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May License
All Rubbish
Contractors

LATHRUP—All refuse, including that picked up by private contractors, will have to be hauled to the South Oakland County Rubbish and Garbage authority incinerator in Madison Heights, if the city approves amended articles of incorporation as one of 14 authority members.

City Administrator Leonard A. Watchowski said the authority must either receive more tonnage from members or raise tonnage rates to meet bond obligations.

THE NEW ARTICLES would mean Lathrup would have to license all rubbish contractors, and these contractors would be required to carry rubbish to the authority incinerator.

Price of \$4.25 per ton has been raised to \$4.50 per ton, Watchowski said.

Purchase by the authority of 54 acres for expansion, would allow the authority to accept purchase of authority bonds to finance the program, Watchowski added.

Will Unplug
Water Lines

SOUTHFIELD—RESIDENTS living on circular drives in the northeastern section of Southfield township along Greenfield road will have their water lines re-opened at Greenfield road.

When the South Oakland county authority began pumping water into the area in 1956 these lines which had been running into Royal Oak were blocked so water coming into Southfield township could be metered.

NOW THEY WILL be reopened with a line running along the eastern edge of Greenfield road. Township Water Superintendent Joseph Lamb said he has given permission to the township board to ask engineers to draw plans for the line last week.

At the same time the board approved a request by the water authority for an easement to the park surrounding by Beverly court where the authority plans to construct a meter well to be used in distribution of water to West Greenfield, in the northern area of Southfield township.

Broomfield to Visit
Five Communities

Congressman William S. Broomfield (R-Oakland County) will roll into five county communities in his mobile office during the latter part of this month to "bring Washington closer to its constituents."

On Wednesday, the 15-year-old congressman will hold open house in Southfield from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Franklin, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and Lathrup, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Oct. 29 Broomfield will be in Bloomfield Hills from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and in Bloomfield Township from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Broomfield says his "rolling office—the first in Oakland County history—enables him to talk over dozens of national problems with constituents whom I might otherwise not have a chance to meet."

Church Youngsters
March for UNICEF
On Halloween Eve

LATHRUP—Two church groups have announced that they will roll into the usual trick-or-treat activities of Halloween into a useful channel.

Community Church Congregational in Lathrup and North Congregational church at Northwest corner of Lathrup and Lathrup will ask their younger members to push doorbells for UNICEF, an international organization designed to help the sick and needy children of the world.

Lathrup council said Monday night it has no objections to such activities as long as the police department is aware of the campaign details.

North Congregational has announced children from the seventh grade through twelfth grades will be in the city between 5:30 and 8 p.m. Community church has not designated the hours of its campaign yet.

My Neighbors

We've always wanted to join the civilian defense except that it interferes with my Wednesday bridge club-u-u-u.

Swem Hits
12-Towns
Additions

SOUTHFIELD—Supervisor Eugene Swem indicated to township board members last week that if Southfield township enters into an agreement with the 12-Towns drain authority the township may be paying for improvements which will not benefit the township.

Township board, after Swem brought them up-to-date on the controversial drain, voted to have Township Attorney Harry N. Davis continue to press the township's suit against the authority.

SOUTHFIELD contends that it never asked to be a part of the authority and that credits given for established drains in other communities, thereby reducing the cost of the 12-Towns drain to those communities, are unfair.

Swem said that Southfield would not benefit from a \$1,320,000 drain enclosure which would be built over the 12-Towns drain in the area in 1956 these lines which had been running into Royal Oak were blocked so water coming into Southfield township could be metered.

NOR WOULD Southfield benefit from a proposed drain up Dequindre road to serve Troy, at an estimated \$150 million, also to be taken from the 12-Towns money.

The authority is planning to charge an additional \$1,250 per 1,000 cubic feet of water processed from the 12-Towns system into the Detroit treatment plant to pay for the Dequindre line, Swem said.

With 8.2 per cent of the area in the authority, Southfield has been asked to pay 3.7 per cent of the drain's cost because other communities have been given 1057 dollar credits on drains that back to the 1920s.

SWEM SAID the 12-Towns authority has Southfield tabbed for 1,990 acres even though Southfield has never formally petitioned to be a part of the authority.

Swem admits that there isn't much else Southfield can do but join the authority because of land contours in the township's eastern area.

