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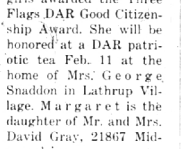
Sidelights

BY WILLIAM H. THOMAS

ANYONE HAVE a voting machine they will be using about April 17... Fannie Adams, township clerk in Southfield, needs twice as many machines as she used in the last election (Dec. 3 charter vote) because there are two elections taking place on the same day—the township election and vote on a nine-member charter commission.

Founder's Day Program to Be PTA Album Feb. 5

SOUTHFIELD—PTA officers and members from all Southfield schools will participate in the Southfield PTA Area Council Founder's Day program to be held at Southfield high school Tuesday, Feb. 5.



MARGARET GRAY, Southfield high school senior, was one of three girls awarded the Three Flags DAR Good Citizenship Award.

Put Sewer Proposal On Ballot

SOUTHFIELD—Southfield hasn't given up on the Evergreen interceptor sewer yet. Tuesday night township board voted to put on the April 1 ballot a proposed which would free some \$234,000 already collected for a series of trunk line sewers, including the Evergreen.

Lathrup Sidetracks \$ 1/2 Million Sewer Proposal to Study Alternate Systems

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FLAMES HAD EATEN most of this partly-completed house on Adams road just south of South Boulevard before Bloomfield firemen were summoned Saturday night. Loss was estimated at \$10,000. Cause was not determined.

Council, Engineers To Meet

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LATHRUPITES visiting the Chrysler collection of paintings at the Detroit Institute of Arts are struck by the resemblance Councilman Lantz has to one of the portraits. All the portrait lacks, so I am told, is a pair of legs, but it is a pair of glasses. It is called, "Portrait of a High Official," and was painted by Caravaggio about 1609.

Chrysler Appoints Henry DeMeyer Budget Manager

Henry M. De Meyer, 24107 Glenview, Southfield, has been appointed manager of general and administrative budget function for Chrysler Corp. It was announced this week.



De Meyer will have responsibility of analysis and evaluation of all divisional and corporate department budget submissions, together with development of corporate year-end budget and approval of school year.

SAFETY will be the theme of Lathrup PTA, Mrs. Vaughn Fitzgibbon directing, and the Michigan Congress of Mothers will be presented by Angling road with Mrs. Edward Johnson as director.

THE \$5,000 is part of \$30,500 owed to the six-community authority for past and future engineering by Southfield.

During a social hour following the program, refreshments will be served. Narrators for the evening will be Right Leighton and Arthur Pickett.

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Can Handle '57, '58 School Enrollments

SOUTHFIELD—Glen Schenck, Southfield superintendent of schools, reported this week that under the board of education's present building program a school district should be able to accommodate all anticipated enrollments through the 1959 school year.

Delay School Site Condemnation Suit

BLOOMFIELD—Condemnation proceedings brought by Bloomfield Hills board of education for a 20-acre site for a school site at Quanton and Bayley roads have been delayed until Feb. 13.

Interview Applicants

SOUTHFIELD—Applicants for four vacancies on the seven-member planning committee will be interviewed by township board Feb. 12.

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Hulet Reviews Accomplishments Of '56; Looks Ahead to 1957

BLOOMFIELD—Looking back on the accomplishments of the township board in 1956, Township Supervisor Arno L. Hulet reflected, "We've really done more last year than has been done in 20 years."

Downspout Board

LATHRUP—Members of the newly-formed downspout board of appeals were appointed by council Monday night. They are: J. Clifton Larne, 2241 Eldorado; Donald M. Hunter, 18350 Glenview; and Helmut O. Krippendorf, 17521 Redwood.

Annual Meeting

SOUTHFIELD—Annual township meeting will be held March 19, 7 p.m. in the Southfield high school, township board announced Tuesday.

Restrict Right Turns From 12 Mile Road

LATHRUP—Traffic Regulation No. Six, prohibiting right turns for eastbound 12 Mile traffic onto Gay Place and Bloomfield on weekdays mornings and Saturdays and Sundays afternoons, was approved by council Monday by a 3-1 vote.

Phillips in Anastasia

EAST BEVERLY—Nelson E. Phillips Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson E. Phillips Sr., 3314 Sheridan drive, has been cast in Marygrove College Dramatic Society production of "Anastasia" to be presented in the college auditorium Feb. 9 and 10.

