

West Bloomfield Citizens' Group Meets at School

The West Bloomfield School citizens' advisory committee met Wednesday evening at the Scotch School, Hillier and Commerce Roads. Ray Young, principal, guided the group through the building, pointing out current defects as well as the building's

three major structural additions. Harold Knisley, trustee of the steering committee, led a discussion based on a projection of population by area group, then attempted to finalize the projected population distribution of homes and by density of homesites.

AN ANNUAL sampling of the school population of three subdivisions within the district brought out the fact that the committee's base of approximately 2.1 children per home site was a high maximum figure. Planning based on this factor will be more than adequate to contain future population explosions.

Following the population study, the group attempted to determine the number and size of buildings needed to meet the requirements of the "6-5-3" grade structure as adopted by the group at a previous meeting.

JOHN HALL, group chairman, stated that the group should plan to conclude its study within the next few weeks. A recommendation will be then prepared for the Board of Education covering the number and size of buildings to be required plus suggestions as to general location within specific township sections.

Spring Concert

The 65-member Bloomfield Hill School band will present a spring concert on March 21 in the Little Theater of the school. The director is Wayne Tilton.

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Mrs. Loomis To Speak at PTA Meeting

Green School PTA will meet tonight at 8. The speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Peter Loomis, president and trustee of the Birmingham Board of Education.

Mrs. Loomis will discuss "Michigan's New Constitution as Related to Education." She is a member of the Con-Con committee and of the Birmingham League of Women Voters.

A report on the activities of the newly formed W. Bloomfield Schools citizens' advisory committee will be presented. The findings of this district-wide group will effect the future educational structure of the Green School area.

Jaycees Send CBDD Articles To Members

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE consisting of Mrs. Jack Cousins, Mrs. Nereve and Martin Lawrence will present the committee's recommendations for the 1963-64 slate of officers. Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the time of the election during the April meeting.

A proposed change in the organization's by-laws will be given a preliminary reading with a final vote coming in the April meeting. The executive board is recommending that the slate of officers be expanded to include a mother-vice-president to be elected beginning May 1964.

Mrs. Dan Chisus assisted by Mrs. John Hoover will serve refreshments provided by the mothers of the first grade pupils.

Brownson Guild To Hold Retreat In B'field Hills

A one-day retreat is announced by the Brownson Guild of Catholic school teachers and administrators in the Detroit area.

Starting at 10:30 a.m. it will be held on March 24 at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills. It is open to all school teachers in and about Detroit.

The retreat master will be the Rev. Edward J. Hartmann, S.J., University of Detroit, chairman of the department of classical languages.

Bus

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and noted that the figure implies saying off the buses in a single year. They will last longer than that, Bartlett said, and could be bought on time like a family car. The state superintendent said the bill would increase costs but would give parochial parents something or their taxes and create good will. The bill, he said, is based on service to the schools.

Cost to the district would mean an extra \$216,000 (total) to provide the service, the local board's statement said. The letter estimated the average cost per home owner at \$40 per year.

BARRING A TAX increase, present service and facilities would have to be curtailed, said Bowers. The bill is now in the senate education committee. Introduced by Sen. Vander Laan (R) of Grand Rapids, it is co-sponsored by 29 other senators. The senate contains 34 members. House leaders of both parties and Gov. Romney have indicated they will support it.

The bill would require public school districts to bus children to private and parochial schools within each district and up to eight miles beyond the district. Bowers said the bill would force the Bloomfield Hills district to transport 1,000 additional students attending 18 private or church-run schools. Presently bused are 3,200 pupils to nine private schools. Each bus can make three or four trips because school opening times are staggered.

THE ADDITIONAL service would mean an outlay of an extra \$90,000 per year for operation, Bowers estimated. This, plus bus cost, would amount to 14 per cent of the entire district budget as compared to the present five per cent. Currently, the district cost is \$123,000 annually to operate buses.

