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Lathrup Election Monday

LATHRUP — On Monday Lathrup's 2155 registered voters will have the opportunity to go to the polls to select three council members. The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. at Lathrup school.

Six candidates seek the three council chairs. One vacancy results from the retirement of Mayor Lantz L. Mackey. Elizabeth Mitchell and David Anderson seek reelection.

Other candidates are Melvin H. Humphrey, Emil F. Mehal, Stephen K. Valentine and H. Earl Hanson.

AS OF MONDAY, six pieces of campaign literature had been mailed to most homes in Lathrup. An 18 by 20 inch broadside mailed voters last week by Humphrey, Mehal and Valentine proclaimed them to be Independent candidates endorsing an 8-point platform. They propose "the immediate establishment of an official sewer and drain advisory committee selected from the best talent available in Lathrup Village."

The platform promised to "promote prompt and proper action by county authorities to clean out and then maintain the eastern branch of the River Rouge."

They further endorse lower water rates, better roads, public school committee, teenage activities and an immediate and complete financial audit of the city.

ELIZABETH MITCHELL is sponsored by the Lathrup committee for good government. She recently sponsored the Lathrup food ordinance enacted March 10. She has attended all council meetings since being appointed to the board.

Mrs. Mitchell was elected to the Lathrup council in April, 1957. Her record for attendance has been 34 out of 36 regular meetings in the past 11½ months. She has been a Lathrup resident 20 years.

David Anderson was appointed to fill a council vacancy upon the resignation of one of the members immediately after the 1957 election. He has sponsored the new Lathrup playground ordinance now ready for public hearing and adoption.

Anderson has been closely associated with the rules and regulations of the police department and a swimming pool ordinance.

ANDERSON is called "keen, shrewd, analytical, deliberate" by the committee for good government, who sponsors him. He has attended all but two regular council meetings since taking office.

Running with Mrs. Mitchell and Anderson is H. Earl Hanson, who holds a Michigan CPA degree. During the past two years Hanson served as auditor of the city's Lathrup budget review committee.

He is endorsed by the committee for good government as having had "several years of experience in municipal financial affairs and sound as auditor and treasurer."

Meval, a candidate for city council, Melvin H. Humphrey recently headed the petitioning by 40 home owners demanding that the city's drainage plans include proper drainage of the 11-mile road area between Southfield and the city and eastern boundary.

A resident of Lathrup for seven years, Humphrey is vice president of a laundry firm.

COUNCIL CANDIDATE Emil F. Mehal has previously served Lathrup Village as a member of the board of review for tax adjustments, and during one term was board chairman. He helped accomplish at that time a complete re-assessment of all Lathrup Village properties.

Mehal, a builder and contractor, also served on the building code committee and as temporary building inspector. He has led the movement to continue lunching at Lathrup school.

Another council candidate, Stephen K. Valentine, is a clerk in Wayne county circuit and probate courts from 1933 to 1940. He studied law at the University of California and Wayne state university.

Valentine, president of a Detroit furniture firm, has been a Lathrup Village resident for six years.

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Hulet Expects 'No Telling What' At Meet

"No telling what might come up," said Bloomfield Township Supervisor Arno L. Hulet, Monday in discussing the annual township board meeting slated for Saturday at 1 p.m. at the township hall.

"I have had some criticism on tax rates," Hulet said, speculating that additional protests may be registered at Saturday's session.

Only 14 residents attended last year's annual board meet at which the budget was increased 20 per cent over the previous year's.

Slated for consideration by the board Saturday will be an annual budget of \$210,000, an increase of \$10,000 over last year's figure. Hulet said the increased expense was to cover additional personnel needed in the growing township's police and fire departments.

AT LEAST two more men will be required, Hulet said, to man the new fire station going up near Eastover school at North Adams and Westview roads.

A new police officer was named this week by Police Chief Norman Dehke.

About 300 township residents gathered at Bloomfield Hills school March 3, seeking an explanation of the township's new reassessment program. The new tax program is aimed at bringing township tax valuations approximately 30 per cent of a home's resale value.

Councilmen Go 'House hunting' For New Offices

FRANKLIN—Time marches on, and nobody knows it better than Franklin village council members who lost their offices and meeting place in January when the Community hall burned.

