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W. B'field's Funds Hit Low Point

WEST BLOOMFIELD—An all-time low in the township's general fund balance was reported Jan. 17 by treasurer Sue Warner to the West Bloomfield Township board at its meeting.

THE DROP in general fund balance resulted from the township having to meet \$50,000 of its 1961 Evergreen Interceptor payment from the township general fund, Mrs. Warner said.

The final installment, due last April, was \$101,000. The \$50,000 deficit in the interceptor account was due to a drop in expected real estate development in the township and slowness in installation of sewer laterals. Tap-in charges to the interceptor are supposed to finance interceptor payments.

A DEFICIT of \$25,000 to \$30,000 in the interceptor account was expected this year, according to Mrs. Warner. It will have to be met from the township general fund when final payment comes due in April.

The township electorate voted down a two-mill tax increase to pay for capital improvements in the township, such as the interceptor, at the primary election last spring.

TAXES DUE by February, 1962, are coming in satisfactorily. The board told the board that collections are \$113,000 above the same period last year.

West Bloomfield Gives Tentative Approval to Sub

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Tentative approval of an 83-site subdivision was given by West Bloomfield township board at its meeting last week. Kimberly North Subdivision will be located on 14 Mile Road, west of Middlebelt.

The board passed resolution two on the south half of Doherty Estates sewer lateral, and resolutions one and two on the north half. Public hearings on the two projects were set for 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Feb. 14.

A REPORT ON township insurance was made to the board and recommendations from the committee were accepted. They call for increases in the amount of the township treasurer's bond in the insurance covering contents of safes in the township offices and the township's liability coverage on township vehicles. Board members discussed the possibility of appointing an agent-of-record to handle placement of insurance policies.

5 Men Named To UHO Board

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP Five area men were recently named directors of the United Home Owner Associations of Bloomfield Township, Inc.

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1-A Sewage Property To Be Viewed For Golf Link

1-B Education Associations Report on Room in Colleges in Future

1-C Sentiment Marks Return of Artist At Muscular Benefit

1-D Girl Scout Cookie Sale Starts on Feb. 2

1-E Cherry Hill Five Beats Groves Cagers

Crowd Attends Meeting on Hills Prayer Issue

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—The largest crowd ever to attend a Bloomfield Hills Board of Education meeting gathered last week to hear the board's decision on the controversial prayer policy. The board removed its recent restrictions limiting religious expression within the district schools. A resolution adopting a written religious policy allowing teachers to give oral prayers and the use of the "music, decorations and symbols commonly associated with religious holidays" was passed at the board meeting Jan. 16.

Board's Policy On Religious Observances:

Whereas the majority of people living within the Bloomfield Hills School District acknowledge the existence of one God, and whereas the recognition of God in the public schools is a wholesome activity, and whereas the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth are commonly acknowledged to have brought the great value to the human race, and by many to have been divine, and whereas an understanding of the several important religions of the world is essential to a complete education.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Bloomfield Hills School District: Teachers may at appropriate times and places acknowledge the presence of God orally thank God for the blessings that surround us and ask for help and guidance.

THE SCHOOL administration and teaching staff shall develop and submit to the Board for approval a plan for explaining the several great religions of the world to the student body and for giving appropriate recognition to the holidays and symbols of those religions; and Attendance at or participation in any religious observance or performance by any student shall not be required when a parent of that student has requested that the student be excused. The staff will give consideration to the religious beliefs of individuals and will actively seek to avoid causing mental distress or embarrassment to any student.

Final payment to the contractor, Gianvetti Brothers, has been paid, Stone said, with \$2150 held out to cover miscellaneous work in the spring and payment to one subcontractor whose work requires final approval.

Master Plan Topic Of W. B'field LWV

WEST BLOOMFIELD—The West Bloomfield Township League of Women Voters will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the West Bloomfield Township Library on Orchard Lake Road.

Beverly Hills to Seek Aid For Road Plans

BEVERLY HILLS—The village authorized its manager last week to apply for an interest-free federal loan to help pay for planning and engineering work on a road improvement project.

B'field Sets 2 Hearings On Rezoning Requests

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Action on two zoning problems in Bloomfield Township will be taken next month by township officials. A public hearing on St. Anne's Meade is scheduled for a Feb. 15 meeting of the Planning Board.

THE TOWNSHIP planning board is expected to reach a decision on Adams and Big Beaver roads on Feb. 13 to elect officers.

THE BOARD took the matter under advisement at its January meeting. It has been referred to planning consultant, Vilcan-Leman.

Land owners have been asked to furnish market figures showing need for additional commercial establishments in that vicinity.

Mailboxes Must Go Through Or - Frigid Franklin to Slice Ice

By NITA HARD Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN—With all due respect for Uncle Sam and his invincible red, white and blue postal service, the hitherto unflinching delivery system in Franklin is destined to fall short of the mark—unless, of course, there's a sudden thaw.