Bowers said the publicity attending to the bill estimates the total cost to all school districts at about \$400,000 per year. He called this figure misleading. He also said that the district has no control over hours of private and parochial schools, all operating independently and making "efficient scheduling impossible."

HE SAID HE felt that the district's taxpayers would defray any request for additional taxes for this proposal. The alternative, he said, is to reduce other budgets to "provide transportation for families who do not use our schools."

He stressed that transportation would have to be provided for all schools "that are completely beyond the authority" of the district and its board.

The proposed bill's consequences would significantly weaken tax-supported schools, Bowers said. The board urged more study on the whole subject.

The letter urged parents of public school children to contact their elected senators and representatives to express their opinions.

Car Hits Ditch; Pontiac Man Hurt

A Pontiac man was injured Saturday when the car in which he was a passenger turned over in a ditch.

James Lawrence, 39, in satisfactory condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, after suffering chest injuries in the accident.

The car, driven by William J. Bell, 35, of Pontiac went out of control on Franklin Road near Long Lake road at 12:30 a.m. "once said the car was southbound on Franklin when the driver lost control on a curve.

Bell suffered cuts and was treated and discharged from the same hospital.

Jaycees Send CBDD Articles To Members

The Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce has sent copies of the Feb. 21 Eccentric containing articles on the city's proposed Central Business District Development plan to all its members.

The Jaycees' Community Awareness Committee, who sent out the articles, termed The Eccentric's coverage of the Feb. 14 joint boards meet "excellent."

F. Ward Ouradnik, chairman of the CAC, said city officials will explain some of the proposed plans for the CBD at the Jaycees general membership meeting March 14 at Sylvan Glen.

Copies of the Feb. 21 issue of The Eccentric, which contains a full page of the complete reports presented by the groups attending the joint meeting, are available to the public at The Eccentric office, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham.

Church Buys Historic Site In Franklin

FRANKLIN — Final papers for the purchase of the historic, century-old Franklin Community Church on Green Mill road were signed March 12 by the Gallatin Baptist Mission. The first services of the newly formed group will be held March 24 with Sunday school at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 7 p.m.

A regular mid-week prayer meeting will be held each Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Lawrence Mattis, transferred from Laingsburg, after a year and a half of service there will officiate. Rev. Mattis and his wife, Anne, announced they will be moving into the area shortly. They have no children.

FOR THE PAST seven years the church, built in 1863, has been occupied by the Christian Science Church, now holding services in a new edifice at Inkster and Maple roads.

Donald Cronmeyer of Rosemont drive, Franklin, is one of the leaders active in establishing the new group and handled the arrangements for the purchase.

The Franklin Baptist church will be independent and may elect to join any of the 29 different kinds of Baptist churches in the country, but is closely associated with the Tabernacle Baptist church in Hazel Park, the Alpha Baptist and West (Chicago Baptist churches in Detroit.

Board Denies Use of House For Business

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—A complaint by a resident brought to light this week the fact that an advertising company was using a one-family residence on Telegraph, south of Maple at Fairlane Drive, to conduct its business.

At the board meeting Monday, Mrs. Florence Stewart and her attorney, Carl Siegel, requested that Mrs. Stewart be permitted to continue the operation of the Siegel Advertising Co. in a residential zone area.

The house, which faces Telegraph, has been used since December as an office by Mrs. Stewart and six other women, as a franchise agency for Kellogg's of Battle Creek.

"WE USE THE kitchen of the house for test product work," Mrs. Stewart told the board, "but no one actually lives in the house." She offered to have a caretaker live there if it would help.

Siegel pointed out that they had used a similar house in Redford Township with the usual permission of the board there.

The board voted that Mrs. Stewart's request to continue to use the property be denied, since it is against the zoning regulations and could not be allowed. They suggested that she bring her request to the zoning board of appeals, but, in the meantime, cease operations of the advertising concern in the house.

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