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Northbrook Dedication Is Planned

SOUTHFIELD—Plans for dedicating Northbrook Elementary school on 12 Mile road were announced at the February meeting of Southfield board of education Monday. The ceremony will be at 4 p.m., March 4.

Principal address will be given by Donald Curry, assistant superintendent of Royal Oak Schools. The invocation and benediction will be given by the Rev. C. Keating of St. Bede's Catholic church and the Rev. Harold F. Thompson of Southfield Reformed Presbyterian church. Mrs. Mary Thompson, wife of the minister, is a teacher at Northbrook.

Fred D. Leonard, board of education president, officially will present the school to its principal, Karl Buttenmiller.

Plans to send Lathrup students living in a half-mile radius home for lunch were outlined by Superintendent Glenn Schoenbach, who reported that a similar program initiated earlier at East Southfield was working well.

PLANS FOR an elementary school for the Evergreen-11 Mile road site were proposed by architect W. O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach, Inc.

After reviewing the plans, the board voted to deny a request by Leonard for Lathrup Village administrator, for Lathrup to buy a 100-by-100-foot portion of the 11 Mile-Evergreen site to erect a sewage metering station. The board felt the entire 20 acres needed for the combined schools.

Purchase of a house and about an acre and a half at 17177 Berg road for \$2500 was approved by the board. The purchase brings the total to about five acres the board has toward a nine-acre site in the area of Berg, Sherman, Eight and Nine Mile roads.

Ask About Permit Before Building, Lathrup Suggests

LATHRUP—Before you do any remodeling or adding on to your house, you had better ask the city hall and find out if you need a building permit. Say, says the Lathrup zoning board of appeals.

During 1957, between 10 and 15 building jobs in Lathrup were stopped because the builder or the owner did not think he needed a building permit. In some instances it was possible to get the permit immediately, but some jobs were held up for as long as three weeks.

Building and zoning laws in Lathrup are different from those in Detroit, the board said. Owners often find themselves in a difficult situation because contractors not realizing this, say a job can be done without a permit. Lathrup requires permits for fences, porches, tool sheds or any job costing over \$500. The safest thing to do, according to building inspector Jerold Stone, is to call city hall.

Firemen Find House Afire: It's a Dog's

LATHRUP—Blitzen the Boxer is homeless. But not unhappy.

After his doghouse burned to the ground Saturday, Blitzen moved in with his master, John Steele, 13, a fine arrangement these days.

Southfield firemen were a little surprised when they saw that the fire was at Blitzen's house and not in a neighbor's yard, when children were ice skating.



Relaxed Radio Juggler

Using his two hands to great advantage, Jim Deland operates an inter-com system, a microphone and a piano during his radio show and still manages to be relaxed and calm. Deland lives in East Beverly.

Beverly Disc Jockey Needs Calm, Agility

EAST BEVERLY—A relaxing voice, soothing piano music and a radio microphone—to his fans, these mean that Jim Deland is on the air with his "Bumper to Bumper club."

Broadcasting from the Special Events building at Eastland center, Deland combines weather and time, information, piano music and hit records to make an informal two-hour afternoon radio show. Deland lives on West 13 Mile road in East Beverly.

Seated at a grand piano during his program, Deland keeps in constant touch with WJZL in Detroit by using an inter-communication system.

"BECAUSE commercials are played from our Detroit studios," Deland said, "it's necessary to check frequently regarding possible changes in program scheduling."

The records are selected from the "WJZ Melody Parade," which lists the most popular platters in the metropolitan area each week, and from "Tune Tins," which are potential hit recordings.

"Rock and roll is on its way out," Deland predicts. "It's basically just a dressed up version of the blues with the rhythm changed. The surprising thing is that it's generally composed of just three chords set to different beats."

A NATIVE of Detroit, Deland began his career in the depression years as a radio announcer and piano player. Then for six years, he toured the country playing the accordion with a musical group.

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One Killed Two Hurt In Crash

SOUTHFIELD—One woman died and two persons were injured in a head-on crash Tuesday night on Lahser road just south of 13 Mile.

Dead was Mrs. Eleanor Krix, 40, of 9234 Marjorie Crescent, Detroit. Injured were her husband, Albert, 42, the driver of the other car, Mrs. Frances J. Larson, 4830 Ardmore, Bloomfield Hills.

Police said the Larson car slid across the road in the snow and collided head-on with the car driven by Krix. All three persons were taken to William Beaumont hospital, but Mrs. Krix was dead on arrival.

State police are continuing the investigation of the accident.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Krix are being made by the William Vasu funeral home, Royal Oak.

This Master Is His Dog's Best Friend

SOUTH BERKSHIRES—Here's a master that's his dog's best friend.

The master is Dr. Maurice J. Weiner, a pediatrician who lives on Lahser road. The dog is Tippy, a 3-year-old Shetland or miniature collie.

In the course of events Tippy had two beautiful puppies, but in spite of all the vitamins and minerals her pediatrician had given her, the puppies didn't live. Tippy was broken hearted, and so were all the Weiners.

