

Lathrup Couple Lauds Oberammergau Play

LATHRUP—"Unforgettable" is the comment made by Mrs. Kenneth Farnham about Oberammergau's "Passion Play." The Farnhams, just returned from a two-month, 11-country tour of Europe, tell us the cast went on with the second half of the performance despite a hail storm that littered the stage.

Nancy Sale, daughter of the Homer Sales of Saratoga, will make her first solo trip when she returns home July 20. She is visiting Col. and Mrs. Harold Parsons of Park Hill, Ky. The Parsons, who were here over the July Fourth weekend, couldn't resist charming Miss Nancy, and spirited her home for a two-week visit.

Little girls can be entrancing, especially if one of them happens to be a first grandchild. Just ask Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller who are so excited about tiny Sarah Elizabeth Smith who arrived June 30. The new baby is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John Ferris Smith of Detroit and her mother is the former Mary Grace Miller, daughter of the Lathrup friends from Santa Barbara.

The Vincent Zatlens returned June 30 from a western tour that included a long coastal drive through California and on up to Washington. Son Jeff, who will be a sophomore at Colorado State, made the trip with the family and to prove the west has nothing on Michigan, they went through a copper mine at Calumet before returning home.

The Zatlens, incidentally, said they made a point of getting back in time for Lathrup's wonderful fireworks display and they are still chukking over the comment of one

little fellow who asked his father "Where do the fireworks go?" Upon being told they get lost in space, he said "I'll get lost in space." "Someday I'll get lost in space."

An exciting new venture: have you heard that Curt Terovo and Gene Peron recently purchased the Fisherman's Wharf, way over in Detroit, is looking forward to a line association with Peron. The latter is president of Detroit's Casting and Forging company.

Mrs. Norma K. Hamilton was honored at a tea Tuesday at the home of her hostess, Mrs. Robert Smith. Guests were present to greet Mrs. Hamilton, mother of Mr. Smith, who is a resident of Asheville, N. C. and arrived July 9 for an indefinite stay with her son's family.

Guests included Mrs. Homer Sale, Mrs. Wesley Campbell, Mrs. William Scott, Mrs. Robert Trevilian, Mrs. and Mrs. John Tate, all from Lathrup.

Congregational Vacation School Slated in Lathrup

LATHRUP—The Community Congregational church of Lathrup will hold a vacation church school for youngsters from four to 12 years of age during the month of July. The sessions will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. each weekday.

Director in charge is Mrs. Edward Marvin. In charge of the kindergarten is Mrs. Robert Cummings and Mrs. Archie Carmichael; primary, Mrs. Laurence McLean and Mrs. Shelton Burgess; junior, Mrs. Homer Sale and Mrs. William Alt.

Youth helpers include Linda Janick, Elvira Jarick, Becky Klock, Sharon Smith is registrar.

THE STUDY THEME this year will be "The Church." Registration fee is \$1 per offering or \$1.50 per family if two or more children are registered.

A special offering will go to Casa Matera, children's orphanage in Italy. Last year the children gave \$74 to the Merritt Ministry Program in Michigan.

Lathrup, Southfield To Renew Contract For Fire Protection

LATHRUP—All set but the signing, a contract whereby Southfield will continue to provide fire protection to Lathrup Village expires \$15,747.34 for protected service from July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960. Service covers a nine-month period.

COSTS ARE based on a formula based on the ratio of Lathrup equalized valuation to the total of the combined Lathrup and Southfield equalized valuation, plus a portion of the administrative costs.

Lathrup's original fire protection contract was set up in 1953, after the city was incorporated. The contract was with the township of Southfield. The city of Southfield took over the continuing contract in 1959.

VERNON HILL, 2720 Bloomfield, said the latter action would possibly result in flooded basements on San Jose. Norton, stating that he would prefer water in his yard to someone else's basement, then asked the council to consider some method of temporary solution.

Lathrup Allows Resident to Deepen Drainage Ditch

LATHRUP—Soothing the troubled waters in the vicinity of Bloomfield and San Quentin, the city council told Dana M. Norton, 2750 Bloomfield, last week that he could deepen the drainage ditch adjacent to his property. He was advised not to open a nearby culvert to avoid drainage problems in other areas.

Norton asked if he was within his rights in the ditch cleanup he has been recently conducting near his property. He said it has alleviated flooded conditions. Opening the culvert would restore drainage flow to "what was originally intended," he believed.

S'field Takes Bids

SOUTHFIELD—Bids of \$1849 for bus insurance and \$306.36 for athletic equipment were accepted by the Southfield school board Monday night. Tabled for further study were bids for playground equipment and a deep truck

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Steam-Heated Vacation For Cranbrook Family

CRANBROOK VILLAGE—Take it from the R. L. Wirsing's of Westbrook parkway, there is such a thing as hot weather although they went all the way to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to find it.

Former Florida residents themselves, they visited Mrs. Wirsing's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Van Gorden, erstwhile Royal Oak dwellers.

Following a vacation trip to the smokies, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kirk were weekend guests of the Lloyd Gabe's at their summer home on Lake Huron, near Port Sanilac.

South Americans find the Wilson Pecarits ideal hosts. Latest guest from Brazil is Paulo Silva who will begin summer studies at Michigan State university the 29th. Visiting the Cranbrook family for the last two months, he brings a remnant of his host, who he calls from Brazil himself.

