Youth is a time for the building of great dreams . . . it's a time when adolescence opens new vistas of life, some of them physical, many of them mental, even spiritual—a time when youth, aware of the maladjustment of the adult world's so-many-things, bravely declares: "Just wait until I get out in mankind's world . . . I'll show 'em what's wrong and what I will do to set it right!" Maturity mellows, explains many things.

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Change in Zoning Of Lathrup Lots Is Recommended

By IRMA N. DAVIS
Township Editor

LATHRUP — Zoning was the main topic at Monday's council meeting with discussion centering on two areas of 12 Mile Road.

City Attorney Everett Hayes said he was preparing a zoning board of appeals report on the proposed commercial zoning of five lots on 12 Mile Road, east of Southfield.

Hayes said that most of the 70 to 80 persons attending an Aug. 14 public hearing before the zoning board had objected to permitting a Norge laundry and dry cleaning establishment on the property.

THE ZONING BOARD, Hayes said, emphasized that this hearing was concerned only with the change to commercial zoning of the land. The question of permitting the Norge business at that location would be considered later, board members said.

Hayes said the board has recommended the commercial zoning because "legally" the city would probably be unable to sustain residential zoning of the property. The lots are adjacent to and east of the A&P.

However, Hayes said, the zoning board does not necessarily have to allow use of the lots by the dry cleaning establishment — the city's zoning ordinance specifically limits dry-cleaning service to pickup stations.

Another public hearing will be held on the Norge proposal.

THE REZONING of land from the alley just west of Southfield Road to Guy Place to transitional-professional (TP-2) was covered in a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance which was adopted on first reading Monday.

The new ordinance permits one-story buildings which will act as a buffer between residential and commercial type zoning.

Professional and public office use, or any use permitted in residential areas, will be allowed in this area under the proposed ordinance.

EXTERIOR architecture and material must be in conformity with adjacent and neighboring property districts, with a minimum frontage of 50 feet and 11-foot-deep front yards.

Other provisions limit parking to the side and front; ban outside storage facilities; prohibit drive-in services; and specify a five-foot-high, eight-inch-thick rear wall.

THE COUNCIL set a study meeting on rezoning of five blocks of Southfield Road for Sept. 17.

Mayor Richard N. Cogger said the meeting would continue discussion on the rezoning as proposed by the council before the institution of a zoning suit by Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Kelley in late July.

The suit asks for commercial zoning of not only certain Southfield Road property but Kelley-owned land on 11 Mile, 12 Mile and Evergreen roads.

Cogger said the widening of Southfield Road by the county, scheduled to begin in spring, 1963, "changes the picture from a practical point of view.

"The status of the land at the time the suit is tried would have weight in a decision," Cogger indicated.

This and That

by George R. Averill

Kremlin Outpost Set Up Within 90 Miles of U.S. Shore

You are one of approximately 186 million Americans, living in a dangerous conglomeration of human society. Your country is within 90 miles of a little island in the Caribbean Sea that has gone Communistic.

Within the past few weeks Soviet Russia has landed more than a score of ships, loaded with various instruments of war, plus upwards of 5,000 Russians—said by the Kremlin to be "technicians," but believed to include many Russian soldiers.

President Kennedy is opposed to an invasion of Cuba; a number of Congressmen want an invasion. How many American citizens agree with Kennedy is not known. It is agreed, however, that the longer an invasion (to apply the Monroe Doctrine) is delayed, the more difficult it will be to invade.

In the meantime, our leaders will continue to pour money and men into the Congo, Laos, Vietnam—places many, many times farther from our shores than nearby Cuba.

With our vaunted greatness, our vast military powers, our presumed able Central Intelligence Agency, our far-flung consular service, etc., etc., we were unable to perceive Castro's true nature; we were unable to prevent so tiny a poverty-stricken nation to fall victim to Communism.

We were unable to prevent the erection of a Kremlin outpost right at our doorstep! Are you, one of approximately 186 million Americans, for or against the invasion of Cuba?

