

LWV Finance Drive Starts; Goal Is \$2,700

C-F Victim's Mother Not Giving Up

Though her son was only three months old when she learned that he was going to die, Mrs. Paul Ruddy, of 31270 Stafford drive, Birmingham, refused to give up and accept the fate doctors had forecast. She carried on a relentless nationwide search for someone who could help her child.

David died of cystic fibrosis when he was only four years old, but his mother still refuses to give up. With other parents of children afflicted with the fatal disease, Mrs. Ruddy is carrying on the search.

She seeks help for the other children who, like her David, are doomed to die because so little is known about cystic fibrosis.

DOCTORS FIRST diagnosed cystic fibrosis only 10 years ago. Now they estimate that one out of every 600 babies born alive in the United States will be a victim of the inherited disease. Its occurrence seems to be more common than polio, leukemia and many other serious threats to children.

Cystic fibrosis strikes the pancreas, but its fatal nature derives from its effect on the victim's lungs, making them extremely susceptible to pneumonia, bronchitis and coughs.

Antibiotics kept David alive, despite his damaged lungs. Finally, his mother said, "His little heart gave out."

THE FINANCIAL DRAIN on families of the cystic fibrosis victim is tremendous.

To buy the enormous quantities of expensive drugs and medication needed for David, the boy's father worked seven days a week, as many as 10 hours a day, in a shop which repairs manufacturing equipment.

His earnings were also used to finance trips to other cities where there was a possibility that help could be found for David. During the four-year fight for their son's life, the Ruddy family took David to Children's hospital in Boston, Mayo clinic, Children's hospital in Chicago, and even to a hospital in Oregon.

"**SOME DOCTORS** at first refused to concede that it was cystic fibrosis," Mrs. Ruddy said. "The disease is so new that many doctors had never seen a patient with it and couldn't recognize it."

Now Mrs. Ruddy and other members of the Michigan Cystic Fibrosis association are working to educate the public about "C-F" and to raise funds for research.

NEXT WEDNESDAY night they are staging a variety show at Berkeley high school. Soupy Sales, Max Williams and other local entertainers will be on hand at 8 p.m. to help raise funds for the fight.

Mrs. Lloyd Block, of Berkeley, is president of the cystic fibrosis association. It will meet Monday, Oct. 1, at 8:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran church, 1814 E. Campbell, Royal Oak, to continue its fight.

The association's members, most of them parents of C-F victims, are like Mrs. Ruddy. They refuse to give up.

Believe Bloomfield Can Provide Sewer

Birmingham this week turned over to Bloomfield township a Birmingham school district request for sewer services to a proposed elementary school at Labadie and 14 Mile roads.

The third such request in the past several years, the Birmingham commission suggested to the school board that Bloomfield township may be able to help.

Manager Harold Schone said Bloomfield is planning a sewer along 14 Mile right past the proposed Valley Woods school.

Birmingham previously has provided sewer service to Derby high school and Pembroke schools northeast of the city.

First Exhibit To Open Friday At Cranbrook

First exhibition of the season at Cranbrook Academy of Art galleries is a selection of black and white and color photographs by Arthur Siegel, of Chicago.

Siegel is a free lance photographer working mostly for the Lane publications including Life, Time, Sports Illustrated and Architectural Forum.

The exhibit is scheduled from Sept. 21 through Oct. 26, every day except Monday and major holidays from until 5 p.m. in connection with the exhibition, Siegel will visit Cranbrook Sept. 28 at 8 p.m. for an illustrated talk on color photography. Open to the public, the talk will be held in the Cranbrook Institute of Science auditorium.

Acting DPW Supt. Is Named by Gare

Tom Brien has been named acting superintendent of public works, PW Director L. R. Gare disclosed Monday.

A senior civil engineer, Brien has been with the city for five years, during which he was city building inspector for a year and a half.

Dresses Stolen

Theft of 22 dresses, valued at approximately \$900, was reported to Birmingham police Friday by the Kay Baum shop, W. Maple road. The cashmere sweater type dresses were discovered missing when a clerk looked for a \$119 model to show a customer.

Mrs. John Lambie Resigns As Head Of Library Board

On the resignation of Mrs. John S. Lambie, of 280 Aspen, after 25 years' service on the board of trustees of Baldwin public library, Mrs. Cassius L. Miller of 993 Pilgrim, succeeds Mrs. Lambie as president of the board.

At the same time the board has appointed Charles B. Kass, of 1028 Chestnut, to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Lambie's resignation. A dinner at the library Sunday night honored Mrs. Lambie. Attending were Mayor and Mrs.

James C. Allen, present and past members of the board of trustees and Friends of the Library, and the entire library staff.

OFFICERS of the state board of libraries came from Lansing to attend.

Mrs. Lambie was presented with a wall clock of bronze. In appreciation for his past baby-sitting and other cooperation which enabled his wife to devote many hours to the library, Dr. Lambie was presented with a framed drawing.

Inspectors Meet

Birmingham Fire Marshall George Scott will attend a conference of Michigan fire inspectors at Michigan State university next Monday and Tuesday.

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