

## Lathrup Village News

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### Delivering New Car

Don Mitchell and Roger Himes both 16, are en route to California, to deliver a new car to Don's uncle who lives in Los Angeles. They will visit Sequoia National park and points of interest along the way, returning in about six weeks. Don is the son of the Arthur Mitchell and Roger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Himes both of the village.

Over the week-end Mrs. Himes had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hies of Burton, Ohio who are en route to their northern Michigan cottage. Mrs. Himes' sister, Mrs. Henry Canning of Cleveland Heights was also a week-end visitor.

### Apple Orchard School

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### Camp News

A contingent of teenagers accompanied by a chaperone, left Saturday for Grand Bend for two weeks of swimming, sailing and fishing. Those from the village are Barbara Firth, Joan Weaver; Barbara Clark, Sunny Black, Helen Schimpke and Mary Margaret Torrey.

Misses Barbara Flury and Beulah Finch, both of Southfield, read.

will spend part of their vacation fishing at East Tawas. They are Detroit school teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy S. Peppiatt of Saratoga boulevard, returned with their daughter, Ann who attends an eastern boarding school. Ann will remain home a few weeks and then will go to a girls' camp in New Jersey.

### Luncheon

Mrs. Robert Marshall was hostess at a luncheon for 10 girls recently, in honor of her niece, Margaret Estlin Harker, a June graduate of Royal Oak high school. Margaret Ann will take a secretarial course after a short vacation.

Visiting the Marshalls is Sinclair Harker of California, brother of Mrs. Marshall.

### Naval Reservist

Ernest Forbes, Jr., joined the naval reserves at Grosse Ile for a two-month training period. He was graduated from Highland Park high school this June. Ernest is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Forbes of Saratoga boulevard.

### DHS Cruise

Mrs. Elizabeth Gottlieb of Detroit and Mrs. John Diederich of the village, attended the Detroit Historical Society Port Huron cruise which they spent the weekend at Women's city club in Detroit.

### Kiwanis Groups

Kiwanis of Southfield had a home talent program at its Wednesday dinner meeting. The pianist, Andy Broad, sang several songs, with Harry Anderson, accompanying him at the piano. Dr. Wallace Tripp, gave a talk on "The Impact on Psychiatry of Painless Dentistry."

Geographical boundaries re-visited while discussed at the July 5 meeting since next week is to be "Ladies Night."

Steve Spoler reports one bowling team completed for fall. The club hopes the membership will pick up for another team, in the near future.

Southfield Kiwanis members held their June meeting at the home of Mrs. Clair McKay of Wellington road. Franklin with 30 members present. Motion taken at the recent Kiwanis convention in Miami was presented by Mrs. Andy Broad and Mrs. Wesley Muir.

Selections of new pins were made at the meeting and will soon be ordered. The group is planning a galloping breakfast and the annual Boing Boing trip for August. Mrs. Paul Bowman will be hostess at the September meeting.

### Five More Streets To Be Paved Under Contract Extension

Five streets in the Birmingham Estates subdivision will be included in the current asphalt concrete surfacing program. Approval of a contract extension to include these streets was given by the city commission. The streets are: Yorkshire, Buckingham, Dorchester, Ruby and Cambridge. Five hundred feet of new concrete curbs also will be installed.

The extension makes a total of 15 city streets to be surfaced by the A & A Asphalt Paving company of Birmingham. The original contract received commission approval on June 12.

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## Crabgrass Season Brings Grief to Lawn Growers

By AL SELBY

If you are one of Birmingham's many lawn enthusiasts, this is the season to watch for one of the most worthless weeds known—crabgrass.

Something good can be said of almost every other weed. Some, like dandelions, make good salad greens. Others are used for medicinal value.

Some grow on ground that would be otherwise barren, thus reducing erosion. But not old *Digitaria sanguinalis*; *D. ischaemum* (crabgrass) to you.

**DIGITARIA JUST** lays around in the ground in early summer figuring out the best way to ruin your lawn.

Then in midsummer, when the weather is hot and the ground is drier, it sprouts up. The hairy leaves three to six inches long and a half of an inch wide.

Worst of all are its jointed creeping stems which take root whenever they come in contact with soil containing the slightest moisture.

Crabgrass is a native of tropical climates, one reason for its ability to grow so abundantly in hot weather. The stems, shallow network of fine rootlets quickly soak up any moisture available in the dry season.

**SO, IN THE HOT** summer evenings when you step out on your lawn to give the grass a light watering it might be for the benefit of digitaria alone. It gobbles up the water and your already parched grass keeps getting drier.

There are two methods to fight crabgrass. The first is prevention; the second, control and elimination.

Prevention simply means to plant your lawn in a manner that crabgrass can never get started.

Contrary to popular belief, lawn seed seldom contains the weed-seeder while the grass seed does. Only a few of the cheaper lawn carry them, according to the New York State experimental station.

**SEEDS CAN BE** carried onto the lawn by any sort of litter or compost containing the seeds. Manure which is not well rotted will bring a lawn with crabgrass. Topsoil brought in from fields and gardens will bring these seeds if the plants are previously grown and matured on the spot.

