackett said paint scrapings found on the scout car have been analyzed by the Michigan State Police laboratory, strengthening indications that one of the drug-racers may have been driving a 1959 or 1960 black car.

On this basis, police are on the alert for any make vehicle of either year, although the paint scrapings cannot be definitely attributed to the accident causing the patrolman's death, Sackett said.

IN GOOD condition at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital, Detroit, Wednesday morning was Patrolman James Kirkpatrick, 31, of 28226 Helen, Southfield, who was with Harding in the scout car.

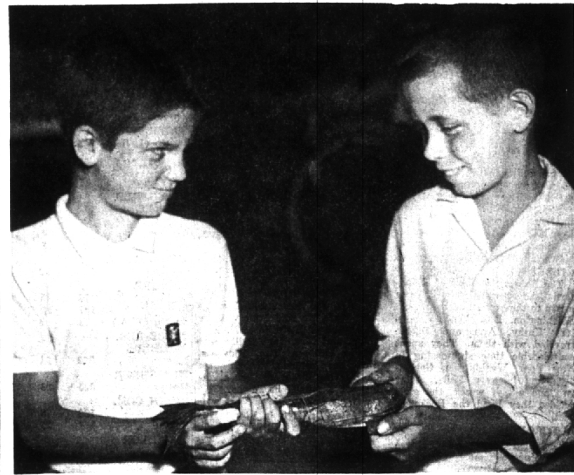
Harding, 27, was thrown into the back seat and died instantly in the crash. Kirkpatrick was hurled 40 feet from the car and suffered head injuries, a broken arm and internal injuries.

The two patrolmen began the chase to stop two cars racing on Eight Mile Road, just west of Beech Road, at about 2 a.m. Sunday. A witness told police that the scout car was forced off the road and skidded 175 feet into a tree by one of the cars, a black 1959 or 1960 Mercury.

The other car was a light-colored, late-model car, the same witness said. When the scout car pulled alongside the speeding car in the center lane, it veered toward the police car which was forced to the shoulder.

SACKETT said that Kirkpatrick, who regained consciousness slowly, was unable to shed any light on the crash, but he checked the month of scout car for possible leads without July.

The possibility that the injured light hours when visibility should be good." Mosley said.



ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Whopping Big Frog

You never know what you'll find when you're out playing and these two boys, Tom Prew (left), 2311 Tilbury Place, Birmingham, and Lance Wallace, 988 W. 14 Mile,

Birmingham, prove it. While they were out playing they found a 15-inch frog which is giant-sized for these parts.

Knox-Worth 'Yield' Signs OK'd

In an effort to cut down on He pointed out that four accidents occurred between northbound intersection control," concluded the

of Knox and Worth, city commissioners Monday night voted to have automobiles.

"THE STUDY showed that a visibility problem has been at least partially responsible for the accidents," Mosley said.

Both property owners have agreed to eliminate the visibility problem and the installation of the "Yield" signs will suffice for the ways.

This and That

By **George R. Averill**

For a woman whose early years were spent in environments that were parents, loveless and in poverty, Marilyn Monroe did achieve more than average in motion pictures. Her personal life, however, was proof of the old adage that: "All is not gold that glitters." For this 36-year-old feminine symbol of sex-beauty never did gain lasting marital happiness; she never did reach that coveted place in human affairs where the it ever so humble) where a small cottage, trampled by the little feet of one's own children, and the daily return of a devoted and loving husband from his demanding job brought a thrill to her wifely-motherly heart. What a tragedy attended the real life of Norma Jean Mortenson! Perhaps more dramatic than any Hollywood role she ever played. Undoubtedly, she deserved better, but didn't quite know how to attain it.

"The earth is degenerating in these latter days. There are signs that the world is speedily coming to an end. Bribery, corruption abound. Children no longer obey their parents." (These words, recently were quoted by an American evangelist president from an Assyrian tablet of 3,000 B.C.)

Washington, D. C. won't be surprised if Russia puts a woman into orbit before the U. S. does. Russia is said to be doing so she will win great world-wide feminine applause. (How about it, Ladies?)

Quite properly, most of us agree, President Kennedy is concerned that too many American boys and young men are not physically as good as they should be. Failure to engage in traditional U.S. sports, an inclination to "make it easy" even a lack of willingness to do needed home chores. These all contribute to "the soft life." It is also mentioned that altogether too many young men are not acceptable in the military services, on account of some physical negative condition. But the boys (concerning to U.S. girls) have plenty of glamour—whatever that is—or can be without evidence of masculine physical soundness. (BOYS: How do you expect to maintain a proper adult status for your needed mature (See **THIS & THAT**, 2-A)

State Act Nixes Twp. Boating Law

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A uniform boating ordinance adopted this summer by a number of townships in Oakland County—has been nullified by the state legislature.

A new state statute, passed July 17, is in effect. And it particularly povers over boats and vessels to the state legislature. Regulations limiting hours for water skiing on weekends and holidays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. State regulations, now in effect in the townships, permit skiing from an hour before sunup to an hour after sundown.

THE EFFECT of the state statute on West Bloomfield Township's boating ordinance was explained at a township board meeting held last week by attorney Joseph T. Brennan, Jr.

