Lathrup Townsite News

by LILLIAN DIEDERICH

Women's Club Board Meets

Lathrup Townsite Women's Club held a board meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Miles W. Beatty. Several important decisions were made. It was voted that the club purchase a $100 Defense Bond, and that another $100 be set aside with which to buy a security of equal quality. The coming dinner dance to be held at Bonnie Brook on March 7 has been well accepted; Mrs. Doig reported that more than 60 couples have reserved!—Tea was served after the board meeting.

Vera Adams, an authority on interior decorating, will speak at the regular meeting of Women's Club, Monday, March 2, at two o'clock. "Color Stimulation for Your Home," will be her topic. Mrs. Roger M. Baker, who recently completed the instructor's course on fireprevention, and who now is conducting classes on that subject, will show a film on bomb extinguishing. Mrs. Carl Taylor is helping with arrangements. Hostesses: Mrs. Kenneth Crow, Mrs. John Scolaro, Mrs. Gordon Smith, Mrs. Fred Simpson.

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Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wyllie, were hosts over the week-end, to Mr. and Mrs. James MacTaggert and family of Port Huron. Peter MacDonald, a cousin, with the Royal Canadian Air Force at Goderich, Ont., also was a guest. MacDonald has made several flights from England over enemy lines of Italy.

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Mrs. Edward C. Tieman reports she has 25 women organized to begin the home nursing course, which will start in March. The date is to be announced later by Mrs. J. M. Campbell, who also is rounding up enough registrants to fill the quota required for a class. Mrs. Tieman is an active worker in civilian defense and takes her classwork seriously. She has enrolled in several classes and has aid kit.

Wants to Help

While on the subject of Civilian Defense we believe mention should be made of the enthusiasm of Miss Reva M. Ellas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ellas, who signed up weeks ago for air-raid warden. Miss Ellas is a teacher in a Detroit school, and so she believed she could be used as an air raid warden in the city. She waited for a call but none came, though Detroit was begging for fire wardens. Last Saturday she spent six hours trying to get information as to when she could start the protective class-work. First she went to the Public Library, information desk. No one knew the answer. She then went to Barlum Tower, and inquired at the information desk. No one knew why she could not be a warden somewhere. She then hied over to the Mayor's office and waited two hours to see Jeffries, but he was in conference. At five o'clock she went home in disgust. At six, she called me up to advise her; but of course I had no information along that line. However we intend to find out, 'and soon. It's people like Reva Ellas who make people like me ambitious to become people like her!

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Other Activities

Mrs. Roger Baker instructed TWO fire prevention classes last Thursday. She will inform another group of the elements of bomb extinguishing Thursday evening, Feb. 26, at 7:30 in the kindergarten room of the Armie Lathrup school. Next week Mrs. Baker will give her information to a class at Bonnie Acres school.

While on the subject of Bonnie Acres: Mrs. Ernest Zatorsky worked hours to find a place in which to hold class on nutrition. Someone mentioned Bonnie Acres. After previous refusals, she expected another, but she was graciously received by a school board member and told that the school would be open for all classes in civilian defense. Friday the nutrition class, 30 in number, assembled at Bonnie Acres.

Ingeborg Wahlberg, soprano soloist, will sponsor a benefit concert for the Norwegian unit of American Red Cross, the evening of March 10, at Detroit Institute of Arts, at 8:15. Eleanor Stutznann, pianist, will accompany her. Violinist for the evening will be Doris Yoder. Tickets may be obtained from Fred Kildal, of Highland avenue, Highland Park. Mrs. Wahlberg is secretary and treasurer of the Norwegian unit. She has many friends in Lathrup Townsite who may wish to hear the concert of gifted musicians.

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Mrs. Earl D. Loomis gave a dinner party Sunday evening in honor of her husband's birthday.

Girl Scout Tea

A tea for the mothers of the Girl Scout troop of Lathrup Townsite was given last Wednesday. Twenty-five scouts and mothers attended. New Scouts are Virginia Bennett, Shirley Rauss, Betty Marsh, Phylis Reitzel, Gwendolyn Black, Audrey Black, Doris Bigler, Jane Motter, Ruth Witte and Margot Iverson.

JUNIOR HIGH

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ciently when set up as a separate unit, Dr. Shibler reported.

He listed these advantages:

(1) All junior high students would have a uniform program, broader and better than the present curriculum.

Saving in Costs

(2) By increasing the size of the student body, the size of the classes would be easier regulated, with a saving in instructional costs, and with a saving in equipment needed. Rather than teach many subjects, teachers will be in a position to specialize.