Confronted with a Feb. 3 deadline to install mailboxes in front of their homes, several hunched Franklin residents are pondering the present frost line.

They're being evicted from the warm and comfy cubicles in the post office next week. Mounted city delivery is on its way.

BUT, PUTTING a disclaimer into Mother Earth's frozen countenance so that said mailboxes can be mounted on posts of proper level for speedy postal to portal dispatching has met with icy resistance.

So, several hundred householders are waiting for a break in the weather. It's bound to come—maybe even before Feb. 3.

MRS. EMMA HUETTER of the Franklin Hardware and her son Butch have laid in a heavy supply of assorted sized mailboxes for their neighbors' convenience. Only a few optimistic residents have taken an affirmative step. Most of them are inclined to have the total installation on their monthly statement. No one seems moved to approach this innovation with the proud pioneer spirit of the forefathers who tilted these fertile hills.

At least there's been no resolution of the pickax resounding, to date.

CONTRIBUTING to the trauma of having their mail delivered in the cold, crusted world instead in the nice friendly atmosphere of the Post Office is the staggering regulation for identifying each box with street numbers and street names in addition to the name of the resident.

The exquisite luxury of simply having mail address, John Doe, Franklin, Mich., is doomed to be a part of the decadent past.

So, while anxious Franklinites study the meteorologists' predictions concerning high and low air masses, and hope for a slight tropic condition over the coming weekend, the earth's crust keeps a stiff upper lip.

Come Feb. 3, we're willing to bet, there'll be more than one message on the cold, cold ground.

Sewer Project Details Nearing End in Lathrup

LATHRUP—Final details of the city's sanitary sewer project, recently completed, are being rapidly settled, City Administrator Gerald Stone reported to council Monday.

Final payment to the contractor, Gianvetti Brothers, has been paid, Stone said, with \$2150 held out to cover miscellaneous work in the spring and payment to one subcontractor whose work requires final approval.

FLOWAGE in the Evergreen Interceptor is being adjusted with excess storm water flow at about 50 per cent, due to melting of heavy snow, Stone indicated. The excess flow was recorded after the work at 11 Mile and Evergreen Roads was repaired. Steps are being taken to reduce the surplus.

Four remaining downspout violations were to be traced in Justice Court Tuesday night, according to Stone.

The city administrator also reported that he would meet with the Beverly Hills to seek aid for road plans.

Bingham Gets Set To Vote Feb. 26 On 2 Amendments

BINGHAM FARMS—A public hearing on the two proposed amendments appearing on the March ballot has been set for Feb. 26 at Outland's Riding stable.

At their regular meeting Monday, the Bingham Farm council prepared to present the issue on participating in the Evergreen Sewer project to the electorate.

Calling a special meeting for Feb. 19 to remove the resolution from the table, the council agreed to send letters interpreting the amendments to property owners ten days prior to the hearing date.

COUNCILMAN NEIL WARREN agreed to check the possibilities of installing marker lights at the corner of Bristol Lane and 13 Mile. Residents have complained that the entrance to the lane is obscured and should be more distinctly identified to avoid confusion with private drives approached from 13 Mile.

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Capt. J. Zafarana Resigns in Lathrup

LATHRUP—The resignation of Capt. Joseph Zafarana, 27821 Santa Barbara, was accepted by council Monday.

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Druggist Robbed Of \$2,000 in Sack In W. Bloomfield

WEST BLOOMFIELD—For the second time within a year, a Pontiac druggist was held up by armed bandits.

Eugene H. Cole, 3019 Warner Street, was surprised in his home Monday morning by handies who robbed him of \$2,000. The robbers entered the house by smashing a window and reaching through to open a French door.

COLE, owner of Cole's Drugstore, left his store at about 11:45 Sunday night and arrived home 30 to 45 minutes later.

When he entered the kitchen of his home, the robbers ordered him to turn around. To save weekend receipts from the store, Cole dropped a sack containing the cash down the basement stairway.

THE BANDITS' West after the sack, forced Cole downstairs and left him tied up with tape and ropes. They fled in his car, after removing their footprints in the snow with a broom.

Cole freed himself and called the county sheriff's department at 1:16 a.m.

The group will meet at 10 a.m. on the third Monday of each month. The Jan. 15 meeting was at the home of Mrs. Don Somers, 4200 Valley Forge.

Lathrup Discusses S'field Rd. Widening

By IRMA N. DAVIS Staff Writer

LATHRUP—At a sparsely attended meeting last week of council members and Oakland County Road Commissioners.

Although the county has the fiscal decision, "our approval is being sought," Mayor Richard N. Cogger said last week in announcing the public hearing to get the thinking of local residents.

The widening project is part of a proposed road network plan involving area communities in the county.

