

Southfield Board Okays Planning Commission Idea

A planning commission composed of "public spirited citizens" who have sufficient time to study the needs of the township and make recommendations for improvements in the future, was approved for Southfield township by the board Tuesday evening.

The idea was proposed several weeks ago by Supervisor D. P. Frame. It was felt by various board members that as the town-

ship is growing, a planning commission is necessary to suggest improvements.

AT THE NEXT township meeting, board members will make suggestions as to members of the commission.

The board also turned down a proposal to raise the salaries of members of the township building and electrical inspection department.

Hugh White said it wasn't good business policy to make an adjustment at this time. He added that the proper time to make salary adjustments was when the budget is established.

The board did vote however, to increase the travel allowance of

the electrical inspector from \$600 a year to \$840.

MRS. FANNIE ADAMS, township clerk read a letter to the board which was sent to her by the Oakland county equalization committee. It was signed by all the members of the committee and denied that Mrs. Adams supplied them with figures which they used to determine the equalized valuation of the township.

Mrs. Adams said she requested the committee to either confirm or deny that she took that action as she had been accused of supplying the committee with figures.

The letter was made a part of the minutes of the Southfield board.

Assessment rolls for road improvements in Berkshires Valley and Berkshires Grove were also approved.

Frame reported that the \$17,000 claim by the township school board against the township is still being checked by an attorney for a legal decision. The school board claims that figure is owed them from state land sales.

Frame said that the figures will be advised.

The board also voted that in the future, advertising of the township board, all legal advertising and minutes of meetings will be published in The Centric.

Police Chief

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do not accept or accuse them at this time. An experienced shoplifter will claim he, or she, had merely been acting as a customer and waiting to be served.

Another staff member should be sent to the store with the merchandise. Someone should follow the suspect outside and detain them, by force if necessary, until the police arrive. Quite often the person will try to get back into the store with the merchandise and thereby render any subsequent prosecution that may result.

Shoplifting throughout the country has increased because of increased recent years and costs merchants millions of dollars annually. The professional shoplifter often works in groups of two or three and while one person engages the clerk the others conceal valuable merchandise on their persons and walk from the store undetected.

They often live in the larger cities and travel through the smaller communities where they victimize one or two stores then return to their homes in the next town to repeat the process.

Mrs. Myrtle I. Bro Named Principal of Poppleton School

Mrs. Myrtle I. Bro has been named to succeed Boyd Larson as principal of Poppleton school, Troy township. She has taught in the district for the past six years.

Mrs. Bro attended Michigan State Normal college and is now doing further work at Wayne university. Her home is in Royal Oak.

Larson who lives in Birmingham, has been appointed athletic director of Troy township schools.

Plans Announced For Troy Schools

Troy township schools will open for classes Tuesday, Sept. 12, according to Stuart K. Baker, superintendent of schools.

Baker also announced that students attending Big Beaver and Log Cabin schools must register the week previous to the school opening.

Students attending Big Beaver school are to register there the following times: ninth graders, 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5; tenth grade, 1 p.m. Sept. 5; tenth grade, 9 a.m. Sept. 6 and eleventh grade, 1 p.m. Sept. 6.

REGISTRATION at Log Cabin school will take place Thursday, Sept. 7. Eighth graders will enroll at 9 a.m. and seventh graders at 1 p.m.

Baker said students from other grades will register at their individual schools on opening day.

This year all high school students will attend Big Beaver school and Log Cabin school will be available for junior high students.

Half day sessions are planned for junior and senior high students until the new Troy township high school building is completed in February. Fifth and sixth graders at Big Beaver school also will attend on half-day schedules.

OTHER CHANGES slated are as follows: fifth and sixth graders of Colerain will attend Big Beaver school and fifth and sixth graders of Troy Union will attend at Troy two schools. In addition, all children from the Leonard school district, below the seventh grade are scheduled to attend Poppleton school.

Baker said that the board of education passed a resolution at the July meeting that all students who will be in the eleventh and twelfth grades and have been attending school outside of the township, may finish their high school education at these schools if they desire. However, all ninth and tenth grade pupils must attend Troy township high school or pay their own tuition elsewhere.

