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Lathrup's Four-Year Fight for Sewer Feed Ends

Subdivider Gives Title To Mayor

LATHRUP — That trout quit claim deed, long sought by the City of Lathrup Village so that it could have title to its sewer system and sell sewer bonds, was handed over to Mayor Richard N. Cogger Monday evening.

Along with the deed, Mrs. Charles D. Kelley, Lathrup subdivider, gave the city an easement necessary to clear the legal road to a connection with the Evergreen interceptor and a proposed storm water program.

For almost four years Lathrup's council members have argued the matter of the quit claim deed with Mr. and Mrs. Kelley. Untold hours of council time have been spent on the matter. City Attorney Everett Hayes and the Kelley's attorney have written and rewritten the deed after deed only to have them discarded as unsatisfactory.

When Lathrup became a city five years ago, the Kelleys gave a quit claim to the water system they had installed, but an agreement on the city's sewers was never reached.

THE ISSUE became hotter and hotter. Lathrup faced court orders to stop pollution. The Evergreen interceptor became a reality. It became clear that before bonds could be sold for Lathrup's connection into the interceptor, the city must have undisputed title to its sewer system and the quit claim deed after deed only to have them discarded as unsatisfactory.

For years the Kelleys indicated their willingness to sign a quit claim deed, but insisted upon certain reservations which the council could not legally grant.

Little by little the heated arguments over the deed died down to a murmur and word by word an acceptable compromise emerged. The council's acceptance of the deed by the council seemed almost an anticlimax.

IN HANDLING over the legal forms, Mrs. Kelley asked for a letter of appreciation from the city and the single dollar necessary to cover the transaction. Hayes will check the documents before the letter of acceptance is written.

Armed with the deed and easement, Hayes was to meet with a member of the attorney general's staff this week to set dates and arrange for an amended court decree.

There's a lot of work to be done yet, but optimistic officials expect Lathrup's tie into the interceptor to be ready to open.

SOUTHFIELD — The Southfield PTA Community Blood Bank is sponsoring a drive Oct. 12 at the Northwest Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran church, Lahser and Nine Mile roads.

This will be an "Open Bank" in which donors may ask to have any organization or group receive credit for their donations.

The bank will be open from 1:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Talk of the Towns

Though I never could get through to the spirits via the ouija board, I was still pretty excited when my daughter's slither party guests brought one of the seance gadgets to our house last weekend.

Haven't seen a ouija board since the days when I used to ask one if Tom — or George — or Ray — loved me. I never did get board to answer, either for course, I always got an answer eventually from Tom, George or Ray.

THE SPIRITS were uncooperative again when they were queried at our house last weekend. The overcast ouija was asked more questions than an income tax expert on April 14.

But wouldn't talk. Candles burned, dead silence reignied and pairs of ouija-board operators waded through the night for their answers. The spirits slept. Anyway, I'm glad somebody slept that night. Will anybody please tell me why they call them SLUMBER parties?



The happy moment arrived Monday when Louise Lathrup Kelley turned over to Lathrup Mayor Richard Cogger (seated) the deed giving the city ownership of the sewer system. Attorney Everett Hayes holds out the dollar which completed the transaction, while Councilman David Anderson looks on.

Lathrupites To Pay More County Taxes

LATHRUP — According to Frank Derby, Lathrup's city clerk, residents will pay \$29.10 per thousand of assessed valuation this year on county taxes, as compared with \$28.82 last year.

Added to this amount, Lathrup residents will find a special assessment on their December tax bills to pay for the engineering of the Rouge No. 1 which went down in defeat last month.

LATHRUP'S share of the Rouge No. 1 engineering costs is figured at \$4,071. Assessments will run from 30 cents to \$6.62. A cost of \$2.25 is figured on a 100 by 150 foot lot.

Councilman H. Earl Hanson told council members Monday evening that he would never understand why costly engineering should be done before a board of determination decided a project necessary.

"That's easy to answer," said Councilwoman Elizabeth Mitchell, they tell me the laws governing these problems were written in 1874.

B'field Township Slates Open House At Fire Hall Sunday

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — fire department is holding an open house this Sunday from 1-4 p.m. in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week.

The open house will be held at station No. 2 on Westview near Westover school and firemen will offer free cider and doughnuts for everyone and comic books for the children.

