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Southfield Board Rejects Petitions

Petitions from residents in Berkshire Grove and Berkshire Valley for paving improvements were rejected by the Southfield township board Tuesday evening. The petitions were submitted and approved last year and assessment roll confirmed for the paving. However, due to an error in the assessment district was declared invalid and another hearing called.

Because the cost of the project will be higher than anticipated, some of the original signers no longer wish to have their names on the petitions.

Because there are now less than 65% of the property owners who wanted the improvements, petitions were rejected.

Directors Are Named By County Red Cross

New directors and executive board members were named at the annual meeting of the Oakland county chapter, American Red Cross Monday evening.

Serving as directors are George William Averill and Mrs. R. G. Hoover, Birmingham; Mrs. LeRoy Vandever, Bloomfield Hills; Mrs. George Burnham and Mrs. Sheldon R. Noble, Southfield township and Mrs. Maxwell Millard, Franklin. These directors were elected for three-year terms.

The executive board includes Mrs. Maynard Andreae of Troy township, Averill, Mrs. Vandever and Mrs. Noble.

Commission Honors Charles J. Shain

A resolution, expressing regret on the death of Charles J. Shain, local businessman and former city official, was adopted by city commissioners Monday evening.

"His death removed a true friend and wise counselor from us," the resolution stated in part. "He gave freely of his time and knowledge and his ability for common good and betterment of the community."

Obituary Notices

CHARLES R. DIEHL, 79, of 1844 Murray Hill, Detroit, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Johnson in Roswell, N. M., May 18. He had been a resident of the metropolitan area for 40 years, engaged in general contracting work. He was a member of Ionic Lodge, F.A.M.

Besides his daughter he is survived by two sons, Kent E. of Houston, Tex., and Wayne T., of Detroit.

Services were held from the Bell funeral home Monday with burial in Acacia Park cemetery.

RALPH CUNNINGHAM, 61, of 18942 Riverside, died at his home May 17. He was vice-president of the General Box company and manager of the Detroit division.

Mr. Cunningham was born March 14, 1890, and attended the University of Michigan.

A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Birmingham; Lakewood Lodge 298, F.A.M. of Benton Harbor; Detroit Consistory and Moslem Shrine.

Surviving is his widow, Marie, and two daughters, Marjorie and Mrs. Robert Siegmund; and two brothers also living in Detroit.

Services were from the Harvey A. Neely funeral home in Detroit Tuesday afternoon with burial in Benton Harbor cemetery.

CHARLES C. WENZEL, 80, of 705 Hanna, was buried in Macia Park cemetery Monday, following services at the Manley Bailey funeral home.

Mr. Wenzel was a pioneer in the field of manual arts education in this country, having taught that subject for 45 years in Michigan.

Born Oct. 25, 1870 in Cincinnati, Ohio, he was graduated from the Rose Polytechnic Institute in Terre Haute, Ind. He began his teaching career 58 years ago and in 1917 became associated with the Kalamazoo school system. He was named vocational director there in 1917 and continued in that capacity until his retirement 12 years ago.

He married Elizabeth M. Schulz in Toledo on July 17, 1895, who died about a year ago. The couple came to the Birmingham-Franklin area about six years ago.

Mr. Wenzel was a member of the National Education association, Michigan Education association, an honorary member of the Michigan Industrial Education society and a founder of the Kalamazoo Manual Arts Research club.

He was also a member of Toledo lodge, F.&A.M., the Kalamazoo Rotary club and the Redeemer Lutheran church of Birmingham.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John J. Sadler, with whom he lived, a grandson and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Steger of Birmingham.

DAN BUCSA, 64, of 1544 East Lincoln, died at his home Sunday after a long illness. He was one of the GMC Truck and Coach division men in Pontiac.

Born March 7, 1887, in Rumania, he came to Birmingham four years ago from Lapeer, where he had been a farmer.

On Apr. 22, 1925, he married Florence Handel of Cleveland who is his only survivor.

Services were Wednesday morning from the Manley Bailey

funeral home with burial in Roseland Park cemetery. The Rev. John Sparrows officiated.

