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# BOARD FACES WEEK OF CRISIS

"Tenting Tonight"



The Flying Eagles, Chester Johnson, Larry McDonough, Tom Goulding and John Baron are cooking up a batch of real homemade chili.

What started out to be a beautiful weekend, ended up a damp and chilly one for
Woodridge Boy Scout troop 109. Thirteen
boys and their leaders, Scoutmaster Mr.
Shroka, Mr. Ford, Mr. Knight and Mr.
Dillon, spent the weekend of May 3,4, and
5 at Thunderbird Scout Camp. When the
rains came the Hawk Patrol tent turned
into a river and the boys doubled up with
other patrols.

## Parade to Open Baseball Season

This Sunday, the Woodridge Athletic Association will open the baseball season again with a baseball day parade and a double header. After the games, adult members of the WAA will conduct the annual membership drive. Receipts from the drive are used for activities sponsored by the organization.

The parade will begin at 1 p.m. and will terminate at the athletic field at 75th st. and Woodridge drive.for a pregame ceremony. The parade will begin at the Crabtree cul-de-sac and will follow a route that will include Catalpa, Walnut, Forest Glen Parkway and Westview lane. The first game between "500"Tire's Braves and Rochke's Yankees, will begin at 2 p.m. The second game will be Fashion Cleaner's Cards vs. Egizio Chevrolet's Cubs.

May 2, about 40 people saw Richard Trondsen's colored slides of last year's baseball day parade at Woodridge school at the dads and sons night film showing.

#### **Circus Coming to Town**

Chief Joel Kagann of the Woodridge Police Association today announced that they plan to sponsor the famous Sells Bros. Circus in Woodridge on Thurs., June 13.

The show, a genuine old time 3 Ring Circus "under the big top", and the largest to play in this area in many years, will give performances at 4 and 8 p.m. at the show grounds located at Janes ave. south of 75th st. for one day only.

Tickets are on sale now from any member of the Woodridge Police Association and they urge everyone to buy their tickets early to avoid the line at the box office on Circus Day. All proceeds will go to the Woodridge Police Association.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$1.25 for adults and 75¢ for children up to 12 years.

The boys were complimented on being better prepared and better organized this time. The Flying Eagle Patrol received a blue ribbon for the best prepared and most efficient patrol. Each patrol brought and cooked their own meals. Chicken, pork chops, chile and corn on the cob were some of the foods prepared.

According to the boys, the best part of the weekend was the initiation of new Scouts, John Tucker, Bob Geils, Bob Little and Larry McDonough. As part of the initiation, the boys were taken into the woods, blindfolded and told to find their way back to camp. I wonder if there were any stubbed toes.

## VFW to Install Officers

Presentation of colors, a flag team and a rifle team from Batavia (Ill.) are to be only part of the colorful pageantry included in the Woodridge V.F.W. Post #4739 and V.F.W. Women's Auxiliary installation of officers at 2:30 p.m., Sun., May 26, in the gym of the Woodridge school.

The residents of the village and their friends are most cordially invited to attend said Joe Vymetal, post commander.

The results of the Apr. 28 V. F. W. election are:

Commander, Joe Vymetal; Sr. Vice Commander, John Eads; Jr. Vice Commander, George Vanik; Quartermaster, M. Hennessey; Post Judge Advocate, D. O'Shea; Chaplain, T. Przybylski; Surgeon, Bud Guernsey; 2 yr. trustee, G. Carter and 3 yr. trustee, Robert Reid.

Mrs. Olga Barkauski was elected president of the Women's Auxiliary on Apr. 25 and the following posts filled: Sr. vice president, Phyllis Slater; Jr. vice president, Dorothy Gwiazdowski; Treasurer, Margery O'Shea; Chaplain, Yvonne Ludacka; Conductress, Pat Vanik; Guard, Florence Ralston and 3 yr. trustee, Barbara Russo.

The newly elected officers will begin their terms this July.

Don't Forget St. Scholastica Dance May 18

# Special And Executive Meetings Crowd Village Calendar

Werch, Callahan Clash; Wiggins Ejected

The five new village trustees squared off last week against the president and the one holdover trustee to produce the wildest period of political activity this village has ever seen. The action began at the

# **Annexation Deferred**

The village board voted unanimously to defer action on the proposed Winston-Muss annexation at a special meeting May 9 in the Woodridge school gym. The motion to postpone action until the next regular board meeting, June 6, was passed in response to a letter from Joshua Muss in which he said that prior committments prevented him from attending Thursday's special meeting.

An informal meeting between Muss and the board was scheduled for the following night, May 10. Members of the press were invited to attend.

## Attorney Hired Over Protest

Above the protest of Village President William Roberts and Trustee Leon Werch that the action was illegal, the five remaining village trustees took steps to employ James McClure as the new village attorney at a special meeting of the Woodridge village board, May 6.

An unprecedented number of people attempted to crowd into the village hall for the meeting called by the five newly-elected trustees. Interest was stirred when the citizenry learned Saturday that the trustees had called the special meeting to terminate the employment of village attorney, Douglas Comstock, Downers Grove, and employ a new attorney. The third item on the agenda for the evening was to instruct the new attorney to begin proceedings in the circuit court of DuPage County against the builder for the lease cancellation action

## Comstock Gives Opinion

Since Douglas F. Comstock has been village attorney for over two years, he was contacted by the WNR for his opinion on the employment of a new attorney.

He said that, based on Chapter 102, Sec. 41-44 of the statutes, his legal opinion was that the Monday meeting was illegal; that because of the manner in which it was held and the fact that the chair was ignored, the meeting was a nullity.

He said further that he believes in competing for the post of village attorney. As a village attorney you just don't resign until another attorney is validly appointed, he said.