The plants are prolific seed producers. A single crabgrass plant may produce 200,000 seeds, and as many as 400 seedling plants have been counted thriving on one square foot of ground.

A recent discovery proved that seed can lay dormant in the soil for 30 years and then grow.

**EARLY SPRING** treatment of lawns with arsenate of lead will kill crabgrass seeds before they get a chance to germinate. Grass seed isn't harmed in the process.

Hand-pulling of the plants in their first stage of growth is another successful preventive. This method is fast and effective.

Like many other weeds, crabgrass will grow in the shade of trees or buildings. Even a little shade will keep it in complete control.

The small amount of shade offered by a thick growth of grass may check seedling plants before they can establish themselves. Crabgrass will not cause much trouble in a heavy stand of turf.

**THE SECOND METHOD**, prevention and control, has been the object of intensive research by leading seed companies for several years.

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with water and then used as a spray.

It was used successfully last summer in many weeds and on the same principle as the Scott product.

Two other sprays, "Crab-Not" and "Weedone," are on the market in Birmingham for the prevention of crabgrass. They are made of potassium cyanate and inert ingredients.

Here is a list of local stores that carry one or more of these crabgrass killers:

Huston Hardware, 205 N. Woodward  
Woodward SCULL  
McBride Hardware, 128 S. Woodward  
Woodward SCULL  
McClellan-Ball Co., Garden supplies, 159 Brownell  
S. Fox, Crab-Not, Weedone.

Here's an example of what can happen to lawns when people allow one of nature's pestiest weeds, crabgrass, to grow unchecked. The area at the left has been treated with a new chemical preventive, while that at the right has been permitted to grow untouched.

**BY THIS**, Barr explained, "we are able to tell at a glance which areas have increased in value during this seven-year period. Those who will deal with future plans of the city will know where the expansion and sections lie. This in itself will aid greatly should questions of commercial zoning arise."

Barr said the background material gathered at present will give information regarding which sections of the city have the past decade's rapid growth during the period which has shown the greatest tendency toward increased lot sizes, larger homes, commercial development and so on.

Through it he will be able to prepare a more complete study for members of the city and planning commissions on what may develop in future growth. Should general conditions remain the same, the growth tendencies of the city will follow along today's trend.

The maps with which Barr works are merely lots and numbers. No names appear in this part of his work other than those of the streets involved. Commercial or residential sections are, to him, merely an amount of land which must be arranged to the best advantage.

**"THESE PARTICULAR** maps are of comparatively little value to the members of the city and planning commissions who can easily be altered to suit their needs.

"In several sections residents have been asked to plan for larger lots than the blocks have previously contained. Arrangements for the future of the area is pretty solidly built up."

The third set of maps deals with the age of the buildings already on the lots. Three sets of figures on each lot show the year in which the building permit was issued during the 1940 and 1950 assessed valuation.

**REPAIRS UNDERWAY** At Boys Republic

By Lillian Diederich  
SOUTHFIELD—Charles E. Henry, executive director of Boys Republic reports that repairs on the United States court house are now underway.

"For many years," he stated, "Boys Republic has been unable to meet the depreciation and maintenance, but this year due to certain funds made available, the work is progressing. The dining quarters and kitchen are getting a face lifting as well as the hospital and Ford class room."

Two new directors, Frederick C. Fare and Arnold F. Mahow, have been added to the board.

Appointed principal of academic vocational school is Theodore Gilbert of Stoughton, Mass., who will be assisted by Gilbert, comes from the department of special education of the New York school system. He received his Masters degree in that city.

**THE SUMMER** recreation program includes trips to the Glenn. Baseball teams are shaping up and about ready to "go to bat," and another tennis court has been added. Work is progressing on the basketball court which will be ready in a few days.

Boys Republic has a reciprocal agreement with universities and colleges throughout Michigan and wherein they trade valuable field experience and minimum salary for assistance in the recreation department. Several college men are helping with the summer program.

**National Cathedral** to Honor Michigan at Sunday Services

The state flag of Michigan will take its place beside the flag of the United States Sunday at the Washington Cathedral, and those in other parts of the country, has been extended by the Very Rev. John W. Suter, dean of the Cathedral.

Two services will be held, one at 11 a.m., the other at 4 p.m. when special prayers will be offered for the government and the people of Michigan.

## Local Youth to Play With All-State Band at Interlochen Meet

William C. Beard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold W. Beard, has been chosen a member of the two-week all-state high school band conducted by the University of Michigan at the national music camp in Interlochen July 17-30.

Purpose of the all-state group is to provide special training and experience in orchestra, band, choral and piano music for young people of high school age.

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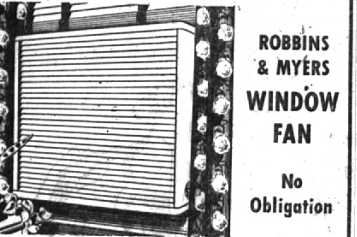
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