

Westwood Road Work Set To Go

Work is expected to begin immediately to smooth out one of Westwood village's biggest problems—at least in the eyes of the residents attending Monday night's village council meeting—the village's roads.

The councilmen agreed Monday to enter into a contract with the Berkley asphalt paving company, one of seven firms bidding for the village's road maintenance work.

The council placed Road Commissioner Wadsworth in charge of making assignments to the road contractor, asking him to make a monthly accounting to the council of work accomplished.

ASBURY road work could begin as soon as the contract is signed, possibly by the end of the week, and that Birwood would be one of the first to receive attention.

Birwood and other residents criticized the council Monday for failure to accomplish needed road improvements since the village's incorporation last February.

Councilman Robert Reed told them, "Tonight is the first time that the village of Westwood has had any direct control over what was being done."

SINCE THE county road commission no longer provides road maintenance to the village, leaving it in a condition one councilman called "high and dry," Reed said, "We have tried to figure out whether we should attempt to operate on a contract basis, or set up a department of public works."

The firm with which the village has now contracted will supply emergency equipment for the company spokesman said. He said the firm's equipment included four graders, a loader, a grade-auger and four tandem dumper.

Westwood father complained that his son was injured in a fall from a piece of road repair equipment left overnight near his home. He asked that protection be placed around any parked vehicles.

Said a representative of the firm, "I think if the property owners would take the diligence to see that their kids don't play on the equipment, this kind of thing wouldn't happen."

HE SAID the workmen will set flares around equipment left overnight and notify the department of public safety.

The council started in motion the creation of a special assessment district to pay for blacktopping a short stretch of Devonshire road near the residential district.

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Somebody Goofed!

WOOD CREEK FARMS—Councilman Harry Dobson made a point Tuesday night that the village signs at all the village entrances were in error. "Wood Creek Farms is three words, not two" declared Dobson. And he's sooooo right.

The reports he has been receiving writing "woodcreek" can mend their ways with just a touch of a typewriter, but it's going to cost the village a pretty penny. Ladies from Wood Creek on metal signs.

WOODCREEK FARMS—She missed the first two lectures of the training course 14 years ago. But since then, Betty Brown has proved one of the most devoted Gray Ladies ever to sooth a fevered brow.

Ever since 1943, Mrs. Charles S. Brown, Woodcreek Farms housewife whose children Marge and Chuck were then in high school, has been giving one or two days each week to their sisters, less fortunate, could be a little more comfortable.

There is a mathematical probability that in 14 years she has donated 78,000 hours of the three D's—deep interest, deep respect and deep understanding. Those D's demand total mental, physical and spiritual devotion, and pay no money.

LIKE ALL the other thousands of Red Cross Gray Ladies, Mrs. Brown has bought her own uniforms (she's worn out three), white shoes and cotton stockings.

Mrs. Brown is the only one of a group of Red Cross Gray Ladies from Franklin to continue after the war was over and patriotism was not back in vogue.

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Duke plays on the floor, showing his model of a Dutch airplane to (from left) Mimi deWitt Hamer (right), watch in the living room of the busy Leonard Pogue household.

Once Upon a Time There Was A Little Dutch Boy..

By VIRGINIA COLE Eccentric Correspondent

WING LAKE — His name is Duke deWitt Hamer. He's from Noordwyk, Holland. How he happens to be a Wing Lake school fourth grader this year is an intriguing story.

In September of 1944, Leonard and Millie Pogue of Indianwood trail, Wing Lake Farms, were married. In October, Leonard, a homesteader with the 8th air force, found himself flying in B-17's over Germany from a London base. All was routine until Nov. 24, when German anti-aircraft shot down his plane over occupied Holland.

Pogue and the eight other crew members in their plane were lucky. They made a successful crash-landing, and all but one escaped injury.

THE DILIGENT and alert Holland underground spirited the airmen away from the field where they landed before Germans could take them prisoner. That night eight of them found themselves warmly received in Dutch homes. The injured officer, of course, became a prisoner of war and was taken to a German hospital.

Pogue and three of his buddies were taken in by a family whose daughter, Mimi, is Duke's mother.