"But we should get a better deal than we've got now," he added.

AUTHORITY officials, eager to get the project underway, have to clear the township's suit out of their way before they can proceed.

Swem indicated that Southfield may have to go to court Monday or sometime before Oct. 31 when the authority wants to make what it hopes will be final appointment adjustments.

If credits for old drains are not figured, Swem said the cost for Southfield would drop from \$2,280 to about \$1,860 per acre.

Amend Southfield-
Lathrup Fire Pact

SOUTHFIELD — A "cancellation" amendment has been inserted in the fire contract between Southfield township and the City of Lathrup Village.

The contract calls for Lathrup to pay Southfield \$25,000 a year for fire service.

The Southfield township board voted 6-1 at its regular meeting Oct. 8 to amend the original contract to read: "Either party to this agreement may cancel the same upon six months' written notice to either party."

Starting a school library takes a lot of work and much time as these ladies at Eastover can testify. Cataloging books for the library which was started May are (from left to right) Mrs. Phil Johnson,

teacher Mrs. Charles Hogan, Mrs. L. A. Wineman, Mrs. Ross Cousins, and Mrs. Hugh Carny. Any financial support for the library would be accepted readily, reports the teacher-parent committee

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ernment surveyors (1800-1815) he passed through this area on a fur trading expedition. He came upon a battlefield with 1500 dead Indians "by actual count." This level ground, since known as Swan's Plains, is a short distance north of Birmingham.

Now if there really were that many dead Indians nearby, there must have been some horses too, and it's interesting to think this may have been one of them.

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Bloomfield Citizens Request
More Police, Fire CoverageCharter
Writers
Elaborate

SOUTHFIELD — Plans for a major-council form of government with the seven councilmen to serve staggered terms were further elaborated by a subcommittee of the City of Southfield's charter commission.

Thomas M. Costello, commission secretary, said the group tentatively adopted a plan under which the seven councilmen would serve staggered terms—four serving for two years and the other three for two years.

COSTELLO said further action on the plan would be taken at the commission's Oct. 16 meeting.

At an earlier meeting, the commission went on record as favoring a mayor-council form of government for Southfield with both the mayor and councilmen to be elected at large.

Costello, who earlier received permission to have 10,000 voter registration cards printed, reported that he had received a number of bids on printing costs.

FINAL approval for printing the cards was not reached at the meeting, however, because the members reached no decision as to what color the cards should be printed in.

"We want colors which will make our cards easily distinguishable from those of other communities," Costello said. "Detroit, for example, has white cards with black printing. We are considering white cards with either red or green printing but haven't decided yet."

COSTELLO said that when the new cards were printed all voters would have to re-register because of the nature of the charter election.

He said that when a date was set for registration, voters would be able to do so at the township hall on 10½ Mile road and Berg road.

POLICE CHIEF Arley Van Meer said he thought the signs put up to keep Ideal Home traffic out of Lathrup last year, should be removed, as did Councilwoman Elizabeth Mitchell.

Bloomfield road residents who have been paying taxes that have been used to pay for these signs are to be able to use it, said Mrs. Mitchell.

City Administrator Leonard A. Watchowski indicated that the entire area should have traffic studied before any signs are removed or put up.

"Before taking (the signs down) I would like to see if the situation has corrected itself," said Mayor Lantz L. Mackey.

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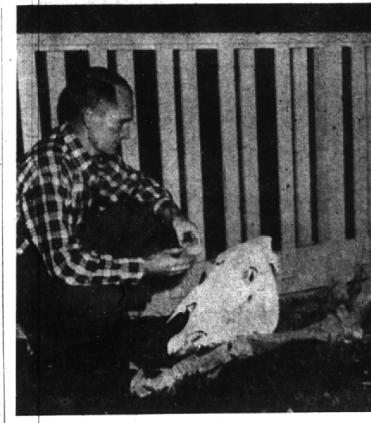
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Bones of Contemplation

Frank Gadd, 4155 Meadow way, Foxcroft, and his daughter, Susan, 7, inspect the bones of a horse excavated by Gadd, his son, Skipper, and neighbor Ricky Darling earlier this year in Gadd's backyard. To see how a few bones can stir the imagination, read the story by Karol Darling.

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