# McClure States Qualifications

The newly-appointed village attorney, James E. McClure, outlined his background and experience to approximately 100 citizens who attended a special meeting of the village board May 9 at the Woodridge school gym. President William T. Roberts gave the floor to McClure at McClure's request following the adjournment of official business.

McClure said, "Since I was not here
Tuesday night, I did not have the opportunity to speak in my defense. There seems
to be a great deal of interest in my backTurn to page 6

regular board meeting, May 2, and was followed by two special meetings, one contested special meeting and two executive meetings.

#### Regular Meeting May 2

The newly-elected village trustees, Edward Redmond, Marvin Wiggins, David Callahan, Walter Hansen and James Kinser, began their tenure of office by facing an agitated group of about 275 residents May 2.

Action on the part of these trustees cancelling their planned meeting with Surety Development Corp. precipitated cancellation of the developer's leases for the village hall and the fire barn. The meeting was changed to the school gym to accommodate the anticipated crowd.

The first proposed business was the consideration of two bids for 2 flags, American and State of Illinois, with all the necessary equipment. Trustee Leon Werch, the only hold-over from the previous board, moved that the board accept the bid for the flags on display for \$152.82. There was no second to the motion. President William Roberts then asked that the flags be removed. When contacted later, a spokesman for the new trustees said that the reason why they did not approve the bid was that they did not have knowledge of the financial condition of the village at that time and did not want to make an unwise decision.

A lengthy discussion involved the contract for Chief of Police Joel Kagann. The dispute did not involve the performance of the chief, the amount of salary, but circumstances under which he might be discharged. The contract as presented called for 3/4 majority of the board and the president. Trustee Wiggins said that he felt it should be a 2/3 majority to keep in line with the other statutes. Trustee Werch said he thought the required vote should be 3/4 majority of the trustees and the vote of the president. Wiggins answered that that would amount to virtually a veto power for the president. Werch said that the job is too important, that the president worked closely with the chief and makes the appointment and therefore should have a vote in any discharge proceedings. Trustee Werch also suggested that malfeasance, misconduct and the breaking of the rules and regulations of the police department also be necessary factors for dismissal. Lenghty discussion followed with participation from the audience.

In the motion to approve the contract for the chief, the factors suggested by Werch were included but the vote was changed to a 2/3 majority of the board including the president. The contract was referred to Chief Kagann for his approval.

In other business, President Roberts appointed committees. Trustee Werch was named finance committee chairman with Trustees Kinser and Redmond to serve on the committee. Trustee Callahan was appointed chairman of the public protection committee with committee members, Trustees Hansen and Wiggins. Building and Zoning Chairman Trustee Redmond has Trustees Werch and Kinser serving on the committee with him, and Special Studies Chairman Hansen's committee members are Trustees Wiggins and Callahan

The audience, the majority of which seemed to disapprove of the board actions all evening, voiced its opinions at every opportunity and frequently made the opportunity without benefit of parliamentary procedure by applause, catcalls and loud comments.

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#### *EDITORIAL*

It was probably inevitable. Anytime there is a shift in the control of a government from one opposing group to another as we had in the recent election, there is bound to be some conflict. Woodridge was certainly no exception. The unfortunate thing about situations like this is that the extremists of both groups always seize upon these situations to stir up the citizens to a point where one wonders if there is any longer a common meeting ground.

We never thought we would see the day in Woodridge when a citizen would stand up at a public meeting like the one May 2, plead for a reasonable approach to the solution of the problem at hand and be heckled and booed by many in the audience. This meeting was allowed to degenerate into a free-for-all which made a mockery of democracy. We believe the public should be allowed to speak at every public meeting, but it is the duty of the president to maintain order and the responsibility of the audience not to abuse this privilege.

In another instance, literature was passed throughout the village in an obvious attempt to appeal to emotionalism. Some of this literature was unsigned: and although we vigorously believe in free speech, the citizens to whom this literature was addressed have a right to know who is speaking to them. It may be well to point out that state law provides jail terms of up to a year for publishers of anonymous political material. Not only is it illegal but if it's worth saying, it's worth signing.

It's encouraging to note that during all this tension, the president of Surety Builders and the president and trustees of the village were able to get together and calmly discuss mutual community problems.

Since the election we have watched Woodridge turn into a battle of wits. Regardless of who is right or wrong in this battle for supremacy, Woodridge will be the loser unless a cooperative form of checks and balances can be established. No group is completely right or wrong and only through an exchange of ideas and opinions, conducted in a give and take atmosphere, can the positive growth of Woodridge be maintained. The members of the present governing body were all elected in good faith to reflect the wishes of the people. Some serious soul searching on this matter is needed by the president and the board of trustees.

Woodridge can have a great future. Many important decisions must be made immediately. We must not continue to add fuel to past weaknesses, misunderstandings and antagonisms. If this continues, the rift in our village will be irreparable, and all will suffer.

## Mothers Club to Install Officers

The Woodridge mothers club will hold its last meeting of the year on May 21 at 8 p.m. at the Woodridge school gym. It had been announced previously that Dr. Pickerel, Superintendent of the Downers Grove Schools, would be guest speaker for that evening. However, due to other commitments he is unable to attend. The program now planned will be equally enjoyable. An Illinois Bell Telephone film entitled,

"Decorating Unlimited" has been obtained.

The highlight of the evening will be the installation of the new officers.

The final executive board meeting of the Mothers club will be a dinner meeting May 15 at White Fence Farm. This special treat has become a tradition and is eagerly awaited.

Sat. May 25 at 2 p.m. in the Woodridge school gym, there will be another movie for the children. The movie will be "March of the Wooden Soldiers" with Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. This will probably be the last movie for the year.



