

# S'field, Lathrup Hold Tempers in Freeway Scrap

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Most cities favor progress—as long as it doesn't interfere with the domestic tranquility. Southfield and Lathrup are at odds on the location of the proposed I-696 freeway, but both vow they will not mount emotional campaigns to sway in its final decision.

If Southfield has its way, the ribbon of concrete will slice through Lathrup along

11 Mile Road from its present terminus at Lahser until it leaves the city at Greenfield.

Lathrup prefers the southern alternate, along 10 1/2 Mile Road, the border line between the two municipalities.

Southfield's preference became officially known two weeks ago when the city council voted, 6-0, favoring the 11 Mile route, following a two-hour meeting with state officials.

MAJOR OBJECTION to the 10 1/2 Mile Road alternate, say Southfield officials, is, and will continue to be, the fact that the route would chop off an end of the city's Civic Center site on Evergreen and 10 1/2 Mile.

Councilmen also see less loss of tax base and less expense to the city in construction costs if I-696 goes along 11 Mile.

The Lathrup City Council went on record several months ago as favoring the southern route, which would take only a tier of undeveloped lots along the city's southern border.

IF THE northern route is chosen by the state, Lathrup stands to lose several businesses in the north side of 11 Mile Road. The south side of the thoroughfare remains relatively undeveloped.

An interchange at 11 Mile and Southfield roads could also imperil a bank at the intersection.

Another complication is the fact that sewers in Lathrup presently run along 11 Mile. Councilmen also figure that the northern alternate would take 500 more homes than the 10 1/2 Mile route.

IF THE 16 cities of southern Oakland and Macomb counties can reach a consensus in favor of one of the alternatives, the highway department will pick what it feels is the best alternative, possibly by the end of this year.

Costs of the alternatives will not be a deciding factor in the state's decision, says Irvin J. Rubin, executive assistant to Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie. The lowest estimate is \$114,458,000 and the highest, \$115,739,000.

When completed, the road will stretch from I-96 in the east to I-94 (Edsel Ford) on the east.

The freeway will be designed during 1964 and 1965; right-of-way will be acquired in 1966; and construction is scheduled to begin in 1967. Completion date is projected to 1972.

If the 11 Mile route is chosen, the interstate road will pass through Southfield, Lathrup Village, Berkley, Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Royal Oak, Madison Heights and Warren.

THE ALIGNMENT using 10 1/2 Mile will go through Southfield, Lathrup Village, Royal Oak Township, Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak and Warren.

Most of the Oakland County cities involved have taken sharp issue with the highway department on possible encroachment of their sovereign territories.

Southfield and Lathrup, however, have stated their preferences calmly—if not objectively—and it looks as if they will remain friends, regardless of the outcome.



## This and That

by George R. Averill

### 'Seductive Subsidy' Used to Get Votes

Do you know very much about the federal government's "Area Redevelopment Administration?" It is an agency to which President Kennedy and his congressional partners have already given a half billion dollars and which now wants 45 million more.

An army of "salesmen" is searching for communities where portions of this "seductive subsidy" may be applied. Looking for places where, at four per cent interest, amounts from a few thousand to millions may be "loaned" for a wide variety of purposes.

The basic original promise was to loan the money to "distressed areas" for presumed needed public improvements. When first sought for, Congress was told that 103 areas could be helped; already that figure has increased to over 200.

To lower both public and private morality, the Kennedy control of ARA funds has placed the vast majority of the "loans" in areas that are loaded with Democrats, or where Democrat congressmen are expected to be in win votes because ARA is "going to help us get something—maybe for nothing."

Edwin P. Nellan, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, who is revealing ARA manipulations in speeches made this astounding and shocking statement to the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. "It was asked at the National Press Club to name the 'Christine Keeler' of our American scandal. My offhand reply was that the Area Redevelopment Administration has earned the distinction."

(And, Mr. and Mrs. Reader, do you realize that every dime of ARA money comes from the pockets of you and other U.S. taxpayers? Is this news worth a few minutes of (See THIS & THAT, 4-A)

## Leaf Burning Law Explained

DPW Supt. T. C. Brien has issued a reminder to Birmingham residents that city ordinance prohibits them from burning leaves in a roadway.

Brien said the leaves may be burned between the sidewalk and the curb on paved streets and between the sidewalk and edge of the roadway on non-paved streets. The burning must take place on private property.

He said residents wishing to have the leaves picked up by the City may rake them into the gutter on curbed streets or place them in containers on unpaved streets on their regular rubbish collection day.

No permits are required for the burning of leaves, he said. Commercial property owners in the downtown business area may not burn leaves.

## Franklin Cider Mill Story in Motor News

Franklin, the Town that Time Forgot, is the subject of a feature article in the October issue of Motor News, official magazine of the Automobile Club of Detroit.

The article, "Franklin Nectar Mill," is written by Mrs. William (Julie) Candler, 1288 Dorchester, Birmingham. She is a complete operation, writer-columnist for The Birmingham Eccentric and former Eccentric township editor.

Her story concerns the old cider mill which attracts thousands of visitors each year at this time. It is housed in a barn-like structure built in 1837, the year Michigan became a state.

Franklin is located at 14 Mile and Franklin roads.

THE MILL'S busy season starts in September and continues through

Today's young boys seldom enjoy the thrills that many of their elders did, as the annual coming of summer. For that was a time when all out-of-doors beckoned to youth. When the various "daring adventures" (beyond the ken of Mom and Dad) also took place. Climbing big trees, making a swim in the "creeks," "swiping" an apple or peach from a farmer's orchard—and, with it all, going barefoot!

