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## of -lects Second Charter Commission

### Only 2,845 Turn Out Monday

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS



DeMeyer, of 24107 Glycerite, in Section 30, polled 1,688 votes and followed closely by J. Leo Walton of 25011 Berg road in section 20 who gathered 1,624.

SOUTHFIELD — Township Trustees Henry M. DeMeyer led 18 other charter commission candidates over the election hurdles Monday as a mere 2,845 voters went to the polls to elect nine persons to a second charter commission.

Percentage-wise, less one in every three of Southfield's 9,665 qualified voters took time from their daily schedules to cast a ballot.

ONLY ONE of three women in the race found a place on the commission, which De Meyer, as highest vote-getter said would hold its first meeting Friday.

Other candidates and their total vote counts are: Howard A. Palmer, 1,821; Beechwood, Section 10, who finished in 12th place with 1,019 votes; John S. Holmes, 18470 Westhampton, Section 35, with 907; Samuel A. Garza, 30570 Longcrest in Section 12, who polled 843; Theodore E. Dougherty, 32840 Wentworth and Arthur Wilde of 32865 Wentworth in Section two, who were just one vote apart with 921 and 920 respectively; S. James Clarkson, 23525 Valley View in Section 28, with 800; Sylvester Tafelski, 23810 Samoset Trail, Section 36, with 642; and Ray McLeod of 20955 Van Buren, Section 31, with 640.

THE FIRST commission charter was defeated in December, 1955, apparently because of differences of opinion as to what the charter should contain, although a heavy vote in northern areas where residents are fairly sold in their stand against any incorporation also contributed to the first charter's downfall.

Marvin Marsh, who led the fight in the north against incorporation, was elected to the second commission although he openly opposed incorporation in the recent campaign. Two of his running mates, Theodore Dougherty and Arthur Wilde finished out of the running.

MANY SHOWED surprise at the good showing by Leo Walton who has stayed pretty much in the background in past incorporation elections, but has been active in Southfield volunteer firemen and Kiwanis club affairs. He is head of Western high school's (Detroit) science department.

Next step, it would seem, would be the drawing out of an acceptable charter, while critics sharpen their weapons on the sidelines.

### Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

**EIGHT HOMELESS** orphans, found by Leonard Watchowski, Lathrup city manager, in front of his home beneath his picture window, have found a home. The James Cole family of Berkeley have taken the youngsters to live with them.

**VERN HODGES**, Lathrup public works supervisor, is leaving the city employment rolls April 28 to work with a local contractor. Hodges was not able to release the name of the contractor at press time.

**THREE ARE** "rumblings in Southfield that indicate a desire of the part of some residents for a change in name from 'City of Southfield' to some other, more distinctive handle. How about 'Southeast Center,' or 'Lathrup Heights'?"

**CIVIL DEFENSE** Co-director Mrs. Lynn Hershey tells me that the arrival of any thousands to Southfield township in the future will be announced ahead of time on radar at the U.S. Army Nike base near 11 Mile and Inkster road. It's a very unusual, and at the same time, very practical use of the equipment.

**JACK ROBERTS** Franklin Village marshal, is planning a reorganization of the village police force which would include half-a-dozen or so more volunteer policemen to give better police protection to residents there. Sounds promising.

**EVEN THOUGH** the Southfield board of education has agreed to place the switch from a fourth of a third-class school district in June, P.T.A. Council is still gathering signatures on petitions as an expression of their approval of the intended change. There can be no doubt that the P.T.A. is soundly behind the school board's move.

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### Teacher Is Square Dance Caller in His Spare Time

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR

ORCHARD HILLS—Calling square dances two nights a week after working hours may seem like strenuous business, but to Art Marty, 7466 Wing Lake road, it's fun.

For more than 18 years Marty has been calling square dances and is known throughout the state as a square dance teacher. His lively patter and strong sense of rhythm make him a popular square dance caller.

Now assistant principal at Northwestern high school, Detroit, his interest in square dancing began when he was in the physical education department in the Detroit school system.

Art is a firm believer in teaching dancing in high school—all room as well as square dancing, and many a burly high school athlete has been in his classes. Dancing develops rhythm and coordination, he says.

AT FIRST, because he was learning, too, his dances were simple and "more on the folk dancing or Henry Ford type of thing." Just by practicing and listening to other callers, he gained experience and now calls up the new dances and calls. He is a member of the Michigan Square Dance Leaders' association, a group of about 150 members all over the state, who gather at State Teachers' meetings in Kalamazoo for a workshop and exchange of ideas.

He also subscribes to square dance periodicals and more than once these magazines have carried dances composed by Art Marty.

HE HAS TAUGHT at square dance institutes at Interlochen and Wisconsin and recently was asked to call at the National Square Dance Festival on the West Coast in June. This he regretfully must turn down because it comes during graduation week at Northwestern high school.

Square dance groups have unusual and catchy names. Art calls for the Brooms and Bows, a group of Birmingham-Franklin and Bloomfield township residents; Swing 'ems and Gingham, a Detroit group; Buttons and Bows from Berkeley-Franklin-Fremont-Berkeleys; Franklin Country Squares; The Square Pegs from West Bloomfield and the Nab 'ems and Grab 'ems.

### Want to Give Sewer Dilemma To County

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR

LATHRUP—At a special meeting Monday council adopted a motion which directs the city attorney, Everett F. Hayes to draw up an answer to Oakland county circuit court decree by requesting the Oakland county Drain Commissioner Ralph A. Main to construct necessary sewers to eliminate Rouge River pollution.

The motion, made by Councilman Kathryn Fogelsson, sponsored by Richard N. Cogger, also states that an alternate sewer route be selected and that the final resolution to the drain commissioner be in the council's hands by next Monday.