Nine times out of ten, if you will line up with the crowd that's making the least noise, you will be on the right side.

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## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The April 18 issue of the WNR contained the following headline: <u>ALL C. A. P. CANDIDATES VICTORIOUS.</u>

We suggest that you re-run that headline. Some people apparently did not get the message.

Sincerely,

Janet C. Mueller Louis W. Mueller

Dear Sir:

These past two weeks have been full of excitement, emotion and temper. Our village is, seemingly, in division, friend against friend, neighbor against neighbor. Why? A new administration has taken office and in the midst of this, unfortunate circumstances have occurred that have caused this situation to arise. Is this good? I would say yes, because you and I, the people of Woodridge, must think. Think not only of ourselves but of one another. We must determine whether or not we will stand behind our elected officials and trust them. We must determine if we will go forward or backward. With all of this we must think of why and how these things have come about. But, we must think, we must use reason, and I pray show love for all involved. I ask you, as a citizen of Woodridge, will you evaluate, reason, think of the past, present and future and then pay the cost of a sound, progressive village.

Respectfully yours,

Robert W. Savage

Dear Editor:

First of all, let it be known that I am a humanitarian and I have remained quite neutral throughout these past two weeks of mayhem. I have sat, stood, and peered through basement windows to gather information to help me develop an open mind. Now let me point out a few items of interest that I have witnessed through this very difficult period in the life of our village.

I believe it is the will of the people to hold open board meetings in adequate places. Since the trustees are our representatives, I feel it is their obligation to let their constituents hear what they have to say and what is being legislated.

I believe CAP has made some errors in their initial venture into village government. Perhaps, the flag incident was an error on their part. In fact, I have also observed one new trustee is beginning to wallow in the power he now has. But, "to err is human, to forgive divine".

In the past few weeks, I have read pamphlets, letters, letters answering previous letters, and fables. Just recently I read two fables, concerning THE BIG BAD MAN and THE BIG BAD WOLF. In my opinion, these fables could have been written by a nine or ten-year-old. May I suggest a title for the next fable. Snow White (who else?) and the Seven Dwarfs.

In my opinion I sense a few rabble-rousers have spread dissension among the residents of our village. Some have failed to realize that CAP won a vote of confidence by the people of Woodridge on election day.

I must say that I have also observed a few members of the now defunct WIP party are making a genuine grand-stand play for recognition. Democracy is founded on the principle of "the majority rules." Let Them Rule!! Let us <u>unite</u> as villagers to make this a progressive village by standing behind our elected officers. Let your opinions be known and lastly, keep an open mind toward all matters of importance concerning this, our village.

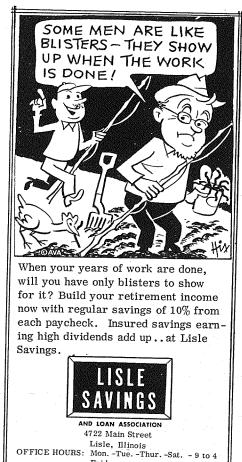
Al Schirmacher

## Fire Dept. News

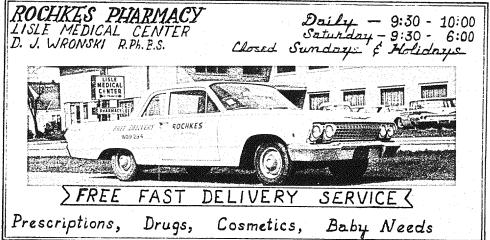
Fire department activity during the last two weeks consisted of two calls, one of which was for a small fire resulting from the explosion of a stove. The fire occurred at the Bachtosis residence on Rte.53 south of 75 st. Damage was limited to the stove itself and there were no persons injured.

The second call was for an inhalator to the home of Mrs. George Karl, Rte.53 and 76 st.





Closed Wednesday



#### Crisis Cont. from page 1

Later in the meeting it was explained by Trustee Callahan that the reason the meeting was cancelled was that the day before the scheduled meeting the new trustees learned that there was just a short time in which to settle an unresolved village park situation instead of the 5 to 10 years as they had just recently been informed. The unpaid back taxes have been purchased by private citizens and the situation at the time of the cancelled meeting was that if the taxes were not paid by the owner in the quarter referred to, the private citizens could gain ownership of the village park.

Many attempts have been made by many parties to resolve the ownership of this

On learning of the situation, the new trustees decided they would not meet to discuss future development of lands until the problem of present public lands is resolved. Saturday morning attempts were made to reach Mr. Kaufman, but they were unable to reach him, said Trustee Kinser. These trustees then left the message with President Roberts that he inform Mr. Kaufman of their decision.

Late that Saturday Albert Kaufman announced he would not renew the leases on the village hall and the village barn. He said his decision was based on the board's refusal to meet with him to discuss the



OPEN SUNDAY

changes he had requested in the subdivision control ordinance for the building he proposes in units 5 and 6. He said he wanted the board to have a clear understanding of the proposed changes for the Apr. 29 public hearing.

A letter dated Apr. 30 from Surety was delivered to every resident notifying officials of the cancellation of the leases and demanding possession on June 1, '63 also requesting the removal of village material stored on Surety property before May 15 or \$25 per day storage charge is to be assessed.

At the May 2 meeting Trustee Werch said he would like to make it clear that he had not been invited to the Saturday morning meeting and was not party to the action and asked for censure of the other trustees for this action.

Trustee Kinser said that they tried to invite Werch but were unable to reach him.

At this point Kaufman was given the floor. He said that he called it blackmail and that he took their campaign promises at face value (realistic relations with the building community.) Kaufman also said that he intended to give the village an  ${\tt acre}$ on Janes rd. south of the proposed shopping center, that the board knew but deliberately dropped this bomb.