September always brings the return of millions of American youth to school, where they are supposed to be subjected to a variety of educational contacts; this environment of textbooks, classrooms and teachers (not to forget athletics) is expected to start youth on the way to becoming more civilized, more capable, when grown up, to support "civilization - status." Youth's return to school also gives millions of mothers a bit of surcease from the trials and tribulations of "umpiring."

Michigan's annual State Fair has come and gone, its attendance for the first time passing the million mark. This should mean that it supported itself, with maybe a few dollars left over for the state's general fund. Anyway, it provided lots of fun for lots of people . . . some of whom, it is guessed, were interested in some of the animals at the fair. After all, wasn't the fair idea started 113 years ago very largely for the showing of the products of the farm? (The midway devices came later.)

On land, sea and in the air, ancient Italy always has had many troubles—and now again, from the bowels of the restive earth, her southern areas are shaken by earthquakes. Indeed, the processes of Nature continue their own way—unmindful of man-made parliaments, Congresses, Legislatures, and other forms of dynasties.

The fierceness of Gov. Swainson's (and Gus Scholle's) attack on Republican George Romney's efforts to become Michigan's governor, reveals the concern that the Democrats have with regard to keeping Swainson in office. I hope that Romney will reject the idea of a personal attack in kind. Certainly, there are enough issues involved upon which to wage a vigorous campaign. Certainly, a recital of the gross extravagance, the prodigality of Swainson's party (not to overlook its larger example in Washington, D. C.) should offer plenty of subject matter of interest to overburdened and overgoverned taxpayers of Michigan! Let Mr. Romney include the portrayal of how, despite wage increases, the average Michigan citizen (regardless of his politics) gains little or nothing in purchasing power.

City of Lathrup Village

By IRMA N. DAVIS
Township Editor

The City of Lathrup Village may be a somewhat paradoxical name for a community but it aptly describes this small municipality, population 3,700 persons, with its efficient city form of government.

The city covers an area only one-and-one-half square miles in size. It is bounded on the north and south by 12 and 10½ Mile roads. It runs east and west from about one-quarter mile east of Southfield Road to Evergreen.

INCORPORATED as a city in late 1953 from a part of Southfield Township, its affairs are legislated by a five-member council.

Council members, who are not paid for their services, rely on the city administrator to steer the daily operation of the municipality.

Lathrup's council is elected on a rotation basis to insure experienced leaders. Each April, three are elected—two for two-year terms and one for a one-year term. Following the election, the five meet and name a mayor pro tem from among themselves.

THE NEW COUNCIL also designates the dates for meetings, in April, for the ensuing year. Currently, it meets the second and fourth Monday of each month in the AAA building at 26026 Southfield Road.

Occasionally it shifts its meeting place to the city hall—when a public hearing is held, for instance.

The municipal offices have been housed since May in part of a former supermarket at 28911 Southfield, for which $200 rent is paid per month.

Before this, the city offices were headquartered in a former mansion, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Kelley. The couple allowed the city to use the house in return for a partial tax break on the property.

FROM ITS Southfield Road offices, the business of the city is managed from day-to-day by the administrator and his staff.

In Lathrup, the city administrator doubles in brass as the building commissioner, purchasing agent, personnel and financial director and in several other capacities.

He is assisted by the city clerk whose duties in his own rule include certification of documents, spreading of taxes, preparation for elections and many other functions. He also acts as city assessor and heating inspector.

OTHER municipal staff members are the treasurer, administrative and court clerk and administrative secretary, all of whom can be found in the city offices every day.

A justice-of-the-peace conducts a monthly court and the city's legal affairs are watched over by a city attorney.

Lathrup gets assistance from civic-minded residents who serve on various advisory boards and commissions without pay.

These include the six-man zoning board of appeals, road and traffic safety advisory committee, forestry and other groups who work in the areas of building code, budget, tax board of review and recreation commission, to name only a few.

PUBLIC WORKS and roads are handled by a paid DPW staff, headed by a supervisor. Much of the road repair and road construction in Lathrup is done by this department and the beautiful city trees benefit from the care and attention given them by these men.