ROBERT P. ALLEN, assistant to the drain commissioner, said the county plans to pay for the Evergreen interceptor sewer, a sewer being collected to pay for the Evergreen interceptor sewer, was declared invalid by Claude A. Stever, Detroit building attorney. City Administrator Leonard A. Watchowski told council that Detroit had obtained use of 75 cubic feet per second from the Evergreen sewer into the Detroit system when that system is completed, instead of 50 cfs as previously approved.

THE MEETING, marked by continual bickering and accusation on the part of some officials, was not covered by any of the newspaper reporters who usually attend council meetings.

This led to statements several times during the meeting by Lathrup officials that they were happy the press was not present, and that they could "speak more freely."

ART MARTY, teacher in the Detroit schools, Art lives in a ranch house in the Orchard Hills correspondent area. In his spare time he gardens and landscapes the 10 acres of ground surrounding his hill top home.

GIVE TV SET For Boys at State Hospital

SOUTHFIELD—Younger boys in the psychiatric program at Pontiac State hospital now can watch their favorite TV programs on a new 21-inch television set, thanks to the organizing efforts of Mrs. Theodore Welch, 28317 Aberdeen, East Southfield senior girl scout, troop 253, and the generosity of Southfield citizens and organizations.

### Voice Concern Over Land Usage Notices

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR

SOUTHFIELD—Someone is off base somewhere, and according to Eugene Swem, township supervisor, it isn't Southfield township.

At 12 Mile and Lahser road, on the northwest corner, is a piece of residential land which has carried a sign announcing to all that the land soon will be developed into a gas station and store.

Within the past week a new sign, announcing the erection soon of an Influenza station, the corner, has been posted, even though no recent steps have been taken to even attempt to have the land rezoned for commercial use, and past requests have been denied.

THE OWNER, E. L. Muffey of 22050 W. 12 Mile road, has steadily maintained the land's best use would be commercial, and only last week appeared at a township board meeting to support a similar bid for commercial use of property by Metropolitan Broadcasting Corp. which wants to build to the east of that intersection.

Fighting any attempt to have the area rezoned is the Berkshire Hills Association, headed by Charles L. Shull of 32750 Bellvue Trail.

ONE OF the purposes of the Berkshire Hills Protective Association is to protect the residential zoning of the area. Mr. Shull fell fairly certain that at our next meeting the executive committee will refer to the zoning as being opposed to rezoning of this property to commercial use.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Savers will bring the parents, Leslie Douglas will play the problem child. Discussion following the play will be led by the Rev. Harvey M. Luce, of Southfield United Freshwater church.

### McKinley-Brooks PTA To See Mental Health Program

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR

SOUTHFIELD—A mental health play about home relationships, "And Now You Know" will be presented at McKinley school, 10 Mile and Southfield, next Thursday at 8:00 p.m. for McKinley-Brooks PTA members.

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PTA officers for the coming school year will be installed during the business meeting.

Mrs. William Ternan, Mrs. Stanley Reicher and Mrs. Arthur Sorenson, room mothers of Miss Dorothy Schroeder's grade will serve refreshments.

FRANKLIN — Village councilmen after a full and busy life, 1955-57 at a public hearing Monday night on the budget. Last year's budget was \$14,200.

IN 1905 Haller became editor of the Victor Record, a paper published in the wild and woolly Cripple Creek mining district. Just the year before the Record had been involved in the much talked mining strike and the violence which marked the old west.

### Give TV Set For Boys at State Hospital

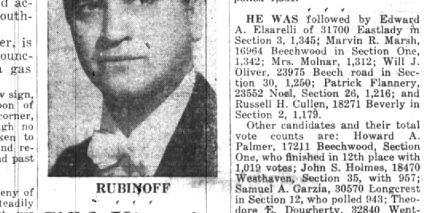
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Contributions over a four month period came in from East Southfield girls scout, boy scouts, cub scouts, Kiwanis-Optimists, Berkeley American Legion auxiliary.

Retirement-Filled With Memories for Ed Haller

Friday, April 13 marked the retirement of C. E. (Ed) Haller of 18230 Glenwood avenue, Lathrup, after 43 years with Walker company of Detroit.

ED HALLER of 18230 Glenwood, Lathrup, studies one of many pictures which lined the room during a testimonial banquet last week marking his retirement after 43 years with Walker and Company, outdoor advertisers. The picture was one taken of Haller when he was 8 years old.



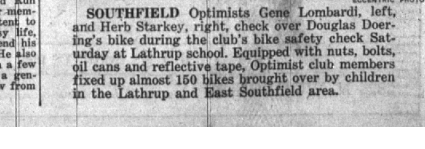
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### S'fld Kiwanis Signs Rubinoff For Concert

SOUTHFIELD — Rubinoff and his violin will perform at Southfield high school May 4, it was announced this week by Al Geersart, president of Southfield Kiwanis club which is sponsoring the presentation.

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SOUTHFIELD Optimists Gene Lombardi, left, and Herb Starkey, right, check over Douglas Doering's bike during the club's bike safety clinic Saturday at Lathrup school. Equipped with bells, bolts, oil cans and reflective tape, Optimist club members fixed up almost 150 bikes brought over by children in the Lathrup and East Southfield area.

STACKS of flap jacks with all the fixin's disappeared with enjoyment at the Kiwanis club flap jack festival Saturday at Southfield-10 school. Peter Perkins, 25355 Edgemont, said he was "awful hungry" so Kiwanis George A. Watts, played "Ball" to extra flap jacks on Peter's plate and told him to come back for more later. Peter's dad, Robert E. Perkins, left, awaits his turn to sample those golden-brown cakes and crisp sausages.