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Ranch Homes, Mudhuts: Both Concern Lockwood

By JULIE CANDLER Township Editor

CRANBROOK VILLAGE—He sat in one of the thousands of comfortable American suburban homes he has built and talked about building adobe houses and mud huts in India.

It sounds incoherent. But American businessmen like Rodney Lockwood are far from incoherent. They're thinking along international lines. Many are conquering their know-how for well underdeveloped nations progress toward prosperity. Some are taking junkies abroad for U. S. government agencies.

That's what Lockwood did recently. He saw homeless, poverty-stricken people and came back with a successful American business man's answer to their problems.

HE SPENT seven and a half weeks visiting India, Thailand and a number of other nations. The trip was suggested by the international cooperation administration of the U. S. department of State.

Lockwood was chairman of a traveling 23-man group of builders, architects and engineers who were members of the National Association of Home Builders' International affairs department.

"It was a kind of person to person diplomacy," said Bill Stenwick, Lockwood's traveling companion. "He relaxed in the cheerful living room of the 'Fashion House' at Cranbrook Village, the big community between 12 and 13 Mile roads his firm is now developing. He had stopped by the way from his home on Hawthorn hill, Bloomfield Hills, to his downtown Detroit office.

SMILING frequently, he talks rapidly and enthusiastically, leaving no doubt about one thing—he believes in completely free enterprise, untroubled by the shackles of socialism. Only in this way can

Bingham Farms Zoning Suit Set for Jan. 13

BINGHAM FARMS — Jan. 13 has been set for the Oakland county circuit court case in which the village of Bingham Farms is asking for a change in its zoning ordinance.

The suit involves property on the east side of Telegraph, both north and south of 13 Mile roads. The owners have asked to use the land for commercial purposes, claiming the village's refusal to permit it is discriminatory.

Plaintiffs in the case are Frederick S. Danziger, Katherine D. Parker, Andrew G. Gunderson, Crystal Gunderson, Robert Dale, Carl J. Nepper, Gertrude Nepper, Martin L. Friedenberg, and Edward S. Friedenberg.

All property in the highly restricted village is zoned residential. A riding stable and greenhouse in operation for many years are considered non-conforming uses.

Talk of the Towns

By JULIE CANDLER

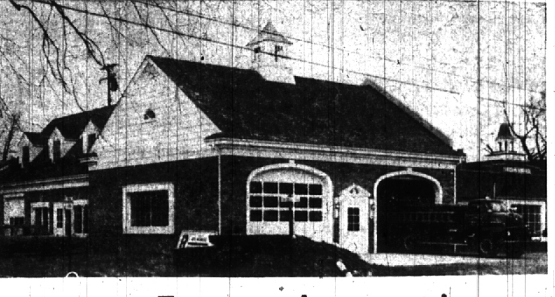
The trouble with people is wrong. Instead of greeting New Year's Day with a smile and a cheery determination to live deed—what do they do?

Too many forego bloodshot eyes upon a dizzy drinking day. They've partied too much and too long the night before. Take Suburban Sam. His head feels like a sink and his nerves feel like wired confetti.

He's had three or four hours of sleep and he doesn't even care whether the Russians are overtaking us in science and medicine. All he cares is — will everybody be quiet and let him miserably in peace?

NOW IS the any way to start a brand new year in this case a decade? Please don't call me a party pooper, because I'm usually last to leave. But wouldn't we make New Year's the day to set on our outings and shoot off fireworks? And save the Fourth of July for fireworks and singing?

It must be true love when a man's wife goes on a vacation in San Francisco with her relatives, then calls him after a few days and tells him to come out—she's lonely.



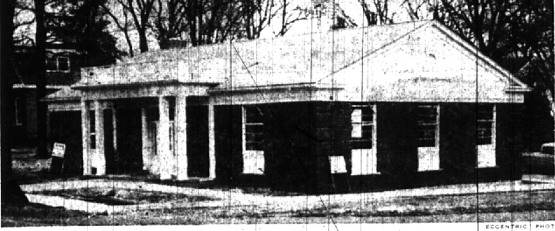
New Faces Appearing On Franklin Scene

By NITA HARD Franklin Correspondent

FRANKLIN — Two new landmarks are nearly completed as a new decade opens on 'The Town That Time Forgot.'

Just about 90 per cent complete is the new Franklin volunteer fire department hall (above) on Franklin road. Pending final installation of automatic equipment, a formal open house is scheduled for the first week in February.

The fire department is a private corporation and constructed the new building without soliciting extra funds from the vast community it serves. From this station



Increasing Burglaries Problem in Southfield

SOUTHFIELD—Problems in a growing city are many. One that the Southfield police department is facing is obvious by the facts: approximately 200 break and enter cases reported in 1959.

Southfield Det. Sgt. Edward Ritour said that an estimated 20 per cent of the cases have been solved. But geographical size of the community and the rapid increase in housing have kept the problem a big one for police officials.

SOUTHFIELD POLICE ask residents to notify the department when they see a suspicious person for any long period of time.

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Key Cases Slated For January Court

Two important court cases—one testing Beverly Hills' zoning on 14 Mile road, the other deciding the split of a quarter of a million dollars between the city and township of Southfield—have been scheduled for January.

Tomorrow Oakland county circuit court Judge William John Beer will hear the "friendly suit" between township and city over the split of \$200,000 of old Southfield township funds. The money was collected by the township in 1955, before Southfield City incorporated, for payment on the township share of Evergreen interconnector sewer pipes.

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Lathrup Girl Attends JA Ohio Conference

LATHRUP—Connie Brook, secretary of her Junior Achievement company from the Birmingham center, was a delegate to the fourth annual JA Ohio Achievement conference held this year in Cleveland at the Pick-Carter hotel from Dec. 27-29.

Guest speakers at the many conferences were prominent businessmen and chief executives in the Ohio area. There were discussion topics on the half a finished risk as secretary. Some 750 delegates from the middle west and Canada attended; 231 centers were represented.

Beverly to Smooth Its Skaters' Wheels

BEVERLY HILLS—They aren't skating yet at Southfield township parks' new skating rink, but the Beverly Hills council hopes to remedy the situation shortly.

Monday night the council asked Board Commissioner Walter Kouba to check into the half a finished risk near the park gate, and offer the necessary work to smooth it off so it can be flooded.

Damage Laws

BEVERLY HILLS — Deep tire gouges marring front lawns have been reported by four residents. Beverly Hills police said Tuesday an estimated \$400 in landscape damage has been done to homes on Riverside and Warwick in West Beverly area.

Disbursements? Easy, Overcoats and Bolts!

By DOROTHY ZATELL Lathrup Correspondent

LATHRUP — Does Lathrup's City Administrator Gerald D. Stone cringe a little when the city council arrives at the agenda item listed simply as "Disbursements?"

A sharp-eyed council goes through Stone's listed expenses one by one. Sympathetic spectators hope Stone hasn't entered one "percent item he can't explain.

This week Councilman Fred Johnson cast a questioning eye on an item of three expensive overcoats for Lathrup police.