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2 Local Men Help Anchor Project That Takes American HOPE Abroad

By IRMA N. DAVIS Staff Writer BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — HOPE is spelled Health Opportunities for People Everywhere.

Two prominent men from the local area were aboard. They were Dale Brubaker of Bywood drive, Bloomfield Township and Ralph Charbeneau of Wellington road, Franklin.

Brubaker supervised the shooting of a documentary film that will be used for fund-raising purposes. It will be previewed on television in March, 1961, possibly on a network basis.

Charbeneau operates Franklin station WOLJ, through which news of the project was beamed.

The former S. S. Constellation, it served in the Korean war as a hospital ship. Equipped as a floating medical university, it is supported by donations from private industry and from nickels and dimes all over the United States.

ITS DEDICATION BY Vice President Richard M. Nixon on Sept. 13 is included in the film as well as views of the ship's facilities and scenes abroad—depicting the diseases, poverty and unsanitary conditions of less favored areas.

Brubaker was invited to take charge of the filming because of previous prize-winning documentaries he has supervised for Excelsior. He is in charge of their accounts at McGraw-Hill, John and Adams, Inc. local advertising firm.

THE SHIP'S BASIC STAFF OF 10 doctors and 25 nurses is augmented by a rotating staff of volunteers. While in Indonesia, local HOPE doctors did what they could for the patients. Brubaker explained the committee there selected patients and supplied them with transportation.

The committee also selected medical personnel to team with ship doctors to visit villages, native compounds and jungle areas. Thus they insured that areas were not deprived of medical care while local doctors or nurses received training through HOPE or attend seminars abroad.

"Bringing medical knowledge to Jakarta, Indonesia first and later to Bali, Borneo, Java, Sumatra and outlying islands as well as to Vietnam in April is not a one-sided venture," Brubaker advised. "Many of the American doctors saw their first case of small pox, yaws and other tropical diseases."

THEIR REWARD lay in the gratitude of patients," he continued. Brubaker told of an old man who repeatedly hopped in and out of bed jabbering excitedly, until a nurse discovered he was looking for his prayer rug that he could thank his god for the care he had

receiving. A Navy towel served the purpose. Another satisfaction derived was from giving Indonesians an opportunity to find out what Americans are like. In this way, Project HOPE helps to combat the anti-Communist propaganda which operates openly throughout the country.

The Russians have donated medical books but the people do not want to learn Russian, Brubaker stated. A \$5 million hospital, donated by Russians, will be completed in 1962. It was accepted by the Indonesian government on condition that it would not be staffed by Russians or members of satellite countries.

THE PEOPLE are "pro-Indonesia," Brubaker said, and "non-communist or communism or democracy." After revolting from Dutch rule in 1945, they found themselves untrained in government, in operation of their railroads and airports. The Dutch had "run things completely."

Still under martial law, the country is struggling ahead with a government that realizes the need for education. They have adopted Bahasa-Indonesian as their official language and also teach English in their schools.



'Nick' in Time

LATHRUP—No matter what the weather or wind was like, Joly Old St. Nick managed a few spare minutes during his busiest season to take part Sunday in Lathrup's Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Lathrup Nears Deadline On Sewer Plan Details

LATHRUP — City Attorney Everett Hayes was directed to draw up a bonding resolution for \$200,000 to present to the council Monday night.

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge H. Russel Holland has set Monday as the deadline for final contract award for sanitary sewer work construction.

Bloomfield Groups Reschedule Meetings

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Both Bloomfield Hills Board of Education and Bloomfield Township governing boards are rescheduling their regular monthly meetings during the holiday season.

Injured as Gas Explodes in Garage

SOUTHFIELD — John Graves, 24149 Greenfield, was treated for burns on the face and arms and released from William Beaumont Hospital Saturday afternoon, following an explosion in the garage at his home.

Woman Attacked By Stranger In Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS — A 35-year-old woman was assaulted, then tied to the bed in her home last Thursday morning by a 25- to 30-year-old man whom she permitted to use her telephone. The man escaped.

Funds for Books

SOUTHFIELD — A donation of \$187.75 for books for the Lathrup School library was accepted by the Board of Education, Monday evening. The funds were given by the Lathrup PTA.

Fate of Sewer Arm On Rocky Ground In West Bloomfield

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — When Nereus Aik and Bonding Attorney Stratton Brown go for a trap over West Bloomfield territory Saturday, the fate of the Morris Lake arm to the Farmington Interceptor will be at stake.

Recover Body Of Skin Diver On Lake Bottom

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The body of James Clark, 27, was recovered from the bottom of Green Lake Tuesday afternoon. Edward Murray of Trenton and Jerry Walker of Farmington covered the body.

Township Approves Sewer Plan

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS expressed surprise at Brown's disapproval at so late a date. The township has spent a year in necessary engineering and legal steps in setting up the sewer arm.

Multiple Dwelling Zoning Ordinance Hearing Jan. 4

LATHRUP — The proposed multiple dwelling zoning ordinance, amending zoning ordinance 18 (as amended) has been referred by the Zoning Board of Appeals to the council. The proposed ordinance includes petitions requesting R-2 zoning for three specific areas.

1961 Dog Licenses Go On Sale Today

LATHRUP — Dog licenses for 1961 will go on sale today. The price of licenses increases March 1, 1961 and licenses are valid until Dec. 31.

B'field Township Patrolman Cited For Police Work

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Police work done by Bloomfield Township Patrolman Jim Mavor has led to the capture of a gang of clothing store robbers responsible for taking \$160,000 worth of merchandise from Michigan stores.

Bloomfield Village Road Meeting Slated Tonight

A second public hearing before Bloomfield Township's board tonight at 8:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Village School may decide the fate of these Bloomfield Village roads.

Talk of the Towns

David Moscow, an English instructor at Southfield High School, went to Chicago recently with an idea. He came back from the four-day National Council of Teachers' conference convinced that his thought is worthwhile. Now, he's taking action.

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