Another separate department handles the water system.

Residents receive police protection from a chief and the three men on his force, plus a group of volunteers who devote hours of their spare time to the welfare of Lathrup.

FIRE PROTECTION is provided by the nearby City of Southfield for which Lathrup pays about $23,000 per year, on a contract basis. Also contracted is the rubbish collection, though the DPW sometimes goes to bat in this area, picking up Christmas trees in winter and grass clippings and brush in the summer.

These sum up the activities, in the main, that stem out of city hall. Someday, it is hoped, Lathrup will be able to erect its city building—headquarters not only for official business but for the many organizations that flourish in the city.

For this purpose, it recently established a municipal building advisory commission, composed of local residents.

Thus, the city continues to grow and to look ahead.

Paradoxical Name Fits This Area Municipality

Charge Trio With Murder In Area Crime

BEVERLY HILLS—First degree murder charges have been brought against three men, one of whom was captured in an early morning, 100-mile-per-hour chase by Beverly Hills Police on Sept. 5.

A fourth man, Joseph Rosetti, was found dead in the car by police when they caught up with the driver, Joseph Loncar, 35, of Lincoln Park. Beverly Patrolmen James Davis and James Morgan captured Loncar.

Loncar and Thomas J. Kubala, 26, also of Lincoln Park, stood mute Sept. 6 before Royal Oak Municipal Judge Keith J. Leenhouts. The third man, Joseph J. Welsh, 38, of Hazel Park, demanded examination.

The three are to face examination this Friday.

THE ROYAL OAK prosecutor's office has also charged the trio with kidnapping, armed robbery and safe burglary.

The murder charge grew out of Rosetti's death. The 35-year-old man, a Philadelphia resident, was a cellmate of Loncar and Welsh at West State (Pa.) Penitentiary in 1948.

Rosetti had been shot earlier in the evening by J. J. Levy, Royal Oak businessman, police said, but they believe his death resulted from shots exchanged in the chase by the Beverly Hills Police when they took up the chase.

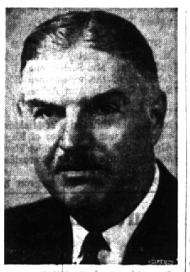
STATUTES PROVIDE that a death resulting from a felony constitutes murder. Loncar is being held in the Royal Oak jail, Welsh in Ferndale and Kubala in Berkley. No bond was set for any of them.

A fourth man, James Wilson, 27, of Lincoln Park, is still being sought.

On Rec Commission

LATHRUP — Mrs. Richard Anderson's appointment as chairman of the Lathrup Recreation Commission was approved by the council Monday.

ALVIN BENTLEY



NEIL STAEBLER

Bentley, Staebler To Appear at BCH

Alvin Bentley (R) and Neil Staebler (D), candidates for Congressman-at-Large from Michigan, will be in Birmingham next Monday to speak before the Birmingham League of Women Voters on foreign policy.

The meeting will be held in the Men's Lounge of the Community House at 1:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

GOP candidate Bentley was first elected to Congress from the ninth district in 1952 at the age of 34.

CONSISTENTLY ACTIVE in the area of foreign affairs, Bentley was the first Congressman to visit Poland after the 1956 Revolution. In 1959 he traveled to Berlin for the House Foreign Affairs Committee during the spring crisis of that year. He was also a delegate to the first American-German conference held in Germany in October of 1959.

In 1960 Bentley resigned his Congressional seat to run for the United State Senate. He lost the election to the incumbent senator.

In 1961 he was elected as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. He served as Chairman of the Education Committee and was also a member of the Committee on Executive Branch where he was chairman of the subcommittee on Executive Reorganization.

Bentley is a director of the Mitchell-Bentley Corp. of Owosso and Ionia. He is also a director of the National Conference on Citizenship and a vice-president of the Lake Huron Broadcasting Co., Saginaw.

STAEBLER, Democratic National Committeeman from Michigan, is a life-long resident of Ann Arbor.

