

Lathrup Suggests Own Fire Dept.

What appears to be a final offer for fire protection service from Southfield township was submitted by Lathrup Village councilmen at a special meeting of the council Saturday morning.

Councilmen instructed City Administrator Leonard Watchowski to send a letter to the township board offering \$15,500 for township fire protection for the 1954-55 fiscal year.

They further instructed Watchowski to tell township officials that if this offer was not acceptable, the city would be forced to set up its own fire department and asked that the present agreement with Southfield be continued for 90 days or until such a department could begin its functions.

In earlier talks with the township, it was reported that Southfield would ask over \$19,000 for this service annually. It is believed that at least one township board member will not vote for any offer less than \$18,000.

Babe Ruth League Sponsor, Tryouts Are Announced

Spring training will get under way for Birmingham's Babe Ruth League on April 26 with a new sponsor for one of the teams and a revised system of tryouts which will include about 300 boys.

The Harvosters' name has been changed to the Imperials, and they will be sponsored by Keller-Koch, Inc., Chrysler, Plymouth dealers here. Fred Petrucci will manage this team.

League managers will work with Frank Whitney, head of Birmingham's recreation department, in setting up an intramural baseball program for students of local schools.

The program—which will include all 13 to 16-year-old boys whether or not they already are in the Babe Ruth League—will provide spring training until the end of May.

All 13-year-olds will report at the high school field April 26 at 6 p.m. Fourteen-year olds will report the following day at the same time and place, and 15-year-olds will report on Thursday, the 20th.

Other teams, their managers and sponsors this year are:

The Chiefs, Al Bates, Wilson Pontiac-Cadillac, Inc.; Bel-Airs, Harry Rinkenberger, North Chevrolet, and the Rockets, Bob Gilray, Suburban Motors Co.

Aboard Battleship

Clayton W. Willacker, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin P. Willacker, 26815 West Twelve Mile road, visited Nagasaki, Japan, last month while serving aboard the battleship USS Wisconsin on her second tour of duty in the Far East.

Gun Club Shoots

Shooting dates for this month at the Birmingham Gun club have been scheduled for Saturday, April 3 and Saturday, April 17.



ARTHUR A. NAYLOR, 64 Baldwin, has been named assistant advertising director of the Monthly Bulletin of the Michigan Society of Architects, according to Tamara C. Hughes, editor and publisher. Naylor was educated at Wayne University, where he majored in business administration and advertising. He was Detroit sales manager for Toledo Adcast Co., sales promotion manager, Radio Station WJLB, and more recently with the H. B. Stubbs Co., display and exhibit builders.

City to Seek Bids On 4 Tennis Courts

Bids for the construction of four tennis courts at Eion park will be sought soon by the city of Birmingham, according to City Manager Donald C. Eberhart.

Total cost of the courts will be in the neighborhood of \$13,000, Eberhart said.

Citing lack of funds in the city budget, he added that the project will be the only park development undertaken this year.

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Red Cross Says Blood Donations Needed All Year

Oakland county's Red Cross chapter is seeking, now, to alert the entire area to the importance of maintaining a steady program through the summer months for bloodmobile visits.

"It is much harder to get donors during the summer than any other time," Mrs. N. E. Durocher, North Oakland blood program chairman said.

Mrs. Robert Vint of Southfield, chairman for the southern section said "Any group that can schedule a successful bloodmobile visit during the summer months has every right to be proud."

They pointed out that the last of the 22 bloodmobile visits is set for June 22. No other is in the offing, according to present arrangements.

"WITH HIGHWAY accidents usually on the increase during the summer months," the two declared, "local demands for blood are even higher than other seasons."

"This is coupled with the fact that many residents are away on vacations and there is a marked shortage of donors."

They said ill and injured in area hospitals had used an average of 432 pints of blood each month during the past year.

They urged a visit to the bloodmobile nearest them, to at least build up a backlog of this life-giving fluid.

To Open Branch

A branch office of the Fred Burton Abstract company, Pleasant Ridge, will be opened in Birmingham on Monday, April 5. The office, to be managed by Barry Allman, will be located at 420 So. Woodward.

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Thursday, April 1, 1954



ROY FRUEHAUF, (left) 5330 Middlebelt, and **James J. Nance, Bloomfield Hills**, are among 14 top industrialists and businessmen on the advisory committee to this year's \$200,000 subscription drive for Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan, Inc. The drive to make possible the 1954-55 program of the J. A. will run from April 13 to May 13. Birmingham will share in this year's drive as eight JA companies in the city near the end of their first year work.

Public Alerted On Unauthorized Easter Seal Sale

A report that an unauthorized solicitor apparently is making an attempt to capitalize on the 1954 Easter Seal campaign was brought to the attention of Matthew Cammareri, local chairman this week.

He said Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkby, executive secretary of the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children, had been told that a young boy was discovered in an apartment house, trying to sell the Easter Seals from door to door.

"There are no authorized agents for this campaign," Cammareri said. "The whole project is conducted entirely by mail, with the only other means of soliciting contributions being the canisters in stores and public places."

"THESE," he added, "bear the society seal and have been placed for the public's convenience by Rotary club members."

Cammareri said residents of this vicinity are eligible to receive the society's assistance to crippled children and adults.

During the past year society aid has gone to one in Big Beaver; nine in Birmingham and 13 in Southfield, he added.

A new addition to the services offered by the society is the speech training class extended services to cerebral palsy victims. Both

receive funds from the Easter Seal campaign.

THE SPEECH clinic has an initial enrollment of 14, the maximum which can be accepted with present facilities. Cammareri said all had been sent to the society from county health offices.

The extension of benefits for palsy victims is an additional day's training each week for a group of 10 children who are receiving training which will enable them to attend public schools.

In closing, the local chairman asked that contributors mail their donations as soon as possible so current budgets could be properly established.

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