

Senator, Westwood To View Income Tax

Council Asks Residents To Talk with Sen. Lodge

WESTWOOD—Following up on Councilman Ted Shurtliff's suggestion that Westwood village take an official stand against a state income tax, the council has invited a state senator, village residents and the heads of its nine civic associations to a discussion of the controversial issue Monday night.

A leading critic of state spending, State Senator L. Harvey Lodge, (12th district, Republican) plans to attend the meeting, which six Farmington township civic associations have been invited to.

The Farmington officials contacted Village President Marvin Clines recently after a story appeared in the Dec. 4 issue of the Birmingham Eccentric. It told of Shurtliff's suggestion that the village councilman study the income tax proposal and be ready to draw up a resolution at an early council meeting.

He objected because "nobody talks about how to cut down expenses—all they talk about is how to raise more money."

Clyde Hawley To Retire Bingham Post

Lodge left a Pontiac hospital only last week, following several days of enforced rest and examination ordered by his physician after he suffered a physical collapse two weeks ago.

Shurtliff said Friday that Lodge planned to attend the Westwood council Jan. 8 meeting at 8 p.m.

Shurtliff said the state income tax would be a regular agenda item, and would probably be scheduled at the beginning of the council meeting. That way Sen. Lodge and others would not have to wait through other discussions of village business.

IT WILL be a round-table affair with Lodge, association heads, the councilmen, and citizens who want to be there, all stating their views on the income tax. Shurtliff said. He added that Lodge would explain how he thinks it could be used by the state to stimulate the economy by curbing the use of state cars.

Lodge himself has not taken a stand on the state income tax proposal, stating that he wants to study the state tax situation first before deciding how he will vote on it.

"He talks as though some new taxes are going to be necessary," Shurtliff said.

"I TOLD him we didn't want to pin him down on how he was going to vote," Shurtliff added, "so just

Cambridge Village House Decoration Winners Named

CAMBRIDGE VILLAGE — A contest to award prizes to the houses decorated the nicest during the Christmas season was sponsored by the Cambridge Village Association and Rodney Lockwood.

THE JUDGING was done Tuesday night by committee members of the board of directors. Deciding on the winners were Mrs. Detloff, Hal Akers, W. M. Kristap, Graham Smith and Merle Tompkins.

FIRST PRIZE winner of \$30 was Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawth of 2740 Lexington.

The second prize of \$20 went to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Brown of 2722 Red Leaf Lane.

Third prize winner, and receiving \$10, was Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lager of 2724 Spring Arbor drive.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

This comes as a startling revelation to me, though I might have known it. It's about those zippers that designers run up the rear of women's dresses these days.

Everytime I'm in the market for a new dress, I swear I won't get stuck with one of those things that only an octopus could zip up. But even Sears Roebuck's catalogues have places on the sides or the front where a zipper would fit nicely. And could be reached easily.

So I come back home with a zipper-the-back job. And I defy any woman to yet herself properly into one by herself. Unless she's an acrobat who can do a mean back-bend.

WHAT'S WORSE, getting out of one is pure horror. There's one inescapable point just below the shoulder blades where I lose it every time.

Now you take the night we had a baby sister who lived in Fontaine. I started to get ready for bed while my husband took her home. I came back about an hour later to find me with my pajama bottoms on under my dress, sitting in the middle of the night.

—A (1) zipper stuck right

at the point of no return.

Naturally, I wasn't really surprised to hear a Westwood gal tell me that she has asked for and received back-sipper-up assistance from her cleaning man, milkman, and mailman at different times. They just happened to come along as she was dressing to go out.

"We're a little embarrassed," we asked.

"OH NO," she said, "they said they have had to zip up dresses for a lot of women on their routes."

I've figured out a way to stop all this. Since the back-sipper must have been designed by men, I'm going to ask one of those designers to let me create a suit that's going to be a one-piece thing, and the zipper is going to be removed from the usual location to the rear, and it's going to run from the neckline down to the hem.

That ought to end this barbarian custom.

Candidates Announce Bids For 2 Townships' Offices

Southfield Incumbents Seek Election

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—Incumbent Southfield township officials will run in 1968 for the offices they have held for the past four years. All were appointed to the township positions last April and May following Southfield city's incorporation. Former Southfield officials, with the exception of Clerk Fannie Adams and present Supervisor Hugh G. Alston, Jr., lived in the City of Southfield and therefore were ineligible to continue in township offices.