During the four and one-half months of their stay, Pogue went from 185 pounds to 155, proof of the meager food supply available to Hollanders. Like all other Dutch families in the underground who fought allied soldiers, Millie's family not only shared their ration, but risked the death penalty if discovered.

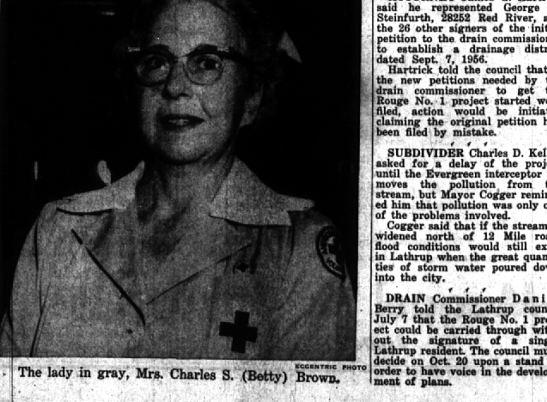
Mimi deWitt Hamer's father was a prominent doctor, medical director of the local hospital. His family consisted of his wife, three sons and two daughters.

WESTWOOD — While scraping paint from a gable at the peak of his home's roof Saturday morning, William McMahon, 35, of 10404 Buckingham, fell 30 feet from a ladder to a concrete drive below, suffering compressed fractures of the lower spine.

A William Beaumont hospital spokesman said Wednesday that McMahon's condition was "good." Westwood Safety Officer, Sgt. Floyd Rath, went to the scene of the accident, and called for an ambulance to transport the injured man. McMahon first struck his back against a jutting chimney at the side of the house, Rath said.

Big Homes Taxing

About 20 per cent of the Westwood village taxpayers who have failed to pay their taxes due Aug. 31, own homes assessed at over \$20,000 valuation, Village Treasurer Don McCobb told the Westwood council Monday night. He said \$3700 in taxes are still due.



The lady in gray, Mrs. Charles S. (Betty) Brown.

Lathrup Councilmen Name Jerald Stone Administrator

Westwood Planners Get What They Want, Work

Westwood's new planning commission asked for it—and got it. Monday night the board officially requested that the Village of Westwood's council refer requests for rezoning to the commission for their study and recommendation.

The council obliged with four referrals, one of which is the request for a zoning to permit construction of a branch of the Wayne-Oakland bank on the southwest corner of Southfield and 14 Mile.

Knight Menard company seeks rezoning of five lots from residential to an ERO classification for educational, research and office use.

They submitted with their request an architect's sketch of the proposed contemporary structure. The bank seeks to lease the building from the real estate firm.

In the planning commission's first report to the council Chairman Herbert Herberg told the group that planners had set as their first project the development of an over-all or comprehensive plan for the new village.

Herberg also asked the councilmen to provide part-time secretarial-stenographic help to assist the commission in keeping minutes and records of its actions. Unable to provide the stenographic assistance under the village's existing set-up, the council currently seeks volunteer help.

Said Village President Marvin Cline, "The planning commission is asking for this so their work can be done in a business-like manner, and I think that is how it should be. As you know, any of these cases could be court cases."

VILLAGE Clerk Alice Spencer

Water Ideas Flow Faster In Westwood

WESTWOOD—Westwood village may operate its own water department before long, if voters concur with the thinking expressed by the village's councilmen at their regular meeting Monday night.

At the same time the councilmen asked Treasurer Don McCobb to prepare a preliminary report based on contacts with the Twelve Town drain authority, the Oakland county department of public works and other authorities regarding costs involved to the village for sewer and drainage projects.

VILLAGE President Marvin Cline asked McCobb to "ask them to prepare a report of the village financial obligation and the reasons for it." He suggested that a representative of the village spend "a day or two" on a preliminary report on the project.

Dr. Douglas A. Wood said, "It isn't up to the DPW or the drain commission to prove that they are correct. It's up to us to prove the contrary, if we don't believe them."

A POSSIBLE village water department began taking shape when Councilman Hugh Allerton advised (See WATER, Page 3-E) The three

22 Apply For Top City Job

LATHRUP—Council members Monday approved unanimously the appointment of Jerald D. Stone as city administrator.