(3) A central junior high will bring about a more natural social condition among the junior high students, eliminating sectional rivalry of one sort and another, making for better morale in the entire city.

The step will relieve crowding in the senior high and permit a better program there.

The principal of the new school is still undetermined.

GARDENS

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representative at the Civilian Defense office in the Community House to aid gardeners, distribute literature and exhibit maps of eligible vacant lots. It is even planned to care for some gardens should their owners decide to take an extended vacation.

Instruction in Canning

During the season will come public courses on home canning and storing for the benefit of women who have never tried their hands at it; also, it is planned to salvage some of the fruit which goes to waste on many trees in the district.

The entire project is part of a national movement and it has the endorsement of the Government. Mayor John E. Martz is 100 per cent behind the project, and Defense Coordinator Donald C. Egbert has given the plans his official blessing.

Shibler Tells Lions Of New Junior High

Dr. Herman L. Shibler, superintendent of Birmingham schools, explained the new junior high set-up, approved this week by the Board of Education, to members of the Lions Club on Wednesday noon.—John Springman introduced the speaker.

The Lions Club Board will entertain club members at a meeting out at the Kingsley Inn next Monday evening. Dr. J. B. Hassberger was in charge of a group of 15 men who went over to Lake Orion Wednesday evening to have dinner and bowl with the club there.

BARBARA GIBSON, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Warren Gibson, of Riverside drive, entertained as her week-end guests, four girls from Marshall, Mich. They were Audra Hatch, Marion Hale, Jackie Sentz, and Betty Snyder. On Saturday afternoon she honored her guests at a bridge luncheon for 12.

Club Notes

Sigma Lambda to Have Bake Sale on Saturday

Sigma Lambda club members are keeping themselves more than busy this week with all kinds of plans and work for their bake sale which is to take place this Saturday, Feb. 28, at Hawthorne's Electric Store on West Maple avenue.

V.F.W.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold their regular meeting on Monday, March 2, at 8 p. m. in the K. P. Hall.

Sigma Beta

Rough initiation for new members of Sigma Beta, local business girls' sorority, was held at the Oakland County Boat Club near Sylvan Lake Wednesday evening following an informal dinner.

Dorene Topping and Louise Holcomb of Birmingham were among the new members initiated.

Formal initiation will be held Friday evening.

Present Day Club

The Present Day Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ralph Braidwood on Emmons avenue, next Tuesday evening, March 3, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. S. Forman Wilson is in charge of the program which is on "New Things in Science."

Enbury Women's Division

Members of the Women's Division of the Enbury Methodist Church, will be entertained at a luncheon by Mrs. F. Crouse at her home at 1011 Smith avenue, next Wednesday, March 4, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Soroptimist Club

Wilson Jenkin, social studies instructor from Baldwin High School, will talk to members of the Soroptimist Club on "The Changing World Map" this evening out at Devon Gables. Dinner will be served at the usual time.

Rebekah Lodge

The Birmingham Rebekah Lodge will hold a public 500-card party on this evening at 8:30 o'clock in the K. P. Hall. Mrs. Grant Springstead and Mrs. Ada Barfett are in charge.

Polygon Club

A trip to the Horace H. Rackham Memorial building to attend a lecture on "The Future of Marriage and Family" by Dr. Paul Popenoe, has been planned for the Polygon Club meeting this Friday evening, Feb. 27. This lecture is a part of the Institute of Marriage and Family Life, being sponsored at this time by the University of Michigan Extension Service, Merrill Palmer School, and the Detroit Public Library.

The Friday evening meeting is being planned especially for young people by Dr. Popenoe. The group is to meet at the church at 7:30 p. m. For reservations call 2353.

Past Chiefs Group

The Past Chiefs club will hold its regular meeting on Friday, Feb. 27, at 8:30 p. m., in the home of Mrs. Stella Edgar, 737 Fairfax road. Mrs. Alec Bailey will assist the hostess.

Pythian Sisters Sponsoring Penny Supper on Saturday

The Pythian Sisters are sponsoring a penny supper on Saturday, Feb. 28, 5 to 8 p. m. at the K. P. Hall. Mrs. Stella Edgar is chairman of the supper.

Kroger to Give Bonds In Coffee Contest

Defense Bonds totaling $5,000 will be awarded as prizes in a customer coffee contest sponsored by the Kroger Grocery and Baking Co., it was announced by W. W. Rogers, branch manager in charge of Kroger stores in this area.

The contest will be held for four weeks beginning Feb. 23.

In addition, for every 100 contest entries received, a carton of cigarettes will be contributed by the company to members of the armed forces, Mr. Rogers said.