After three months of interim arrangements, village officers in the rear of the Village drug store and council meetings held at the church, the city fathers are shopping around for a more permanent abode to hang their hats.

Councilman Jack Roberts and Don Hunter were appointed to go "house hunting" and to report locations and rental fees on a six-month basis at the April 14 meeting.

Stamps worth \$70 were taken from a drawer in the Prudential Insurance Co. offices. A safe in the real estate office of Klipfel and Maeren, Inc., was pried open and robbed of \$2. Firm funds were not kept in it.

The break-ins were discovered about 10:40 by two janitors who told police they saw an older man and two young men about 19 to 21 years old in the corridors about an hour earlier.

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The thieves also searched the offices of Dr. Howard C. Walter without success.

Township Police Chief Norman Dehke said he did not connect this safe-breaking with that at the Wilson Pontiac-Cadillac agency last week.

THE NEW OFFICE is William Westwood Council Buys Station Wagon For Police Force

WESTWOOD — The Westwood council has purchased a Plymouth station wagon for the new village's police department.

At a special meeting last Wednesday night, the council accepted a bid of \$2,669.44, lowest of the seven bids submitted by auto dealers.

To be equipped with siren and blinker light, the car will be used by the police force of five men now working a 40-hour week.

BLOOMFIELD FARMS — The April 10 meeting of the Bloomfield Farms branch of the WNFCA will be held at the home of Mrs. John Byers, 6640 W. Dartmouth, at 8 p.m. Officers will be elected. Reports will be given by past officers.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

Two-Way Bus Stop Bill Passes

1-A Easter Services to Draw Thousands

Winning War Against Weight

1-C Low Parry New Birmingham Coach

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Most of the present volunteer force are businessmen interested in helping the growing township. Robert E. Covert, 1415 Lenox road, is a purchasing agent in business for himself; Jerry J. Tobias, 538 Westbourne, is with a manufacturing firm; Vernon L. Caid, 520 Westbourne drive, is with Chrysler corporation; Andrew M. Yeovich, 5721 Kennor road, is a jeweler; Duke W. Arnold, 3897 S. Miller way, is associated with the Detroit News.

James B. North, 6490 Hills drive, runs a catering service; William H. Coy, 105 E. Square Lake road, heads Coy Enterprises, a parking lot firm in Detroit; William J. Proby, 3800 Valley Hills road, is a University of Detroit law student.

THE SPICE STREET residents' policeman, Roy Kidney, said annual slings contracted to a private firm had solved the road problem satisfactorily for the past five years.

With no other solution to offer, and petitioners seeking an end to present heavy dust problems, councilmen approved the slinging unit, as Reed put it, "we can work out some deal."

Working out a program will be simpler for the new city's road officials since the report last week that Westwood would get \$3,500 in state relates for its roads. The amount is higher than anticipated.

ON WEDNESDAY of last week state highway commission representatives told the council the city would receive \$146,822 per mile for its 3.27 miles of major roads. For the 31.6 miles of local roads, Westwood will get \$38,833.

Designated major roads, the council learned, are Beverly, Riverside drive, Pierce, Norchester, Evergreen and 13 Mile road.

The council will continue to maintain Greenfield, Southfield and Lahser.

In other road business, Reed said weight restrictions on trucks would be continued on the Berkshires road and on Beverly road west of Southfield for several more weeks.

Reed moved that the petition of residents to "spare trees at Dunblaine and Madison be accepted. The council then authorized him to negotiate for the joggling of the road to avoid moving the tree when paving is done soon.

The council also accepted council suggestions an initial draft of a proposed ordinance requiring that parents be notified prior to alteration of public streets.

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Lathrup Parents Told School Lunch Set-Up

SOUTHFIELD—Children living near Lathrup school may eat their lunch at school if their parents wish, but if youngsters are able to go home "conveniently" they are asked to do so, it was announced Monday by Superintendent Glenn Schoenhals.

A letter dated March 28 was sent to parents of Lathrup school children this week, announcing the decision for the remainder of the school year. The matter is to be placed before the board of education to establish a policy for the 1958-59 year.

An earlier letter of Feb. 28 stirred up strong opposition which resulted in a delegation of parents violently protesting the "home-for-lunch" plan at the March meeting of the board of education.

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