

B'ham Gets an AF Recruiting Branch

The U. S. Air Force has opened a branch recruiting station in the building Birmingham, for the convenience of young men and women in this area who wish to enlist.

The office will be open a half day each week, on Wednesday afternoons from noon to 4:30, and will be under the direction of S/Sgt. Harold D. Holman.

Other times of the week, Royal Oak is the Air Force recruiting headquarters for this area.

Area Leaders Appointed for Dimes Drive

Fifty-five top leaders in the Oakland county March of Dimes drive, including many from this area, were named today by George W. Kuhn, mayor of Berkeley and campaign director of activities for the county-wide solicitation in January.

Area chairmen for the vicinity include Arthur Lake, Birmingham; Frank J. Matczak, Bloomfield township; Mrs. G. M. Seradarian, West Bloomfield; Edward Desmond, Southfield; and Mrs. Helen Martin, Troy.

An area chairman has not yet been named for Lathrup.

NAMED MOTHERS: March chairmen for their respective areas are Mrs. Emma Swift, Birmingham; Mrs. Peter U. March, Bloomfield; Mrs. Loretta Zelen, Southfield; and Mrs. Jo Beaver, Troy.

MOTHERS' MARCH chairmen for Bloomfield township and Lathrup have not yet been appointed.

"These leaders were selected because of their intense enthusiasm for the March of Dimes and because they previously have displayed leadership abilities in other civic activities," chairman Kuhn said in naming the teams which will lead the county drive.

KUHN REPORTED that the top leaders serve in two capacities. "The first team is called area chairmen. These people are responsible for general campaign planning and also provide the initiative and follow-up required to see that plans are carried to completion," he explained.

"The second team is called Mothers' March area chairmen. Their responsibility is to build an organization which, on Jan. 1, will go door-to-door in a porchlight parade to accept contributions to the March of Dimes."

"The latter group," Kuhn added, "is the real work force of the March of Dimes." An estimated 10,000 volunteers will work on the drive in January.

Court Happenings

Municipal Judge Edward B. Emery
Monday
 Charles K. McKay, 22, of 36 Norton, Pontiac, fined \$75 for reckless driving.
Municipal Judge John C. Emery Jr.
Wednesday
 Myron P. Patten, 35, of 2848 Lahser, Bloomfield Hills, fined \$10 for speeding.
 Jeanne A. Reid, 39, of 3066 Henlawk, Troy, fined \$4 for violation of a stop sign.

American Interest in Music Surprises Visiting Croatian

By IRMA N. DAVIS
 Staff Writer

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — "No summer without a sell," commented composer and conductor Lovro von Maticic and his eyes sparkled as his beloved Adriatic must when the sun shines on it. His meaning came through as clearly as water, even though he spoke in Croatian.

The renowned Croatian conductor and his wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Prepolec, 855 Harsdale, on Tuesday of last week. Von Maticic arrived in Detroit on Nov. 28 in time to rehearse for his appearance with the Detroit Symphony orchestra.

He was guest conductor for the Thursday and Saturday performances of the symphony and led the orchestra in interpretations of Mozart's score and a tone poem by Richard Strauss. Brahms' First symphony concluded the Thursday program.

HIS DETROIT appearance followed a triumphant season at the Chicago Lyric opera. His "Mozart and Wagner success" in the latter city was so great that he "hadn't believed such interest existed in music in this country," he said. "I am glad to see that interest is growing in America."

"He loves the Detroit symphony," said the director of the city's new organization, and is "most satisfied with Detroit."

He conducted both the Chicago and Detroit orchestras in works by Wagner and Richard Strauss. The von Maticics and the Prepolecs had never met before the composer's current trip, his second during the war, he was director

of the Vienna opera. During his entire career he has conducted musical festivals, symphony orchestras, operas and musical events throughout Europe. He is presently state conductor of the Vienna opera and will be guest conductor of La Scala this year.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Conductor Lovro von Maticic is right at home wherever there is a piano and, as always, he has an appreciative audience. Standing around the piano are Mrs. von Maticic (left) and his hosts, Mr. and Mrs. John Prepolec (right).

Like his host, he plays the piano and is drawn to it so strongly that he seemed unable to pass the Prepolec's grand without rapping his fingers over the keyboard.

His own compositions include a Shakespearean suite for orchestra, Croatian dances and words and music to musical plays in German.

That is why he received standing ovations in both his Detroit appearances. It happens wherever his fascination with music is

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B of E President Elected Oakland School Body Head

Mrs. Kathryn Loomis, 1648 Dorchester, Birmingham, president of the Birmingham board of education, was elected to a three-year term as president of the Oakland County school board association at a recent meeting of the board of directors.

As former vice president of the board, Mrs. Loomis replaces Merrill O. Bates, 920 E. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills, who will continue as a member of the association.

The association, composed of 210 members from 30 boards of education in Oakland county, holds four general meetings a year for all school board members and three annual workshop meetings designed to discuss the educational interests of the membership.

MRS. LOOMIS has served on the Birmingham board of education since 1955 and has been president of the same board since 1958. She has been active in civic affairs, serving on the Birmingham plan commission from 1948 to 1951, and is a member of the League of Women Voters and the American association of university women.

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