CRUX OF THE problem was the handling of the center strip of the proposed highway. All agreed on two lanes each for traffic proceeding both north and south.

The small audience, preponderantly made up of local business men, was also worried over possible reduction of parking area on Southfield and the handling of left turns.

Cogger said left turns would be allowed every other block, should a median strip be used similar to that on Telegraph Road.

"Much safer," said Cogger, said the Charles D. Kelley and Thomas Munson, owner of the Munson Cleaners on Southfield.

THE KELLEYS favored a five-lane highway with underpass at Lathrup School. Alternative suggestions were for overpasses at three points on Southfield.

The Kelleys claimed overpasses would be unsightly; others mentioned the cost.

Mayor Cogger said the county had indicated that overpasses presented a "morality" problem. He said the county had told council members that the only two overpasses in the county "had been a complete failure."

CITY ATTORNEY Everett Hayes commented that Mrs. Kelley's suit "staps us from getting storm water out of an underpass. Trial of the suit, set now for Feb. 28, has delayed construction of the city's storm water system.

Various solutions included manually controlled traffic signals at the intersection.

B'field GOP Women Name New Officers

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—The Bloomfield Republican Women's Club met Jan. 18 to name new officers for the year.

Heading the group for '62 will be Mrs. Ruth Gorman, president; Mrs. Robert Lytle, first vice president; Miss Eleanor Parris, second vice president; Mrs. G. W. Gorman, secretary; Mrs. Philip Rothwell, recording secretary; Mrs. Jack B. Little, treasurer, and Mrs. William McCraun, council delegate.

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three points on Southfield; cutting away or "grading" a median strip to allow left turns at additional locations; openings of alleys behind buildings for parking.

AMONG THE problems mentioned were the possibility of four lanes with median strip making the Lathrup stretch of Southfield a bottleneck between Beverly Hills and Southfield.

To settle what appeared to be a confusing medley of opinion, Cogger called for a show of hands to indicate preference between the four-lane with median and the five-lane continuous highway.

The four-lane median strip was favored by almost all present.

Due next is a revised agreement and a new look at plans, to be submitted by the county, that may lead to a solution of the crossing problem, City Administrator Jerry Stone said.



Plan Mothers' March

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Mrs. Arthur Roller (right) and her daughter, Allison (left), get some pointers from Mrs. David Heinz on the ins and outs of campaigning for the 1962 Mothers' March against birth defects, arthritis and polio. Mrs. Roller is chairman of the march for Bloomfield Township area. Mrs. Heinz is chairman for Birmingham City proper with co-chairman Mrs. Robert McNeilage. Mrs. David P. Anderson is the chairman for Lathrup. The march will be between 6 and 8 p.m. Tuesday.

B'field Hills to Offer Adult Evening Classes

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Adult evening classes in the Bloomfield Hills School District will begin the week of Feb. 5. The eight-week sessions will meet once a week from 8 to 10 p.m.

Registrations will be taken at the Bloomfield Hills School District office, 4200 Andover Road near Telegraph and Long Lake Roads.

The classes include: ART—Tuesday—Mr. Robert Hoxie. Free-hand drawing and water color, composition, study of color and design and a study of the use of art materials. \$8.

BRIDGE (CONTRACT)—Tuesday—Miss Louise Dickson. Tuesday—Miss Louise Dickson. Tuesday—Miss Louise Dickson. Tuesday—Miss Louise Dickson.

FRANCE (CONVERSATIONAL)—Monday—Mr. Dean LaRue. For students with some knowledge of French. The class will be taught in French with stress being placed on conversation. Written exercises, grammar, and reading. \$8. First class Feb. 12.

GERMAN—Wednesday—Mr. Clarence Slocum. For beginners who would like to learn basic German. (See COURSES, 2-E)

Burglars Enter 2 Homes in Beverly During Weekend

BEVERLY HILLS—Burglars broke into two Beverly Hills homes over the weekend. West on Monday.

Two milk coats, a sealskin coat and jewelry were taken from the home of Samuel West on Monday. Larwick on Friday night. Total value has not yet been estimated, police said.

Entry was made through a door on the east side of the house. Burglars apparently used a claw-type tool to break open the door, police said.

Also broken into was the home of George W. Wright, 21105 W. 14 Mile Road. Wright told police that nothing was taken as far as he knew. The burglar entered the home through a side window.

New Meadowlake School

MEADOWLAKE—Plans for the Meadowlake Elementary School were approved for construction last week by the Birmingham Board of Education. The building, to be erected east of Inkster Road on Lindenmere Drive, will house 400 students from kindergarten to sixth grade. The Meadowlake

Elementary School represents a part of the building program to be financed by funds from the recent bond issue approved by voters of the school district. Plans for the project will be ready for bidding Friday. Architects are Linn Smith Associates of Birmingham.