

Lathrup Candidates Election Statements

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NANCY RINGLAND, 28, was born in Highland Park, attended high school in Royal Oak, and received her bachelor's degree from University of Michigan, where in 1949 she also was graduated from the University's Law College.

While at U of M Miss Ringland became a member of Phi Kappa, Law Review and Order of the Coif.

A law clerk for Justice Bushnell of the Michigan Supreme court for a year following graduation, she then became associated with, and is now employed by, the Detroit law firm of McClintock, Wilson, Demoran and Wagners.

Presently, Miss Ringland is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Detroit Bar Association and Corporation and Securities Committee of the State Bar.

"My primary objective is to represent the citizens of Lathrup City Government," said Miss Ringland. "I believe this can be accomplished by maintaining the integrity in government, by conscientiously utilizing all sources of information available on the problems which confront us, and by the use of parliamentary procedures which will enable citizens to participate more effectively in their governments."

FRED O. JOHNSON

Politics in Lathrup Village should be a simple straight-forward accomplishment. The Council merely carries the will of the majority of its citizens to its rightful conclusion, and directs the Administration Officials to proceed accordingly. The minority stays out of the way and always should be heard and there are times when an intelligent, unselfish idea is presented and with study and development, often proves most valuable to the community.

These are my standards and will exert every effort to carry them into fulfillment. If my friends and neighbors, who have persuaded me to sign the petition for nomination to the City Council, choose to elect me.

"There are a few problems confronting our Community. At this time, which you citizens might wish to have my opinion on, namely: Roads, Water, Zoning, Drainage, Municipal Center, and Trees.

ROADS—Our roads are an important asset and must be preserved and improved. The present method of self-assessment by local groups of property owners is very effective and should be continued as long as possible. The cost and proper installation will be carefully supervised for the protection of all.

Water—We are at the threshold of receiving a vastly greater amount into our water mains. Every effort will be exerted to expedite the connection to our system. Another summer of "no-sparking and no water pressure" must be avoided.

ZONING—This subject is probably the sorest in our Community's life. It is difficult to conceive how our neighborly, quiet atmosphere, to suddenly, during a short period between January and February, permit themselves to be forgetful of all these attributes and allow the most distressing type of business to enter our City.

"We do not need this commercial business for taxes, our surplus in the City is evidence of the Council's ability to provide for our services, from non-commercial income.

DRAINAGE—There is no doubt in my mind that adequate drainage is necessary and vital to our community and agree with the Council that we should leave no avenue of investigation of methods and routes unchecked, until we have found the most economical and advantageous system for our City.

MUNICIPAL CENTER—The present facilities should only be considered temporary and I am in accord with the Council's plan of laying aside funds each year, to the limit of our capacity, for the procurement of these necessary facilities as soon as economic conditions permit.

TREES—It is more economical to unite and spray collectively and believe that our city-wide method should be adopted and used as often as required. Trees on private property should also be included.

"I hope that every eligible voting citizen of Lathrup will go to the polls on Election Day and cast his or her ballot for those who will promise to maintain the highest standards of 'Good Government' tempered with common sense, for the majority of citizens of the City of Lathrup Village, and especially to re-elect our Mayor John Campbell and Mayor-Protem Lantze Mackey with whom I hope to join and serve after April 22," Johnson concluded.

JAMES K. O'LEARY, 34, lives with his wife and three children at 28079 Eldorado.

Former Lathrup city attorney, O'Leary was graduated from University of Detroit Law School in 1947 and is presently the senior member of O'Leary, O'Leary, Bichan and Freeman, Detroit law firm.

Veteran of the South Pacific Campaign in World War II, he was discharged in Dec., 1945 after serving as a U.S. Naval Air Corps officer. O'Leary has practiced law in Michigan since 1948 and is a member of several corporations' board of directors.

"In my opinion, the Council should function on the basic principle that Lathrup Village is fundamentally and foremost a community composed of both old and recent residents alike with

decided with that fact in mind," said O'Leary.

"If this thinking is conscientiously followed by the Council as well as the solving of all problems as they effect Lathrup as a community can now readily be applied to the city of Lathrup as a municipal governmental entity.

"ONE of the main considerations which has been ignored by the Council to date is the planning of future recreational facilities for the children of Lathrup as the development of the city will go away with present vacant property.

"Many citizens, including myself, feel that the City Government has been dominated by a small organized group, and that in order to advance the best interests and welfare of the community as a whole, all of the residents of Lathrup should be entitled to some representation on the Council," O'Leary concluded.

WILLIAM H. HARVIE, an incumbent councilman, was the city's first mayor and has served on the council since the city incorporated in December 1953.

As a candidate in the coming election, my interest will continue to be for the future development and welfare of the city," said Harvie.

"During these past three years, I have been connected with the operation of this community in the capacity of Chairman of the charter commission, first mayor and councilman for the past two years.

As a member of the charter commission, my main concern was maintaining a standard of minimum taxation. My influence was used to keep the provision of the original charter for taxes to a maximum of 7.5 mills (\$7.50 per thousand valuation).

"In my estimation, Lathrup Village can operate at this minimum cost, due to the fact that part-time public officials are willing to serve and function without remuneration. During my administration as mayor, this city operated on a five-month budget and showed a surplus at the end of the fiscal year.

"My background as a registered civil engineer, lawyer and contractor may be of some value to the community in facing the problems of this area; proper sewage disposal as required by the Water Resources Commission; storm water problems as related to this community; modern super highway development as proposed in this area; as well as construction and maintenance of Lathrup Village roads.

"In my opinion, future officials of Lathrup Village should fulfill their duties, always recognizing that this city is a unique, rural community."