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## School Lunches Are a Big Business

Tired of cooking for your family? How would you like to prepare 922,883 lunches a year? That's the number prepared by Birmingham public school cafeterias in the past year. Mrs. Hazel Parisseau, cafeteria supervisor, cites this figure in calling attention to the observance this week of "National School Lunch Week."

The local school lunch program operates on a nonprofit basis. Besides federal subsidies, funds are collected from students and teachers. Ninety women are employed in the 13 cafeterias in the Birmingham system. There are 35 paid students who help in the secondary cafeterias.

An average of 5,600 students are served "Type A" lunches per day. This consists of 2 ounces of protein-rich food; 1/2 cup of fruit and/or vegetables; 2 teaspoonful of butter; 1 slice of enriched bread; and 1/2 pint of milk.

Here are some of the items served last year: 517,417 half-pints of milk; 28,000 pounds of butter; 34,800 pounds of flour; 30,714 pounds of turkey and chicken; 6,820 pounds of ground beef; 536 cases of vegetables; 523 cases of fruit; and 225 cases of potatoes.

Mrs. Parisseau checks supplies (left) in the stockroom at the service building, 2125 E. Lincoln; while Mrs. Walter Killing, manager of the Seaholm cafeteria, prepares a meal for high school students.

## City Rejects Requests for Phone Booths

A request by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. to install three outdoor phones in downtown Birmingham was turned down by city commissioners Monday night.

The commission rejected the request because it was felt there was no demonstrated need for the booths at this time.

Michigan Bell had sought permission to install two outdoor phone booths at Woodward and W. Maple and a walk-up telephone at Brent and W. Maple.

Thomas W. Wear, Bell communications representative, told the commission in a letter the phones were needed to serve as "24-hour communications needs for police, fire and other emergency matters, as well as being available for normal use."

COMMISSIONER William E. Roberts said he questioned the need for the phones because of the availability of other phones nearby. He said he hated to see the booths on the main street.

Roberts said he also felt it would be difficult for telephone booths to find a parking spot in the proposed locations.

He noted that there were already outdoor booths in both Municipal Park and at another location near the bus station.

## City Vacates Part of Old Salem Court

The City of Birmingham will vacate the northerly 120 feet of Old Salem Court.

City commissioners approved the vacation of the public utility the full width of the street. No one objected to the vacation.

Because there were only two property owners involved in a request to extend the existing street, the commission declared no necessity on the project in September.

The vacation will allow the property owners to make their own improvements.

COMMISSIONER Carl P. Ingraham questioned the vacation because of possible future development in the area.

City Manager L. R. Gare said he believed that any future development in that area would be along Quanton Road rather than Old Salem Court because of the size of the lots involved.

## Handling of Contract Irks Commissioners

Birmingham city commissioners awarded an \$8,331 contract for the installation of a sprinkler irrigation system for the new municipal golf course Monday night but criticized the administration for its handling of the matter.

Commissioners delayed acting on the project last week to allow City Manager L. R. Gare time to check prices on the material needed for the sprinkler system.

Gare said only one bid had been submitted on the project although copies of the advertisements were sent out to about 40 contractors and suppliers and nine sets of specifications were taken out.

## Hills Youths Take Part in Olympic Relay

Three Bloomfield Hills runners were scheduled to take part as the final link of the Los Angeles - Detroit Olympic relay got under way in Michigan Wednesday afternoon.

They are Ulrich and Goetz Klopfer, 1401 Echo Lane, and Robert Smith, 1490 Kirkway.

The three are among 30 runners from Michigan who are scheduled to cover the 240-mile relay from New Buffalo to Detroit between 2 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. Friday.

ALTERNATING runs every three miles with six- to seven-hour rest periods in between, the state participants will follow Michigan Ave. out of Ypsilanti to the Michigan Central depot in Detroit; then will go west on Vernor to Woodward, then down Woodward to the City-Country Building.

The relay, sponsored by the AAU in an effort to promote the 1968 Olympics for Detroit, began in Los Angeles Sept. 28.

BOTH OF the Klopfers and Smith started on the cross country and track teams at Bloomfield Hills High School. The Klopfers are members of Wayne State University's cross country team this year. Smith is enrolled at a Detroit arts and crafts school.

Natives of East Germany, the Klopfers have resided in the U.S. about 10 years. Both have been active in AAU competition.

## Employment Service For High Schoolers

The Community House High School Employment Service, sponsored jointly with Seaholm, Groves and Bloomfield Hills High schools, is again in full operation with the opening of the new school year.

Robert A. Bogan, Community House executive director, is urging employers and individuals seeking dependable, well-qualified high school youngsters for part-time or temporary jobs to call High School Employment Service, MI 4-0406, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. weekday afternoons and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon.

A proposal by Commissioner David F. Breck that Birmingham should send a representative to the Oct. 21 hearing was rejected as was a recommendation by Breck to formally protest the proposed cancellation.

The two trains are dropped from the Grand Trunk schedule. Birmingham will be served by outbound trains at 7:20 and 8 a.m. and inbound trains at 5:37 and 6:07 p.m.

## Dr. Harris Gives Bibles to Classes

Dr. W. Glen Harris, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, presented Bibles to the 4th grade Sunday School classes in the sanctuary Sunday.

Families and friends of these boys and girls were invited to the presentation and to the reception that followed in the Social Hall.

**A Century Ago...** the pharmacist's shelves were filled with medicines that purported to cure many deadly or crippling diseases such as:

- tuberculosis
- scarlet fever
- diphtheria
- pneumonia
- diabetes
- gout
- measles
- menstrual irregularities
- hypertension
- and boys and girls were invited to the mental illness

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