

We Heard It Said By:—
 Elmer C. Kiphart, Bloomfield Hills city manager: "If anything is ever to be done about the im-

provement of Odyke road, it will probably be up to Bloomfield Hills to do it. State and county officials have both said it is our responsibility.

Commissioners Want Better Relations With the Public But the Question Is "How?"

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

The city commission must find some way to get across to the citizens the story regarding the actions it takes. City Commissioner Garland D. Tait told fellow commissioners Monday evening.

"In the past couple of months I've heard lots of talk and criticism about what the commission has done and hasn't done," he explained.

"Pretty soon it'll be difficult to get any candidates out to run for this body if we don't make a commissioner's life a little freer of abuse."

Tait believes the commission hasn't done all it could to get the public to see the commission's public interest side of deliberations.

"Maybe it's poor public relations that we don't know, get criticism from those who oppose certain commission actions as well as those who favor the action," he emphasized.

Tait feels something should be done about the situation.

Mayor Bruce G. Booth agreed. So did City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

But Commissioner Milton F. Mallender offered a different slant:

"WE SHOULDN'T forget that it is the great American privilege for citizens to wine and dine the public officials one moment, then criticize them the next."

"But," argued Tait, "if we could only get them to understand we are not for or against anything even before we start considering it, life would be a little easier to live—for me, at least."

Tait said he didn't object to honest criticism, but he did resent abusive words and actions.

"Abuse that even takes place right in this commission room," he remarked.

Mallender said that perhaps the only thing for public officials to do was to grow a thick hide that would shed abuse.

"AFTER ALL, we're like an umpire: always wrong. All we can do is call 'em like we see 'em. If enough time is taken to explain commission actions, then Mallender said he believed it would be understood.

"But how about the other 15,000 people in the city who don't take the trouble to contact us and get our opinion and reason?" interrupted Tait. "These, then, still feel we did something wrong."

"Just part of the job, I guess," Mallender answered. "In any kind of a job you are bound to get criticism."

"BUT WE CAN'T just develop a bunch of thick-skinned commissioners and brush off the criticism," Tait argued. "We should be able to have the public convinced we are doing a good job."

"Perhaps we on the commission assume the public knows a great

Medal Awarded Posthumously to Elio Saarinen

Last Thursday evening a posthumous presentation of the Royal Gold Medal in Architecture of the Royal Institute of British Architects to Elio Saarinen was made under the auspices of the Detroit Chapter, American Institute of Architects.

It was received by Eero Saarinen on his father's behalf. The event took place in the small auditorium of the Westman Memorial Building in Detroit.

Andrew R. Morrison, president of the chapter, introduced Emil Lorch, who was dean of the College of Architecture at Ann Arbor in 1925 when Saarinen came there to teach.

Lorch, who was instrumental in bringing Saarinen to Ann Arbor as a special teacher in architecture, gave a comprehensive biographical sketch of Saarinen's accomplishments and recounted briefly the many honors from all over the world which had been bestowed upon Saarinen, including an honorary degree from the University of Michigan and the Gold Medal of the American Institute of Architects.

THE GOLD MEDAL of the Royal Institute of British Architects was awarded to Mr. Saarinen this spring, but his being unable to make the anxious journey of indisposition led to the suggestion of President Waterhouse of the Royal Institute of British Architects by the Detroit Chapter.

Subsequently, after the unexpected death of Mr. Saarinen, Mr. Waterhouse suggested that the medal be awarded posthumously to Mr. Saarinen's son, Eero. Accordingly, last summer, Talmadge C. Hughes, executive secretary of the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A., visited London and was entrusted with the medal.

Following Lorch's address, Hughes gave a brief account of his trip to London and his receipt of the medal from President Waterhouse of the Royal Institute. He then presented it to Clair W. Ditchey, national secretary of the American Institute of Architects, who, on behalf of the Royal Institute, made the formal presentation to Eero Saarinen.

IN ACCEPTING the medal, Eero Saarinen gave an account of the impressive burial ceremonies conducted in Finland under the auspices of the Finnish government. It was attended by high-ranking officials of Finland.

Mr. Saarinen's ashes were interred at his estate at Hotstrick, which had been the home of Mr. and Mrs. Saarinen for 30 years prior to their coming to America. During their life there, it was frequented by many of Europe's outstanding artists.

Among the several who made addresses at the funeral was the famous Finnish architect, Alvar Aalto.

In his acceptance speech, Eero quoted extensively from this address as well as from his father's letter of acceptance to Mr. Waterhouse.

A NOTEWORTHY comment of the elder Saarinen was that the first half of the Twentieth Century, was one of pioneering in new architectural thought and that the second half, in his opinion, would witness a development and expansion of this pioneering work.

