

Civilian Defense Director Appointed In Southfield Twp.

Ferdon A. Niles, 21300 Telegraph, was named Southfield township's civilian defense director at the township board meeting Tuesday evening.

Supervisor D. P. Frame, in moving that Niles be chosen, said he had been recommended by the Southfield township American Legion post. Niles has been active in Legion affairs and is strongly interested in civilian defense preparations.

In the near future, the township planning commission will meet with the board to discuss civilian defense plans.

Frame pointed out that he had discussed plans with the new state director of defense. He said the state will pass on any information it receives to the local governments. The supervisor was also given a supply of bulletins and a few instruction kits.

Fire Chief Alfred Kruck stated that the fire department is now receiving applications for auxiliary members and a volunteer training course is underway.

In other business, the board approved purchase of a new fire hall site at the corner of 12 Mile road and Duffy. The location is 1800 feet west of Telegraph and will cost \$300.

The supervisor recommended the purchase and said it would serve the northwest section of the township. Fire Chief Kruck inspected the site and said he was satisfied with it.

Hugh C. White pointed out that negotiations are still in progress for the purchase of a site at the corner of 13 Mile road and Southfield but the owners are still reluctant to sell.

Township Clerk Mrs. Fannie Adams announced that 10 applications have been received for the position of township building inspector. A special committee composed of Mrs. Adams, Frame and Brian U. Woodhouse was appointed to screen the applications and bring the most favorable ones to the board's attention at the special meeting next week.

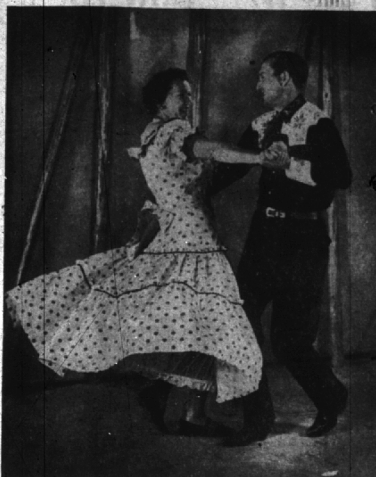
It was pointed out that the appointee must be a qualified graduate engineer, preferably registered.

Frank Couzens Joins Detroit Bank Staff

Frank Couzens, Jr. has resigned as head of the McBride Hardware company here to accept a position with the Manufacturer's National bank in Detroit.

His brother, James Couzens II, was named president of the firm at a board meeting last week. Couzens will continue to be associated with the company as vice-president and secretary-treasurer.

Swing Your Partner!



Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brennan, popular square dance callers of this area, demonstrate one of the intricate figures through which they guide Birmingham dancers.

The Brennans will preside at the square dance sponsored by Adams PTA at the school on Saturday, Jan. 27. The dance will begin at 9 p.m., with the customary half-hour practice session. (Detroit News Photo)

Wagner Elected EML President

Ross A. Wagner, Birmingham high school principal, was elected president of the Eastern Michigan league in a recent meeting at Hazel Park.

Present were Robert Christenson, East Detroit; Harold Jones, Mt. Clemens; Don Walters, Ferndale; Howard Beecher, Hazel Park; M. J. Tomlinson, Port Huron; and Wagner. The business discussed was a report of the sportsmanship committee and the application for membership of Waterford high school.

The meeting was adjourned and then reconvened for the joint meeting of the athletic directors and principals in which Birmingham was represented by Frank Whitney, local athletic director.

The athletic directors recommended that tennis be a sport to count on the points of the all-league trophy. This motion was rejected by the group.

It was also decided that a boy could compete in only one sport during a given season, either in league or non-league contests, and that the activities of any player should be confined to but one sport in any given season.

If a boy quits a sport because of disciplinary action, he is prohibited from joining any other athletic squad during that same sport season.

Dates of league tournaments are Feb. 21, swimming meet at Ferndale; June 1, tennis matches at Ferndale; June 1, golf tournament at Port Huron; June 6, track meet at Hazel Park.

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Southfield Twp. Board Debates Building Law

By RAY DENNIS

Enforcement of the township building ordinance took up most of the three and one-half hour long Southfield township board meeting Tuesday evening.

George Adams, 1885 Devonshire, Beverly Hills, complained that several homes being built on his street are not following the established building line.

The specific complaint was that a house being constructed next to Adams' home is to be only 35 feet back from the street. The building ordinance stipulates that homes must be 40 feet back or on the established building line.

Last week the township's acting building inspector placed a stop order on the construction. At this time, the basement is in and sewers connected.

Irving Small, attorney representing the builder, said his client previously understood the setback line should be 35 feet back or on the established line. He emphasized that the builder was acting in good faith and hadn't realized there was a violation.

The builder was issued a permit by Frank Gidley, former township building inspector.

The builder was acting throughout the discussion that it wasn't the builders fault because the permit was issued. Small said the house will cost about \$28,000 and won't depreciate the value of nearby property.

However, Adams insisted that the value of his home would not be as much as before. He stated that if he walked out on his front porch and looked toward the proposed home, he would see "four feet of brick."

The attorney said that each day of delay is costing the builder money because lumber prices are rising.

Most board members said the case should go before the township zoning board of appeals, but the attorney said the builder couldn't wait that long for an answer.

Supervisor D. P. Frame pointed out that if the builder was allowed to go ahead, a precedent would be established. He also stated that the blame is solely on the township building department for granting the permit.

Finally, the board approved a motion that a special meeting be called within the next week with legal counsel to be called in to discuss the matter with the board. Board members said they would like to have an interpretation as to whether the board of appeals should decide the case.

The board was faced with another building ordinance case immediately afterwards. Arthur Boura, 18140 Webster filed an application to have his

Easement for Gas Main Granted By City Commission

Approval for the Southeastern Michigan Pipe Line Co. to have an easement for the construction of a gas transmission main through city owned property was granted by the city commission Monday evening.

The commission also approved leasing of city property to the Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co. for a metering station for 48 years at \$60 a year.

The easement was granted with the stipulation that a pressure test of 750 pounds be made. This is 1 1/2 times the maximum designed strength of the main. Regulating devices at the 14 Mile station will also be set at 10% above the normal operating pressure.

This matter also will be referred to the council at the special meeting.

Assessment Rolls For Pembroke Paving Confirmed by City

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