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MRS. B. H. MCKLES of 18791 Glenwood, smiles happily at the thought of her new post office located in Lathrup. (Eccentric Photo)

Residents Would Welcome A Postoffice in Lathrup

LATHRUP People seem to be overwhelmingly in favor of having their own post office for a number of reasons. Chief among them was the convenience of being able to take care of post office business without having to drive either to Berkeley or Birmingham.

The possibility of a branch of the Birmingham post office or a separate office here was first revealed through The Eccentric after an interview with Norman E. Lubes of 24776 Meadowbrook way.

Lathrup leads a 25-member committee which was formed recently to bring a post office to the city. In conversation these week ago with Lubes, Arthur Summerford, U.S. Postmaster General, tentatively promised to approve a postal office somewhere in Lathrup.

Said Mrs. Walter F. T. Rughman, 25520 Meadowbrook, "I think Birmingham is a city which now serves as Lathrup's post office. Our mail is always a little far from our heads. It is because our mail goes to Birmingham first."

"ANYTHING you can put in Lathrup is better for us. No one likes to go to Birmingham for mail except to get it. I'll be glad to go," said E. H. Heschler of 26532 Lathrup.

Heschler "took" up an interesting question which was turned over to Roland Reese, Birmingham postmaster. "How would our mail be brought in if we had our own post office?" was Heschler's question.

"It would either be shipped in by truck from Birmingham or it would be trucked from Detroit," said Reese.

Reese said it would be a small independent post office. "I don't think it would get their mail as fast as they could with a small independent post office," said Reese, who admitted he would like to have a branch of the Birmingham post office.

"The funds will have to come from the general fund or some service fund," said Reese.

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Court Fight Continues After One-Week Delay

LATHRUP—The court battle between the city and Highland Oil company (Michigan branch of Pure Oil) resumed yesterday after a six-day delay ordered by the presiding judge for personal reasons.

SEVEN witnesses were called to the stand last week during three days of proceedings in Oakland County Circuit Judge Frank L. Doby's court room.

Those who appeared were Jack Rindhart, Highland vice president; Elmer E. Mueller, chief planner for Detroit; John F. Hamilton, Detroit real estate agent; Mrs. George H. (Louise) Lathrup Kelley, co-developer of the city; Fannie Adams, Southfield Township clerk; Leonard Watchowski, Lathrup city administrator; and Richard Jeffery, Detroit real estate developer.

EXPECTED to testify in behalf of Hamilton was Floyd Lawson, Birmingham real estate dealer, according to Everett F. Hayes, Lathrup city attorney, who with Probate Judge Arthur E. Hooper, is defending the city's position.

Opposing them are attorneys James G. Hartwick and Glenn C. Gilstrap.

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Attorneys Prepare for Rouge Pollution Court Action



BEVERLY BELL and Sally Roseberry review route of their European tour. They leave Sunday for New York. (Eccentric Photo)

Dream of European Tour Coming True

It took a year and one-half of planning, a lot of nerve and plenty of penny-pinching, but two Franklin girls are going to see their dreams come true—a motor trip through 10 European countries.

Sally Roseberry and Beverly Bell have packed up their baggage, bought their boat tickets and are ready to leave for New York Sunday for their 2-and-one-half month voyage.

THE GIRLS will leave New York Aug. 2 on the Queen Elizabeth for Southampton, England. In England they will pick up a car which they have already purchased here, and from there on they will steer their own course through England, Scotland, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Belgium and Holland.

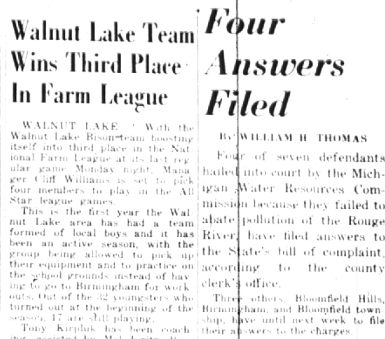
THEY had planned a five-day side tour to Denmark. "It was either Denmark or Spain, so we settled for Spain," said Sally.

THE girls, excited over their approaching adventure, hope to sail their English car in Europe before returning on the Queen Mary Oct. 1.

Storm Washed Out Sloop's Chances In Weekend Race. GILBERT LAKE—Mrs. Everett Fisher's 24-foot sloop, Old Barty, competing since 1947, tried again Sunday for a berth in the Mackinac race. The storm, which washed Lake Huron Saturday night, had destroyed the race and the crew were forced to return to Detroit.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS. Monday: Lathrup Council Meeting, house in the city.

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Four Answers Filed

WALNUT LAKE—With the Walnut Lake Board of Health having filed into third place in the National Farm League at the last year's annual meeting, four members to play in the 1950 Star League area.

THE Walnut Lake area has had a team formed of local boys and it has been active season-wise. The group being allowed to pick up their equipment and to practice on their own grounds instead of having to go to Birmingham for a week out of the 12 youngsters who turned out at the beginning of the season. It is still playing.

