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Amendment's Fate Puzzle In Franklin

FRANKLIN—Monday's general village election proved a decisive vote of confidence for incumbents but indecisive as to whether a charter amendment can be considered approved with only a 34 vote margin.

A MODERATE turnout at the polls in the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department hall put recent council appointee Richard W. Anderson at the top of an 11 man race for four council seats.

Not far behind Oberschulte's lead of 204 votes was veteran incumbent, J. Robert Mitchell, winning a fourth term with 195 votes. Lower down, George M. Howard, third highest with 160 votes, will also serve for a two-year term.

Edmond F. Webb, enters the official family after 26 years as a resident with 141 votes to place him on the council for one year filling the unexpired term vacated by Eugene Kelly in January.



Spring Has Sprung — a Leak

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Floods and mud, about the surest sign of spring here, plagued motorists and residents in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area in the last week. Flooded basements to stalled cars. This car "rooster tailed" its way north last week on Low spots in the Beverly Hills, Franklin, Woodward just north of Square Lake Road.

Gov. Swainson Talks March 23 To County Dems

Gov. John B. Swainson will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Business and Professional Association of the Oakland County Democratic Committee.

The dinner-meeting is set for 7 p.m. March 23 with cocktails at 5:30. It will take place at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills.

Gov. Swainson will tell members business and professional men and women—how the state Democratic party feels them. He will discuss his legislative economic needs of a growing state.

"GOV. SWAINSON'S tax program is designed to assure a greater equity among taxpayers," said Glenn Falkson, 3011 Middlebury Lane, Bloomfield Township, club chairman. "We will have an opportunity to hear the governor explain this program in detail at this meeting. And," he concluded, "we expect a big turnout."

The group will also vote on a new slate of officers. Joseph Masner, 412 Samoset, Royal Oak, is nominating committee chairman.

Southfield Man Dies After Car Strikes Rear of Tow Truck

SOUTHFIELD—A Southfield man died Thursday morning, several hours after his car struck the rear of a tow truck on Southfield Road, about one-half mile north of 10 Mile Road.

Raymond W. Moser, 25, of 18172 Greenwood suffered a skull fracture in the accident. The driver of the tow truck, John W. McPherson, 28240 Franklin Road, Southfield, told police he was getting ready to pull a car out of the ditch and that his truck was halfway off the road, onto the shoulder when the accident occurred.

Police said that a witness stated that McPherson had just stepped out of his truck when Moser's car struck the wrecker at 2:12 a.m. Moser died at 9:22 a.m. in William Beaumont Hospital.

Zone Ordinance Change Adopted in West B'field

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Two amendments to the township zoning ordinance were adopted last week by West Bloomfield Township Board.

The board postponed taking any action on a contract between the township library and Wayne County library, although the matter was discussed.

ONE ZONING amendment raises lot requirements in residential Zone Two from 8,100 to 10,000 square feet. In residential Zone Three square footage has been increased from 9,000 to 12,500.

The second amendment clarifies the definition of a "story" in judging whether a house is one or two stories high. It defines a legal story as one intended for normal living use as a part of the dwelling.

BOARD MEMBERS postponed action on the contract between the two libraries until budget figures for 1962 are completed.

The contract would bind the township to a \$19,000 payment to the Wayne County library for services to the township library. Other expenses for the local library's operation would bring the total township's financial responsibility to the library to approximately \$32,000 for the year.

Trustee Charles Forbes summed up the board's position. "We cannot assume any new contractual obligations until we know where we stand financially to current contracts and obligations."

Appoint Director For Hills School Recreation Plan

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Donald Hoff, athletic director at Bloomfield Hills High School, has been appointed director of the school district's summer recreational program.

Day camps from June 25 to Aug. 3. Any children, before and after Lake Elementary Schools and are open to all children. For lower grades there will be a half day session.

A HALF-DAY recreational program will also be offered junior high school students, according to Hoff.

Tennis, under the supervision of tennis coach Charles Robinson, has been added to the program.

Hoff is seeking qualified college students to serve as counselors. Interested applicants can contact him through the high school.

\$4 Violation Finds Fines To Total \$608

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—A \$4 moving violation cost a township resident \$608 by the time Detroit police were through.

Steve Toth Jr., 1910 Cedar Hill Drive, was ticketed in January for not having his car registered with him. The fine amounted to \$4.

WHEN TOth's attorney appeared Saturday before Traffic Court Judge John D. Watts to pay the fine, court officials brought attention to 17 unpaid tickets that accumulated since December 1958. Cedar Hill Drive, was ticketed in January for illegal parking noted by the courts.

3 Incumbents, McClanathan, Mrs. Chinn Win in Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS—Three incumbents, a former councilman and the present deputy clerk edged out opponents Monday in the village's annual election.

Marvin Cline, council president since 1958, lead the field with 1,141.

Clair A. Shephard, a councilman for a year, came in second with 1,031.

Hugh G. Allerton Jr., another veteran councilman, took the third post with 1,029.

John A. McClanathan, former village councilman for a year, was elected to the one-year term with a total of 799 votes.

LEONARD W. KEHL and Oliver C. Little tallied 609 and 385 votes respectively. The two defeated candidates are both members of the village's planning board.

BETTY J. (MRS. HAROLD) CHINN took the two-year village clerk's post with 848 votes for 513 for her opponent Candida (Mrs. John T.) Knoll.

Councilman Leo J. Jinnings and Village Clerk Mrs. Fannie Adams did not seek reelection.