The annual pre-school conference

Pennsylvania Firm To Build Bleachers At New High School

The contract for the construction of folding bleachers for the new high school gymnasium has been awarded to the Wayne Iron Works of Wayne, Pa., according to Dr. Dwight E. Ireland.

The Wayne bid was \$22,140. Other bids considered by the board of education at their meeting last week included one from the Horne Brothers company, Fort Dodge, La., \$14,700 and the Fred Medart Products company, incorporated, Detroit, \$24,912.

A CONTRACT was given to Ellis A. Kowinsky to proceed with the landscaping of Terry elementary school. The Torrrence Oil company received the contract to supply heating fuel for the city's public schools for 1950-51.

The contract for curtains in the new high school building, amounting to \$267.50, was awarded to the Mark-Green studio. The curtains are to be used to darken the lunchroom so it may be used for visual aids programs.

Southfield Board To Meet Friday

A special meeting of the Southfield township board will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 to approve placing the question of two additional fire halls for the township on the Sept. 12 ballot.

The proposal was approved by the board at a special meeting last Friday but tomorrow's meeting was called to make the matter entirely legal.

Request for Trees

The request of Miss Marjorie Unger and Miss Alice Price for the city to plant trees on a vacant lot adjoining their lot in the Golfview subdivision was referred to City Manager Donald Egbert Monday evening.

The request was made at a meeting of the city council and faculty meeting for all teachers will be held Monday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Big Beaver school.

Local Cab Company Gets Fifth License

Stating that there is a real need for additional taxi service in Birmingham, Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley, recommended to city commissioners that they grant the request of the Veterans cab company to license one additional vehicle.

Moxley said that in 1946 the commission approved the operation of a total of 14 cabs in the city. The Birmingham cab company and the Star cab company are the only operators of cabs. With four being maintained by the Veterans company.

"It is my opinion that there has been a sufficient increase in the demand for cab service to warrant the granting of an additional license," Moxley said.

He added that in the event one vehicle was laid up for repairs, it left the company with only three working cabs.

Commission members voted to grant the request after hearing Moxley's discussion of the situation.

Small Boys Admit Crime Wave After Apprehension Here

Three youngsters, run-away from a fresh-air camp on Sylvan Lake, had their crime wave stopped by Birmingham police Friday, only a few hours after it had gotten under way.

Officers said they were amazed at the boys' boldness. They were arrested by two officers and their 10 year old companion from Detroit.

They said the boys told of stealing a boat from the camp on Thursday and abandoning it after they had crossed the lake. They spent Thursday night in a store being built in Sylvan Lake Village and on Friday morning went on to Pontiac.

They, police said the boys claimed to have entered a house but took nothing. Later, however, they did steal three bicycles and continued north.

Upon entering Birmingham the youngsters told police they went to the Robert Watts home on Brookside and seeing no one around, entered the living room. They stole \$40 from a purse belonging to Mrs. Robert F. Watts who was in an upstairs room.

WHEN NOTIFIED, Mrs. Watts told the officers that she had noticed the money was not in her purse and supposed she had left it at home.

The youthful trio came on into Birmingham, they confessed, and stole a camera from the car of Alvin Barshun, owner of the B and C repair shop on South Woodward.

They were picked up by Sgt. Earl Moody who was called to the Bloomfield Coffee shop to investigate the theft of some silver.

Police said none of this was found on the boys, but that they had purchased a large supply of candy and sweets in the establishment.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said the boys had another camera in their possession when they were arrested.

All were turned over to juvenile authorities in Pontiac.

Lathrup Residents Graduate In Grosse Ile Air Ceremony

Three Lathrup village youths were inducted among the men recruits who received graduation certificates at the Grosse Ile naval air station Tuesday.

They are Robert J. Sampson, Sunset Boulevard; James B. Layman, Lathrup; and Ernest H. Forbes, Saratoga.

Commanding Officer Captain T. O. Dahl made the presentation following a review of personnel. The new graduates will now join a regular organized reserve squadron at Grosse Ile and continue training one weekend each month.

Captain Dahl stated that both male and female candidates for the reserve may apply at the station throughout the week from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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