Trustee Callahan took the floor, faced an angry audience and said that the trustees were not aware of this offer. At this point Trustee Werch jumped up and, in a near violent clash of heated words, shouted, "I beg to differ with you!" Callahan insisted angrily that all five of the new trustees would back him up in his assertion that they had not been told beforehand of a public land offer from Kaufman. It was obvious that Werch and President Roberts had a different opinion from the 5 new trustees as to whether or not Roberts had informed them.

The point was made by one of the newlyelected trustees that this park is the only public land that the village has.

Kaufman then said, we're discussing the park, a minor point. Is this board cooperative? Let's get to the main issue on the floor.

Woodridge Athletic Association President Virgil McPherson then had the floor and said that the WAA had been notified that they would have to vacate the field at ಸಾವಾರ್ವವಾದ್ಯವಾದ್ಯವಾದ್ಯವಾದ್ಯಾಗಿ and Woodridge drv. , the boys' baseball field.

There were heated exchanges in the audience. A plea for reason from one member of the audience was booed.

Trustee Wiggins explained that the advice of their counsel was to go through the courts and that the cancellation of the leases could be delayed for years

Comments on the park ranged from "considering the cost of sewers and upkeep, let's let it go", to "in the 3-4 years of development of Woodridge, why no public land?"

Another member of the audience again suggested withdrawal of the lease letter and the setting up of a meeting between the board and Kaufman.

Kaufman said he would meet anytime on a fair and equitable basis but that he is not going to be coerced.

The board voted to have a meeting with Kaufman Tuesday.

Hank Wilgus asked for the procedure for changing the board "getting rid of this whole thing." President Roberts said that the attorney would give an opinion on re-call Tuesday night.

#### Meeting May 7

The special meeting Tuesday May 7, set the previous Thursday for a meeting with Al Kaufman, had a public attendance of approximately 150 to 175. The trustees, except for Trustee Leon Werch, did not attend. An order was issued commanding their attendance. However, only one, Trustee Ed Redmond, was available. He accepted the letter under protest and did

A spokesman for the newly-elected trustees said that the purpose of this special meeting was to negotiate with Kaufman. They had negotiated with Kaufman the previous night and therefore felt there was no necessity for the Tuesday meeting and had cancelled the meeting the previous night.

While the notices were being served, President William Roberts held an informal meeting. He said that he, Douglas Comstock and Trustee Werch would answer any questions.

President Roberts gave a brief report on the Monday night meeting. He said that Comstock's legal advice was that all the resolutions passed at that meeting were illegal. He explained how he had objected and they overrode his objections by appeal

Al Kaufman gave a report on the executive meeting of the previous night

Kaufman also answered questions on other subjects. The shopping center problem was brought up. After explaining the attempts that have been made in the past and that at least 900 homes will be necessary, he offered to pay anyone \$5,000 who can get a major chain food store to sign a lease with them.

Also discussed was the precedent being set with closed meetings. Trustee Werch said it has always been the tradition for Woodridge village boards to open the floor to the public.

Again the question of re-call was brought up. Douglas Comstock referred to the election code regarding referendum to decide on another election. The petition would require signatures of 25% of the voters.

Also discussed at this meeting was the attorney chosen by the newly-elected trustees. President Roberts said that there was research still to be done but that their investigation thus far indicated to them that as of last November the attorney had not passed the bar examinations. He explained further that there were examinations in February or March at which time he might have passed and that the results of these examinations have not yet been published.

The subject of the American flag came up and Leroy Smith of the Woodridge fire department said he thought a collection should be taken up and that he felt sure that the firemen would make up the difference if necessary. In the discussion that followed Trustee Werch pointed out that the village has not been without a flag, that the village had had hand-medowns and that the Woodridge VFW had donated a flag to the village.

#### Trask Announces Hours

Commissioner of public works, John Trask, reports that he will be at the village hall on Mon. nights from 7 to 9 p.m. for the purpose of issuing over-load permits. Residents who may be ordering black dirt, concrete or other materials which could exceed the 8,000 pounds load limit should apply to Trask for a permit. There is no charge for a permit; however, it is required by village ordinance.



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# IT'S ELEMENTARY WOODRIDGE SCHOOL

by Amy Hill

Mrs. Souerbry's 1st grade room has been enjoying real success in practicing free throws in basketball in gym. Most of the kids hit the basket 3 out of 5 times. Some of them, both boys and girls have had great success in making baskets-several have made 3 baskets in a row. One girl, believe it or not, made 9 baskets in one 20 minute period. Since January when they first began, one boy has had a race with a girl, 29 to 29. The best pair have made 43 apiece; one girl has had 24. All the kids have made several baskets.

Another activity of interest in Mrs. Souerbry's room is a box of fresh mushrooms from the Mushroom Growers, Naperville, The Fairy Queen Brand. They had 5 real large mushrooms and sent them to Mr. Fagen. He has a dark room and will grow the rest of the seeds in the box.

These youngsters are looking forward to a bus trip, to Melody Farm in Liberty-ville with Mrs. Fagan's room.

Mrs. Fagan's room planted cherry, Hawthorne and Crabapple trees in the front of the school on Arbor Day. Her class has also grown lovely flowers for Mother's Day gifts.

The Science Club, made up of the third and fourth grades, recently went on a hike through the woods at the end of Everglade ave.

In Mrs. Buchinger's room, the children have been studying about the many different and interesting signs of Spring.

All of the rooms have been busy making either recipe holders, or bill holders and growing flowers for Mother's Day.

Everyone is glad to hear that Mrs. Crane is back home from the hospital, but she will have to stay in bed for a while.