They will give a tour of the station and familiarize township residents with fire fighting procedures. There will be live demonstrations and exhibits at the station also.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC

Torch Drive Begins In Area Tuesday 1-A

It Takes a Heap O' Doings to Make A New High School 1-B

Birmingham Friends To Start Weekly Sunday Meetings 6-B

Derby Annual Book Fair Slated, Oct. 14-15 1-C

Pistons-Royals Meet Monday At Seaholm High 8-E

That Ding-a-Ling Wasn't the Phone!

SOUTHFIELD — Started by a sudden sounding of a burglar alarm, two burglars tossed a pair of heavy stamp machines through the front door of a Southfield drug store last week and escaped.

According to police, the men broke into the Erwin Kay Pharmacy, 15531 W. 12 Mile road, Southfield and were inside only a few minutes when the alarm went off. Nothing was taken, they said.

Council Honors Robert B. Reed At Presentation

BEVERLY HILLS — A plaque honoring retiring councilman Robert B. Reed was presented to him Monday night by the Beverly Hills council.

Village President Marvin Cline made the presentation, lauding Reed for his efforts in helping to secure the incorporation of the new village, and for his later service on the council.

Reed, 34, leaves Monday on a transfer to his firm's St. Louis office. The resolution on the engraved and framed plaque thanked Reed for "a job well done."

"He has served with the utmost integrity and has had a genuine interest in advancing the best interest of the community," the plaque reads.

Area Scouts will, at that time, conduct a drive for used clothing to be processed by Goodwill Industries. The clothing collected will provide work for hundreds of handicapped who restore and condition it for the needy.



Their classmates at Southfield high school will choose a homecoming queen from these 13 candidates, each of whom is sponsored by a club or class at the school. From left, they are (seated, front row) Renee Turner, Shirley McQuady, Rosalind Cort, Heidi Fasching, Judy Foster, Jane Stota. Top row, from left, Karen Young, Sally Little, Ann Fryfogle, Joyce Jackson, Jan Christensen, Bonnie Higgins and Judy Deem.

Clerk Hits Beverly Car Buying

BEVERLY HILLS — Two new cars are being purchased by the Village of Beverly Hills — one for the village manager and one for the public safety department—but not without the objections of the village clerk.

"I feel that the people should be given the benefit of surplus money that we have here," said Village Clerk Alice Springer this week. "I'd like to be quoted on that."

Voicing the same opinion, the clerk's husband, Robert, told village councilmen at their meeting Monday night that they were spending money like "drunken sailors." The charge brought a quick response from Village President Marvin Cline.

Cline defended the village's decision to allocate a car to the new village manager, Robert Murphy.

The decision was made at the time Murphy accepted the position of village manager. Prior to that time Murphy had been public safety director.

Cline said need for a village manager was created when Beverly Hills took over its share of the former Southfield township water department. The village would have had to pay approximately \$8,000 per year for a competent supervisory person to direct the water department, Cline contended.

THIS MOVE would still have made it necessary for the village to retain Murphy at his \$7,200 annual salary to direct the public safety department. A third employee, a man to service water department facilities, would still have been necessary.

The total cost for a water department director and Murphy would have been over \$15,000 annually, Cline explained.

Instead of this, the council elected to offer the position of village manager to Murphy, making him responsible for the water department's supervision as well as public safety and all other village operations.

MURPHY accepted the increased responsibility, agreeing to the salary of \$8,400 plus a car, Cline explained.

"Without this particular move we would have been forced to retain Mr. Murphy in his old position and hire a new man to supervise the water department, and still not have a village manager," Cline said.

Charging that the car for Murphy was "a waste of money," Cline said, "It was really funny," Mrs. Lamb continued, "the whole group

'Vets' Price and Lamb Carry on the Civil War

By DENI SCANLON Staff Writer

BEVERLY HILLS — General Weldon (Bill) Price lives on Devonshire. Colonel Dalton H. Lamb lives on Norchester. When the two get together, they live the Civil War.

No, they're not 120-year-old veterans of the fight between the states, but they have revived this period of American history into a fascinating hobby for both families.

Price, general manager of Heat Treater and Blasting company, Detroit, shares Lincoln's Feb. 12 birthday, giving him a natural interest in the Civil War. Lamb, owner of a local insurance firm, inherited a gun collection which spurred him to a research of the period.