Mayor Richard N. Cogger said the council had reviewed about 22 applications for the position left vacant by the July 21 resignation of Leonard Watchowski. Frederick Johnson, mayor pro tem, Cogger, signed, read the resolution to hire Stone at a yearly salary of \$6,652.

Stone's first official act after he was sworn into office by Cogger was to appoint Frank Derby city assessor.

CITY ATTORNEY Everett Hayes will present a new ordinance Oct. 20 combining the office of city clerk and city assessor. Derby will then become official city clerk. His salary will be \$5,720 yearly.

Employed by the City of Lathrup Village in September, 1946, as assistant administrator and building inspector, the 27-year-old Stone was born in Detroit and graduated from Case Technical high school and the University of Michigan.

In 1954 Stone was sent to Yokohama, Japan, where he served a year and a half with the U. S. Army engineers.

In October, 1957, Stone was promoted to clerk-treasurer and building inspector for Lathrup.

ASIDE from hunting, Stone says he likes spectator sports. He is a charter member and director of the Lathrup Lions club and director-treasurer and former coach of the Lathrup little league.

The Stones, Jerald, Betty Anne, and their daughter Kimberly Anne, live at 4232 Rosewood, Royal Oak.

THE NEW city assessor Frank Derby lists among his qualifications, a degree in accounting, two years in personnel services, 12 years with Fisher Body corporation and two and a half years in real estate. He has also been building inspector at Keego Harbor. Derby's home is in Oxford.

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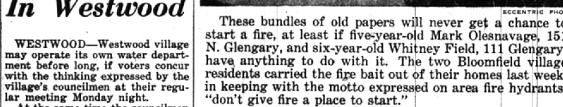
Torch Drive Starts Tuesday 1-A

AAUW Sponsors Annual Book Sale 1-B

Busby Church Woman Talks About Mexico 7-B

Calliope to Play For Children's Theater 1-C

Maples Start Fast In EML Race 1-E



These bundles of old papers will never get a chance to start a fire, at least if five-year-old Mark Olsenavage, 151 N. Glangary, and six-year-old Whitney Field, 111 Glangary, have anything to do with it. The two Bloomfield village residents carried the fire bait out of their homes last week, in keeping with the motto expressed on area fire hydrants, "don't give fire a place to start."

Fight to Foil Fires

A heated campaign to remind residents to be alert to fire dangers was launched this week by area fire departments.

The cooperating departments in the Box-O alliance emphasized fire prevention week by posting trucks and firemen at busy intersections and schools Tuesday and Wednesday.

Firemen from the five Box-O departments—Bloomfield township, Bloomfield Hills, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Village and Troy—distributed circulars on fire extinguishers and answered queries about fire prevention.

THROUGH the cooperation of the Birmingham association of insurance agents, Bloomfield Village, Westchester and Cranbrook fire hydrants were posted with cards warning lone owners, "Don't give fire a place to start." The three communities are the only ones outside of Birmingham to have fire hydrants.

Charles W. Wiggins, of 734 Yarwood, Bloomfield village, president of the insurance association, said the group distributed 800 of the red hydrant cards for the use of Birmingham area fire departments.

Bloomfield Village's fire department is distributing circulars to children in the village school this week.

Robert Stadler, chairman of the Box-O alliance, said local fire departments would be happy to provide circulars or information to interested residents.

\$1,387,590 School To House 1140 Southfield Pupils

Although specifications call for first rate materials throughout, the new Southfield district school to be erected at 11 Mile and Evergreen will cost only \$1217 per pupil, according to architects O'Dell, Hewlett, and Luckenbach. Contracts awarded last week for the brick, 1140-pupil school for junior high and elementary students total \$1,387,590. The 38 teaching station school is expected to be completed by September, 1959. Costing \$14.27 per square foot and 80 cents per cubic foot, the school's facilities will include a small multi-purpose room, art room, crafts room, two science rooms, general shop, woodshop, two homemaking rooms, chorus room, band room, library, cafeteria, conference rooms, and a gymnasium-auditorium divisible into two gymnasiums.