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W. B'field Eyes 'No Hunting' Law, Boat Livery Case

WEST BLOOMFIELD—A second attempt to draw up a "no hunting" ordinance was authorized by township board members at their last meeting in January.

At the same time, the board authorized Brennan to defend the township in the Trovork case which comes up for trial in March.

BRENNAN EXPECTS to have the legislation ready early in February. He will ask State Sen. Farrell E. Roberts to force the bill in behalf of the township.

THE TROVK CASE is set for trial before circuit court Judge Clark J. Adams.

Arthur Trovork, owner of Art's Boat Livery located on Pine Lake, is suing the township to force rezoning of the property to commercial.

THE SUIT was originally filed by Trovork 18 months ago when the township planning commission refused to allow Trovork enlargement of present boating and cabin rental facilities.

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Kathy McNab, a fifth grader, and Gary Hillboe, a first grader, show each other the countries of the languages they're learning. Kathy is taking up French and Gary, Spanish.

Language Adventure Thrills Young Pupils

FRANKLIN—Mrs. John Sharp would have been a whiz at logistics.

After carting her three children frequently into the big city to take French lessons from a private tutor, she managed a maneuver with the help of the Franklin school PTA, to win two language teachers.

THE KIDS ARE delighted with the idea, the words, the sounds and their two charming young teachers—both of whom have traveled broadly and are new Americans learning a "foreign language" just as their pupils do.

Mrs. Elke Charfous teaches French to three sections, two per grade groups and one for children in the first through third grade.

Her Spanish teaching counterpart, Senora Josephina Meedcos Franco y Arzuaga de Barker instructs a group of 1-3 grades and a 4-6 group. All classes meet after school for about an hour a week.

NOW MIND YOU, all 75 youngsters aren't speaking French and Spanish proficiently. After four weeks (the ten week course started after the New Year) they're just getting the sound of it. And that, according to Mrs. Charfous and Senora Barker, is the most important part of all.

BOTH REPRESENTATIVES of the Berlitz method, agree that children are without accent and rapidly grasp the differences of sounds, so at this point, they are learning to speak French or Spanish as if it were a language used in the family. Since they are told only what is grammatically correct. (See PUPILS, 5-B)

LATHRUP—A suit against the City of Southfield, brought by the Village Swim Club, may be settled soon.

Southfield City Attorney James Ginn said Tuesday that the consent decree will probably be entered soon, pending approval by the swim club's attorney of the decree as drawn.

Ginn was authorized by Southfield Council on Jan. 22 to enter a consent decree, dropping certain of the restrictions specified in the Southfield board of zoning appeal approval of the swim club plan.

AT ISSUE were conditions by the appeal board that the club get 100 Southfield resident members secured by \$100 each, within a six-month period and that its membership committee be made up of two Lathrup and two Southfield residents.

Ginn told council members in Southfield that he felt some of the conditions were not valid and the charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$7,500 fine.

Ginn said Monday that the decree would probably include greenbelt and hour limits, generally agreed upon by both parties. He did not feel the access road question would be in the decree.

THE SOUTHFIELD Board of Appeals, in giving approval last July 8, also required that the club have Saratoga from Evergreen to Lathrup city limits.

The club filed the suit in Circuit Court, alleging that the zoning restrictions set by the board of zoning appeals are "arbitrary, unequal, unreasonable, unjustified and equivalent to a rejection."

Rudolph J. Zabel, Lathrup attorney and resident representing the swimming club, said the group hopes to complete the pool for use this summer.

ZABEL SAID the board of trustees met during the last week and have appointed committees on final plans, financing, memberships and other matters.

Dilly of a Dilemma Over Dillon's Mail

SOUTHFIELD—Postmaster Charles L. Curtis runs into many a snag with the mail bag trade but the latest is the limit. Here's a letter he received recently from Derry, Pa.:

"NO MATT DILLON lives at the Third Avenue address and no one recalls anyone with that name ever living there. A check with other Dillons in the area was fruitless in locating the

rightful addressee. Maybe Chester, Doc and Kitty will have to be called in to find the whereabouts of Matt. The letter from Mary S. Yacoubec continued by pleading for help from the Southfield Post Office.

Now the Southfield Post Office is pleading for help. Can anybody here clear the mysterious cloud over Gungunok's Dillon and help lift shades of Dodge City that hang over Derry, Pa.?

