

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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Towns

Men and women who achieve great things do so, fundamentally, because they are their talents unskillfully to serve others. Perhaps no greater tolerance can ever be shown for those among you who would be great because the tolerant.

## Threatening Calls Received, Says Lathrup Woman

LATHRUP—Mrs. Marvin R. Mead, 12355, reported recently that she received two threatening phone calls after she addressed a council meeting April 18.

Both anonymous calls came the day after she called for correct parliamentary procedure at a city council meeting in connection with legal action taken by the council, Mrs. Mead said.

Fears that her telephone was tapped were dispelled this week when the telephone company's repair department reported that no cases of wire tapping had been reported in that area in years.

TELEPHONE officials said transmission trouble occurred in the Lathrup area because of an overloaded central office. A new office, to be completed July 1, should end transmission troubles here, officials said.

One of the anonymous callers, a woman, was quoted by Mrs. Mead as saying, "The wrath of God will descend upon you."

The second caller, identified as a man by Mrs. Mead, was quoted as saying, "We have boys who look like you." Both, according to Mrs. Mead, stated that she discontinue talking at council meetings.

## Charter Deadlines In 3 Communities Friday, Monday

Three communities which are negotiating an incorporation attempt June 7 will have tomorrow at 4 p.m. to complete their charter petitions to be submitted to the county clerk's office.

The three are Southfield and Troy, Michigan, and Bingham Farms subdivision, which hopes to become a village.

Those who have filed their petitions from Southfield are Howard Palmer, Robert H. Logie, Bernard Adams, Edward Coleman, Furdette W. Denzel, Henry M. McMyer, Lawrence Fiferick, William Heiser, and Wayne McDonald.

TROY, expected to have several dozen petitions filed by Friday, had none in the hands of the clerk Tuesday evening.

Deadline for charter registrations in Troy and in Southfield for the charter election is Monday at 4 p.m.

According to Mrs. Fannie Adams, Southfield township clerk, registrations have been heavy to date and would indicate intense interest in the incorporation.

Bingham Farms petitioners include James McGuire, Carson C. Billie and William A. Lamberon and William A. Hyland. The townships are required to have commissioners elected by their commission, while Bingham Farms needs only five.

Most of the campaigning being carried on in Bingham Farms where incorporation movement leaders are confident of success in the June election.

## May's Agenda Is Heavy for Walnut Lake Residents

WALNUT LAKE—The Walnut Lake Men's Club held a dance party on Saturday, April 23, to mark the completion of their new building. The party was given by Ota Zahn, those who participated in this series of parties are confident of success for more lessons in the fall.

The month of May promises to be a busy month for the Men's Club. The regular monthly business meeting will be tomorrow night and at this time there will be election of officers. President Stewart Schultz urges all members to be present.

A DINNER dance given by the retiring officers for the new officers and their wives is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, and on May 21 a group of twelve members are chartering a bus to take them on a fishing excursion to the cabin of Vernie Richards at Big Creek in Lucerne.

On Thursday, May 26, there will be a recap of the club members shown at the school, and all club scouts, boy scouts, boy's club members and adults in the community are invited to attend.

As a gesture of appreciation to the men, the boys club cleaned and painted the floor of the clubhouse during Easter vacation.

## Lathrup Man Takes Part In Song Fest

LATHRUP—The Chevrolet Glee Club under the direction of David B. Woodwood, toured the city Saturday to participate in the annual state song festival sponsored by the Michigan Male Chorus association. The concert was held in the Michigan State University Auditorium.

Approximately 750 men were assembled and sang massed numbers. The chorus of the individual glee clubs. Dave Woodwood conducted one of the massed numbers.

## HOLY NAME SAFETY PATROL CAPTAIN, Brian Lourin, 14, of 591 Lakeview, leads today for a well-earned trip to Washington, D. C., where he will join 28,000 Other patrol boys from throughout the nation. Here his school safety patrol director, Sister Immaculate congratulates Brian as a l. Henry Timm, head of the police youth bureau, looks on. Brian is one of 100 boys in Michigan sponsored on the trip by the Auto Association of America. Saturday the boys will meet President Eisenhower, and after a sight-seeing tour, will parade down Constitution avenue and visit Arlington cemetery. Brian returns to Michigan Sunday. (Eccentric Photo)

## Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals

LATHRUP—Six men who helped draw up the city's zoning ordinance were appointed to the zoning board of appeals by resolution of the council Monday night.

They were: for two year terms, Clayton E. Betters and Carl Stappleton; for three year terms, Earl W. Graham and W. A. Shay; and for a one year term, Arthur Mitchell and William A. Devlin. Councilman Lantz L. Mackey, former chairman of the committee which drew up the ordinance, and who submitted the names for appointment, said in answer to opposition to the appointments:

"THESE MEN are not prejudiced. All have minds of their own," Mackey stated.

Councilman William H. Harvie, opposing the appointments, said that men who had drawn up the ordinance as men who "made the law and now you're going to be the judges."

Praising the hard work done by the committee, and adding that his opposition to their appointment was not meant as a criticism, Harvie contended that the six appointed were not the best. He outlined the zoning ordinance.

"WE HAVE adopted a zoning ordinance and we want the interpretation made by someone familiar with it and in favor of the meaning of the ordinance," said Mayor John G. Campbell in answering Harvie.

A resolution introduced by Harvie nominating three persons to the appeal board was not supported and therefore did not come up for a vote of the council.

## B-B Shot Injures Eye of Youth, 10

STEVEN CUGILLARD, 10, is recovering at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, after eye surgery performed for the removal of a BB shot lodged behind his eye.