First prize in the contest is a $1,000 Defense Bond, with other prizes including fifteen $100 bonds, twenty-five $50 bonds and fifty $25 bonds.

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PEOPLE

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"Only in a nation like the United States could a movement like Rotary be started, and its spread over the entire earth has made it one of this century's great contributions to the improvement of international brotherhood."

Militarists Lead Germans

Mr. Frayer, speaking about the Germans, among whom he has lived while studying abroad, declared that the average German is a good citizen, capable in the fields of art, music, science, and philosophy; but he stated that for 300 years they have been led to war by a small group of militarists who sought to rule the world. "What to do with these 80,000,000 Germans, who occupy so small a part of the earth's surface, is the real enigma confronting other nations," said Mr. Frayer.

"After the first World War we foolishly thought that war was at an end, and there sprang up in our country a group of young writers who argued that war was created by international bankers and munitions makers," went on the speaker. "The record proves that this is not so. As we review the first World War we must admit that it was not war hysteria that swept us into it, but rather a real belief that we were 'saving the world for democracy.' Much abused as that axiom is, it nevertheless states the plain truth.

"These young radical writers themselves were the beneficiaries of the private system of enterprise, young folks who, on the average, had never given the world a productive day's work in their lives.

Must Inspire Youth

"What can we, as adults, do for the guidance of youth, so that they build and maintain a stronger democracy? First, we must demand that the next generation not be like the last one. We must teach youth a reverence for the simple things of life. What would have happened during our whole 150 years of existence if, every time a man, or a group of men, were out of jobs, they had run to Washington, to the Great White Father, for relief?

"We should be proud of our form of government, for it is the greatest ever tried in the true liberation of the individual from human bondage; the United States Constitution is the greatest human document ever devised, as well.

"Whatever mess we are in today very largely can be attributed to the fact that the average person has overlooked the fact that with Liberty's rights he has failed to assume and carry out Liberty's duties and responsibilities of good citizenship."

MEETING

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in the future that their real estate agent had told them their children could attend any certain school.

Competition for Teachers

August Schlumpf, printing and mechanical drawing instructor, was given $50 extra on his salary for the rest of the year. He was offered that much to go to Grosse Pointe but was willing to stay if given the increase.

Classified as Teacher

In the past, Miss Leah Baldwin, librarian at the high school, has not been classified as a teacher and therefore did not receive the recent $50 bonus. Supt. Shibler recommended that her status be altered and that she be given the money. Mrs. Audrey Kemp, substitute teacher at the Pierce School the past three years, is still a substitute and therefore not entitled to the bonus, the Board decided.

May Now Sit

Students in mechanical drawing have never been able to sit during their classwork for want of enough chairs. The board voted $128.40 to buy 15 stools.

Permission was granted to the United Brethren Church to use Pierce School on payment of the regular $25 fee.

Daily inspection of fire extinguishers was ordered.

FINANCES

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suggested that if taxes are raised too much that people will stop paying them. "There are people living here whose income has not increased one bit," he said.

Other commissioners echoed this fear.

Trustee H. Ross Mack doubted whether there would be any great drop in tax collections because by the end of the year, there will be full employment everywhere. There will be some changes in the character of Birmingham's population, he said.

Suggests Election

Commissioner Wilmer E. Moody suggested that a new effort be made at once to put over a two-mill increase in the school rate by vote of the people, which requires two-thirds approval. It was defeated last June.

"The situation is more critical. If everybody got behind it, I think it would go over," he declared.

A special election was suggested, perhaps to coincide with the general city election on April 6.

Next Tuesday evening, a committee will meet to discuss the problem. It will be composed of Joslyn, Mack and Wylie Groves, W. Coit Allee, Ralph I. Coryell, Ray A. Palmer and Mayor Martz.

People's Column

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 300 words, and must be in the office by Tuesday noon for publication the following Thursday.

Editor, The Eccentric:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I have sent to Lansing.

DALE O. MILLER

444 Waddington

Harry F. Kelly
Secretary of State
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Sir:

We found out last week why so many people wait until the last minute to buy their new automobile license plates. We entered your Ferndale office on Lincoln's Birthday, and found the only man on duty was a Notary Public working for himself, and we understand that you issued orders that all State employees in your Department could take the day off. Well, that ought to be quite a few votes.

We hope General MacArthur doesn't hear about it, because there are several dozen people milling in and out the office that day, a great many of them defense workers trying to get their license plates, and naturally were not making any shells for the boys in the Philippine's while you were giving them the run-around.