MRS. LOUISA REFFE, 80, 1031 Big Beaver road, died in St. Joseph Mercy hospital Sunday after a short illness.

A resident of this section since 1929, she was born in Walls county, Ind., on Dec. 10, 1864. On Nov. 11, 1892 she was married to the late Emanuel Reffe.

She is survived by two sons, Fred A., of Birmingham and William J., of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; a daughter, Marie Reffe of Richmond, Ind., and a foster son, Silvan E. Meyers, Bloomington, Ind.; two sisters, Mrs. Josephine Devitt of Detroit and Mrs. Henry Sovine of Allen, Mich., and a brother, Otto Gidgen of Vera Cruz, Ind.

Services were from the Manley Bailey funeral home Monday evening with burial in Linn cemetery, Tuesday afternoon.

Kocis Enters Plea Of Not Guilty on 'Fence' Charge

A plea of not guilty was entered for Emerick Kocis, prominent golfer of this area, who was arraigned before Judge Frank Dwyer in Circuit court Friday. He was charged with acting as a fence for approximately \$2,000 worth of golf equipment stolen from golf clubs in this vicinity, including Forest Lake Country club.

Kocis, who lives at Green Lake, West Bloomfield township, was implicated by three Pontiac youths as the person who urged them to steal the equipment. The former golf star was released on \$1,000 bond pending trial at a later date.

L. A. Heacock Made County Supervisor

Luther A. Heacock, 704 Hanna, has been appointed one of Birmingham's representatives to the county board of supervisors by a unanimous ballot of the city commission.

Heacock served as city commissioner for eight years and was, at the same time, a member of the board of supervisors.

He will fill the unexpired term of Ralph Main who was recently named deputy county drain commissioner.

In Race for Troy School Board

Four candidates filed petitions for the two vacancies on the Troy Board of Education before Tuesday's deadline. Election is slated June 11.

Candidates are James J. Huber, 210 Cloveridge; Donald G. Lanes, 2479 Rochester; Russell Robertson, 635 E. Big Beaver road; and incumbent Elmer W. Lowe, 1705 Big Beaver road.

Better Understanding Asked Before Signing BCC Water Contracts

Decision on renewing the water and fire protection contracts with the Birmingham country club was postponed by commissioners for one week and placed on the May 28 agenda.

Lance Minor said he would like to see it "spelled out that should the Birmingham fire department be involved in any accident while responding to an alarm there, the country club would be responsible for any damages."

The present agreement calls for the city to supply water to the club at double the regular rate, and fire protection for \$250 yearly.

Agent of Record Named; Insurance Groups Merged

Harold T. Hagan has been named agent of record to handle all city insurance business. He will act as liaison between the city manager, commissioners and local agents.

Hagan has been asked to select two competent members of Birmingham Association of Insurance Agents to assist him in establishing a proper insurance program for the city.

He told commissioners Monday night that two insurance groups in the city had solved their differences and were merging into one, to be known as the Birmingham Association of Insurance Agents.

HE EXPLAINED that it would be open to all licensed agents with offices in the city.

"Those desiring to become members will have the opportunity to do so in their proper classification," he said.

It is the intention of the association to divide all commissions derived from public business among the members of the association.

Mayor Chad Ritchie said he was pleased to learn the two groups had settled their differences and were prepared to work as one.

Neighbors Help Out Windmere Resident

A fine bit of community spirit was exhibited Saturday morning when 10 or 11 neighbors of Harold Jewell, 2645 Windmere, gathered at his home to put a new lawn in for him.

Jewell's wife has been ill in University hospital, Ann Arbor, for the past several weeks, and he had been spending practically all his spare time there. Most of the neighbors themselves have their own lawns to put in.

High Twelve Closes Affairs for Season

Birmingham High Twelve will close its current activities at its May 28 dinner meeting in the Community House.

G. D. Andrews, vice-president in charge of sales at Dearborn Motors, will present a technicolor film, "Waves of Green."

Photos must be submitted by noon each Friday to insure publication the following Thursday.

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