# Police & Fireman Vie on Diamond

Sun., May 26, the Woodridge police and the Woodridge firemen plan a softball game at the W.A.A. field. Kagann will pitch and Father Kloepfer will catch.

#### **DGHS** Journal

The Roman Banquet will be held tonight in the cafeteria from 6-8 p.m. for all Latin students. Admission will be \$2 per person.

On May 17, there will be an Orchestra Concert in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, College Board tests will be given.

The Spanish Club Banquet will be held on May 21 in the cafeteria at 6 p.m.

At 8 p.m., May 28, in the auditorium, the A Cappella will have a concert. On May 23 there will be a Vocal Concert in the auditorium at 8 p.m.

May 30 brings Memorial Day and no school.

In future baseball games the Trojans will meet Lyons Township on the Legion Field on May 17. The 20-22 brings the Regional meet and a from the 27-29 Downers will compete in the Sectional. The state games are on June 7, 8 & 9.

The State matches for tennis are on May 17 & 18 and the 22-25 is the WSC (West Suburban Conference) Conference.

The State track meets are also tomorrow and Saturday. On May 22 Hinsdale will come to Downers' track. The WSC Conference is on May 25.

### Baseball News

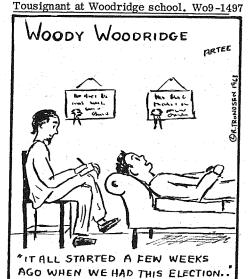
By Bob Manges, Jr.

The 1963 Baseball season is officially here. The teams have started practice and they are looking pretty good. This year there are 65 boys signed up for boys' baseball, 52 boys signed up for minor league, and 13 boys on the Pony League team. Of the few practice games that have been played so far, the wins and losses seem to be split up evenly. So it looks like the best season ever. The W. A. A. is looking for your support! Try to make it to as many games as possible. I am sure you will find them a lot of fun.

The Sox and the Braves will play the opening game on May 19, when the Little League season will be officially opened. Don't forget the Pony League season starts May 13. The first game is against Lisle Green on the 14th. We hope these boys will get a lot of support this year and we can have another winning team.

The line-up of teams, coaches and sponsors looks like this: Braves, John Moxley, 500 Tire & Supply Company; Cardinals, Jack Colline, Fashion Cleaners; Cubs, Harvey Moe, Egizio Chevrolet; Sox, Herbert Gulbrandsen, Georges Dairy; Yankees, John Narducci, Rochkes Pharmacy; Pony League, James Novello and R. Davison, un-sponsored.

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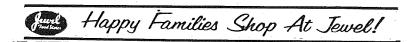






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#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Baptist Church	
Campus Teen conference with the LaGrange Bible Church 7:30 p.m. A	May 18
DVBS film strip to be shown, Everyone Welcome 7 p.m. N	May 26
Teenage all-day picnic	May 30
	une 11
Brownies - All Brownies and Girl Scouts are having a play day	
with the Brownies and Girl Scouts in Lisle at Camp	
Greenwood 4:30 to 7:30 M	May 17
Brownies and Girl Scouts to march in the Memorial	-
Day Parade in Lisle	
Fly Up and Investiture for Troops 157,701 and 133 at	
Woodridge School. 7:30 p.m. J	une 4
Troop 133 is having a Father-Daughter weinie roast	*
at 7706 Butternut ct. 3-5 p.m. J	une 9
Cub Scouts - Meeting at Woodridge school with a Circus Day theme	
all dens will present skits about side shows. 8 p.m. N	May 24
Will help the Boy Scouts paint fire hydrants	May 25
Scouts will go to Cub ball game by charter bus.	une 16
Take part in the circus in Wheaton May 23	, 24, 25
	May 28
Firemen - Night crew every Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	
Day crew every Wednesday 8 a.m.	
Last Sunday of the month at the barn 1:30 p.m.	
Firemen's Auxiliary - Meeting at the residence of Delores	
	1ay 16
LaLeche League - Meeting at the home of Gloria Watson,	
	une 10
Mothers Club - Meeting at Woodridge School, film from Illinois	
Bell entitled "Decorating Unlimited" 8 p.m. M	May 21
St. Scholastica - Mens Club dance	May 18
Womens Society meeting - election of officers 8 p.m. M	Iay 28
Retreat for the Women beginning with assembly	
at school 8:45 a.m.	Iay 26
V.F.W Meeting at the home of Bud Guernsey, 7824 Westview 8 p.m. Ju	une 4
	une 13
	une 6
W.A.A Meeting at 2909 Forest Glen 8 p.m. J	une 11

#### **POLICE NEWS**

The Woodridge police department answered 2 injured child calls during the period of Apr. 25 - May 8. Kenneth Burns, 12, of 7626 Sprucewood, received a puncture type wound in his left leg while he was riding his brother's bicycle. He was taken to Lisle Medical Center where three stitches were required to close the wound. Robert James Beaver, Jr., 3, of 7827 Woodridge drv. was the second child injured. Robert was playing with a 4-1/2 year old and had a piece of concrete dropped on his left foot. He was taken to Edwards hospital for X-rays to determine the extent of injury.

On May 3, 3 boys were seen pilfering cars at the Woodridge school while there was an affair going on. (If anyone had anything taken from their car, it is suggested that they contact the police department for information.)

On May 7 at 12:10 a.m. police answered a call on Crabtree ave. The woman complained that a man came out of the ditch behind her property, hit her great Dane on the head with a house brick and

ran away.

April 30 at 3:05 a.m. an auto accident was reported. The complaintant stated that she was going into the driveway in front of her house when the driveway gave way, causing damage to the underside of her 1954 Cadillac. On the 26th damage was reported on another vehicle when a fire cracker was thrown out of an automobile breaking the windshield of a truck following the car. Damage was also reported when an automobile struck a sewer cover at Chestnut and Jonquil In.

