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Sidelights

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

THIS IS a case where the milkman brought the milk of human kindness.

This story began when Ronnie Marsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Marsh Jr. of 30705 Woodside, Franklin, had a tooth extraction.

Ronnie, who will be six May 9, a victim of hemorrhoids, a hereditary condition which causes the victim to bleed without letup, even at the slightest wound.

FOR THREE weeks before Easter while Ronnie was hospitalized Doctors were unable to stop the flow, and before the wound healed Ronnie had used 31 pints of blood plasma.

Franklin Village blood bank officials dipped deep into their supply and produced 46 pints. Since each pint required two donors Ronnie used blood from 62 persons.

But the hero of this story, as I mentioned earlier, was the Marsh's milkman, Leslie Howey of Pontiac.

WHEN HOWEY learned that Ronnie needed blood, desperately, the milkman began an unsolicited campaign to encourage blood donors.

Everyone on his route learned of Ronnie's condition through Howey, who if he couldn't talk to the homeowner, left a note.

Suddenly, said Mrs. Marsh, Frank and strangers alike were calling to offer their blood for Ronnie.

Howey, Mrs. Marsh said, "He was wonderful. He's the one you should write about I thought that the nicest thing that happened to us—what Les Howey did."

THE MARSHES, who have one other child, Michale, 3, still claim a debt to the Franklin Village blood bank, although they have been told they do not have to pay back the blood.

"We took about everything they had," Mrs. Marsh explained, but the 16 pints used that were not replaced have already been replaced by the Marshes.

Anyone who wishes to give belated support, can donate blood to the Franklin bank.

It may not be too late to help some in its fight for life, as Les Howey has explained, "It's a terrific expense and not too many people can afford to buy the blood that the Marshes needed to save a child's life."

Burglars Enter Cleaners Building

BLOOMFIELD TWP. — Cleaner Life Insurance society building, 1600 N. Woodward near Big Beaver road, was broken into Sunday night or early Monday morning when it was discovered missing \$4,000 when the combination was knocked off a walk-in safe.

Township Police Chief Clark Green said the break-in appeared to be work of an amateur. A good safe man would have gotten it open.

An interior glass window also was broken to gain admittance to locked upstairs offices. According to police, entrance was made through a door after the building's watchman left Sunday night. Police are checking for fingerprints.

Okay for Drive-In Theater at 12 Mile, Telegraph Sought

SOUTHFIELD — Township officials have received a request to build a drive-in theater at the northeast corner of 12 Mile and Telegraph, according to James Hickey, land planner.

To be located on 20 acres of the 31-acre Edward C. Baynes Trust property, the theater would contain space for 1,000 cars if approved by township board.

Entrances and exits would be made 800 feet west of the intersection and the German Golf Pro clubs building. Friday Investment Associates Inc., represented by John Gogood, Royal Oak attorney, made the request, Hickey said.

My Neighbors



FLOODING over Greenfield road just north of 11 Mile (above) caused the road to be closed following last week's heavy downpour, which caused many flooding



GETTING READY to open the flower booth at Lathrup Spring Carnival which starts at noon at the Lathrup school are: (standing) Mrs. C. C. Clark, Mrs. William

don Henderson and Mrs. Ernest Ristau, gift shop; Mrs. John L. Barrett, pastry shop; Mrs. Donald M. Forrest, flower shop; Mrs. Henry J. Anderson, books and records; Mrs. Robert Pollar, white elephant booth.

Hold Spring Carnival Saturday at Lathrup

By DOROTHY C. ZATELL

LATHRUP—Saturday's the big day at Lathrup school! Fun and frolic will be the order of the day when mom and dad and the kids get together for the Spring Carnival from noon until 5 p.m.

Families are invited to attend together for there will be booths and shows to interest everyone and there will be valuable door prizes given to the holders of lucky tickets.

