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## Ponder Ways For Financing New City Hall

### Lathrup Studies Offer by Club, Federal Plans

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LATHRUP — Intense interest in the problems of new quarters for city offices—with space for various local organizations—was evidenced at a meeting April 5.

In addition to the city council, representatives of Lathrup Women's Club, Lathrup Players, Lathrup Recreation Commission, Lathrup Lions Club, Village Swim Club and Lathrup Village Association were present, bringing attendance to about 40 persons.

Two methods of obtaining federal aid were discussed and an offer by the Lathrup Women's Club to donate \$10,000 to city funds for building purposes highlighted the meeting.

The Lathrup budgeted municipal land and building contingency fund for 1961-62 is set at about \$19,000, less rent.

ALSO PROPOSED was the establishment of a city building authority, to be administered by a commission. A follow-up on this proposal developed at Monday's council meeting when City Attorney Everett Hayes was directed to draw up papers to set up an authority.

City Administrator Jerald Stone also was directed by the council to investigate the hiring of an architect to draw up tentative building plans.

Ways and means of financing were noted at the meeting last week. Possibility of resident contributions and sale of interest-free bond at \$100 each were suggested as well as the possibility of a building commission being empowered to sell bonds secured by a lease of up to 40 years. Such a commission might also have the power to condemn land, it was proposed.

A FEDERAL PROGRAM which might be utilized in the federal open space program which could pay for 25 to 30 per cent of land cost purchased for park purposes, provided the site is at least 10 acres in size.

Federal assistance is also possible if a city building can be used (See HALL, 6-A)

## 'Oscar'-Winning Film MJA Product

The Bloomfield Hills advertising agency of MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., produced the film which won the academy award Monday night as the best documentary short subject for 1961.

MJA produced the film for Ex-Cello Corp. of Detroit. In color, it tells the work of the S.S. Hope, an American ship used for hospital treatment and training for other nations.

TWO AREA residents had key roles in filming the picture.

Ralph C. Charbeneau, 2708 9 Willington, Franklin, was project supervisor. He is director of advertising and public relations for Ex-Cello.

Dale L. Brubaker, 5385 Broadway, Bloomfield Hills, was production supervisor for the film. He is an account executive for MJA.

## Crash Hospitalizes Two B'ham Women

An accident at Pierce and Frank late Tuesday afternoon has hospitalized two Birmingham women.

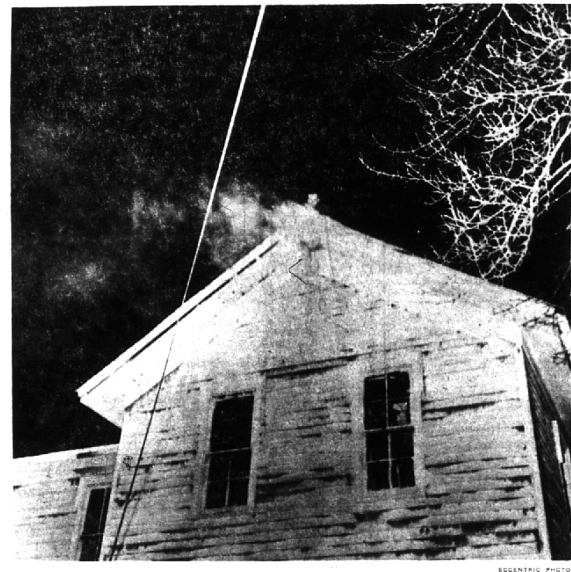
Mrs. Elsie Norris, 53, of 18260 Kirkshire, and Mrs. Stella Keating, 67, of 3111 Labser, are both in Beaumont Hospital, in satisfactory condition.

Mrs. Norris' auto was traveling south on Pierce when it was struck by Mrs. Keating's. Mrs. Keating was given a ticket for failing to yield the right-of-way.