If adoption ideas wonders for humans, how about dogs? The family wondered. The best was none too good for Tippy, so the Weiners found Tippy, an expensive puppy, but as lovable as Tippy deserved.

And they lived happily ever after? Well, not quite. Tippy isn't spoiled. She knows Tippy isn't her puppy and it takes time to adjust.

When Is a House Not a House?

By MARY H. SCHMIDT

LATHRUP—What is the House-in-the-Woods? The signs say it's Lathrup's city hall. It houses the city offices.

The post office uses a large basement room. The Lathrup Woman's club meets there. Bridge classes are held in it. Boy and Girl Scouts have used it for meetings.

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Young Artist at Work

Concentration, not criticism caused Janet Terova's expression as she showed her father, Curt Terova, what she does at the Lathrup Co-operative Nursery school. Janet made a painting for her dad at the school's first open house especially for fathers. It will be an annual event.

Gets Health Officer

FRANKLIN—Dr. Frank C. Condon, county and township health officer, Monday was named Franklin's health officer by the village council. Dr. Condon will be invited to attend the March 17 meeting of the council to discuss a proposed health ordinance and food handling laws.

LATHRUP—At its first annual open house for fathers Jan. 30 the Lathrup Co-operative Nursery school showed the dads just what fun they have.

The Rev. John W. Meyer, associate minister of North Congregational church and a member of the school staff, headed a committee of open house hosts composed of husbands of board members of the school. They were James K. O'Leary, Howard F. Tucker and Curt Terova, all of Lathrup, and James Wells of Southfield.

The fathers examined the work tables where their sons and daughters industriously painted nails and the easel where they happily splashed paint. The play store, sand table, book shelf, climbing equipment and book shelves were viewed. Of special interest was the puppet theater where the children make up and act out their own stories.

Most important, they met their children's teacher, Mrs. Oliver Hawkins, who not only plans the day's program, but directs the two assisting mothers each morning.

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Cline Picked As 1st Prexy Unanimous Choice Of Westwood Council

WESTWOOD—Marvin Cline is the first president of the new village of Westwood.

He was unanimously elected by the village council at its first meeting Thursday. Cline was the only nominee.

Ted Shortell was elected president pro tem. According to the charter, he takes over in case of the absence or disability of the president. Hugh G. Allerton, Jr., declined the nomination for this office. The only other nominee was Robert Reed.

The council decided to meet every Monday until the village is running smoothly. After that it will meet on the first and third Mondays of each month.

The first item of business the new village council had was electing an attorney. Allerton and Theodore Suro, the two attorneys on the board, were asked to study this. They recommended at the council's second meeting Monday that the village should have an attorney at once, and suggested hiring Howard Bond, who was attorney for the charter commission, to handle immediate problems until a final arrangement can be worked out.

Several committees of councilmen were named Thursday to study the village's most pressing problems. They are:

Zoning and building code, Allerton and Reed; trash collection, Suro; public safety, including police and fire protection, Shortell and Chester Guilmet; public health, including day care and drains, Dr. Douglas Wood and Allerton; and roads, Reed.

So that the village will not be without a zoning ordinance or a building code, the council moved to adopt the Southfield township zoning laws until the village can work out its own.

A resolution was passed to continue rubbish pick-up in February through township facilities. Councilman Suro said the other 2,500 homes in the village can be given the service this month for a cost of \$5 a house.

THEIR CAR does not have a two-way radio at this time, but they offered to get one if an arrangement can be made with a nearby sending station to relay their calls.

Providing details such as insurance protection, radio service and Westwood insignia can be arranged by Saturday, the police service will begin.

When council president Marvin Cline showed the council the insignia he had drawn for the police car, one of the councilmen snorted at the central shield and asked, "What are you going to put in the center of the shield? An empty purse?"

Because funds for the new village may be delayed for as much as three months, council members agreed to do all they could to make it easy for the protection service to get a bank loan until the village can pay.

WHEN Westwood Village gets some money, it will need a treasurer. Anyone interested in the job is requested to contact Mrs. Alice Spencer, village clerk.

In mulling over a spot for village offices, the council has a real estate office at Southfield and Beverly roads was suggested. Ideally located, the little building, if available, will make an excellent office, the council agreed.

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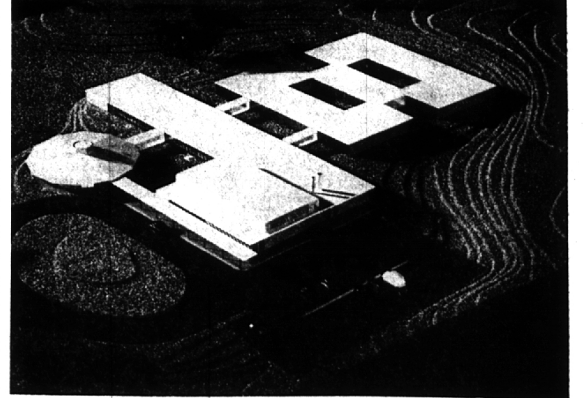
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