Arrival of another sort is the new baby boy, Matthew Thomas, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick LePrentice, Jr. who was born June 29. He was baptized Sunday by his great-uncle, the Rev. Vincent Brennan, S. J. at St. Bede's church. A buffet lunch at the Prentice's gave

Rec Commission In Lathrup Sets Class Schedules

LATHRUP—The Lathrup recreation commission announces that Hawaiian dancing classes will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. instead of 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. time, commencing Tuesday.

Director of the commission is Mrs. William Briggs of Rock Creek drive, managed side trips to Reno, Monterey, and Carmel-by-the-Sea during their recent trip to San Francisco. They visited Mrs. Briggs' brother and his family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Strong of Lees Aitons. Their two-week holiday wound up with their return on July 8.

Southfield Board Okays Borrowing

SOUTHFIELD—Authorization giving the school board discretion to borrow up to \$561,000 against 1960-61 undistributed State aid, payable Sept. 1, 1961 was approved at Monday night's board of education meeting. A second motion was also okayed allowing the board to borrow necessary funds up to \$300,000 against tax anticipations, as soon as necessary.

The annual treasurer's report which was approved at the meeting listed a general fund balance of \$615,222.70, representing, in part, \$50,000 owing on a loan against State aid due Sept. 1, 1960. The board has already been forced to borrow \$142,500, taking action at the June 13 meeting. Delayed payments of State aid have hampered the school system this year.

THE SCHOOL system's yearly completed in April and revised June 13 following a county boost of 14 mills based on increased state equalized valuation by the Southfield district) shows a present deficit of \$5,297.96. April budget figures anticipated a \$48,000 deficit.

Residents Kill Sanitary Sewer Project in S'field

SOUTHFIELD—With fire in their eyes and determination in every step, more than 200 residents of Southfield voted to kill the Lerderer school Monday and killed a special assessment project No. 187.

The City council had set the public hearing to listen to objections to the Lerderer school project of sanitary sewers. These petitions, according to Council President Hugh Lehman, originated from the school system and Plumb Hollow golf club.

ALTHOUGH THE meeting had been set to determine only the necessity for new sewer construction, it became evident that method of financing was the major problem. The controversial trunk line would drain into the Evergreen Interceptor, but not before residents would be charged for lateral and tap-in. City Administrator Robert J. McNitt explained that 2,000 acres would be served at an approximate cost of \$250,000.

Tent Circus Stops July 25 In Southfield

SOUTHFIELD—A tent circus that has been touring the United States this season will make its one-day appearance Monday, July 25 in Southfield.

County Resolution Filed by Lathrup

LATHRUP—By receiving and filing the suggested resolution of endorsement for a one-half mill property tax to finance additional of the new Oakland county courthouse, Lathrup council members brought the area score on the resolution to a three-way tie.

Birmingham's city commissioners have taken same action at Lathrup while Southfield and Bloomfield township have given approval to the plan. The cities of Berkley and Ferndale have both refused approval. The tax, applied for four years, would raise approximately \$4 million plus for the new building, now under construction on Telegraph road, Pontiac.

THE REPORT, based on a partial study of the system's curriculum, recommended a maximum of 25 students per elementary class, encouraged more parent-teacher contact and more orientation meetings at each school in the fall to stimulate communications between home and school.

Swim Sessions

SOUTHFIELD—Youngsters from seven to 14 years can register Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the second session of swimming classes. Registrations should be made at the high school gym lobby. Classes commence Monday and continue for four weeks.

To Attend Library's Informational Meet

LATHRUP—Councilman H. Earl Hanson, representing the city of Lathrup, will attend a meeting of the Southfield library board, Thursday, June 28. The Southfield board is expected to be completed in two weeks, he said the meeting, which will be conducted for informational purposes.

Reading Service Director Named In Southfield

SOUTHFIELD—Pierce McLeod, eighth grade teacher at Southfield school, will be director of reading services, beginning in September.

The new job will entail testing, diagnosis and recommendations for remediation of students from kindergarten through the seventh and eighth grades. He will also work with teachers who will be in charge of remedial reading classes.

FROM JANUARY through June 1960, Pierce McLeod was granted a partial leave of absence by the board to enable him to intern under Dr. Harry Hahn, director of curriculum, Los Oakland county schools.

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HEATED DISCUSSION was climaxed by a consensus that the city should not be burdened with the rural atmosphere which "brought us to suburbia in the first place" does not feel a poorer "big city" improvements and are not interested in paying the tab when a project which may take years to complete.

Advisory Group Gives Study to S'field B of E

SOUTHFIELD—The long-awaited report from the citizens' advisory committee was accepted for study at Monday night's board of education meeting. Complete reports of all sub-committees will be attached as supplements to the comprehensive advisory report.

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Trees A-spraying

LATHRUP—Tree spraying was initiated July 6, according to City Administrator Gerald Stone in his report to the council last week. It is expected the spraying will be completed in two weeks, he said. Road repairs will be cut down until the spraying is finished.

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Other suggestions were for a committee including teachers, citizens and school administration as well as the board of education be set up to improve communications between the public and the schools. The report recommended a continuing study by parents.

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