Several malicious mischief complaints were received during the period, including a broken teeter totter, 3 dog chains stolen, newspaper boxes ripped off mail box posts, teen-agers causing damage to a child's swing and breaking picket fences and license plate frames.

Other calls answered by the police included several stray dogs, a stray cat which was impounded after biting a village resident, a stolen wheelbarrow, a lost toy motorcycle which was recovered and returned to the owner, loose storm windows, a lost tricycle which was brought to the station, several family disturbances and a car with a loud muffler.

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New Arrivals:

NANCY JUNE MUNSTERMAN, weighing 6 lbs. 1 oz. was born May 3, at Hinsdale hospital. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Munsterman, 7815 Westview lane. The Munsterman's have another daughter, Diana, age 3. The paternal grandparent is Mrs. Edith Munsterman, Elmhurst. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meier, Rolling Meadows. Mrs. Munsterman is in charge of the library for the WNR.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patsones, 7835 Jonquil ln. so., are the proud parents of ROBERT SCOTT, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. born May 4, at Hinsdale hospital. They also have 2 yr. old twins, Debbie and Mark. The paternal grandparent is Mrs. Mildred Patsones, Chicago and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hersh, Hinsdale.

While James Provo, 2933 Everglade, was away for advanced jet training in Tulsa, Oklahoma, his wife, Dorothy, and children, Judy and Jim spent a week with Mrs. Provo's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas, Oakmont, Pa.

Joseph Sullivan, 7635 Catalpa, is at home doing well under a doctor's care. About 47 miles outside of Columbus, Ohio, the truck he was driving blew out a front tire causing the trailer to turn over spilling out all the freight it was carrying.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kasonic, who recently moved in at 2924 Westridge dr. The Kasonics' had previously lived in Riverdale. They have two children Peter, 3-1/2 and Patty, 2-1/2.

Mrs. Shirley Miller was honored at a baby shower given by neighbors at the home of Mrs. Marylou Hartfield, 2922 Forest Glen, May 5.

We are glad to hear that Alfred Groth and daughter, Sandra are doing well. Both are undergoing treatment at Elmhurst hospital due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

That's it for now, but here is something to think about. "The world is full of willing people: Some willing to work...the rest willing to let them". . . Robert Frost.



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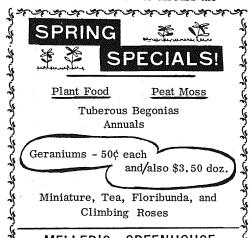
#### Crisis Cont. from page 1.

Later in the meeting it was explained by Trustee Callahan that the reason the meeting was cancelled was that the day before the scheduled meeting the new trustees learned that there was just a short time in which to settle an unresolved village park situation instead of the 5 to 10 years as they had just recently been informed. The unpaid back taxes have been purchased by private citizens and the situation at the time of the cancelled meeting was that if the taxes were not paid by the owner in the quarter referred to, the private citizens could gain ownership of the village

Many attempts have been made by many parties to resolve the ownership of this park.

On learning of the situation, the new trustees decided they would not meet to discuss future development of lands until the problem of present public lands is resolved. Saturday morning attempts were made to reach Mr. Kaufman, but they were unable to reach him, said Trustee Kinser. These trustees then left the message with President Roberts that he inform Mr. Kaufman of their decision.

Late that Saturday Albert Kaufman announced he would not renew the leases on the village hall and the village barn. He said his decision was based on the board's refusal to meet with him to discuss the



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changes he had requested in the subdivision control ordinance for the building he proposes in units 5 and 6. He said he wanted the board to have a clear understanding of the proposed changes for the Apr. 29 public hearing.

A letter dated Apr. 30 from Surety was delivered to every resident notifying officials of the cancellation of the leases and demanding possession on June 1, '63 also requesting the removal of village material stored on Surety property before May 15 or \$25 per day storage charge is to be assessed.

At the May 2 meeting Trustee Werch said he would like to make it clear that he had not been invited to the Saturday morning meeting and was not party to the action and asked for censure of the other trustees for this action.

Trustee Kinser said that they tried to invite Werch but were unable to reach him.

At this point Kaufman was given the floor. He said that he called it blackmail and that he took their campaign promises at face value (realistic relations with the building community.) Kaufman also said that he intended to give the village an acre on Janes rd. south of the proposed shopping center, that the board knew but deliberately dropped this bomb.

Trustee Callahan took the floor, faced an angry audience and said that the trustees were not aware of this offer. At this point Trustee Werch jumped up and, in a near violent clash of heated words, shouted, "I beg to differ with you!" Callahan insisted angrily that all five of the new trustees would back him up in his assertion that they had not been told beforehand of a public land offer from Kaufman. It was obvious that Werch and President Roberts had a different opinion from the 5 new trustees as to whether or not Roberts had informed them.

The point was made by one of the newlyelected trustees that this park is the only public land that the village has.

Kaufman then said, we're discussing the park, a minor point. Is this board cooperative? Let's get to the main issue on the floor.

Woodridge Athletic Association President Virgil McPherson then had the floor and said that the WAA had been notified that they would have to vacate the field at ತಿನ್ನಿನ್ನಿನ್ನಿನ್ನೆ ಸಂತ್ರಾತ್ರಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ 75th and Woodridge drv., the boys' baseball field.

There were heated exchanges in the audience. A' plea for reason from one member of the audience was booed.

Trustee Wiggins explained that the advice of their counsel was to go through the courts and that the cancellation of the leases could be delayed for years.