They discovered their common bond and began delving into history together.

THE TWO MEN, both natives of Birmingham, spent many childhood days together, but lost touch when advanced education and marriage called.

I was sitting at a Beverly school PTA meeting a few years ago," Price said, "when someone tapped me on the shoulder. It was Dalt. We introduced our wives and soon discovered they had lived near one another in the Quanton Lake area."

Since that time, the two couples became reacquainted, initiating a combined Civil War study program.

DUBBING EACH other with military titles, the two men picked assignments. "Colonel" Lamb (Union) became the expert on western campaigns while "General" Price (Confederate) worked the eastern front.

Both members of the Civil War Roundtable, the General and the Colonel have compiled files, scrapbooks and a presentation program including information and sketches on maps, guns, uniforms, money, comic strips and bit items about the war.

AND, it doesn't end there. Each year they pack their families and homemade maps in the car and head for the battlefields.

"One year," Mrs. Price said, "Dalt and Bill decided to follow Lee's footsteps, so they dressed in uniforms with full packs and started across the cornfield. Mrs. Lamb and I took the guiding tour. As we stood atop a hill listening over the rise looking like the last two live members of the fight."

"It was really funny," Mrs. Lamb continued, "the whole group



"General" Bill Price (left) and "Colonel" Dalton Lamb in Civil War studies.

stood amazed while our two soldiers began giving a lecture. Even the guide listened."

WITH SCADS of research and interest now under the insignia belt buckles, the two some give color slide programs for church and school groups.

Once, when the Lambs were returning from a study of history in the south they sent a telegram to the Prices who were to give the program that day for a local church.

IT READ: "Broke out of Andersonville captured Atlanta today. Campaigning at Adairville, Ga. Best wishes to all."

It was signed "Col. D. H. Lamb and troops."

When Lamb presented the message to a very "Southern" wireless operator, she said, "Shame on you, Colonel!"

ITS SURPRISING how the youngsters get into the act, too. All kinds of commotion occurred recently "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and the Price children, Cindy, Sally, and Weldon heard it they couldn't wait to tell their kids what was on the radio."

Linda and Jack Lamb enjoy Civil War fun. Whenever young Jack and Weldon Price meet for a game of war, it includes some rather unexpected items—Confederate and Union caps, flags and sayings (Bull Run, here I come!)

BUT, aside from these things, the Price and Lamb families prove that education, interest and enthusiasm are contagious—and that in fact, real life, Confederate or Union, neighbors can get along!

One-Man Show Results From Artist's Dedication

FRANKLIN — Mrs. Benjamin Shwayder, professionally known as Reva Shwayder, will have her first "one-man" show with a preview and reception from 4 to 8 p.m., Oct. 14 at the Grinnell Galleries, 1515 Woodward avenue. The show will continue through Nov. 4, according to Lester B. Arwin, director of the gallery.

Mrs. Shwayder, 27551 Fairway Hills drive, Franklin, started her art career in 1949, with Sarkis Sargisian, director of the Society of Arts and Crafts. For many years prior to her venture into painting did she strongly express the desire to paint, but because of the demanding needs of a growing family she waited until her youngest entered college.

IT WAS at this time when my two sons, Warren and Richard were no longer in need of the constant need and attention of growing boys that I decided to dedicate myself full time to painting—the decision I have craved for many years," she commented.

Mrs. Shwayder, the former Reva Clamann, who was born and raised in Chicago and attended the Universities of Chicago and Denver, one day was turned into an artist when she recognized a talent in drawing and encouraged her.

But, at that time Mrs. Shwayder was more interested in writing than in drawing and encouraged her. She had received several awards for writing, and while attending the University of Denver, studied "short-story" writing.

SHE IS a member of the Committee for the Archives of American Art at the Detroit Institute of Art, and has been represented in the Michigan Arts and Crafts Show, county show, Kirk of the Hills, The University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Temple Israel Show and Art for Young Collectors.

IN A RECENT visit to Detroit the Shwayders' contemporary (See SHOW, Page 2-E)

No Takers for Work On Devonshire Road

BEVERLY HILLS — No contractor wants to build the 204-foot stretch of pavement on Devonshire road near Englewood, the Beverly Hills council learned this week.

One bid submitted several weeks ago was rejected because the council and residents participating were too high.