While we were there we also learned that your office hours are from 9 until 5. Well, it just happens that my hours are the same. Will you therefore explain when people working are supposed to buy their license plates? They all pass your door before 9 o'clock in the morning, and after 5 o'clock at night. That means that all defense workers, truck drivers, etc. must leave their jobs and switch on their day's work in order to get their license plates, because they are not available in the evening, up until the very last few days before March 1. Then there is a grand rush, through no fault of the driving public, but due to the fact that your offices are not open any other time for them to purchase plates.

What would be wrong with staggering the hours of your employees so the offices are open up until 9 o'clock from Jan. 1 on? Then you would avoid this last minute rush.

Incidentally, there was quite a considerable line this morning at the Ferndale office, only one window open, and three other State employees polishing the chairs, having a good visit.

One more thing. Will you let us know if you are any relation to Captain Kelly of Hawaii fame? Perhaps not. Excuse us for asking. If he were still living, he would not be taking Lincoln's birthday off during a War, and as we understand, neither Lincoln nor Washington took any holidays for their birthday during a war.

Are you going to stay open Washington's birthday, or not? Please advise.

Yours truly,
DALE O. MILLER

Franklin News

Students of the Franklin School held an exhibit of their work, for the benefit of their parents, at the school house from 7:30 to 8:30 on Monday evening.

The annual father and son banquet is being held on Friday evening at the Community Hall. As a part of the program, Boy Scout honor awards will be given out.

Arrested for Reckless Driving

Harold J. Schmidt, of 1386 Lakeside drive, was arrested in Bloomfield Hills Saturday afternoon when officers noted his car traveling in an erratic manner. He was released on $200 bond to appear Thursday night on reckless driving charge. Pontiac police said that he had been involved in an accident there just previously, but had driven away. Whether there will be any action taken in Pontiac was not known.

CHILDREN

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rium period, which is directed by the well-loved "Caesar" Cherkowski, takes place. This time it was a Major Bowes program. All the acts were interesting, particularly so because they were marked by a complete lack of self-consciousness on the part of the performers. One little boy who played an accordion was so popular that he was called back for two encores, and on the second, the whole group joined him in song.

Second Class Period

Promptly at 11 a. m. the auditorium group broke up and classes for the second group, children from Adams and Pierce Schools, began. The first group is composed of children from Quarton, Barnum, and outlying schools.

Up in the weaving room many little girls were busy weaving baskets, mats, and most interesting of all was the macaroni weaving, being done by the littlest ones. Just in case you want something to keep your child occupied the next time he has a cold and must stay in, you might investigate this macaroni business.

More male participation was found in the leatherwork room. Here both little boys and girls were in the process of making the simplest of objects, such as belts, on up to moccasins—the most popular project at this point. Down in the basement we followed our cars and ended up in the Boy Scout room, where the boys have their wood-working fun. A score of little boys were busy with planes, hammers, saws and the like. A few of them are making bread boards, but most of them, boyishly enough, are working on all types of war boats and airplanes. Back at the Girl Scout room we looked in on the painting and clay modeling group, where a child's imagination can run away with him—for he can model or paint "most anything he wants.

No Disciplinary Problem

That there is no disciplinary problem with such a large group came as a surprise, but I was told that the children are made to understand when they first come that they only requirement for attendance is that each one be busy and happy—and that if he is not busy, he just can't be happy.

The Saturday Club originated back in the depression, under the auspices of the A.A.U.W., in an effort to make available to children of the community, instruction in art work, and manual crafts which had been deleted from the school programs. At first there was objection to the group; some felt that so many children would in a short time practically demolish the Community House. However, authorities now say that the children do less damage than adults.

At present the Saturday Club is sponsored jointly by the Community House and the A.A.U.W. A few of the leaders and workers are paid, but practically all of the work done, and there is an immense amount of it, is volunteered. Last year the local A.A.U.W. received national recognition for its work with Birmingham's children, and other units throughout the country are using this Saturday Club as an example to follow.

Jascha Heifetz Program Revealed

Jascha Heifetz, famous violinist, will present a concert at the Masonic Temple in Detroit on Monday evening, March 2, at 8 o'clock. His program will include Mozart's Sonata No. 8 in three movements; "Scotch Fantasy" by Bruch in six movements; Saint-Seans' "Sonata No. 1" in four movements; "Caprice" by Wieniawski; Valses 6 and 7, by Revel, "Larghette"; "Masks" from "Romeo and Juliet," by Prokofieff; and the scherzo from "Midsummer Night's Dream" by Mendelssohn. Emanuel Bay will accompany him at the piano.

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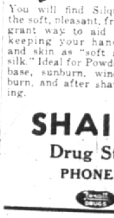

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