

New Residents of Westchester Introduced at Welcoming Tea

By HARRIET HENDERSON

Westchester Village, bordered by Berkshire, Wadsworth, Middlebury and Lahser roads, at last counted 35 families, and is growing as rapidly as the proverbial "beanstalk."

The subdivision has 104 lots in all and about 95 percent of the construction has been started within the last year.

Residents are members of the Westchester Village association, a strong organization which sees that every new home complies with subdivision restrictions. Every home must be on at least a half acre of ground; no outside antennas are allowed; no clothes poles can show from the street and all garages must face away from the street.

JAMES D. TAYLOR is association president; Henry F. Sokol, vice president; Richard Nette, secretary and George Kenney is treasurer. Don Ross heads the welcoming committee.

Mrs. James H. Taylor of Middlebury lane, association president's wife, opened her home last month to every body of the subdivision. Many new friendships were begun around the tea table. Mrs. Walter Hansel, Middlebury lane and Mrs. George Kenney, Breckenridge lane were assistant hostesses.

Mr. Rappaport is an attorney in Detroit. He received his schooling at the University of Detroit where he was a member of the track team and a member of the D club, of which he is presently on the board of directors. The family belongs to the Temple Israel in Detroit and enjoys traveling.

MRS. RUSSEL AROGAST moved from Magnolia before Christmas to his home on Middlebury lane. The Arogasts are civic-minded folks and have an interesting and active family. Their son, Michael, 20, has had two years of electrical engineering at Brigham Young university in Provo, Utah, and is now doing missionary work in Montevideo, Uruguay. He will return in late summer 1950 to complete his five year course.

Mr. Arogast, a native of Tiffin, Ohio, attended Heidelberg college and is now a salesman for Techemo Co. in Detroit.

Mrs. Arogast's home was in Grand Rapids where she was a student at Calvin college. She is an active member in the Mormon church and also belongs to the Palette and Brush club.

MR. AND MRS. Martin Meyer and sons, Paul, Jr. and John, moved from Huntington Ward about six weeks ago to Bradford drive.

Mr. Meyer, in the real estate business in Detroit, is a member of the Hunt Brook Club. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer were students at the University of California and belonged to dramatic groups. They enjoy bowling, fishing and traveling.

Their travels have consisted mostly of vacations in northern Michigan and New York.

MR. AND MRS. Earl Morgan, Bradford drive, came from Clare, Mich. a month ago. Sons, Harry, 10, and John, 5, attend Bloomfield Village school. Mr. Morgan is plant manager of the airframe department of Holly Carburetor, and received his education at Lawrence Tech. The family enjoys fishing, expeditions, golf and gardening.

THE HENRY L. ZIFFS are still unpacking their belongings, having been on Berkshire drive only two weeks. Formerly Huntington Woods residents they have two grown daughters, Louise, a Highland Park school teacher and Mrs. Richard L. Seyrest lives in Berkley and has a little girl, 3 1/2 months old.

Mr. Ziff, president of the Apollo Corporation in Detroit, belongs to the Detroit Rotary and the North Woodward Shrine Club. Both Ziffs are fishermen and gardeners.

THE THEODORE DAUERNS moved into their new home on Bradford drive several months after their January 14th marriage in Chicago. Mrs. Dauer is from Chicago and has two grown children, Carol Mitchell who just recently started with Huron Milling Co. in the advertising department, and Bruce Mitchell who has been in the far eastern service with the U.S. Army and is now finishing his business administration course at Illinois Wesleyan.

Mr. Dauer, a Detroit native, also has two children. He has a married daughter, Mrs. Edward Glasson, and a daughter, Arlene, 16, who attends Redford high school. Mrs. Dauer enjoys the hobby of genealogy and has traced her own family back six generations.

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city-manager type of government, instead of the council-mayor form. The manager type brings into local government men who make careers of the subject, who are motivated less by "politics."

ABOUT four-year terms of office, Hartom said. "Personally, I think a two-year term is long enough. Another mistake we made is having staggered terms."

"Say you elect seven councilmen and the people are unhappy with them. The most they can change at election time is a bare majority. "The people you have been unhappy with are still in office. If you want to change, you want to change the whole bunch. You'll keep the good officers and get rid of the bad," said Hartom.

In conclusion, Hartom who favors area representation rather than the one-ward system, said, "I don't see how any area can help in time, but become a better government board and commission have staggered terms to retain a part of the board to carry over that experience and knowledge of duties will be carried over to new boards."

INTERVIEWS with officials and residents of several suburban communities point out that the basic reason for a multiplicity of local cities and villages is because the citizens desire to retain their own cultural identity.

They know that a small unit of government is closer to home, more easily controlled than a larger one. Even though it may result in some over-all duplications, they feel its value are worth the additional tax investment.

HOW DOES the taxpayer see the situation? One resident claimed to be "swamped with debts." Schools, she said, were taking a big bite (80.3 per cent) of the taxes which on her home amounted to about \$110 this year.

"Each year our taxes go up another \$20. We paid for all of our sewers in the late 1930's and now we are paying for sewers all over again."

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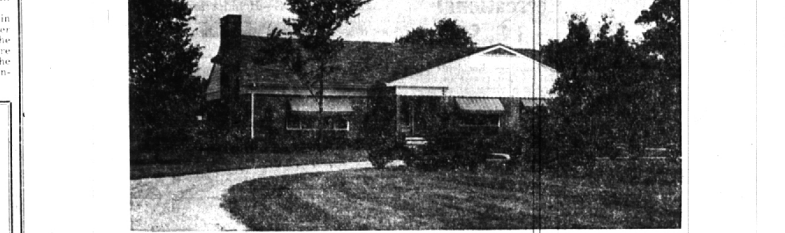
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