Steven, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cugillard of 1800 E. Fahnestock road, was playing with his gun on April 28 with a group of children. Cautioning the others not to touch the gun, he fired it down, but a five-year-old boy picked it up, released the trigger, and a shot penetrated Steven's eye, lodging behind his eyeball.

The injured boy was taken to St. Joseph hospital where the BB was removed by means of a powerful magnet, and cuts on the eye-socket were sutured.

A cub scout of Den 5 in Walnut Lake, Steven has the reputation of being the sharpest gunner according to his den leaders.

## My Neighbors



"How's this? ... You find the guaranteed annual customers. I'll give you the factory—you pay me a guaranteed annual wage."

## Clerk Refused Public Hearing by City Council

LATHRUP—An attempt by City Clerk Mrs. Florence M. Bennett to have the council hold an open hearing to review her dismissal, was rejected Monday night by the majority council, who disapproved her request to avoid "airing dirty linen in public."

Mrs. Bennett was fired by City Administration Leonard Watchowski April 22, on the grounds that she was a poor bookkeeper, that she spoke openly against council policies, and that she refused to type proceedings into a bound minute book.

Councilman Lantz L. Mackey, emphasizing a public hearing said, "I can not possibly see what is going to be resolved." Mackey did offer Mrs. Bennett the chance of a private hearing to avoid publicity.

"WE'VE BEEN laughing at the laughing stock of all the communities around us long enough," said Mackey. Feeling that Mrs. Bennett and Watchowski would be unable to work together harmoniously because of the split, Mackey asked the clerk why she wished the meeting to be public.

"I have a reputation at stake," said Mrs. Bennett. "I still stand up my rights for a public hearing."

When asked by Mackey if she would consider a private hearing Mrs. Bennett replied, "No, she would not. Charges have been made in a newspaper and I'd like a chance to answer them."

A resolution calling for a public hearing on the clerk's dismissal by Councilman William H. Harvie was never supported, thus defeating the attempt.

HARVIE, who supported Mrs. Bennett's plea, termed her a "loyal worker," claimed the community had a right to know what was happening.

"I could defend Mrs. Bennett tonight if I had to but it's not up to a council member to do this," said Harvie. "I think the whole thing was handled poorly."

Leonard Jaganan and Lester Downey, from the audience, both backed the clerk's right to a hearing, but approached the subject from two angles.

"The administration has the right to fire the clerk," Jaganan said. "But I don't think you should sit as judges. This woman wants a public hearing and you should give it to her."

DOWNIE stressed the need for legal publicity, asking for the auditing, the city administrator, and legal advisors to gather around a table in a closed meeting to discuss her case. "I'm hoping Mrs. Bennett would change her mind (about a private hearing)," concluded Downie.

## Foxcroft Girl Is Candidate For May Queen

FOXCROFT—Mary Kenrick, daughter of Mr. Day program director, is 6345 West Curry road, is one of eight candidates for the May Day queen at Denison University, Greenville, O. A senior, she was the choice of her social sorority, Chi Omega.

All eight women will participate in the May Day program on South Plaza this Saturday at 10 a.m., either as the members of the Queen's court or if named the winner of the crown or if male students as the Queen.

Results of the election are not revealed until the hour of the ceremony.

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## Lathrup Prepares To Fight Suits By Three Oil Firms

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One of those people, Miss Edith Hechler, 50, who during the war lived in her native town of Jena, Germany, managed to flee into the American zone ahead of the oncoming Russians.

## Hills PTO Eyes Need In Future

Final report on needs of the Bloomfield Hills school district will be given at the general meeting of all Parent Teacher Organization units in the Hills school district Monday at 7 p.m. in the Cranbrook auditorium.

The report will be given by the Michigan State school survey committee, which has been conducting a thorough study, authorized by the board of education, of the district's future needs.

THE SURVEY OF educational requirements will include room assignments for future school site locations as well as an evaluation of present school programs.

Five men, holding doctor's degrees, make up the committee. All parents and interested residents of the school district are urged to attend the meeting, to hear the findings and recommendations of the survey committee.

The State survey president of the Bloomfield Hills PTO council, will preside at this annual meeting of the PTO units.

HER LUCK followed her, when a German girl friend married a U.S. Army officer and returned to the United States a year and one-half ago. On Jan. 14, the council sponsored Edith's journey to America.

She now lives with her sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Slatyer of 100 Rochester road, Troy township, and is employed in Birmingham at the S. S. Kresge Company's store on 277 West Maple.

The Slatyers contacted Henry L. Sellers, Kresge branch manager, to secure Edith a job—a requirement for her admittance to this country.

Edith can't forget, however, that her parents are still in the East German zone town of Jena, still using ration cards—and that the injuries, and even the necessities of life there are in short supply.

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## THREE KINGSWOOD SCHOOL STUDENTS, (left to right) Betsey Blanchard, Gail Gerhardt and Nancy Tregenza, all Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area, ready their art displays in time for the annual Mother's Day tea and exhibit this Sunday. Parents of Kingswood students are invited to attend the tea and student exhibit.



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## ROAD IMPROVEMENTS DOOM AGING TREES

Modern improvements mean changes—and changes usually mean the end of something that signifies "the good old days."

It is in this case, the removal of the well-treasured and aging trees along West Maple road to make room for a widening of the road between Telegraph and Orchard Lake roads.

To widen the road from 16-foot to 20-foot pavement, and to add an eight-foot shoulder plus a drainage ditch on each side, the trees, some of which date back to the days of the Indian, must be cleared out, according to Oakland county assistant road engineer, James B. Baynes.

After the project's completion by August 15, Baynes said, the present paving will be resurfaced with blacktop.