On the ballot for the Feb. 16 primary will be Alston, Jr., of 1835 Ellerslie, Westwood, formerly a member of the Southfield township board.

Mrs. Fannie Adams, of 31225 Lahser, Westwood, seeks re-election as clerk. She was Southfield township's clerk for 14 years.

SEEKING re-election as treasurer is Audrey Leach, of 1007 (See INCUMBENTS, Page 7-C)

Fiery New Look in B'field

Bloomfield township's new high pressure fire truck backs into the new firehall on Westview road to complete the department's change of address. Chief Ralph Hemmerly and his firemen Lester Allen and John Maynes took over in their new quarters Monday. With kitchen, living, storage, sleeping, office and truck facilities to get in shape, the three men worked for two weeks before moving equipment from their former location at the Long Lake-Telegraph township offices. The new \$7,000 truck, purchased for inhale air runs and small fires, has not yet been on a call. It shares garage accommodations with a huge 500 gallon-a-minute pumper.

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Lathrup Group To Present 1st Three-Act Show

LATHRUP—For the first time in their five-year history, the Lathrup Players will present a three-act play on Jan. 8 and 9.

The production directed by Mrs. Jack Gould will be given for the benefit of the Women's Association of Community Congregational church.

"The Curious Savage" a Dramatists Play Service, Inc. comedy was written by Frank Patrick. It is the story of Ethel Savage and her greedy step-children who decide that she is squandering their late father's millions.

Mrs. Richard Cogger plays the part of Ethel Savage, her step-children are played by Tom Curran, Joe Myassa and Helen Strout. Other members of the cast are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Craig, Jack Gould, Mike Evans, Affie Rostov, Penny Buhler and Betty Gorton.

SETS FOR the production have been prepared by Al Braun and Dorothy Zetzel.

The Lathrup Players are well-known to the Lathrup PTA and the Lathrup Woman's Club for their one-act plays. Mrs. David Dowling is president of Lathrup Players.

Wallet Stolen

SOUTHFIELD — A wallet containing \$68 in cash was stolen from the unlocked car of Carey Boenach, 11212 Middlesex, Friday as it was parked behind a professional building at 27320 Southfield.

Franklin Cemetery Auxiliary to Meet

FRANKLIN — The Franklin Cemetery Auxiliary will hold its Jan. 8 meeting at the home of Mrs. Fay Green, 584 Pierce street in Birmingham. Beginning with a pot-luck luncheon at 1 p.m. the group will have a business session preceding the program.

Scouts to Appear On Television Show

WESTWOOD—The cub scouts of Pack B-24 will have the thrill of appearing on a Saturday, Jan. 8, on WJBK-TV from 12-12:30 p.m. as part of the Sage Brush Shorty show. Herbert Shotton, packmaster, will be in charge of the trip.

Hold Open House

CHELMSLEIGH—Sunday evening Mrs. and Mrs. Henry Kolts of One Pine road, entertained some 30 couples at a holiday open house.

Announces Circuit Judge Candidacy

Wendell Brown, 17-year resident of Farmington township and Wood Creek village attorney, is running for nomination for Oakland county circuit judge in the Feb. 16 primary election. Brown, 56, has practiced law for 32 years in Oakland and Wayne counties. Brown worked in the Attorney General's Department at Lansing, was legal adviser to the Ferguson Graft grand jury, assistant prosecutor of the Janney-Frazer home, and was a member of the board of Franklin Community church for several years.

Active in civic and both local and state bar association affairs, Brown is a Farmington township trustee, and past president of the Farmington school board. He has been a member of the board of Franklin Community church for several years.

The Browns reside with their two daughters, Bonnie, 15, and Mary, 13, at 29291 Ardmore, Farmington.

2 Cameras Taken From Frazer Home

WESTWOOD — Two cameras, a man's wrist watch and a jewel box were stolen Saturday from the Janney-Frazer home, 5140 Wood Creek village, according to village police safety officials.

Items valued at \$400 were taken and the house ransacked when the Frazers were gone for the day. Thieves gained access to the house through the window in a door leading to the kitchen.