MRS. JAMES MacDonald is carnival chairman. Some of her committee chairmen include: Mrs. Robert W. Hoke, tickets; Mrs. Michael Glaschun, stamps; Mrs. Doris D. Meyer, decorations; Eugene Gardulski, clean-up; Mrs. Harry R. Brenner, snack bar; Richard Cogger, movies; Mrs. Ger-

Lawrence Tech Opens Doors on Anniversary

Lawrence Institute of Technology will mark its twenty-fifth anniversary with a three-day open house program on campus starting Sunday.

Dedication of the new Lawrence Tech building group on its 65-acre campus, Ten Mile and Northwest, will coincide with the annual Founders Day ceremony and exhibition.

Public is invited to inspect the new quarters and to see various laboratory exhibitions and demonstrations from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday and on Monday and Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m.

A general call to alumni to return for an inspection of the new college and campus has been issued, according to Dr. E. George Lawrence, Lawrence Tech president.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, as the three day observation begins, the L.I.T. board of trustees, President Lawrence, faculty and alumni officials will dedicate the new building group to the late Dean Russell E. Lawrence, founder and President Lawrence's only brother who died early in 1934, less than two years after he organized the engineering college.

Lawrence Tech moved to its new location in Sept., 1935 from the original Highland Park building which since has been razed.

Chas. White Heads Upper Teens Club

SOUTHFIELD — Boys Upper Teens Club of Southfield, at a meeting last Wednesday, elected Charles White as its president for the 68 year.

White's officers are: David Phillips, first vice president; Russell Cuchetti, second vice president; Gordon Osland, treasurer; and Michael Yoshonis, secretary.

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W Bloomfield Offers Help in Chloriding Gravel Roads

By JEAN DAY

West Bloomfield township board at their April meeting voted to pay for one application of chloride on township gravel roads this summer if residents agree to assume responsibility for at least two additional applications.

Since orders are to be taken for a "package" of three applications, Township Clerk Frank Hallett stressed that area residents will have to apply for the service. The chloriding will be done by the Oakland county road commission.

On recommendation of the planning and zoning board, the township board of Finance took some zone two to zone four. The zoning board reported that the type of building on surrounding property warranted the change.

WALNUT LAKE area residents attended the meeting to request warning signs and railing repairs on a bridge over the Putnam drain. The board agreed to check the situation. A motion was made to proceed with street lights for the intersection of Green Lake road and Upper Straits Lake road, and the intersection of Walnut Lake road and Orchard Lake road.

The March building report showed \$23,605 of new construction, including 10 residences estimated at \$210,900.

The township voted to buy contract bonds of \$2,000 for two-year terms at \$37 each. It also decided to purchase a 60-watt radio with amplifier for the fire department with 50 per cent of the funds to be supplied by the state civil department.

American LaFrance company was awarded the contract for 12 boats and coats for the fire department. It was low bidder at \$414.

AT THE SAME time, auxiliary police will be at the township hall for instruction by Gerald Tauffel, Michigan State Trooper.

Houston cited apathy among certain groups as a hindrance to township program while others feel that something should be done but not want to take the time to carry out the program.

"A few loyal and devoted helpers are responsible for the very limited amount of success we have had and I am deeply grateful for their help, but their help alone cannot make a successful Civil Defense program," Houston noted.

"WE NEED money from the township and we need more men and women who will work to carry out our program," said Houston who pointed out that while other communities have CD budgets, Bloomfield township civil defense program is not supported publicly.

"I have asked our township for sufficient money to be used for police uniforms, badges, night sticks, sirens, transformers, firearms, receivers and other necessary items for our program," Houston said.

Many of these items can be secured from Government surplus stores and other sources, he said. Some can be secured without cost and others on a 50-50 basis.

"Come to this meeting and help me find out whether or not the township board and the citizens of the township want an efficient civil defense program," Houston concluded.

700 Adults Set For Polio Shots

LATHRUP — Over 700 adults have registered to receive first round polio shots to be given at a village election hall on May 7, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Fourteen volunteer registered nurses will be on hand to administer the shots under the direction of Dr. Peter Tuzman.