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# Reject Hills Campaign Investigation



## Firemen Battle Blaze

A fire destroyed the upper story of a large frame house at 18961 W. 12 Mile, Lathrup Village, Monday evening. The valued dwelling, owned by Louise Lathrup Kelly, had been mentioned as a possible site for the Lathrup municipal offices. Cause of the blaze is still undetermined.

## Springdale Golf Rates Reduced

### Restore 'Last Bargain' in Birmingham

The "last bargain" in Birmingham has been restored.

City commissioners voted Monday night to restore rates in effect at Springdale Golf Course prior to increases approved at their March 5 meeting.

Commissioner William H. Burgum told how Commissioner William E. Roberts' sister had called Roberts early in the morning the day she read of the higher rates in a news story in The Eccentric.

"The last bargain in Birmingham is gone," Burgum quoted the lady.

"COMMISSIONERS voted unanimously to read the fees for 1962 at the 1961 level—individual season membership, \$35; family membership, \$65.

Refunds will be made to members who have paid the higher rates of \$50 per single membership and \$90 per family membership. The course opened for the season last week.

Commissioners Robert Page and William E. Roberts revived discussion on the rates Monday night.

Roberts said that after giving the subject plenty of thought and "after hearing from many people," he investigated more thoroughly and determined that he had "made a mistake" in his vote on March 5 to hike the rates.

## Spring Has Arrived! Swans Back in Lake

Spring has officially arrived in Birmingham. The swans have returned to Quanton Lake.

After spending the winter in the warm confines of the DPW building the popular birds were returned to the lake Tuesday by dog warden Al Sandell.

## Ask 2-Year Study Of Elementary School Curriculum

The Birmingham Board of Education has requested the PTA Council to conduct a two-year study of the current elementary school curriculum.

This action follows near completion of a three-year study of the secondary school curriculum by committee-appointed committees.

A school board official said the council will take the request under consideration at its April 30 meeting.

The type and scope of the study will be decided upon by the PTA Council. The request calls for beginning the study in the fall.

## High School Students Plan Job Service

High school students in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area are planning to open an employment office in the Community House next month on a trial basis.

There are approximately 4,500 students enrolled in five high schools in the area. Employer requests for part-time workers would be filled from the employment office where names of all interested students would be on file.

Fifteen adult and teenage representatives from the schools—Bloomfield Hills, Brother Rice, Groves, Marian, Seabrook, the Community House and the Birmingham Board of Education have held a series of meetings over the past month to work out details of the unique plan.

Next meeting of the group will be at the Community House on April 16.

## 2 Physical Reactions Seen to Jet Airport

How would Oakland's proposed jet airport physically affect the county?

Physical effect of the multi-million dollar, 2,000-acre project might be interpreted in terms of its dual purpose: Attracting industry and satisfying projected air transportation needs.

INDUSTRIAL development would increase the tax base, say proponents of the airport, thereby providing additional county funds. But it also could create unsightly conditions, say opponents, thereby depressing residential land values.

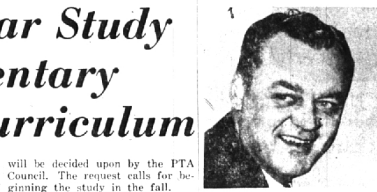
Jet air traffic would provide modern, convenient transportation for the county's rapidly growing population, insist the proponents.

"And it could pose an inherent threat to safety, claim the opponents."

Industrial development and air traffic potentially offer a big influence on the county. Each has its advantages, and each has its disadvantages.

The Community House, according to Ourandik, will provide facilities for an adult coordinator who will fill the requests of employers from a master file of available workers.

(See SERVICE, 8-A)



## Ernest Jones Leads Project Hope Drive

Ernest A. Jones, president of MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., and Dr. Herbert J. Bloom, Detroit soul surgeon, were named chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Project HOPE Fund Drive for Metropolitan Detroit, Inc. announced in Washington, D.C., Sunday by Dr. William B. Walsh, president and founder of Project HOPE.

In announcing the appointments, Walsh said, "In Mr. Jones and Dr. Bloom, we have a combination of the very best talents that are available in the Detroit area for heading this vital fund drive."