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Township Topic of Study For W. Bloomfield LWV

By SAVILLA SLOAN Special Writer

WEST BLOOMFIELD — When West Bloomfield's township board meets twice a month, it is assured of at least an audience of one...

Assessment, which was the field studied by the West Bloomfield group, will be discussed at the February meeting.

LWV is pledged to the support of adequate zoning in the best interest of the township, a forum of local government, in keeping with a rapid-growing community, recognized standards of road building and maintenance, extension and improvements of facilities and services of the township, 5-B.

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The league is represented this year by Mrs. Ralph W. Sovel. She is always seen, but never heard, for its against league policy for an individual to speak out as a league representative.

In local areas of "continuing responsibility" West Bloomfield's (See STUDY, 5-B)

ACCORDING TO Village Clerk Paul Adams, the 1941 tax is technically a holiday and state law provides for an additional day to file in such cases. The voter registration deadline has also been extended to 8 a.m. Feb. 13.

The Beverly Hills office will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. both this and 13 to handle voter registrations.

Mrs. Sovel takes voluminous notes from which she reports back to the LWV on decisions made by the township's governing body.

This local LWV is not only keeping up with, but it is also studying, the problems facing its local government.

The group heard township planning commission secretary, Henry J. Moses, speak on "Master Planning for the Township" at its meeting Tuesday at West Bloomfield Township Library.

The subject was of particular interest as members will choose a specific local problem for detailed study in 1962, at their annual meeting in April. Master planning is under consideration for selection.

For the past year the West Bloomfield league, along with seven other leagues, has made a study of the taxation structure as it functions under Oakland County government, with particular attention

to assessment, equalization and allocation.

Bingham, Franklin Dog Tags Available

Bingham and Franklin dog owners can obtain licenses for their animals at the Southfield Township Hall until March 1.

Licenses are \$1 for male or unspayed dogs. A license for a female dog costs \$2.

AFTER MARCH 1, owners will have to pay double the price and obtain the licenses from the Oakland County Treasurer's office.

Southfield Township office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; and from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

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B'field Rezoning Issue Gets Frown from Troy

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Rezoning of acreage at Adams and Big Beaver Roads from single residential to commercial use would be detrimental to the best interest of that area within the boundaries of the City of Troy, the City Commission of Troy indicated in a resolution Monday.

The proposed rezoning "conflicts" with the zoning plan of Troy, and was unanimously passed resolution said.

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'Knights of Yore'

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Cub Scout Pack 1022 convenes next week in the castle court yard of Conant School and knelt to be dubbed "Knights of Yore" by Cubmaster Dick Souther who became King Arthur for the event. Scouts made their costumes, hel-

met, swords and shields and each of the four dens built a horse. Following a gay time in round table fashion, the cubs showed their prowess in a tournament of jousting games.

Franklin Hires Firm to Start Sewer Survey

FRANKLIN—Following a recommendation of the committee on sanitation and sewers headed by Paul Robertson, Franklin's council held a special meeting Monday night to select engineering services for a preliminary survey of the Evergreen Interceptor system.

Councilman J. Robert Mitchell reported he had consulted four engineering firms in the area who might be in a position to prepare adequate cost and construction data.

The council unanimously agreed to have the firm of Gillett and Webster, currently serving as road engineers for Franklin, assume the \$2,500 project.

SPECIFICATIONS provide that the survey will include a study of sample sanitation flow, which will include sampling of streams and water courses in ten locations with respect to contamination.

The survey will also produce preliminary engineering data with soil tests, drawings showing basic route data and an alternate route to stress economy of installation for the contemplated system.

With this survey, the council and Robertson's committee plans to be fully informed prior to placing the issue on the ballot at a special election tentatively set for May.

THE COUNCIL AGREED that whether or not Franklin did decide to participate in the sewer project at the present time, the survey would prove invaluable to future planning.

A total of \$3000 was appropriated for the distribution of information to property owners as the study progresses.

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Posted

FRANKLIN—One by one the mail boxes go up in preparation for "mounted city delivery" beginning Saturday.

Glenn Heutter knows now just how the mail man feels as he puts the finishing touches on a box installed in snow and ice at the Ted Brehm residence in the village. Several hundred residents will have to come to grips with nature this week in order to comply with the new service and regulations.

For many it will be the first time mail will be delivered to their homes. Others, having had Birmingham rural delivery, will be expected to move their mail boxes to conform to regulations. All in all, people seem to think it's a pretty cool idea.