Comments on the park ranged from "considering the cost of sewers and upkeep, let's let it go", to "in the 3-4 years of development of Woodridge, why no public land?"

Another member of the audience again suggested withdrawal of the lease letter and the setting up of a meeting between the board and Kaufman.

Kaufman said he would meet anvtime on a fair and equitable basis but that he is not going to be coerced.

The board voted to have a meeting with Kaufman Tuesday.

Hank Wilgus asked for the procedure for changing the board "getting rid of this whole thing." President Roberts said that the attorney would give an opinion on re-call Tuesday night.

#### Meeting May 7

The special meeting Tuesday May 7, set the previous Thursday for a meeting with Al Kaufman, had a public attendance of approximately 150 to 175. The trustees, except for Trustee Leon Werch, did not attend. An order was issued commanding their attendance. However, only one, Trustee Ed Redmond, was available. He accepted the letter under protest and did

A spokesman for the newly-elected trustees said that the purpose of this special meeting was to negotiate with Kaufman. They had negotiated with Kaufman the previous night and therefore felt there was no necessity for the Tuesday meeting and had cancelled the meeting the previous night.

While the notices were being served, President William Roberts held an informal meeting. He said that he, Douglas Comstock and Trustee Werch would answer any questions.

President Roberts gave a brief report on the Monday night meeting. He said that Comstock's legal advice was that all the resolutions passed at that meeting were illegal. He explained how he had objected and they overrode his objections by appeal

Al Kaufman gave a report on the executive meeting of the previous night

Kaufman also answered questions on other subjects. The shopping center problem was brought up. After explaining the attempts that have been made in the past and that at least 900 homes will be necessary, he offered to pay anyone \$5,000 who can get a major chain food store to sign a lease with them.

Also discussed was the precedent being set with closed meetings. Trustee Werch said it has always been the tradition for Woodridge village boards to open the floor to the public.

Again the question of re-call was brought up. Douglas Comstock referred to the election code regarding referendum to decide on another election. The petition would require signatures of 25% of the

Also discussed at this meeting was the attorney chosen by the newly-elected trustees. President Roberts said that there was research still to be done but that their investigation thus far indicated to them that as of last November the attorney had not passed the bar examinations. He explained further that there were examinations in February or March at which time he might have passed and that the results of these examinations have not yet been published.

The subject of the American flag came up and Leroy Smith of the Woodridge fire department said he thought a collection should be taken up and that he felt sure that the firemen would make up the difference if necessary. In the discussion that followed Trustee Werch pointed out that the village has not been without a flag, that the village had had hand-medowns and that the Woodridge VFW had donated a flag to the village.

#### Trask Announces Hours

Commissioner of public works, John Trask, reports that he will be at the village hall on Mon. nights from 7 to 9 p.m. for the purpose of issuing over-load permits. Residents who may be ordering black dirt, concrete or other materials which could exceed the 8,000 pounds load limit should apply to Trask for a permit. There is no charge for a permit: however, it is required by village ordinance.



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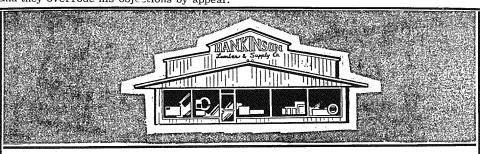
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The Luther League is planning to build a float for the Memorial Day parade in Lisle. Construction will begin around Sun, May 26.

Sun., May 19, the Communion Service will be narrated. This will become an annual event on Rogate Sunday, the fifth Sunday after Easter. At various intervals throughout the service an explanation of each section of the service will be given.

## Village Baptist

The young people returned from their weekend retreat reporting a time of fun, inspiration and challenge. They extend to all the young people of the village an invitation to attend their weekly meetings, Fri.,7:30 p.m. at 3020 Everglade and Sundays at 5:45 at the church.

The men's fellowship had a "Sweetheart" night Sat., May 11, when they took their wives out to a special dinner at the Sweden House, Naperville.

The Women's missionary group met Tues., May 14, at the Demmins' home and worked on a rhythm band for both Sunday school and the forthcoming vacation bible school.

#### Methodist

Enthusiastic men of Faith Methodist Church have formed a Methodist men's club. Their first dinner meeting was held April 30. This was an introduction to the organization. Their second meeting is to be held Mon., May 27, at 7 p.m. Dinner, as at the first meeting, will be cooked and served by the women's W.S.C.S. organization. Sons and Dads alike are invited to come see the spectacular film, "Mystery of Space" featuring actual scenes from John Glenn's orbital space venture.

The fellowship committee of Faith Methodist church has arranged for another of their fine "night-out-for-the-family" May 17 in the form of a pot-luck dinner. Each family will bring a dish and share with the others.

#### St. Scholastica

The youth club of St. Scholastica parish will sponsor an afternoon of cartoons Sat., May 18, in the Woodridge school gym. The donation is 25¢ and there will be refreshments available. All proceeds will go to the program fund of the club. If anyone did not obtain tickets for the movies or would like more please call WO-8-3416 or WO-8-7450

On May 25, starting at 6:30 p.m., the youth club will be engaged in a treasure hunt. Young people from St. Joseph's

Parish, Downers Grove, will be guests. After the hunt there will be a weiner roast.

Thurs., May 23, is the Feast of The Ascension of Our Lord Into Heaven, and a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. Confessions will be heard in the St. Scholastica first grade classroom on Wed., May 22, from 4-5 and from 7-8. Masses on Thurs, May 23, in the Woodridge school gym will be at 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

## McGlure Cont. from page 1

McClure then proceeded with a resume of his personal life, education and experience, stressing the fact that he is a fully-qualified practicing attorney, having been admitted to the Illinois bar on November 21, 1960. "It is not difficult," he said, "to determine whether or not an attorney has been admitted to the bar. Anyone can call Mrs. Earle Benjamin Searcy, Clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court, and within five minutes an answer is forthcoming."