Jones, who lives at 600 Cranbrook (See JONES, 7-A)

## Woolfenden Loses Plea For Ruling

The Bloomfield Hills City Commission rejected Commissioner Henry L. Woolfenden's request Tuesday night to investigate a possible campaign violation in the April 2 election.

In the election 10 days ago, Commissioners James A. Beresford and Henry L. Woolfenden were re-elected to two-year posts.

Beresford drew 24 votes; Woolfenden, 200. Constable Homer J. Murphy won another one-year term with 228 votes.

Written candidate for city commissioner, Edward A. Schirmer, polled 78 votes.

Woolfenden urged the commission in a prepared statement to authorize an investigation by William B. Hartman, city attorney, concerning the campaign for Schirmer, the write-in candidate.

Woolfenden said: "The municipal election of April 2 was decided by a decisive majority of those citizens who voted and I personally hold no ill will toward any citizen who participated in the carefully planned clandestine campaign for the election of a 'write-in' candidate, even though the sportsmanship of sporting such a candidacy—at the last minute in what had been reported in the press as a no-contest election—might be questioned by any fair-minded citizen."

Woolfenden said events three days preceding the election caused him to publish his protest before the commission.

## 5-Year-Old Gets Assist In War Game

BEVERLY HILLS—Little Barry Redman's plans for an afternoon of war games exploded somewhat suddenly just before noon Tuesday.

Five-year-old Barry and his girlfriend were peacefully playing in the recreation room of the Redman home at 3125 W. Rutland when they decided to get out Barry's toy cannon.

BEFORE THEY had fired an opening shot, the little boy's mother, Mrs. Glenn E. Redman, a neighbor and two Beverly Hills policemen were involved in an hour-long battle to extricate Barry's arm from the muzzle of the weapon, a replica of a Civil War cannon.

Barry, who was merely trying to retrieve a cannon ball from inside the gun when it captured him, dispatched his friend to call mother. After her efforts failed, she sent out an SOS for the neighbor.

Thirty minutes later, the two women surrendered and called the police to retrieve the little POW.

PATROLMEN Robert Risk and John Knott's arrived and put in another half-hour effort, finally prying the muzzle off Barry's arm piece by piece with a pair of pliers.

With his arm back in service, Barry bestowed a smile on the two policemen and prepared to marshal his forces for another round of play—this time, without a cannon.



## Leader Dogs Put Through Paces

Trainers from the Leader Dog School at Rochester have been using the streets of Birmingham during the last week to train future leader dogs. Dan McDonald and Dudley McAllister are shown here teaching the dogs to wait at intersections. Later on in the training cycle the blind owners of the dogs will handle the canines themselves. The Birmingham Lions Club helped set up the local training arrangements.

## Mrs. Willett, Burgum Renamed to Top Posts

Burgum for the mayor pro tem position, praising him for the manner in which he conducted the office in the absence of the mayor.

Burgum also was unanimously elected. Both he and the mayor were sworn in by Miss Hanley.

"Thanking the commission 'for the opportunity' to serve, Mrs. Willett commented on the 'teamwork' of all of the commissioners and expressed gratitude to Burgum for 'the wonderful help he has given me in the past year.'"

Mrs. Willett became the second woman in the city's history to be elected commissioner in 1955; in 1959 she became the first woman mayor pro tem; and in 1960 became the first woman mayor.

Burgum has been a commissioner since 1958.

BEFORE the election of mayor and mayor pro tem, Carl F. Ingraham was sworn in by City Clerk Irene Hanley as a "new" commissioner. He was re-elected in the April 2 city election. Renfrew, also re-elected, will be sworn in next week.

In nominating Mrs. Willett for a third term, Ingraham said she "has done an outstanding job as mayor in attention to details of the operation of the office of mayor and of the city government."

Commissioner William E. Roberts, presiding as temporary chairman, emphasized that Mrs. Willett received "a unanimous vote of confidence and appreciation."

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