

Churches

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Cowgill, Robert Ebbert and Arthur Bremner, finance board, will be installed at this time.

A WATCH NIGHT service will be held at St. Dunstan's chapel of Christ Church Cranbrook at 11:45 p.m., Dec. 31. It will be a service of prayer and meditation, with special intention for peace in the world.

The area's four Catholic churches will hold New Year's Eve services with masses on New Year's Day following the regular Sunday schedules.

The parishes of Holy Name, St. Hugo of the Hills and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs will have their services in the church. Services for the new St. Columba parish will be held in the Shrine of the Little Flower high school chapel.

Are you thinking of buying a new home? Then read the "For Sale—Houses" columns on the Classified Ad page of this week's Eccentric.

Snow Worries Lathrup Council

Councilmen of Lathrup Village are wondering what to do about snow removal for the streets of their new city.

At the Monday night meeting of the council, Mayor William H. Harvie suggested that the city should contract with a private firm for the snow removal. He also suggested that the job be given to a local firm.

Councilman John G. Campbell said he felt that before any contract was let, several bids should be considered.

HARVIE URGED that action be taken fast because of the possibility of the residents becoming snowbound by a sudden storm.

The council agreed that Harvie's emergency papers would permit him to hire someone to remove snow in case of a sudden storm.

In the meantime, Campbell was appointed as a committee of one to investigate the possibility of getting several bids for snow removal.



PATRICIA ANN REDDING, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Redding, 28691 Eldorado, is shown as she prepared to throw the switch that lighted Lathrup Village's 20-foot Christmas tree on the night of Dec. 23. The tree was a gift from the city of Detroit, and the lights were turned on at a ceremony arranged by Miss Kathryn Feyereisen, city council member. Patricia Ann was chosen for the honor of lighting the tree because her father is an active citizen in the community although he lost both legs in the famed Battle of the Bulge as a paratrooper in World War II. Redding, who leads a normal life on artificial legs is superintendent of sales and allocations for the Plymouth division of Chrysler Corporation. Inset is a full length view of the tree.

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Petitions

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in law from Harvard Law school where he served on the Legal Aid Bureau.

Commissioned a Navy Ensign earlier, Vandusen served in the Pacific between November 1945 and June 1947.

A practicing attorney since 1949, he has been associated with the firm of Dickinson, Wright, Davis, McKean and Cullip, Detroit.

Member of the State Bar Assn. of Michigan, and the Detroit and American Bar Assns., Vandusen has had experience in state taxation and labor law.

He was vice-chairman of the Birmingham Republican Club in 1950 and 1951 and served as chairman in 1952 and 1953, resigning recently.

He has also been GOP chairman of the state's third district, since 1942 and vice-chairman of the Oakland county GOP organization committee since that year. He is a member of Christ Church Cranbrook.

IN A STATEMENT to the Eccentric, Vandusen said, "I think it would be unfortunate if our district should go without representation because of the failure of qualified candidates to come forward."

"My training and experience as an attorney should prove useful in the legislature, and my particular workings with state tax laws also could prove helpful. This appears to me to be an opportunity to be of service to the state and this community for which, I believe, I am well qualified," Vandusen concluded.

Vandusen hesitated to state whether or not he would run for the office when Estes' term expires at the end of 1954.

January 7 has been set as the deadline for filing petitions. The primary, should it be called, would be on January 21, just 20 days before the special election.

PETITIONS may be obtained at the county clerk's office in Pontiac and between 250 and 500 signatures of registered voters in the district must be obtained.

February 9 will be the last date that new bills can be introduced during the 60-day session of the state legislature so the new office holder will have only the opportunity to vote on bills that will have been submitted before the day of the special election.

County Clerk Lynn Allen estimated that it would cost the county \$2,500 to finance the special election.

Fire Station

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WHEN BOTH stations are erected, the committee has recommended the central station in the municipal building be abandoned and made available for future city hall administrative expansions.

The commission plans to limit fire department training facilities to the east side location, which also probably would see departmental administrative functions maintained there.

Interested citizens may examine the original artist's sketch of the westside station any time during regular working hours at the city clerk's office, Egbert invited.

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Cabs

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been given five licenses before his new vehicles arrived.

COMMISSIONERS have approved licenses for 15 cabs to operate in Birmingham.

The Veterans Cab Co. holds eight of the licenses. All licenses expire today, and must be renewed for the coming year.

Moxley and City Attorney Forbes Hascall were instructed to look over the present city taxicab ordinance with the view to making certain changes, the main one being to give the police department the right to order cabs off the streets if they are considered to be in unsafe operating condition.

Moxley said Monday night that earlier that day four of the five old cabs had passed a third inspection.

Mayor Ralph Main and Commissioner Vincent Watkins opposed the license revocations. Commissioners Dean G. Bear declined to vote, explaining that only a few days ago his law firm had obtained a client who had expressed an interest in operating a cab company in Birmingham.

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YMCA Men's Club Schedules Events

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Birmingham Y's Men's club, who spear-headed the sale of Christmas trees for the local Y, will hold a business meeting Jan. 4 and Ladies' Night, Jan. 11, at the Birmingham Y House.

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Parking Ideas Exchanged by City Officials

First of several meetings between Birmingham city commissioners and plan board members to be held behind closed doors to discuss city ordinance provisions relating to development of off-street parking, took place Monday night following the regular city commission meeting.

According to City Manager D. C. Egbert, the first session resulted in no tentative or definite decisions.

"Individuals in both groups expressed and exchanged their present ideas regarding adoption of an ordinance which would require new or expanded businesses to provide off-street parking," Egbert explained.

"They also considered what city action might be required to create an additional parking district zone in which fees could be charged."

ANOTHER MEETING is scheduled soon, the manager said. At an open meeting several weeks ago, commissioners tentatively agreed that a previously tabbed off-street parking adoption would have to be re-considered in order to prevent further parking congestion in the business-zoned area, which only is about 60 per cent developed to business use.

The additional parking district zone would have to be created, they feel, to permit merchants in the northwest business quadrant to establish and operate parking facilities for both all-day and shopping drivers.

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Troy Twp. Studies Sources of Water

Looking ahead to future home building in the township, Troy board members Monday night discussed at length the possibility of developing additional water supplies.

Members voted to express their appreciation to owners of the Belzair subdivision between Seventeen and Eighteen Mile and Livernois and Rochester for their cooperation in locating a township well within the subdivision.

Troy officials decided to abandon the thought of developing this well because the supply would not warrant the expense of the construction.

Board members agreed that an additional well should be placed in the northern part of the township where recent building growth has taxed the existing water supply.

A SECOND additional source of water, board members explained, could be gained through the opening of the well on Aspinwall, two blocks west of Livernois.

Township Treasurer Fred Hildebrandt stated that a good flow of water had been found on the well

site and suggested that this well be developed further.

In advising the township's water department on the direction the department should take in gaining additional water sources, board members learned that the township's fifth well on the township hall property would be ready for operation within two months.

SOC Incinerator Topic of Meeting

George Schmid, Engineering Manager of the Southeastern Oakland County Garbage and Rubbish Authority, will discuss progress of the Authority's three-furnace incinerator now under construction in Royal Oak township at the Jan. 12 meeting of the Oakland County Engineering Society at the Royal Oak city hall.

Area residents are invited to hear Schmid's discussion of the project that will dispose of refuse from the 11 member communities including Birmingham, Southfield and Troy townships. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

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