

Property Division Laws Explained

Lathrup Village councilmen Monday night received City Attorney William Ewart's opinion on the division of property formula to be used in negotiating the settlement between the city and Southfield township.

In his report, Ewart stated that the township and city shared percentage-wise on personal property and on real property owned by the township and within the city limits.

"This is the law and it cannot be changed," Ewart stated.

IN EARLY settlement talks, township officials held that no real property of the township could be shared with the city.

After hearing the opinion, Councilman Thomas N. Reed protested over the absence of Ewart

at the settlement meeting held in Southfield the latter part of March.

Reed explained that with only three councilmen present and no attorney, the city was at a loss to question decisions made by Southfield.

Ewart replied that he found it impossible to attend the meeting and added that inasmuch as the meeting was not the final settlement conference, he did not feel the city had been hurt by his absence.

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Southfield Asks \$399,040 Budget For Coming Year

Southfield township electors will set on a 1954-55 fiscal year budget that exceeds the present year's budget by over \$100,000 Saturday night, April 10, at 8 p.m. in the Southfield high school cafeteria.

Township officials will present to the adjourned annual meeting a budget totaling \$399,040. Increases include a \$59,850 appropriation for additional township assessors.

A request will be made for \$1,800 to conduct a special township census for information of township population growth and to carry this summer in Southfield Park.

Last year's approved budget was \$295,646.50.

YMCA Open House For High Students

An Open House program will be held at the Y.M.C.A. Palm Sunday, April 11, from 2 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of explaining Hi-Y to the male students of Birmingham High school. A report on the recent Older Boys Conference which was held at Dearborn, Michigan will be given by Jim Reeder and Carson James.

Returns Home Friday

Arthur Peck, 584 Hanna, is expected to return to his home Friday, from St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, where he was taken after suffering a heart attack about two weeks ago. He is a supervisor for the Briggs company.

To Stop Nuisances

First reading of a nuisance ordinance was approved by Lathrup Village city councilmen Monday night. A comprehensive ordinance, it spells out all instances construed as a nuisance to the health and welfare of the community.



Lapeer Campout Goal Of Troop

Thirty B-5 Scouts and Explorers will spend the coming weekend at the Lapeer cabins on their over-night.

Funds Ken Ratloff, Joe Cook, Sandy Taylor and Henry Liephart, will be in charge with Scoutmaster Tom Austin conducting special outdoor Palm Sunday services.

At the regular meeting Monday night, Roger Aton, local canoe enthusiast, will have troop canoes in the Quanton school gymnasium to demonstrate proper handling, portaging and packing of a canoe. This is in preparation for the Explorers Au Sable river trip in June.

B-27 Scouts Head For Metamora Site

Twenty-four Scouts of Troop B-27 will be at a cabin campout at B-Bar-A cabin at Metamora this weekend.

Backs in charge will be Dave Underdown, Tom Ward, Sid Sullivan, Tony Ahe, Patrol Leaders Jim Zimmerman, John Cooper and Bill O'Toole, Paul Turner and Keith Harkins will be in charge of camping instructions and council fire ceremonies.

Patrol Leader Ted Binder and assistant Wayne Wells will direct special Palm Sunday services on Old Baldy hill.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CHESTERFIELD PAVEMENT - MAPLE NORTH

Notice is hereby given that Special Assessment Roll No. 194, heretofore made by the assessor for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction of concrete pavement with integral curb curbs 3' to 4' in height, located on Chesterfield from Maple North to the North Line of Lot 7, is now on file in my office for public inspection.

Notice is also hereby given that the Commission of the City of Birmingham will hold a public hearing at the Municipal Building in said City on Monday, the 15th day of April, at 8:00 P.M. to review said assessment, at which time objections thereto may be given to all persons interested to be heard.

IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk. 4-5

Trying to Clear Ancestor's Name In Lincoln Death

In another attempt to vindicate his grandfather, Richard M. Mudd, M.D., of Saginaw will address the April 14 meeting of the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Roundtable of Michigan. The meeting, marking the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's assassination, will be held in the restored Logan County Courthouse at Grandfield Village.

Dr. Richard Mudd's grandfather, Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, was the physician who attended John Wilkes Booth when his leg was broken as he leaped from the presidential box to the Ford theater stage after shooting Abraham Lincoln.

Accused of aiding Lincoln's assassin, Mudd was implicated in the conspiracy along with several others. While some were tried by a military court, sentenced and executed, Dr. Mudd was sentenced to life imprisonment on Dry Tortugas, or Shark Island, off the coast of Florida.

"THE PRISONER OF Shark Island," a motion picture made several years ago, was based on his life on the island and the heroic deeds he performed there.

Dr. Richard Mudd will illustrate his lecture with a series of 80 colored slides in his effort to clear his grandfather's name.

He will discuss the assassination date, Good Friday, 1865; the death of Lincoln, Booth's escape through Maryland into Virginia, the episode at the Garrett barn, Booth's autopsy, burial, exhumation and reburial.

The possibility of Booth's escape will also be discussed.

CONSPIRACY will be given to others accused in the conspiracy, including Mrs. Mary E. Surratt, who was hanged for her part in it, and the trial of her son.

He will conclude his lecture with slides on his trip to Fort Jefferson, a comment on the Shark Island movie and a summary of the efforts which have been made to clear his grandfather's name.

He received an army commission in 1926 and during World War II served as surgeon general. He received the Legion of Merit and later, in Korea, earned a commendation.

William Springer, Roundtable president, said that due to the nature of the subject under discussion, the meeting will be open to the public.

CUB SCOUTS

Jeffrey Moore was welcomed into Cub Pack B-7 as a bobcat at its April meeting held in Pierce school.

