

Lathrup Parents Favor Children's Art Program

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LATHRUP—Early in November a questionnaire was sent to area parents by the PTA suggesting several recreation programs for Lathrup school children.

The most popular item on the questionnaire was a children's creative art workshop to be given by the Wayne State university art department. This will take place in the spring.

Second in popularity was a library. Third was the need for a paid recreation director to organize and supervise games during free time at lunch period. Then a children's theatre workshop which includes not only dramatics, but make-up, lighting, costume making and set making.

FIFTH IN popularity was dancing instructions for fifth and sixth graders. The sixth grade class had its first lesson Wednesday afternoon and will receive instructions in ballroom and square dancing from Mr. and Mrs. George Russell.

Portable book racks already have been purchased with PTA funds for use by the children. Kathryn McLean, principal of Lathrup school, has been working with the state library and the University of Michigan on the monthly loan of books. Some books have been purchased with PTA funds and from the school activities fund which is money raised by the students through paper drives, etc. The library will be voluntarily staffed by PTA membership.

A PLEA HAS gone out to residents of the neighborhood for books of children's fiction and reference books for the ages of kindergarten through the sixth grades. If the response is great enough, the library will be opened during the month of December.

All children in the community will be welcome to use the library which will be open on Monday and Thursday of each week from 5:30

Council-Kelleys Agree to Confer

LATHRUP—In response to a letter from Mayor Lantz Mackey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Kelley, subdividers of Lathrup Village, have agreed to a conference meeting with the Lathrup council.

Mackey asked for the conference to discuss the proposed sanitary system and storm water control. He also listed as possible subjects for discussion, the Lathrup post office, and a lease arrangement for the Lathrup city offices in the mansion which was once the Kelley home.

Chairman of the recreation program is Mrs. C. A. Meyer. She will be assisted by Mrs. Charles Stebbins, Mrs. Vincent Klock, Mrs. Wallace Joannan, Mrs. George Russell, Mrs. William Frencher, Miss Kathryn McLean and Mrs. Vaughan Pagley.

Girl Scout Hurt In Car-Bus Crash

BLOOMFIELD—A Dearborn township girl scout was injured Saturday when a bus carrying 45 girl scouts to a cook-out collided with a car at Maple and Telegraph roads.

Police said the bus made a left turn from Telegraph in front of southbound traffic. The injured scout, Sheila Clay, 9, was treated for head injuries at William Beaumont hospital, Royal Oak. Her home is at 5676 Vernon, Dearborn township.

Impact of the collision welded the bus and car together so strongly, police said, that they had to be separated with a blow torch after four wreckers were unable to pry them apart.

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Tulips for School Children

Members of three WNFCA chapters gathered at Valley Woods school recently to plant 1,000 tulip bulbs. The ladies said that not only would the flowers help beautify the school, but that the children could learn about nature by watching the plants as they grew. Shown planting bulbs are (from left) Mrs. Arthur Newman, horticulture chairman of the WNFCA Berkshire branch, Mrs. Wilson McClellan, president of the Valley Woods branch, and Mrs. Earl Potter, president of the Westchester branch.

Residents Ask for Crossing Guard

SOUTHFIELD—The township board will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting Jan. 14, 1968, on petitions by residents of the Meadowlark and Oakland Hills subdivisions to set up a special assessment district to pay for a school crossing guard.

The board accepted the petitions at its Nov. 29 meeting and scheduled the public hearing for its first regular January meeting.

The residents of the areas want the district established in order to raise the funds needed to pay the wages of a crossing guard at Fairfax and 19 Mile roads.

The petitioners pointed out that 73 per cent of the homeowners in the areas have signed the petitions and asked that if the special district is established the assessments be collected in the annual taxes.

S'field Takes Bids On Big Bond Issue

SOUTHFIELD—First of Michigan Corp. was the successful bidder Monday night on \$338,000 worth of bonds.

The township board met in special session to consider the bids. Only two bids were made, one by the successful firm and the other by Renover, MacArthur & Co.