His service in the Democratic party dates back to the early 1930's when he managed his father's campaigns for mayor of Ann Arbor. Prior to World War II, he served as delegate to the county and state Democratic conventions.

During the war he served as Chief, Building Materials Branch, Office of Price Administration and as lieutenant in the Navy. In 1946 he served as consultant to the Federal Housing Expediter.

After the War, Staebler rejoined the Democratic party. In 1950 he was named Democratic State Chairman and served in that position until 1961.

The election of a Congressman-at-Large is the first time in fifty years Michigan voters will have the opportunity to vote for a Congressman to represent their district as well as a representative for the entire state.

Local Speaker

Willis E. Stone, author of the proposed Liberty Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, will discuss his proposal at a public meeting at 8:30 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Men's Lounge at the Community House. The amendment would eliminate the federal income tax. Tickets are available at the door or from Arthur J. Brandt, Jr., 821 Kennesaw, Birmingham, member of the National Committee for Economic Freedom.

Board Ponders Date For 1-Mill Tax Vote

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Just when to ask West Bloomfield residents for a special one-mill tax to be used specifically for public safety was discussed by township board members at their meeting last week.

Members agreed that the tax should be voted on, but were undecided as to whether it should be placed on the Nov. 6 ballot.

BECAUSE township voters had just renewed a special one-mill tax for general operation in the Aug. 7 primary, the board finally decided to wait a few months before seeking additional financing.

The one mill, which would net the township slightly over $50,000, would be used for additional equipment for the fire department, additional manpower for both police and fire department, and a possible raise in salaries for department heads as well as employes.

BOARD MEMBERS pointed out that the proposed one-mill tax would not mean any increase in township taxes paid last year by township residents, as a one-mill library tax has expired meanwhile.

However, since the proposed tax would not be spread until December, 1963, residents would have a one-year decrease in taxes before the 1961 level was resumed.

Adopt Amendment To Fire Ordinance

Birmingham city commissioners adopted an amendment to the fire prevention ordinance Monday night.

It requires notice to the fire marshal of any public assembly where there would be decorations, exhibits or furnishings not previously inspected by the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

Lathrup Raises Employes' Pay

LATHRUP—Approval of merit raises for city employes was approved Monday by the council.

Personnel in the administrative and court branches received a total $931 in raises. Police salaries were increased $720 and the DPW staff was raised a total of $468.

Total increases added up to $2,119.

IN OTHER business, the council adopted a new heating code ordinance on its first reading. The new ordinance, if finally adopted, will repeal the old ordinance. The new ordinance is based on the Detroit code for heating and refrigeration.

Authorization of City Attorney Everett Hayes to prosecute cases for the city in the local justice court was given approval. In specific cases, Hayes will be asked to represent Lathrup by the mayor, following recommendation by the city administrator.

Candidates to Meet At Cranbrook House

Michigan's two gubernatorial candidates and candidates for Oakland County public offices have been invited to the Oakland Citizens League Silver Anniversary Membership Tea at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 22.

The event is expected to provide the only meeting in Oakland County of Gov. John B. Swainson and his GOP rival, George W. Romney, during the current gubernatorial campaign.

IN ADDITION to candidates for public offices and Oakland County elected officials, invitations are in the mail to nearly 1,000 Oakland County citizens who have demonstrated their concern for good government. Admission will be by invitation only.

Mrs. Robert VanderKloot, Bloomfield Hills, and Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr., of Birmingham are heading the membership tea committee.

The tea will be held at Cranbrook House, the ancestral home of the Booth family, founders of the five Cranbrook Institutions. Henry S. Booth founded the nonpartisan Oakland Citizens League in 1937 and serves as honorary president. President is W. Laurence Shaffner of Rochester.

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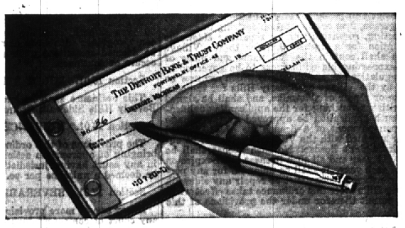

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