

# Builders

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"Two hundred dollars might do something toward 'sides' but it wouldn't touch (school) housing," said Harrison.

TRUSTEE Luther Wagner also took part in the meeting along with School Board of Education members Fred D. Leonard and Will J. Oliver. Dr. Richard T. Eschbrenner, an assistant superintendent of Birmingham schools, was an observer.

Harrison was backed by half a dozen MHA members and three or four independent builders. Seated at the conference table were L. H. Yackness, MHA executive vice president, and Sheldon Rose, Irvine Levine and Alex Gordon, MHA members. MHA president Rodney Lockwood was out of town.

DE MEYER said he intended to ask township board to establish an average number of building permits issued since 1950 and hold all construction to this figure until such time as Harrison's proposed legislation came to pass.

De Meyer did agree to hold off from such action, however, when Harrison told him that such a move on the Meyer's side would nullify 90 per cent of Harrison's effectiveness with builders, and would be a precedent that might spread to other communities.

RATHER, said Harrison, it would be better to allow the MHA to be the watchdog. He added that any given area could absorb so much home construction in one year, and builders, realizing this, would ration building because of the law of supply and demand.

Population and the number of children in our schools could double in the next three years," said Oliver.

"The shortage is astronomical," Harrison concurred. "There is about one classroom-per-day loss."

HARRISON also pointed to a recent law, sponsored by the MHA, which allows any school district that can qualify, to ask the state to back its full faith and credit behind a necessary school building program.

Under this law, local residents would only have to pay 10 mills each year, regardless of the size of the debt, and the state would pay the difference and then be paid back from local pockets in later years.

This would stabilize the tax rate, said Harrison, while lengthening the time allowed to pay off the debt.

IN ORDER to qualify, Southfield would only have to show that officials that a need for additional schools existed, Harrison said.

"We never have been able to quite keep up (with growth in school population since consolidation in 1947)," said Leonard. "When we came back to the voters as often as we thought we dared for more money, we lost."

Definite proposals for legislation would probably be ironed out by the May 4 meeting, Harrison said, adding that he believed communities should establish a master plan for parks and school sites.

THE LEGISLATION would legalize a community's right to buy at any given location required in future school expansion.

"If we agree (at the May 4 meeting) to the solution we can take this one step beyond. We can say (to the builders), 'Let's not wait for legislation, let's do this voluntarily,'" said Harrison.

"I'm quite sure that without our co-operation and leadership and sponsorship, you, by yourselves could never get this legislation," he added.

WOULD THE Building Association be willing to go on record as saying they were willing to sell school sites at cost? asked De Meyer.

"I certainly would be willing to," answered Harrison.

The MHA spokesman told those present that an inventory of lots in the metropolitan area is less than a year's supply of building sites.

He said the responsibility of providing schools was the State's, and for expediency the State has delegated that authority to the school districts and that it was the obligation of the board to their residents to see that schools are provided.

WHEN ASKED Leonard about the proper time for planning schools for open areas, Harrison replied, "It should have been done yesterday."

"We can do it now but it's awfully late and prices are up," said Leonard.

On gifts of land to the community by the builder, Harrison said, "We're opposed to donations of land or gift in lieu of land. It's not the American way, the business way. It's another way of taxation—illegal form of taxation."

"WE DIDN'T" create the problem (of crowded schools). These people are already here. These people would have to be schooled whether in here or Roseville or Detroit or wherever it is," said Harrison.

"We can only stand so much taxation," said Wagner. "There is one drastic thing we can do and that is cut off all building permits or meter them out so we can control them."

"You can't legally cut off building permits. There is no law in the land that gives you or anyone else the right to cut off building permits," replied Harrison.

It would probably take nine months to a year to get a proposed bill into the state legislature, Harrison told the group at the meeting's close.

Tomorrow is last day to divide precincts and notify county clerk of precinct sizes.



MRS. W. F. KUSSY, 4540 Lakeview court, Wing Lake, took a wild guess—268,700—at the number of flowers in the Detroit Flower Show at the State Fair Grounds, and came close enough to win a two-door hardtop 1966 Dodge which was top prize for the best guess. Mrs. Kussy (left) received the auto in time to pick up Mr. Kussy's aunt, Mrs. Frieda Spitz (in the car) who flew from London, England, to Willow Run airport last Wednesday. Admiring the car with the ladies are Mr. Kussy and the children, Henrietta (Henny, but she likes to be called Mary) and her brother, Edward. Mrs. Spitz will visit in the U.S. for three months before returning to England.