LANTZE L. MACKEY, 18577 San Jose, has just completed his first term as councilman. Before that he served as chairman of the zoning

committee which formulated Lathrup's zoning ordinance.

At Mackey's suggestion, a committee was formed to study ways and means of locating a site and constructing a municipal building. It was also his suggestion which led to an audit and business procedure committee to bring forth methods of streamlining governmental procedures.

"I propose that we pursue the idea of constructing an alternate (to the Evergreen Interceptor Sewer) which is designed to eliminate Rouge river pollution in six communities, including Lathrup, for the lowest possible cost and encourage other communities to join us in this project," said Mackey on drainage problems.

"WE HAVE another very serious problem—the ending of 'base ment flooding.' According to the Drain Commissioner (Ralph Main) it will cost us in excess of \$600,000 to provide adequate sewers. I suggest that we now consider this plan carefully, together with any other plans which our own city engineer might suggest.

"To make for an even more efficient administration, if elected I will suggest that the following procedure be adopted:

1) Better planning for council meetings in order that council and city attorney will have ample opportunity to study important matters.

2) Council meetings should be held weekly rather than bi-monthly and meetings in the summer months should be reduced to the very minimum of one per month, if possible.

3) Ample but controlled audience participation.

"THE COUNCIL should strive to interest the youth in community affairs and provide adequate recreational facilities.

"My position on issues affecting our city is now a matter of record, and I am proud of the stand which I have taken on every issue. My first thought on any matter has always been and will continue to be, 'How will it affect the majority of my neighbors in our city?'"

"I have resisted and will continue to resist any effort to commercialize our community beyond that which is provided for under the zoning ordinances.

"FROM THE first of April 1955, when I took office, until the first of March 1956, there have been a total of 36 public meetings, 23 regular council meetings of which I attended 22; seven special meetings, of which I attended six, and six adjourned meetings, of which I attended six.

"With this attendance to my credit, I feel I have demonstrated my willingness to work, and have shown to the satisfaction of the obligation I have to you, the citizens of Lathrup," Mackey concluded.

JOHN G. CAMPBELL, 18441 Glenwood, is the city's present mayor, and has served in local public office for three years.

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Lone Pine Residents Home From Trips South and East

Lone Pine Village residents are returning from trips south as far as Nassau and east to Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Durbridge of Ranch Lane have returned from a trip south where they stayed in St. Petersburg, Fla. and Sarasota, visiting friends, before heading down to Nassau.

They stayed at a hotel near the shops which carry French perfumes, English bone china and colorful cashmères at prices which delight the tourists' pocketbooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Frink of Ranch Lane returned last weekend from a three-and-a-half week visit to Florida. With no particular plan in mind, the Frinks visited many spots. There was a five-day stay at Daytona, a pleasant two weeks at Ft. Lauderdale and a drive up the west coast.

The Frinks met the V. D. Hannas of Avon road who had taken a plane for their trip down. The Hannas motored back with Mr. and Mrs. Frink.

Mrs. James Griffin of Keithdale returned March 17 from a trip to New Canaan, Conn. and New York City. Young Greg made the trip with his mother.

The Women's Bridge club held its meeting this week at the home of Mrs. Bart Naughton on Gilbert Lake road. Mrs. Walter Berkman of Snowshoe circle is a new member.

Newcomers to the area are the James B. Leahys of 5981 East Millersway. The Leahys have two children Buckley, 4, and Bobby, who will be 2 in June. James is from New York while Mrs. Leahy's family has lived for a number of years in Birmingham. Mrs. Leahy is the former Mary Sue Bee, and she attended Kingswood.

The new Leahy home, overlooking a golf course, pleases this couple because they are golfers. The family pet is an English springer who answers to the name of "Gundrop". The Leahys just returned to their new home after a couple of weeks in Delray, Fla.

Mrs. Harry Aten of Quanton road has just completed a 6-year term with the Pontiac YMCA, serving in an advisory capacity.

Donna Corpron is going to make good use of that famed wood Cessna which "hangs out" at Pontiac airport. Donna, daughter of the Bill Corprons of Keithdale, Lone Pine Village, will start flying lessons in April.

Putting a spotlight on the Village Players, reveals that Mrs. Carleton Scott of Lane Lake will direct the next Players' effort, "The Fifth Season" and Arlene Moriarty of Hills drive will be assistant director.

At the Saturday night show "The Ladies of the Corridor", Frank Day, Maple road, worked on stage sets, and Carleton Scott, looking fine after that accident in Mexico, was in the audience giving a warm hand at curtain time.

The sheath, the "Empire" look and what's new in color were all shown to a women's club group gathered out at the Old Mill in Waterford Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Barbara Dawson of Southfield and Mrs. John Picou of East Millersway modeled some of those spring creations.

Club scouts of den 13, who have just finished work on dart boards, book ends and TV stools, made some awards to their various members at their last meeting at the Harry Aten home on Quanton road.

Awards were: Art Johnson, two silver arrows; David Wilson, a Lion badge and a gold and silver arrow; Skip Remington, a lion badge plus a gold and two silver arrows; Jimmie Leslie, a Bear badge; Leigh Tuohy, a Lion badge, a gold and two silver arrows.



SENIOR GIRL SCOUTS of Troop 167 line up for refills of coffee for Dads at Senior-Intermediate box lunch supper at Lathrup school last Thursday. Dads, decked out in Indian headdress, entered into the spirit of the evening and admired the Americana table decorations made by their daughters. Mrs. Webster Owen, neighborhood chairman, at a surprise ceremony was doctored out as an Indian maiden and sent out to journey among the tables to collect Juliette Low pennies in an authentic war drum.

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