He said that all local boating regulations, henceforth, would have to be adopted on recommendation of a three-man state commission set up under the law.

A local government may request the commission to study needs for local regulations. "The local government may refuse to adopt the commission's recommendation, but it cannot adopt any regulations which differ from the commission's recommendation," he said.

TOWNSHIP Supervisor John C. Rehard, who was active in setting up the Oakland County Uniform Boating Code which the township adopted in its ordinance, will ask the Oakland County Board of Supervisors to recommend to the commission that the Oakland County code be used as a guide in setting up local regulations throughout the state. He will speak at the "open" meeting Sept. 10.

Rehard said that he would not make a request for the commission to study West Bloomfield Township's need for local regulations, but would wait on Oakland County to make a request for a county-wide study.

A spokesman for the Oakland County Sheriff, Department, charged with enforcement of both local and state boating laws, indicated that "possibly" the county will ask the commission to make such a study.

EXCEPT FOR skiing hours, boating regulations throughout townships had adopted followed closely the state law now in effect. State law prohibits the operation of boats by persons having the influence of alcohol or in a

Union Lake City Question Prompts Calls

West Bloomfield Township Supervisor John C. Rehard said today his office "has been deluged with telephone calls" as a result of petitions presented last week at the county clerk's office.

The petitions are aimed at putting the incorporation of Union Lake Village into a 16-square-mile city, the clerk said.

About one-fourth of the area in question is now within the borders of West Bloomfield Township with the remainder in the townships of White Lake, Commerce and Waterford.

A group of Union Lake Village residents, and businessmen, known as the Union Lake Citizens Committee for Progressive Government, presented the petitions last Thursday.

The group, headed by Union Lake pharmacist John Clark, indicated its purpose is to keep the identity of Union Lake intact.

ORGANIZATION spokesmen explained that Waterford, Commerce and West Bloomfield have considered incorporation. Rehard said the question of incorporating the township has not been raised during his three years in office.

"Most of the township residents are not interested in incorporating," he said.

"As long as we keep them well enough informed to provide money for the necessary services needed here, they feel that the township force of government works best for them and is the most economical," Rehard said.

THE AREA in West Bloomfield which would be incorporated under the Union Lake Villagers' proposal, according to Rehard, includes areas between Union Lake proper and Coyle Lake Road, plus two-thirds of Union Lake itself and areas to the south and east of the lake.

All of Green Lake area around it are within the 16-square-mile zone proposed for incorporation into the 16-square-mile city, the clerk said.

West Bloomfield residents living outside these areas would not be able to vote on the issue, according to Rehard.

Population of the overall proposed city is estimated at about 15,000 to 16,000 persons.

Seek to Split Property into Three Lots

BEVERLY HILLS—A request by Ed Lawson of West, Manual and Snyder, real estate brokers, that a property at 22201 Rosser Drive be divided into three lots brought a suggestion from the council Monday that Lawson look into the matter further before it is referred to the planning board.

The council suggested that Lawson check with the owner, W. G. Finlay, on the possibility of subdividing the property into two lots instead of three, and also recommended that he investigate whether a piece of Chelsea Road, indicated on the old deed, had been vacated.

A charge of \$650, representing a rate of .01 per pupil, was made to the Detroit Country Day School, 22505 West 13 Mile, as a service charge for connecting to the water system.

The amount of \$50,110.29, was transferred to the National Bank of Detroit from the Manufacturers National Bank for the purpose of paying the Sept. 1 payment on the sanitary sewer bonds.

VILLAGE MANAGER Robert E. Murphy was directed by the council to write to the county drain commissioner to press the council's concern over the apparent inadequate size of the new sanitary drain being installed at 13 Mile and Southfield north to the beginning of the Evans Drain.

THE PROPOSAL will go to the boundaries committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors and public hearings will be held before any decision is made to whether the incorporation issue will be put on the ballot.

STUDY ORDERED Of Elm Spraying

BEVERLY HILLS—A study of the feasibility of elm tree spraying in the village will be made by the Village Services Committee.

John A. McLanathan, chairman of the committee, will make a recommendation to the council on the program.

The order for the study came as a result of a request made Monday by William G. O'Rourke, 18844 Hillcrest, who heads up the West Beverly Association.

O'Rourke told the council that 75 per cent of the association's budget, or between \$1,700 and \$2,100 a year goes for spraying of village-owned trees.

The association's boundaries are Southfield to Evergreen between 13 and 14 Mile roads.

Refer Business Zoning Request to Plan Board

A request by Dr. A. L. McNaughton for the rezoning of property at Southfield and Townsend in Birmingham was referred to the plan board by the city commission Monday night.

Dr. McNaughton, a dentist, has requested the city to change the zoning from the present B-7 medium family residential to B-1 retail business zone classification.

He told the commission, by letter, that he intends to tear down the present building on the property and construct a brick building in keeping with the general character of the neighborhood and use it as a professional office.

The letter said that in 1959 Dr. McNaughton had requested the rezoning of the property but was turned down. Dr. McNaughton said he has had several readers looking for B-1 classification property but can find none available.

He said that in the last three years the city commission has not made available property in the B-1 classification that can be purchased.

He said he felt that some property should be rezoned to the B-1 classification so that he might build a building in Pontiac to discuss the annexation.