

# Ben Franklin visits

Actor Ralph Archbold, who has appeared many times as the historical character Ben Franklin, visited classrooms at Vandenberg Elementary School in Southfield to tell of his invention of bifocals and the Franklin stove, his experiments with electricity and his other contributions of American society. Vandenberg's PTA sponsored the visitor from the past. (Staff photo by Gary Friedman)



## George Leggatt named to council

Lathrup Village City Council members have picked George Leggatt to join their ranks. Leggatt, 49, will fill a vacancy created by the death earlier this year of Fred Byington. The term expires at the end of this year and will be filled by voters at the general election in November. The council made their choice by secret ballot last week. Since moving to Lathrup Village in 1971, Leggatt has served as a member of the city's police revenue and has been active in Operation Watch Lathrup (OWL), a crime prevention program. In addition, he is past president of the Michigan Amateur Movie Club, and a member of the United Con-

servation Club and the Michigan Historical Society. He is employed at the General Motors Technical Center as an electronics designer and computer systems engineer, and lives at 26113 Meadowbrook Way. He and his wife Eileen have no children.

LEGGATT TRIED for a spot on the city council before. But despite bids in 1973, 1974 and 1975, a seat council seat always eluded him. After Byington's death, the Lathrup City Council sent out notices to residents that a seat was available and interested individuals were urged to apply. Last Monday, the council nar-

rowed that field down to one, and Leggatt—backed by a handful of petitions from residents who wanted to see him get the post—finally got a council seat. He assumed his council seat immediately following his selection. The new councilman says he has three priorities that he hopes to accomplish while on the council:

- A beef up of Lathrup's seven-man police force (most communities the same size have nine or 10 police officers) and strengthening of the OWL program.
- Improvement of the city's parks and recreation program to re-enforce Lathrup's image as an attractive place to live, he said.

•Scrutiny of business zoning in the city and close adherence to the Lathrup master zoning plan. Leggatt may not be able to accomplish all these goals before next December, and he says he uncertain if he'll seek election in his own right. "I think I'll have to wait until the time comes and then see if there's support," he said. Three council seats will be up for grabs in the November election. The seats now are held by Leggatt, Milton Thackberry and Vincent Zaleli. Seats held by Dorothy Warren and Richard Cogger will be up for election in 1979.

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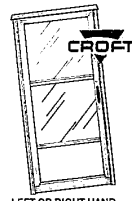


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- Automobile use connected with charitable endeavors—seven cents per mile plus parking and tolls.
- Cost of appraisals for gifts of property.
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