Part of the ceremonies was Sibelius music rendered by the Finnish Symphony orchestra. Saarinen was a close and a great admirer of Sibelius.

City to Improve Stanley Parkway

At a cost of \$1,000, the city will rough grade the Stanley street parkway and remove most of the scrub trees, the city commission agreed Monday evening.

They met Oct. 9 as the state of the first hearing on a special assessment district to pay for the final sodicating and grading.

It is estimated the assessment will amount to another \$1,000, with the average 50-foot lot being charged \$1.50.

The grading will get under way immediately, City Manager Donald C. Egbert promised.

Rotary District Governor Visits Birmingham Club

Rotary District Governor Fletcher B. Renner visited the club Monday noon and congratulated it on its past record as a community service organization.

"I have every reason to expect that with the type of leadership you are doing in this district this year would attempt to hone of some of the economic and social conditions of our nation's allies," against communism.

At the meeting, Renner spent an hour with club officers and committee chairmen discussing the club's various activities.

City Delays Action On Request for Main

A request for a water main on Mansfield between Sheffield and Drafwood, is being studied by City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

The property of the lots in this area has agreed to have it constructed at low expense and at city standards.

City commissioners, a k e d Egbert, to study the matter in connection with other possible improvements needed on the street, such as permanent surfacing and sewers.

The \$64 Question: Where Is the Man Who Wasn't There?

"I couldn't believe my eyes."

This was the comment of Patrolman George Kelly as the wild chase of a stolen car ended and the car was found empty.

It all began when Henry T. Wiegers of Clawson decided to go to a Birmingham movie last Friday evening. Coming out of the show he found his car missing and reported it to local police.

Patrolmen Richard Chambers and Kelley took Wiegers with them in the squad car and began a canvass of the Woodward avenue drive-ins. As they pulled away from the Hollywood, they noticed a coupe going north and followed it.

Wiegers identified it as his car and the chase began. Kelley fired two shots into the air and the coupe sped away, east on Lincoln.

THE DRIVER then swung south on Adams, went into a skid, and drove between two buildings, and struck a telephone guy wire and the corner of the building, but kept going.

The officers and Wiegers were nearly blinded by the dust and as the car cleared an alley and crossed Humphrey at Bennaville, they noticed it had slowed up.

As it rolled to a stop, Kelly ran to the coupe and found it empty. It is thought the man jumped from the car in the close vicinity of the buildings and made his escape.

The three men described him as being young, dark complexion and wearing a leather jacket.

'Meet The Coach' Rally Slated At Vaughan School

A "Meet The Coach" rally will be held at Vaughan school, Bloomfield Hills, tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. The event is sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills school Sideline Quarterbacks.

President Charles Rogers said parents and students are invited to the meeting, which has been arranged to meet Vaughan's new football coach, Vance Murray. Besides a talk by the coach, movies will be shown.

The Sideline Quarterbacks is an organization composed of parents and supporters of Vaughan school athletics. There are approximately 75 members, Rogers said.

Jaycees Will Honor Retiring Officers At Annual Dinner

James McCoy will receive a merit award scroll and past president's pin when the Junior Chamber of Commerce holds its annual inaugural dinner tomorrow evening. The event will be held at the Bloomfield Open Hunt club.

Officers for the coming year, who will be honored guests at the dinner are John F. Cole, Jr., president; Henry Houston, first vice-president; Harold Kalkbush, second vice-president; James Edwards, secretary; and Lloyd Walter, treasurer.

Other officers who will retire after serving for the past year include Harry Smart, Dick Mavia, Herb Gardner and Ray Munde.

More Light Planned For West Maple in Rouge Valley Area

Street lighting along the Hunter access drives and on W. Maple between Southfield and the top of the hill to the west will be from wooden poles with a bracket extending toward the street.

City commissioners, in directing City Manager Donald C. Egbert to have Detroit Edison engineers locate the new lights, decided that ornamental poles are not justified at the present time.

The relocation of W. Maple in connection with the new Rouge bridge will call for an additional 18 street lights, making a total of 26, Egbert said.

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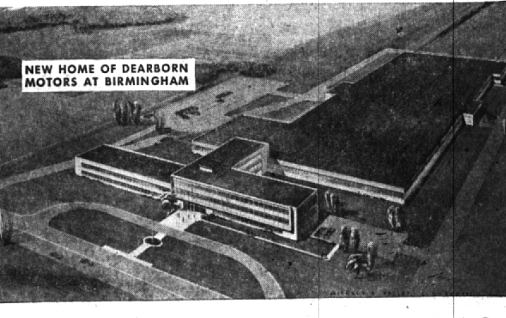
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