Township supervisor Eugene E. Swem said the money raised by the bonds will be used to pave streets and lay sewers and water mains.

Swem said that 10 different bond issues were grouped into one for sale purposes.

Swem also said the township currently is collecting 1967 township taxes. He said the taxes could be paid at the Northland, 14 Mile and Woodward, and Woodward at Hamilton in Birmingham branches of the Detroit Bank and Trust Co.

Fine Birmingham Man in Lathrup

LATHRUP—H. Richard Steding, III, 930 Larchdale, Birmingham, appeared before Judge James K. O'Leary on Nov. 25. Attorney William Spicer represented Steding and questioned the three Lathrup volunteer police who ticketed Steding on Southfield road Nov. 7.

The officers, Lt. Henry S. Kopeck, Adam J. Phillips and Robert E. DeVilles, testified Steding had been clocked at 47 mph in a 40 mile zone for a little more than 1/2 mile. Steding claimed that it had been slightly more than a city block.

Judge O'Leary found Steding guilty and fined him \$10 or two days in the county jail since his attorney was unable to bring out any serious discrepancies in the officers' statements. Rather than accept the decision, Steding posted a \$20 bond and his attorney will file a reconnaissance bond within 10 days.

Dog Disappears

SOUTHFIELD—A going away party given for Mrs. Willard Robinson of Beckley by Mrs. Charles Lifka of Evergreen on Nov. 29, was dampened by the disappearance of Mrs. Lifka's black Briard dog who was hit by a car and fled in panic run, a way. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the dog, they should contact Mrs. Lifka.

Santa Arrives in Plastic "Sputnik"

SOUTHFIELD—With his igloo up and ready, Santa Claus arrived in a plastic "sputnik" to take up residence at Northland shopping center last Friday.

A special public lighting ceremony was held to welcome Santa and more than 40,000 Christmas lights were turned on at the center.

The igloo is Northland's huge geodesic dome, located on the terrace, overlooking Northwestern highway.

More than 100,000 children and their parents are expected to pass through the display area and reach Santa's throne room before the exhibit closes Dec. 24. The igloo is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

In addition to Santa's igloo, the center decorated with thousands of tiny lights sparkling from trees and shrubs in the courts and malls.

Two giant 40-foot trees flank the igloo, and Santa sleighs, bathed in light, are atop the colonnades to either side.

Animated characters from children's literature cavort on the malls. Other areas of the center are decorated with giant lollipops and snowflakes.

Inspect School Addition Plans

SOUTHFIELD—Southfield board of education inspected plans for a 21-room addition to the high school at a special meeting last week.

Tonight the board will hold another special session to receive bids for a short-term operating loan to cover the district until school taxes are paid later this month.

Superintendent Glenn Schoenhals said the board hopes to have at least a portion of the new addition ready when school opens next fall.

It is to include such special units as a 1,000 seat auditorium, a speech laboratory and an art center. The new unit will equip the high school with choral and band rooms for the first time. Plans also include a commercial suite with typing and business machine.

Fire Causes \$2,500 Damage to Home

BLOOMFIELD—Fire damages to the Leo J. Arft home at 8375 Bloomfield township have been estimated at \$2,500 by township fire officials.

Firemen say the blaze was touched off Monday when two-year-old Leo Arft, Jr., put one of his hands on the electric stove.

Flames from the burning doll ignited curtains in the kitchen.

Officials say smoke damages to furnishings in the home are estimated at \$2,000 and fire damages to the house itself at \$500.

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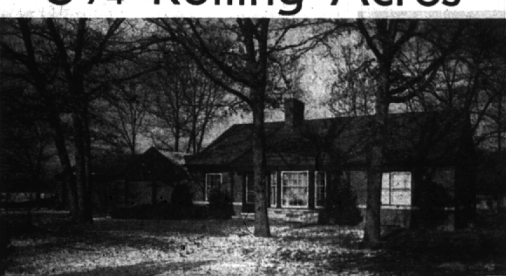
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