The cost of the shots will be \$2.00 each. Second shots will be given in one month.

Pontiac Woman Hurt In Telegraph Crash

A Pontiac woman, Mrs. Anne Russell, 33, was injured about 7:30 a.m. Friday in a two-car collision at Telegraph and Long Lake roads.

She was treated for scalp and ankle injuries at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac.

She was a passenger in a car driven by her husband, George R. Russell, 2514 Silverdale drive, Pontiac, who was going south on Telegraph. Driver of the car was Donato Sorrells, 25505 Plymouth road, Redford, westbound on Long Lake road.

S'fild to Ask Voters For .9 Mill June 3

SOUTHFIELD — Supervisor Eugene Swent said last week that the township would ask voter approval of an additional .9 mill at a village election.

As authorized by the State equalizing factor of 1.490198, this .9 mill would amount to \$124,000 for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The millage is needed to balance the 1937-1938 \$773,000 budget. If voters turn down the increased millage, services will have to be sharply reduced to stay within a budget of \$470,000 which is the township's present anticipated revenue in the coming year.



MRS. LEO F. SCHMIDT poses with her mother, Mrs. Adelaide Perry, 91. It was Mrs. Perry's husband who discovered the secret pie crust recipe upon which Mrs. Schmidt later based her business.

Mrs. Schmidt's Legacy Is a Flakey Pie Crust

By DOROTHY C. ZATELL

It takes a lot of dough to raise a large family, and no one knows it better than Mrs. Leo F. Schmidt who raised her family of seven children with the help of flakey pie crust.

Mrs. Schmidt, of 18675 Autumn Lane, Cranbrook Village, is the originator of Schmidt's Ready-to-Roll pie crust.

Behind the successful pie crust lies a story that goes back 87 years to a 16-year-old boy who ran away to sea. The boy was Mrs. Schmidt's father, the year was 1850.

But even that long ago, he was as typically hungry as teenagers of today. Who better to make friends with than the French pastry cook on the ocean liner? This was the baker who taught the boy how to make a wonderful crisp pie crust.

LATER WHEN he settled down and married in Buffalo, New York, father Perry always baked the pies at home because of the crust. Mother Adelaide made the cakes while they raised their family. Of his daughters, only one learned the secret of the pie crust and that was Mrs. Schmidt.

Among her sisters and her friends, Mrs. Schmidt was always the popular pie baker. Friends asked her to make up batches of the pie crust for them. They found that it kept for weeks under refrigeration.

Finally in 1928, urged on by her family and bridge club, Mrs. Schmidt started to make the pie crust commercially in a small plant on Tremont in Detroit.

FOR FIVE years the business struggled along, while Mrs. Schmidt gave samples to clubs and stores, advertising whenever possible. In 1935 Mrs. Schmidt left his position with a lumber company to lend a much needed hand.

With the aid of the crust's quality and convenience caught on, the company prospered. In 1946 a new plant was opened on Egoth. Mrs. Schmidt continued to manage the business until his death in 1954.

Today the business is run by Mrs. Schmidt's son-in-law, Robert E. Schmidt, whose business is The Pie Crust is precision mixed and watched over by Edwin "Mike" Clevland, who has been with the concern since it started.

HE CAN TELL by touch when a batch is just right. The pie crust is sold in stores within a 50 mile radius of Detroit, in Toledo, and Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Schmidt, who has 21 grandchildren, is now able to take life easy. She is looking forward to landscaping her lovely new home this spring. Keeping her company is her 91 year old mother, Adelaide Perry, who lives with her.

Sure, it takes dough to raise a family. The pie crust dough is a boon to many a bride. She pledged her husband and later her family with the recipe a hungry boy learned 87 years ago.

Set Annual Meeting

EAST BEVERLY — Greenfield Beverly Hills Improvement association will hold its annual meeting at the Birmingham Community House Monday at 3 p.m. Three vacancies on the board of directors will be filled.

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