

# Lathrup Considering Plan To Beautify S'field Road

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Staff Writer

"Creeping asphalt," a city-beautification disease different from Dutch elm but also capable of causing a blight, was the topic of a presentation by the Forestry Advisory Committee to the Lathrup Village Council Monday night.

Southfield landscape architect Joe Reske presented a \$30,000- or \$1,000 per block — landscaped program that would beautify Southfield Road from 10 1/2 Mile to 12 Mile Road.

Current plans would eliminate all front-of-business parking lots or strips so that only trees or shrubbery would be visible from the road.

ALTHOUGH THE council was appropriately impressed with the landscaping plans, it requested a more moderate and therefore feasible plan be presented at its Monday, July 13, meeting.

Council members were also hopeful that a tree-planting program, utilizing 60 trees already owned by Lathrup, could begin in the fall. Preliminary sketches allow for 10 feet of grass, 10-foot culverts, 25 feet of tree or shrub planting finally bordered by the sidewalks.

Besides grass, plants call for planting of restricted growth shade trees such as crab or cherry in front of single-level buildings, thick, low-lying shrubs for multi-levels and high trees for buildings with low-base windows.

Exit and entrance lanes near the shoulder of the road would remain clear for at least 25 feet on either side.

GIANT-SIZED trees were eliminated from the plans for several reasons, according to Reske.

"They are primarily a safety hazard for drivers who veer off the road, roots force existing concrete to crack and shadows create icy spots in the winter."

"The State Highway Department does not allow these trees to be planted from within 100 feet of the road," he said.

Reske said that plans reserve a 20-foot strip on either side of Southfield Road that would enable Oakland County to widen the road, if necessary, without endangering the beautification program.

RESKE, WHO said that land-



MAYOR HUBER

## Troy Mayor To Run for State Senate

Troy Mayor Robert J. Huber will be a candidate for state senator for the third senatorial district of Oakland County, announced a newly-formed committee of South Oakland residents.

Mayor of Troy for the past six years and a member of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors for the last four years, Huber has been active in both non-partisan politics and in the Republican Party of Oakland County.

DESCRIBING himself as a conservative Republican, the Troy mayor is an advocate of individual rights and the protection of them. He has fought against any form of legislation which he felt infringed upon citizens' rights, exemplified by his participation in the Vigilance Tax Committee's successful fight against Detroit's income tax on South Oakland citizens.

Huber, 41, chaired the Oakland Citizens League Community College Study Committee, was chairman of Region IV of the Michigan Municipal League for 1964 and has served as Oakland County Chairman for Michigan Week. He was also honorary Muscular Dystrophy Chairman for Oakland County and a director of the Oakland County Children's Aid Society.

## Trinidad Student Wins Scholarship

Greta Branker, 16, will graduate from the Dominican Academy near Oxford June 14. Greta is from Trinidad, an island in the British West Indies, and has earned a scholarship to Marygrove College.

The scholarship was made possible by the Pontiac Missionaries, Inc., who promote education by providing scholarships through sponsoring bazaars and fund raising projects. There are many women from Holy Name and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parishes in Birmingham who have been keenly interested in this program.

WHEN SCHOOL opens in the fall, Greta will be enrolled at Marygrove and will be living with Mr. and Mrs. Addison E. Grosh, 17132 Northlawn, Detroit.

Upon graduation from college, Greta expects to return to her people in Trinidad as a teacher.

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scapers "frowned on front-building parking," said the county would enforce this provision if Lathrup would adopt it.

As Lathrup zoning now stands, businesses must also provide ample parking space either on the side or back of their buildings without relying on front parking. Earlier establishments, however, made provisions only for front parking.

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## Group Meets, Plans Project for HOPE

The Oakland County chapter of Project HOPE met Tuesday night at the Birmingham Community House. They initiated plans for a special HOPE project, appointed committee chairman and heard the financial report.

The name "HOPE" stands for Health Opportunity for People Everywhere.

HOPE's purpose is to carry out a program of cooperation in the field of health between people of the United States and those people in newly-developed nations of the world.

## Motel Robbed For Third Time

Two bandits wearing stocking masks robbed two clerks of the Birmingham House Motel at gunpoint early Sunday morning and made off with \$109 in cash.

This is the third time in seven months that the motel at Hunter and Maple has been robbed.

Last November, a lone bandit took \$634 on a Sunday morning and in April a total of \$1,123 was taken also on a Sunday morning.

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