McClure told his audience that, after attending night school four nights a week for four years, he had graduated in 1960 from the DePaul University College of Law where he was a member of the honorary law fraternity. He also holds an M.A. degree in history and education administration from Northwestern University.

Following the statements regarding his experience and qualifications as an attorney, McClure invited questions from the floor. Several citizens asked about the salary arrangement he would expect. McClure said that he had not yet discussed this with the board, but that he would accept any fee agreeable to the board and not out of line with rates established by the Illinois bar association.

When asked about his legal experience, specifically in municipal law, McClure admitted that he had had "very little," but went on to say that "in effect, the board did not hire me; they hired the firm" (Carl W. Kuhn of Glen Ellyn). He explained that for purposes of establishing responsibility, it is necessary to designate one man as official village attorney, but that the full services of his firm will be available to the board. He said his firm is now representing several villages in DuPage county, including the village of Lisle.

A question was raised from the floor as to whether or not there should be competitive bidding for an expenditure involving public funds such as an attorney's fee. McClure said that the Illinois bar association has a recommended rate schedule and that he did not feel competitive bidding was proper procedure for establishing fees in the legal profession.

# Poppy Days May 17 - 18

New Attorney Cont. from page 1

taken by him when the trustees refused to negotiate with him until the delinquent tax problem on the park area was settled.

Nearly 100 residents crowded into the hall and a larger crowd waited outside hoping to hear through open windows. William T. Roberts, village president, suggested twice that the meeting be adjourned and reconvened at Woodridge school so that the crowd could be accommodated at the meeting. (Ed. note: A spokesman for the new trustees later informed the WNR no action was taken to move the meeting to the school on the advice of counsel.)

Woodridge fire chief H. Wilgus admonished the board and the audience that according to fire rules, the hall has a 25-person limit and must be cleared. Wilgus later announced that Earl Sutter, assistant fire chief of the Lisle Fire protection district, had been contacted and had ordered the hall cleared. Village police cleared the hall and re-admitted a total of 25 people including the village officials, the press, several residents and the builder. The disturbed crowd remained outside in an attempt to hear some of the meeting through the open windows.

As a point of information, President Roberts read a communication from Douglas Comstock, village attorney, which stated that the taxes on the park property for the years '59-62 had been billed to the two land title trusts at the Elmhurst National Bank but not paid by the owner. An extensive examination by the firm, it said, indicated that the tax bills can be reversed when the deed is placed in the name of the village. When questioned by Roberts as to whether the deeds were clear for the village, Albert Kaufman, president of Surety Builders, said they could be in the hands of the village the next morning.

Early in the meeting, President Roberts instructed the sergeant-of-arms to remove Trustee Marvin Wiggins from the hall. He said Wiggins was out of order and had not been recognized by the chair. A member of the audience was also removed at this time for creating a disturbance.

The actions for the dismissal of the village attorney and the employment of a new attorney were read in the form of resolutions and then later put in the form of motions that were passed above President Roberts' and Trustee Leon Werch's protest that the motions were out of order.

An appeal that the chair was out of order was made by Trustee Edward Redmond. The meeting then proceeded above the protests of President Roberts that the trustees' motions were out of order.

Roberts refused to recognize the passage of motions of the trustees calling for the dismissal of Douglas Comstock as village attorney and the employment of James McClure in his place. He maintained that the appointment should come from the president with the concurrence of the board. Trustee Redmond instructed President Roberts to seat McClure as village attorney. Roberts said that the "action was illegal" and that he would

"take no liability and take no part of the action" of seating James McClure as village attorney. Trustee Werch said that the payment of this man from tax monies would be illegal.

Roberts earlier had said that he would listen to recommendations for attorneys from the board and suggested that the question of the new attorney be placed for bids. He said that he felt that the board should meet "collectively" and interview attorneys. He also suggested that an impartial committee of the 4 Woodridge pastors be established to do the interviewing of bidding firms and make recommendations.

He said, "I will not approve an attorney that I have not met."

Trustee Redmond said that their reasons for desiring a new attorney were that since the old board had worked with Comstock, the present "majority of the board" did not feel secure with him. He said that they had talked to several attorneys and had screened them and that McClure was the man they wished to appoint. He said they felt no business could be carried on without him. Redmond asked if Roberts would interview McClure now, but Roberts maintained that he would need more time before he would approve McClure for the appointment.

Douglas Comstock made the statement that he had not been notified of the meeting by those who called it but felt he should be there. He said that they had enjoyed working with the village of Woodridge for the past two years during which time they had not been involved in litigation. He said that the firm would be willing to compete with any firm for the appointment as they did over 2 years ago.

A letter which was signed by the builder and the five trustees was read by Trustee Redmond which stated that they would be willing to negotiate privately with the press (WNR) present after the May 6 meeting.

The scheduled May 7 public meeting was moved to be cancelled on the grounds that its agenda would have been covered at the above closed meeting.

The motion originally included the cancellation of Thursday night's meeting with Winston-Muss since the 5 trustees and the clerk said that a letter was pending from him asking for a closed meeting. Objection was raised by Trustee Werch that this was not germane to the agenda for tonight. The Winston-Muss meeting was not cancelled at that time.

A motion was then made and approved by the majority of the board instructing James E. McClure to take the necessary steps for "suit or negotiation" regarding the lease cancellations, the third item on the agenda.

After the adjournment of the special meeting, the board met with Surety Builders in an executive session to discuss their differences. In addition to the board and Al and Jack Kaufman, representatives of the WNR and James McClure were present.

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