Southfield City-Backers Select Charter Slate

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

SOUTHFIELD—Southern leaders are marshaling forces for what looks like a knock-down, drag-out battle at the polls April 1 when Southfield votes for a nine-member charter commission.

Last Thursday political chiefs chose a nine-man slate they hope to put in so they can push through a nine-man charter quickly in order to beat the June 6 deadline. If no charter has been adopted by that date Southfield reverts to complete township status.

THEY CHOSE as candidates for the charter commission Lenahan, Hugh C. Bohany, Mrs. Ann Sandusky, St. Abel, John Holby, Robert F. W. Wierfeld, Mark W. Redburn, Norman G. Olmstead, and Lawrence A. Fiferik.

PRO-INCORPORATIONISTS have already pronounced the day of the election as June 3, providing they can get a majority on the charter commission.

Ted Shurtleff, one of the leaders in the north, said his group would meet Wednesday night to choose slate to oppose the southern slate. Northerners want to set up their own village government or be free to annex to Birmingham.

THE SOUTH, by choosing candidates early (the deadline is Feb. 28), hope to outpace the southern seekers which would diffuse the southern voting strength and allow the north's third of the registration vote to again control the election as it has done in two previous charter elections.

But already grumbling has been heard from one or two southern voters, said a group which may be among the chosen nine, and it may be that the south will have some renegade candidates to contend with on April 1.



block-by-block campaign to get our voters; something that area lacked when the first two charters were defeated. That the south end is determined that this time they will not be denied is evidenced in unofficial pronouncements that officials close to the Governor have promised that a charter would not be in the hands of the Governor for his approval more than one or two days.

Franklin Volunteer Police Work Quietly, Efficiently

By NATALIE YINGLING

Few people in Franklin realize that they are getting 24 hour police protection at practically no cost, as the department is staffed entirely by volunteers who have been doing a remarkable job with little public recognition.

Resides the 10 local men who have been sworn in as sheriff's deputies, protection is received from both the county sheriff's office and the state police who are stationed at Franklin at least once every 24 hours. There is a reciprocal agreement with Southfield which provides for police mutual aid when necessary.

The police department started functioning the day Franklin actually became a village in June, 1954 with Dan Brown as the first village marshal.

SHORTLY thereafter he resigned and was replaced by Jack Roberts who still holds the office. Roberts is assisted by Brown, John L. Landon, John Jackson, Richard Ford, Kenneth Bristol and Harry Booker.

The volunteer members have bought their own guns, belt, shirt and trousers at a personal cost of about \$25 per man. Four used cars are equipped with red lights and sirens.

The police department has a budget, the money received from state tax refunds as there are some renegade candidates to contend with on April 1.

Square Dance Tickets

SQUARE DANCE TICKETS, the profits of which will go towards a newly created Franklin Police Youth Recreation Fund, are passed out by Franklin Village Police Chief Jack Roberts (fourth from left) at a police meeting last Saturday. Ticket sellers, all volunteer police, are left to right, Harry Booker, Harry R. Allen Jr., Leonard Lawton, Robert, Jack Lackner, Kenneth Bristol, G. Arnold Bingham, and Dick Diebler.



handcuffs, car lights and sirens and mileage for the men. SO FAR this amount has never been spent and is not carried over to the next year. Year round Eisenhower-type jackets are being made a rookie he works with an expert for all the men and will be paid later when a new training program which will be attended by No man goes on duty until he has all men, and several from other

nearby departments, is now being organized. Volunteer practice shooting at the police range in Farmington.

THE MEN TAKE turns each night patrolling the streets looking for suspicious cars, prowlers of teenagers out too late. Even when off duty and on a personal social trip, they have been known to issue tickets to speeders or stop to investigate when the services of a police officer have been indicated by the circumstances.

The police department received about 29 calls a week and quickly performs its duty. They may be reached by calling "M.A." or by calling either the sheriff, state or township police who are all listed in the front of the phone book. They will immediately relay the message to the local department or come themselves.

WITH THE co-operation of other local organizations the volunteer department hopes to instigate a young man youth recreation program which will supplement the league baseball. A letter phone system, whereby calls could be made simultaneously at several points, is also a hope for the future.

Franklin residents should appreciate the responsibility these volunteers have accepted for the safety of their neighbors and the hours they are willingly given to training and service.

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