Shortly after the widely quoted Digest article appeared, the Architectural Forum carried an article refuting some of the charges that had been made. In short, these are the points that were made by the Forum:

The Reader's Digest had attempted to create the impression of a lonely and beleaguered little group of architects and educators putting across economies here and there, while the great majority of school districts and taxpayers are duped by a powerful group of educators styled "liberal" or "modern" which is preying on school boards in thousands of communities. The Digest's remedy (cut out "luxury" for the classroom shortage was so disconnected from reality, and its discussion of economies so indiscriminating, that the article could only set back attempts to overcome the school shortage and aid communities in getting their money's worth for every school dollar spent.

A continued "no" vote on the millage needed to operate our schools can only result in a serious deterioration in the level of education in the Bloomfield Hills school system and in the qualifications of the teachers in our schools. The school taxes in Bloomfield Hills, even with the proposed increase, will be no higher than those in the neighboring communities.

I agree with Mr. Graupner that we must exercise our democratic privileges. If we did, I do not believe that the recent school tax increase would have been so easy to vote against an issue. It is sometimes hard to make the effort to get out and vote for an issue. We must recognize that the six thousand qualified voters who did not vote on November 5th to \$10 billion of our \$2.8 billion, or 24 percent, was for capital outlay.

The wonder indeed, not that school taxes are so high, but that they are not higher. In 1955-56, (See PROBLEMS, Page 7-C)

Arno Hulet to Run; 'Protesters' File

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—At least two candidates for the offices of township supervisor, treasurer and clerk were assured on Bloomfield township Feb. 16 primary election slates as the candidates' filing deadline drew near Monday.

As The Birmingham Eccentric went to press, Township Deputy Clerk Arno Hulet had received the petition of incumbent Supervisor Arno L. Hulet, of 23655 Franklin road, Pontiac. Hulet has been township supervisor since July 1966.

Also seeking elections as township supervisor is Arthur J. Picotte, real estate man and retired General Motors department supervisor, who recently headed a citizens' committee which fought the Bloomfield Hills school board's unsuccessful bid for increased school taxes.

PICOTTE, of 4019 Quanton road, Bloomfield township, was an originator of the tax protest movement which early this year held a mass meeting to object to township taxes.

Two other originators of the tax protest movement have filed for township offices. They are Mrs. Margaret Begovich, of 1750 Ward, Pontiac, and Harvey V. Beggs, of 5 Highland drive, Pontiac.

Mrs. Begovich seeks the office of treasurer, now held by Homer Case, of 7123 Wing lake road, Birmingham. Case, who has filed his bid for re-election, has been township treasurer since July 1956.

BEGGS, filed his candidacy for township clerk, a position now held by Robert H. Dudley, of 4810 Charing Cross, Birmingham. Dudley also seeks re-election.

Mrs. Begovich, Picotte, and Beggs resigned as directors of the Federated Civic association of Bloomfield township in order to run.

The Federation of 32 home owner associations in the township is non-political in nature. It has a standing rule that no one seeking or holding a political office may serve as an officer or director.

However, George Petrar, PCA president, said that because of its non-political nature will be sponsoring no candidates in the township primary election.

In discussing the decision of the three tax protest originators to resign from the PCA board in order to run for office, Picotte said, it was pointed out as to whether it was good for the community that people should perpetuate themselves in office year after year.

"With the growth of the township and the rising problems of today requiring more than ever before a constant and earnest effort and willingness to serve the people, therefore it is our decision to leave the PCA board in order to serve the people and properly guide the township government."

Picotte said the PCA board reluctantly accepted their resignation.

Top Navy Student

Keith R. Frantz, son of Mr. Madeleine Frantz of W. 14-Mile road, arrived Saturday a week ago from the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., where he was a member of the top five with a 99 average and was chosen to teach the course in night school.

Because of this, Keith was granted special leave and his flight home was a gift from his grandmother, Mrs. Legey Peard, who recently moved here from Detroit.

Foxcroft WNGFA Lights the Way

Polishing a Foxcroft lantern for the new year is Jane Bentway with "support" from her sister, Linda, Elmore Martin and Kent Hascall view the new entrance way improvement, donated by the Foxcroft WNGFA. The garden club members spent \$410.15 for

two lanterns at each of four entrances. Civic Improvement committee members are Mrs. C. D. Wessels, chairman; Mrs. W. T. Jones, Mrs. D. C. Somers and Mrs. Ellsworth Kramer.

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