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How Government Operates In Village of Beverly Hills

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second article in a series on the village government. The topic was the tax picture. This issue it's on the village's form of government.

BY DEN SCANLON Township Editor

BEVERLY HILLS—There are 8,633 reasons for the government of Beverly Hills to operate.

The 8,633 reasons are residents who live between Greenfield and Evergreen from 13 to 14 Mile and from Evergreen half way to Telegraph from 12 1/2 to 14 Mile.

It has a council of seven men, four of the seven are elected 1958, the residents within this area officially incorporated into a village—then named Westwood and later changed to Beverly Hills.

Technically, its "address" became: Beverly Hills Village in the Township of Southfield in the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, U.S.A.

BEVERLY HILLS, because it is young, has taken to one of the more modern forms of government.

Four of the seven are elected in March of each year. The top three vote-getters earn two-year terms and the fourth, a one-year term.

AFTER EACH March election, the seven councilmen name one to be president and one to be president pro tem. The group meets the first and third Monday of each month.

Councilmen earn \$10 for each meeting they attend with a maximum set at \$300 per year.

The council president receives an additional \$100 per year. The legislative branch of the village government, the council carries the majority of power.

BECAUSE The councilmen are working at their individual jobs during the day, a village manager is appointed to be responsible for the day-to-day routine at the village offices at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road in quarters rented from Southfield Township.

The village manager earns \$5,000 for being the chief administrator of the office. It includes everything from directing major sewer projects to perhaps, checking plumbing in the village hall.

ANOTHER HAT for the village manager is the one titled Director of Public Safety. For \$2,800 a year the director is responsible for the operation of the integrated police and fire department which employs 13 men who earn a total of \$75,000 a year.

Incidentally, the protection of the village, removal of rubbish (by contract with an outside firm) and clerical help for the office are the always-present charges that cost the most for village residents.

Sharing responsibility for the daily functioning of the village is the clerk. Elected every two years, she earns \$1,200 a year for part-time work. Using the words of the village charter, she is custodian of the village seal. Generally, the clerk takes minutes of the council meetings, administers oaths, certifies documents, keeps financial accounts, spreads taxes, prepares for elec-

tions—and performs a host of miscellaneous—but important and legally necessary—functions.

THE COUNCIL of Beverly Hills, in addition to appointing a village manager, names a treasurer, an assessor, an attorney. The treasurer earns \$1,200 a year and the assessor, \$500 a year. The attorney, of course, is paid on a fee basis.

Others who work for the village include the building inspector and the auditor. There is by necessity a sizeable amount of money allotted each year to pay for clerical help in the village offices.

IN ANOTHER AREA, the council receives advice and assistance from the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals.

The two boards review and study matters referred to them by the council and subsequently render a recommendation to the council.

THE VILLAGE of Beverly Hills, despite its small size, maintains a water department. General fund budget is \$2.5 million, the water department is run by a director who works with an outside firm under contract.

To date, the water department has held its head above the surface. It needs no financial assistance from the village's general fund. It earns and spends from its own source.

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Bingham Nods To 2 Charter Amendments

BINGHAM FARMS—Beter than half of Bingham Farms' 186 registered voters appeared at the polls Monday to approve a slate of three councilmen, clerk, treasurer and assessor along with a substantial margin for the two charter amendments which will enable the council to negotiate capacity rights in the Evergreen Interceptor.

DR. PAUL D. BARTLETT led 90 votes, Raymond H. Scheurer, 91 and Vern Paeper, 88. A total of 97 votes were cast.

Mr. Evelyn Whybrow had 94 votes as village clerk, incumbent treasurer James Washburne, 93 and incumbent assessor David R. Slamy, 95.

Ninety-three cast ballots for Proposal No. 1 with 67 for and 26 against. Ninety-two votes on Proposal No. 2 were divided as 71 yes and 24 no.

Hills Junior High PTO to Convene

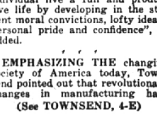
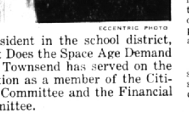
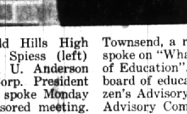
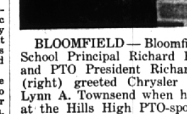
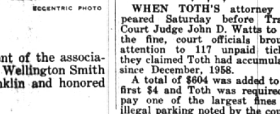
BLOOMFIELD—The Bloomfield Hills Junior High School PTO will convene at 8 p.m. Monday for a program on curriculum.

Panel members for the discussion will be William McGuire, principal, Jean Sieret, dean of girls, Mike Zartarian, counselor for the boys.

THE DISCUSSION will be on the courses that are available to the junior high students. Parents of all sixth grade students who will be attending junior high school in the fall are invited.

Anniversary Event

FRANKLIN—Historical map scrolls were presented to honored guests at the Franklin Community Association's silver anniversary dinner held last week. Dr. Ralph Smith (left), present president, gives the scrolls to Al Grigg (center), president of the association in 1940 and to George Wellington Smith (right), developer of Franklin and honored guest.



BLOOMFIELD—Bloomfield Hills High School Principal Richard E. Spiess (left) and PTO President Richard U. Anagnost (right) greeted Chrysler Corp. President Lynn A. Townsend when he spoke Monday at the Hills High PTO-sponsored meeting.

Townsend, a resident in the school district, spoke on "What Does the Space Age Mean for Education?" Townsend has served on the board of education as a member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee and the Financial Advisory Committee.