

Lathrup Hesitates on Two Water Contracts as Deadline Nears

Lathrup Village city councilmen find themselves facing another deadline. To assume operation of the city's water system, the council must pass on a wholesale water contract with the City of Detroit and sign a lease for the water system with Louise Lathrup Kelley, owner of the system. And they must pass on both contracts before June 15.

Councilmen found fault with both agreements Monday night and after nearly two hours failed to exhaust discussion on how the system was to be taken over. Mayor William H. Harvie ruled that councilmen meet with representatives of the Detroit corporation this week to iron out differences.

City officials fear the Detroit contract and its accompanying unknown cost items.

ONE PART of the contract they especially fought was the provision for charges for metered water, unmetered water and a 15 percent charge on both these charges for leakage, if the city did not immediately install a master water meter.

According to the proposed contract, Lathrup also would be re-

sponsible for water leakage and unmetered water coming to North Hampton subdivision north of Lathrup but served by the same water main.

Councilmen also questioned the amount of the performance bond asked by Detroit and costs of inspections for all in the Detroit agreement for Lathrup water installations.

After the Detroit conference, councilmen are expected to meet in

special session Friday night to vote on accepting the water contract.

HEATED DISCUSSION also was given the proposed two-year lease of the water system from the subdivider, Louise Lathrup Kelley.

Councilman John G. Campbell charged that the agreement was one-sided, leaving all the responsibilities of the system on the

council's shoulders while giving the owner every opportunity to turn the system back on the slightest provocation.

Campbell asserted that the system already belonged to the residents, explaining that part of the costs of the lease purchased was used to pay for the system.

"In our deeds to the property, it is stated that the developer will construct water mains in front of each lot," Campbell added.

Charles D. Kelley countered that in order to gain a water supply from Detroit, the ownership had to be clearly in the hands of the subdivider. He declared that if the developer promised power lines at the front of each lot, property owners could not complain that they owned the line.

approve the city's acceptance of the system.

Campbell's last barrage at the developers' ended with, "Why not let the Kelleys keep the system and all its headaches?"

Councilman Thomas N. Reed added, "I want another extension of the present water contract with

the City of Detroit to give us more time to negotiate this wholesale water contract. I'm getting sick of having these matters shoved in my face at the deadline meetings."

Councilmen agreed to meet with Detroit officials and report back their findings at the Friday night meeting.

Marine Band Tour Lists Southfield

The 150-year-old United States Marine Band, the oldest military symphonic musical organization in the country, will visit Southfield High School, September 19, under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club of Southfield as part of its Presidentially approved tour of 14 states.

Wesley Muir, president of the Kiwanis Club of Southfield, has announced that matinee and evening concerts will be presented, with musical works by the world's finest composers and 221 marching marches which have brought the Marine Band world-wide acclaim.

City Fire Losses Low During May

Fire losses in Birmingham continued low during May when an estimated property loss of \$219 was reported by Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith.

Griffith noted that the department was called out 26 times; 16 times for fires, once for suspected gas, twice for first aid purposes, and seven times for miscellaneous calls.

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Obituary Notices

FRANCIS JAMES DRAKE, 72, 728 South Adams, died Monday at his home. A resident of Birmingham for 18 years he was a former city employee and served as custodian for Christ Church Cathedral.

Born Nov. 24, 1884, in Cardiff, Wales, he married Elizabeth Mathews in Belfast, Ireland, in 1904. A veteran of World War I, Mr. Drake served in the Canadian Army.

Survivors include his widow, Elizabeth; two sons, Joseph of Detroit and Albert of Pontiac; a daughter, Mrs. Marie DeLorillo of Birmingham; two brothers, Horace of Pontiac and Stanley of Wales; and a sister, Mrs. Florie Wilkins of Wales.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at Our Lady Queen of Mercy church. Burial was in Roseland Park cemetery.

RANSOM LAKE, 90, of 1312 Webster, died June 5 while visiting his son, Carl Lake, at Gaylord, Mich.

Born in Niles, Ont., July 24, 1864, he married Addie J. Becker at Millbrook, Mich., May 17, 1884. A member of the Church of God here, he came to Birmingham in 1912.

