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Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS
THIS CRISP, fall-like air is appropriate for announcing that the Franklin Cedar Mill will throw open its doors for business Sept. 2...

LATHRUP'S council activities of last Monday night should have wide circulation. There were at least nine members present...

MR. AND MRS. Homer D. Hyde, 32883 Franklin, road, Franklin, could probably give area gardeners a few lessons...

BOYS UPPER TEENS CLUB of Southfield has a club house, thanks to Frank Connell (left) turns over keys to the building to Upper Teens President Gordon Ostlund...

WHILE the Franklin columnists that it is a sure and sure mark your calendar.

Adult Education Classes to Begin Sept. 24 in S'fld

SOUTHFIELD - Adult education classes will begin Sept. 24 with registration on Sept. 17, Karl Greenfield for the purpose of the Township Board of Southfield Township to grant a franchise to a private corporation for the building and operation of the Evergreen Interceptor sewer.

Fire Hits McKinley School Addition
Although damage estimates are still incomplete, the recent fire at Southfield's McKinley school made rubble of \$5,000 worth of new furniture and heat buckled the steel girders which support the ceiling of the new addition...

Kiwaniis Delegates
SOUTHFIELD - Kiwaniis delegates for the Michigan district convention in Detroit, Sept. 22 are Al Geeraert, president, Don Hanford, secretary, and Ray Chausse, treasurer...

At Press Time

TOWNSHIP BOARD approved Police Chief Philip La Vigne's request that William A. Collins, 30783 Fairfax, be appointed as police radio repairman at a cost of \$5 per unit per month plus \$12 per month for two base radios...

DUTCH ELK disease has hit Southfield Park trees, said a lawyer Swem, who was given approval to buy a power saw for \$245.

WHETHER to return to taxpayers two mills collected but never used for a series of trunkline sewers or whether to return the money for a system of lateral sewers was discussed but no decision was reached by the board...

SOUTHAMPTON sewer bids will be asked by the township with a deadline of 2 p.m. Sept. 10.

A REQUEST by Detroit law firm of Haggerty, Garcia and Haggerty for permission to intervene in the four-year-old suit against the Fens Trailer Park...

MEADOW DOWNS subdivision

Postpone Slowdown on Dismissal of Lathrup's City Administrator

S'fld Charter Completed; Await Hearing
SOUTHFIELD - The charter has been completed and published in form acceptable to the charter commissioners.

What Is Lathrup's Greatest Problem?
By DOROTHY ZATELL
Taking time off from watching the Democratic and Republican conventions on television, a few of Lathrup's residents voiced their replies to the question "What is Lathrup's greatest problem at present?"

Why Is It So Costly?
SOUTHFIELD - There's going to be a fight over Southfield's allocated share of the 12-Town drain system.

W. E. HELUND, 19061 Wilshire, "I believe our greatest problem is to have more people to serve in places of responsibility in our city government."

E. E. LADNIG, 18569 Bungalow, "I'm a fairly new resident in Lathrup. I believe in home rule and the Golden Rule. It seems to me there are just too many people present who must learn to stabilize themselves."

C. A. DEGRAT, 15751 San Rosa, "The people and the council present the big question is to select one able man and listen to him, as in the matter of the police department. Getting the council down to concrete matters without bickering will get our city government ahead faster."

GENE PERON, 18550 Wilshire, "Our greatest problem is we must take up an issue and work through it to a final, firm understanding of all concerned."

C. E. POLLARD, 27551 Rackham, "Some of our council members are willing to dismiss an experienced city administrator and are willing to accept a man with no city management experience. Seeking to better ourselves, how do we explain this?"

Local Bank Gets Lathrup's Bond Bid
LATHRUP - Ironically, the only bid the city received for its \$68,000 worth of special assessment bonds was from the company which not only bid the lowest but also had the highest credit rating for commercial purposes.

Optimists Name New Chairman
SOUTHFIELD - E. J. Bush, Southfield Optimist president, this week announced new committee chairman for the 1956-57 club session. Heading the program committee will be Herb Storky; Horace McDougal, boys' work; Charles Sherwin and George Jancikard, membership and Edward Henderson, attendance.

TURNING THE FIRST shovelful of earth for the new, one-story Allstate Insurance Co. regional office north of Eight Mile just west of Northwestern is Jackson R. Branch, Allstate senior vice president. To his left is Joseph E. Henry, C. L. Fillmore, budget; Joe Doran, publicity; and Irvin Hahn, bulletin editor.

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Council Dodges Headon Collision Over Hot Issue

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS
LATHRUP - The red-hot issue of attempting to dismiss City Administrator Leonard A. Watchowski proved too hot for council to handle Monday in the face of a lengthy agenda and a packed house.

Councilman Frederick O. Johnson, who walked out of the Aug. 14 meeting after Councilman Kathryn Fryer read the resolution passed by council to six minutes, tried to bring the issue to a head Monday night.

Early in the meeting he asked that old business be brought to the top of the agenda, as it had been when he, Fryerstein and Mayor John G. Campbell attended the Aug. 6 session. Councilman Louis L. Mackay and Richard N. Cogger were out of town Aug. 6. All were present Monday night.

MISS Fryerstein asked that it be placed on the agenda or shifted to another meeting in order that accumulated work could be completed.

"Let us settle it right now," said Johnson. But it never was. Limited by time, the discussion ran to 15 minutes and terminated with Johnson trying to gain recognition from the mayor to speak.

"You're out of order, Councilman Johnson," said Campbell, and proceeded to the next item of business.

Before this happened though, Johnson asked Miss Fryerstein to read her resolution asking for Watchowski's removal.

"I THINK we require a bill of particulars," said Miss Fryerstein.

"Did you have a bill of particulars last week?" asked Johnson, to which Miss Fryerstein answered, "No."

"If Miss Fryerstein won't make the motion, I'll make it for her," said Johnson. "This man (Watchowski) has an ax hanging over his head and we are going to swing it."

Before Johnson could get a second to the motion, Campbell ruled that Johnson had used up his allotted time.

F. R. BING TO Watchowski, Johnson, in dictating that he thought he spoke for the majority of council, said, "You have a clean bill of health as far as this council is concerned."

What happened after this short but lively discussion was anticlimactic, but was indicative of a changing trend in political alliances to reporters who have covered the meetings regularly for more than a year.

Before the last election, a majority of the present council voted to oust the then chairman, William H. Harvie and Mrs. Everett Nelson as Oakland county board of supervisors delegates when Lathrup's two-man representation was halved and neither wanted to give up his seat.

MONDAY night council, deciding that Mayor John G. Campbell, who had been appointed when Lathrup's representation was cut to one member, declared that he could no longer serve in the supervisors' post because he did not have time to attend meetings.

The political pendulum made a complete swing when Miss Fryerstein, who had backed Campbell for the post before, entered a resolution asking for Harvie be dismissed from Lathrup's board of supervisors members.

Another political oddity occurred when, after appointing Justice L. Bernard Croft as a delegate with regard to "business reasons," but one other reason given (See COUNCIL, Page 2, Sec. 5) O'Leary for the JP post.

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At last week's meeting of the Optimists in Oak Ridge, weatherman, was guest speaker.

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