

Lathrup Village News

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Mrs. Edward Ganning of Cleveland Heights spent the weekend with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Himes of Santa Barbara drive. Her husband flew his plane to Detroit Sunday to pick up Mrs. Ganning. The party was given in their honor by Dr. and Mrs. Earl D. Krip.

Sleepy Birthday
Sarah Himes, 12, prefers a birthday party with a coffee-cake with her pals, and a coffee-cake with candles for the breakfast table centerpiece. Present were Ann Starkey, Mary Lou Wilson, Jane McCormick, Jane Purdy and Carol Heym.

Teen Agers Dance
Bus loads of teen-agers arrived in time for the dance held for junior high students in the Lathrup school Friday evening. More than 120 attended. The dances are under the auspices of Southfield Township school recreation department, headed by Robert Hall, principal of McKinley school. Another junior high dance is scheduled for Nov. 18, from 8 to 11 p.m. Buses will transport the children. Mrs. Eugene Himes assists with arrangements.

PTA Open House
The next meeting of the Lathrup PTA, on Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the school auditorium, will be in conjunction with the school's regular fall open house. It will feature a program on traffic safety. On display will be pupils' work in the various classrooms for parents inspection at 7:30 p.m. The PTA meeting will be at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. James O. Wright, program chairman, said Floyd A. Webb, AAA traffic safety consultant will speak on safety patrol activities and illustrate them with a film.

New membership is urged and will be accepted at this time.

Mrs. A. E. Little is publicity chairman.

Square Dance
Saturday, Nov. 19, a square dance will be held at 8:30 in the Lathrup school auditorium. The dance will help defray expenses of purchasing football uniforms for the new high school squad. Mrs. Eugene Himes of Santa Barbara drive has charge of ticket sales.

Flying Trip
New York by plane was the destination last week of several local women. Lucky villagers are Mrs. Carl Bush, Mrs. V. E. Blue and Mrs. Elmer Shaver.

Young Host
Dick Kappler, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Kappler of Sunset boulevard, was host to the JHers, youth group of the seventh and eighth

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Dondero Attacks Public Spending and Lethargy

By Lillian Diederich
Rep. George A. Dondero said last Thursday that he believed Gen. Dwight Eisenhower would accept the Republican nomination for the presidency in 1952 if it were offered him.

Dondero made the statement after he had addressed the members of the Southfield Township Women's Republican club on the sessions of the 81st Congress. The meeting was held at the home of the club president, Mrs. Herman F. Lures.

The representative of the 17th

district said that while this 10-month session was the longest in history, it was not because of what it did, while in session, but because of what it did not do.

"It refused to carry out President Truman's plans," he informed the group. He cited the Taft-Hartley bill, designed to bring about an adjustment between labor and capital.

"It never came to vote," Dondero said. "It was placed on the books."

The Brannan Plan
He spoke of the Brannan Plan which more or less assured farmers of high prices for their products and informed the consumer he would be forced to pay these prices in order to get food.

"This was defeated, ten to one," he said, "but it will be brought up again in January."

Dondero attacked the fantastic expenditures approved by the 81st

Congress. He said it appeared that there is no restraint on public spending, and mentioned the \$100,000,000 for "national public planning." He also pointed out that he had opposed this appropriation.

He mentioned other huge appropriations such as one of nearly 20 billion dollars for public housing; \$5,200,000 for restoration of the White House and our own state welfare. This has increased annually over the past 16 years, until today it stands at \$100,000,000.

What Has Happened
"What has happened to our self-reliance? So many now seem more content to depend on welfare than earn their living by the sweat of their brow. Maybe it is because welfare comes so readily."

Dondero shocked his listeners when he declared that one third of every dollar earned today goes

for local state and federal taxes. He pointed out that the amount faces additional increases, also.

"If this rises to 35 per cent it can mean total collapse of our economic system. What with socialized medicine and so many public aids, all dependent on Washington funds, we are growing away from the American way of life and leaning more and more toward Socialism."

"I'm almost happy I wear gray hair," he remarked, "for I am certain the golden age has passed."

Receive Gentle Slaps
"This Paradise we have enjoyed is in real danger. The fact that 151 secret documents were stolen during the war and hidden only 257 miles from Washington is a case in point. The offenders were gently slapped on the wrist."

"Two of the six arrested entered pleas of guilty and were fined from \$500 to \$2,500."

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Dondero spoke of the meeting he attended last summer in Sweden when 1,600 representatives from every country in the world, except Russia, met to protest another World War. He said it was a "soul stirring" meeting to attend.

He also spoke of the proposed reconconditioning of the White House. As a member of the six-man committee to inspect it last year he said they found it to be in a "state of collapse" in some places.

"Third floor servants quarters, which were strengthened with steel and concrete supports in 1902 now have cracks wide enough to thrust an arm through. These were caused when older supports buckled."

"Wood, charred in the fire of 1848, can still be seen through crevices in the walls. Old gas pipes

of almost ancient vintage are also visible.

"A short time ago workmen tearing out casements in the basement, came across two fireplaces. These are said to be where John Quincy Adams' meals were cooked. They are to be repaired and kept open."

The congressman spoke of several other sections of the nation's capital which are in a deplorable and actually serious condition.

In concluding his address he pointed out that the future security of this nation depends wholly upon its citizens.

"If we are to preserve this nation in security, we must exercise the right to vote," he said. "We must also influence our neighbors to do the same. Last year only 52 per cent of our eligible citizens used this privilege."

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