## Local Groups 'Adopt' Two Foreign Orphans

A Southfield club and fourth-graders at Lathrup school have "financially adopted" a foreign orphan for one year under a Foster Parents' Plan which has cared for more than 75,000 homeless and needy children in Belgium, England, France, Western Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy and Korea.

Lathrup fourth graders' teacher, Mrs. W. Leonard Pyfe of 4155 Walnut Hill, Troy, will act as foster parent for 10-year-old Namgung Young Soon, a Korean girl.

And Mrs. T. L. Hibbard, 27289 W. 13 Mile road, Southfield, will act as foster parent for the Wednesday Club's 8½-year-old Marcello Feделе of Italy.

UNDER THE plan the sponsoring group contributes \$10 a month towards the child's support for at least one year. They in return receive a brief history of the child and a photograph.

"Correspondence through the Plan office is encouraged, since the children need the feeling of being loved and belonging to someone, someplace," according to Foster Parents' Plan headquarters in New York City.

"Adoption" is financial, not legal, and the child remains in the country where he or she is living.

THE FOURTH graders' "foster child," Namgung, was born in Ryong Kwang Gun, and lived in the province of Okhwa Namdo with her elder sister and parents until the Korean war broke out.

Three years ago her father died, and Namgung's mother struggled to care for her two girls but she, too, died last February. After a short stay with an uncle, the girls were sent to an orphanage where they now live.

Namgung is in the third grade, has a pleasant disposition and is well-liked by all who know her. At the present time she says she would like to be a nurse.

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Marcello's father is unable to undergo recommended surgery because of his weak condition, and is unable to work.

His home consists of a bedroom and kitchen and a grate fireplace on which they cook their one meal a day.

Rated high in school studies, Marcello is a nice looking child with large brown eyes and brown hair. He is affectionate and obedient and shy.

To many who have helped process the two children's records, they are Child 4212 and Child 4213, but to the Wednesday club and to the Lathrup fourth graders, they will become the real persons they are—Marcello Feделе and Namgung Young Soon.

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It is planned that prior to July 8, 1966, each Mayfair customer will receive a pamphlet covering instructions on dialing direct to over a million telephones. Instructions to customers will cover how to originate calls.

Local customers will be instructed to dial 112 followed by the first two letters of the central office name then the five numerals to reach the contiguous places to Mayfair and all places in southeastern Michigan.

Extended Area customers will be instructed to dial 112 followed by the first two letters of the central office name then the five numerals to reach all places beyond the local calling area, i.e., calls to the extended area placed will not change.

## Garden Talk Slated For Kiwaniques

SOUTHFIELD — Kiwaniques will meet Thursday evening, April 12, at the home of Mrs. Charles F. Marando on Nine Mile road, Co-hortness will be Mrs. Glen Schoon-hala, Mrs. R. V. Snyder and Mrs. A. F. Boudreau.

With Spring just around the corner, program chairman Mrs. Farnham Haeger, has engaged Dave Rodeheffer of the Higgenfritz Nurseries, to give a garden talk and show slides. Following this, Mr. Rodeheffer will conduct a question and answer period.

At the February meeting, the club allocated a sum to send two Oakland County girl scouts to Camp Oakland for a two week vacation this summer.

## Public Welfare Aide

Mrs. John F. Warren of West Bloomfield township, has been appointed Oakland county co-ordinator for public welfare and will work with civil defense leaders from seven neighboring counties, including local CD leaders, it was announced last week.

## Cambridge Village Group Entertained

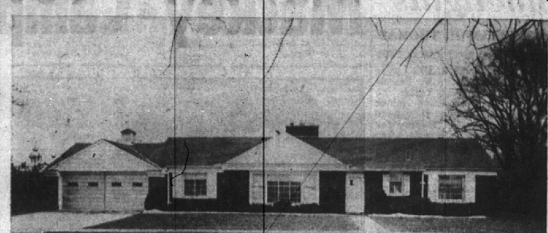
SOUTHFIELD — Mrs. Edward Brown, 27235 Lexington Parkway, entertained at a desert bridge at her home. Attending were Mrs. J. T. Perkins, Mrs. William Kinber-

ly, Mrs. James Mac Donald, Mrs. Edward Karpick, Mrs. John Merritt, Mrs. Herman Macquardt and Mrs. Beatrice Allen. Prizewinners were Mrs. Merritt,

Mrs. Karpick and Mrs. Mac Donald. The group will meet April 19 at the home of Mrs. Perkins, 87636 Red Leaf Lane.

General news deadline is 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

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