Those who have been coaching the team are Mel Hartley, Ross Martin and Ed DeBart.

PLAYERS are Bobby Allen and Bruce Gorman; catchers, Terry Roberts, regular catcher; Gordon Jantz, alternate catcher and pitcher; John Boshop and Ralph A. Main, Oakland county drain commissioner.

WILLIAMS says he hopes that parents in the area will become interested in promoting the diamond on the school playground so league games can be scheduled there next year, giving the Bisons a chance to play on their home territory with more local coaches.

TONIGHT'S MEETING IS LAST FOR TRUSTEE. SOUTHFIELD—Mrs. Margaret Bradbury, township trustee, is expected to attend her last meeting, a special meeting tonight with Drain Commissioner Ralph A. Main, to discuss the township's sewer problem.

WOUNDED THIEF PLEADS GUILTY. SOUTHFIELD—A Birmingham man, wounded here during a break-in at 13 Mile and Grandview two weeks ago, pleaded guilty to the charge in Oakland County court.

Township Police Busy With 5 Traffic Mishaps

B.M. TWP.—Township patrolmen handled more than their share of traffic accidents which jammed Pontiac General and St. Joseph Mercy hospitals over the weekend.

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AT Woodward and Square Lake roads Saturday night six persons, including four members of a Michigan family, were hurt when two cars collided at the intersection.

TREATED at St. Joseph Mercy hospital were James R. Doyle, 22, of Pontiac, one of the drivers, for two arm and leg cuts; a passenger, Ralph Wilkins, 25, of Pontiac, minor cuts; Fred C. Richards, 30, of Pontiac, minor cuts; his wife, Lillian, 30, arm and hand cuts and bruises; their daughter, Georgia, 15, bruised arm; and Dr. Frederick E. 2, scalp bruises.

ROAD COMMITTEES NOT COOPERATING WITH SUPERVISOR. SOUTHFIELD—Roads are being closed in the township without the supervisor's office, according to the township committee in charge of the oilings are failing to work with the supervisor's office, according to Supervisor Eugene Swem.

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BLOOMFIELD and Southfield townships will be on hand to answer questions pertaining to the improvement of 14 Mile.

THE association covers the area bounded on the east by Eastlawn and its courts, Bellvue trail on the west, River Rouge on the south and Forest Lane, Cedar Hill, Crosswick and Foxchase roads on the north.

VACANT property owners of this area as well as residents are urged to attend these meetings. Those wishing to join the association are asked to call the association's president, John Carmichael, 21891 Hampton, Charles Shull, 32750 Bellvue trail or any of the street captains.

"OUR area association has already accomplished some good," Shull said. "At the meeting when street captains were appointed, the group got together and in one afternoon repaired the little bridge across the stream in our southern section. It had been in need of repair for a long time."

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BY RUTH ANNE SILBAR. BERKSHIRES—Possibilities of improving a stretch of 14 Mile road were discussed by members of the newly-formed Valley Woods area of the Berkshire Hills Protective Association at its meeting at the home of Robert Barlow, 21250 Smallwood drive.

PRESENT were board members Charles Shull, secretary; Dr. Russell Seeborg, vice president; Robert Barlow and Kenneth Kittle.

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At Press Time

A special meeting will be held tonight between the township board and Ralph A. Main, Oakland county drain commissioner, to attempt to find a solution to the sewer problem. The township and the city of Southfield have been served with complaints along with Main in a suit brought by the State Water Resources Commission, which is attempting to end Rouge River pollution.

DETRIT EDISON representatives were told Tuesday night that they would be allowed to put up pole lines along Southfield Park if in return the officials of Knight-Metard, who want the line, would erect a chain line fence along their property.

LAWRENCE Institute of Technology asked the township to request that lights be installed over their parking lots. In return the township would get two free lights installed at the college's entrance on Northwestern and 10 Mile and the college would pay for the usage out of their lights. The request was approved.

TRUSTEES moved a transfer of license fee of one dollar, for dog owners skiving into the area who have already had their dogs legally licensed in another community.

PRELIMINARY plans of Rodney Lockwood's Cranbrook Number 3 Subdivision in Section 13, was given by township drain commissioner to attempt to take over the Cranbrook sewage system as a continuing authority from Lockwood who will deposit \$3,000 for maintenance of the system until it becomes self-sustaining.

OAKLAND County Board of Health officials have held approval of Richard Larges' Greenvalley plat west of Southfield high school west of Lahser and south of 10 Mile, until they can determine the outcome of the Evergreen Intersecting sewer project which is designed to relieve pollution of the Rouge River.

J. L. Hudson's Education-Research Office (ERO) zoning classification was given final approval Tuesday by township board members. It becomes effective as soon as legal publication requirements are met.

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By Bill Paulson
"Truly an excellent dinner, dear. Did you wield the can opener all by your little self?"

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