Mr. Lake was a motorman on the DUB and first custodian of Baldwin public library.

Survivors include another son, Richard W. of Birmingham; six grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Manley Ballou and Sons funeral home, 1500 S. Rouseley Park cemetery.

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Kingswood Honors Awarded To Six

Two Birmingham-area seniors at Kingswood School Cranbrook have been named among the six students who received high honors for their scholastic achievements.

Louise Sheriff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Sheriff 1418 W. Lincoln, has received the Margaret A. Auer cup, the highest scholastic honor attributed to a graduating senior at Kingswood.

She won the cup on the basis of her over-all record in studies since her entrance into Kingswood in 1949. She previously attended Barnum Jr. High school.

The cup is named after the now retired former headmistress of the school.

Recipients of high scholastic achievement pins are Linda Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Everett, Jr., 792 Fairfax, Birmingham; Annette Pope, Evanston, Ill.; Marcia Greenshield, Mason, Mich.; and Sara Jane Tryhall, Orchard Lake, Mich.

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Blood Bank Importance Stressed by Secretary

"It's a neighbor helping a neighbor—it's that personal and human a gift," were the words of Mrs. Mildred E. Bennett, executive secretary of the Oakland County chapter of the Red Cross. "People are wonderful," she said, "especially in times of emergency. But, we must keep our banks supplied at all times to meet the constant need in all communities as well as our own."

Meeting informally with Miss Jeanne Lloyd, chairman of the AAUW committee for the blood bank, Mrs. Bennett recounted individual cases where the vital supply of blood saved lives.

"NOW MORE than ever before transfusions are being given in hospitals where 10 years ago it was done only in emergency cases," stated Mrs. Bennett. "Most surgeons today do not schedule an operation until they know that the patient's blood type is available for post-operative care."

"In a child's case," the secretary related, "the young mother needed O negative type blood. A plea was made through the Red Cross on radio station WCAR, Pontiac, at 8 a.m. and had to be taken up at 10:30 a.m. because there were so many donors. There had been 27 pints of O negative blood collected."

Mrs. Bennett recalled that on donor was a truck driver who had been on the road all night and hurried over to see if he had the right type after hearing the broadcast. "The married couple who were on their way to Detroit for a shopping spree also stopped, saying they 'couldn't' give themselves that day unless they answered the plea first."

MRS. BENNETT pointed out that most hospitals charge \$25 a pint for transfusions. Many people do not realize that the Red Cross will replace this without charge. "We are concerned with physical need, not financial need," she said.

Explaining the system, Mrs. Bennett said that if people who have received blood later wish to donate or furnish donors, this is gladly received. And, a donor can specify how the blood may be used. A case in point is a woman in Oakland county who has donated so that children with leukemia may be aided.

"This works in reverse, too," Mrs. Bennett said. "A man in Royal Oak who had been a donor many times came to help donor his mother-in-law, hospitalized in Chicago, had received 20 pints at the rate of \$25 a pint. We were able to furnish part of what was needed and a nephew in Omaha who was participating in a blood bank in that city replaced the rest."

"BUT THERE are always emergencies," said Mrs. Bennett, "and that is why we must always be ready. It takes 18 to 24 hours for a pint of blood to be processed, typed and refrigerated and it is good for just 21 days."

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in the Birmingham Community House from 2 to 5 and from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 16. Members of the Birmingham branch of AAUW will register donors.

Also, committee members will

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Southfield Delays Trailer Park Sewer

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The trailer camp seeks to construct a sewer east from the ramp to the SOCSDD. The board, however, is asking assurance that the sewer will not only be of sufficient size to serve the immediate area, but will be accepted by the drain commission for the South Oakland system.

Drain Commissioner Ralph A. Main is also the engineer for the sewer line.

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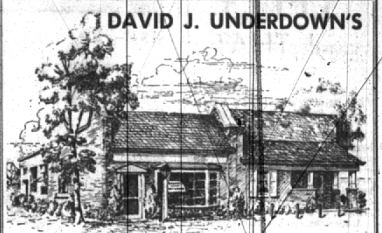
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