Funds were presented to John Coyner, Geoffrey Turis, Donald Lightner, Larry Smith, Jim Haas and Douglass Roberts.

Jay Hangelman and David Jackson received the webelos award and were advanced to the Pierce Boy Scout troop together with Ross Warner.

Den 5 and 6 entertained with skits. Delmar Gowing showed the boys the complete flying suit and equipment carried by a jet pilot in the Air Corps.

Good Friday Plans

Some places still remain for the Good Friday morning breakfast of the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. to be served at 9 a.m. Friday, April 16.

A short program appropos to the day and two 16mm films entitled "The Crucifixion" and "The Trial Before Pilate" will be shown. Reservations are being taken by the "Y" over the telephone.

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Obituary Notices

Building Firm Head Succumbs

A well known Detroit contractor, Walter J. Howard, 66, of 27514 Rackham boulevard, Lathrup Village, died Saturday following a four month illness.

Mr. Howard, son of the late John Harris and Lucy Howard, was born Sept. 12, 1887, in Brooklyn, N. Y. He was married to Gladys Snider, June 28, 1916 in Cadillac.

He was graduated from Frankfort high school in June 1906 and after two years of teaching country school, he began studying at the University of Michigan. Mr. Howard graduated in 1913 with a degree in civil engineering.

He taught briefly at Newport News, Va., before taking a post with the Michigan State Highway Department. He remained with the department until he joined the engineering division at Dodge Brothers in 1918.

HE CONTINUED there until 1929 when he set up his own construction business now known as W. J. Howard and Sons, Inc.

Mr. Howard was an active member of the Lathrup Township Community Congregational church, active in the Engineering Society of Detroit, the Lathrup Village bowling club and 3658 president of the Detroit Area Exchange club of Detroit.

A resident of Lathrup for the past 13 years, he formerly lived in Ferndale for 22 years.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys A.; two daughters, Mrs. Wendel Doering of Lathrup and Mrs. Robert McKay of Berkley; four sons, George W. of Ferndale, James E., Raymond S. and Robert D., all of Oak Park; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Travis of Chicago; and two brothers, Mason and G. Wilmer.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Northwest Chapel of the William R. Hamilton company, Detroit, with the Rev. John D. Rose officiating. Burial was in Oakview cemetery.

HARRY JOSEPH ADAMS, 67, of Leguit and Woodward, Hills, died Sunday in St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, following a brief illness.

Born in Marlborough county, O., July 11, 1886, he was married to Christine Reynolds in Birmingham on Oct. 3, 1920. Living in Birmingham and vicinity for 51 years, Mr. Adams was a mason and plasterer.

Survivors include his widow, two sons, Charles R. of Bloomfield Hills and George F. of Royal Oak; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith of Greer, S. C.; four grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Groves of Birmingham; and two brothers, Charles F. of Southfield and Archie Seely of Canton, O.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Manley Bailey funeral home with the Rev. W. Glen Harris officiating. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

MYRL C. JOHNSON, 47, of Susanville, Calif., died suddenly April 2 in Reno, Nev.

Born Oct. 12, 1906, in Pontiac, he lived his entire life in Birmingham and Pontiac until he moved to the west coast in 1942. He married Maxine Schie on Dec. 23, 1935. Educated in Birmingham public schools, he was an electrician for Michigan Reynolds in Birmingham and was employed by the city of Susanville.

Survivors include his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Richard Porter of Herndon, Va.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Johnson of Merrill street; and two sisters, Mrs. Theodore Williamson of East Maple

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and Mrs. Joseph Hauser of Southfield road.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Manley Bailey funeral home with the Rev. W. Glen Harris officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery, Pontiac.

MRS. DELLA M. LOUCKS, 69, of 1772 South Bates, died at her residence Monday following a brief illness.

A Birmingham resident for eight years, coming from Waterbury, S.D., she was a member of the First Methodist church. She was born Aug. 29, 1884, in Aurora, S.D. Survivors include two daughters and a son, Mrs. John B. Taylor, T.C. of Aspen road, Mrs. James G. Davies and Robert L. Loucks of South Bates.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Bell chapel of the William R. Hamilton company with the Rev. Arnold F. Runkel officiating. Interment was in White Chapel cemetery.

LINDA JOYCE DAVIES, young daughter of James E. and Nancy Morgan Davies of Milwaukee, Wis., formerly of Birmingham, died April 2, following a brief illness.

She was born Aug. 30, 1951. Survivors include her twin brother, Douglas Morgan Davies; another brother, 2, James E. II; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Morgan of Morningview trail; and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell C. Davies of Toronto, formerly of Birmingham.

Funeral services and burial were at White Chapel cemetery. The Rev. Perry Williams of Christ Church Cranbrook officiated. Arrangements were by Bell chapel of the William R. Hamilton company.

MRS. LAUREL W. KIRKPATRICK, 268 George street, died at her residence on April 2.

A Birmingham resident for 17 years, coming from Chester, Mass., she was the widow of Robert H. Kirkpatrick who died in 1944.

Her sole survivor is her sister, Mrs. Ernest W. Loane of Presque Isle, Maine.

Funeral services were conducted Monday from the Bell chapel of the William R. Hamilton company. Burial was taken to Presque Isle for burial.

Control Culverts

Final reading of an ordinance controlling the installation of culverts in Lathrup Village was approved by city councilmen Monday night. The ordinance will take effect in 10 days.

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Lathrup Council Meets Saturday

A regular meeting of the Lathrup Village council has been called for Saturday afternoon, April 10, at 1:30 p.m. by councilmen.

One of the items on Saturday's agenda will be the opening of bids for a fire truck. The council has agreed to withhold action on the bids until a final decision on local fire protection has been made.

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