

Southfield Names Board Trustees

H. Luther Wagner, 38, 24555 Marlin Washington drive, and Hugh G. Allerton, Jr., 16555 Hillcrest, were appointed to fill the vacant seats on the Southfield Board of Trustees last week by board members.

The two will fill the unexpired terms of James Campbell, a Lathrup resident who resigned from the township board on the incorporation move in Lathrup; and Bernard Chapman who recently resigned because of business reasons.

Wagner, a mechanical engineer, is a board member of the Washington Heights Civic Association, a subdivision group in the southeastern part of the township. He has been a resident of Southfield for two years. Allerton is a practicing attorney with degrees in both Political Science and Law.

BOARD MEMBERS obviously were pleased that so many people were interested in serving as trustees.

During the four weeks that they discussed possible men for the appointments, letters were received from 10 residents seeking a seat on the board.

Actually the appointments have stirred more interest in Southfield's government than the past several regular elections.

Proof of the ever-growing population in Southfield and its accompanying civic pride among residents was seen in every letter of application. Aspirants to the board stated that they wanted to help formulate future plans for the growing township and become

a part of its development boom. The following men also applied for trustee vacancies:

HARRY G. BASLER, 24315 Lois Lane, an insurance man with two years residency in Southfield. He has been active with the Southfield PTA and Community Council.

Emanuel Christensen, 17350 Cornell, chairman of the Southfield planning commission, is a pioneer resident of the township, living there for 25 years. He is in the insurance business.

Cecil Cinarad, 48, 28724 Sutherland Lane, is an executive with a floor covering company in Detroit.

Thomas N. Skitch, 19660 Middlesex, is an attorney.

Don Swanson, 33, 24098 Pennsylvania is a teacher with the Detroit school district.

Howard Whitescarver, 17355 Edwards, a security investigator for the Detroit Ordnance District and retired City of Detroit police officer. He is employed as an auditor.

CLYDE L. HAWLEY, 51, 29750 Bristol Lane, is an executive with a floor covering company in Detroit.

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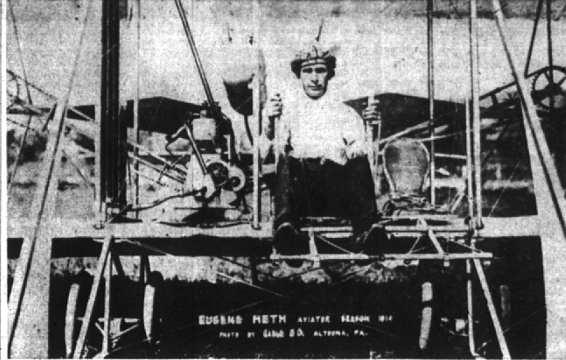
SECTION 3

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BIRMINGHAM BACKGROUND

Local History in Story and Picture

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'EARLY BIRDMAN' EUGENE HETH AND HIS BIPLANE
Flew exhibitions for Wright Brothers

Aviation Pioneer Had Only 45 Minutes of Instruction

Birmingham was the home town of one of America's "early birds". Eugene Heth, of Birmingham was among the first of the young men in the United States to brave the dangers of the "wild blue yonder" in the early days of aviation.

He was the son of John Heth, the civic-minded village milkman, and brother of Blanche Heth, now Mrs. Thomas Navin. They lived on West Maple avenue on a site now occupied by Baldwin elementary school.

Heth's exploits were carefully chronicled in the pages of The Eccentric and first mention of Eugene and his flying machine appeared in May 1911. He then was just beginning his career in aviation.

"Eugene Heth is a coming aviator," reported The Eccentric. "He writes his father from Wollaston, Mass. that he has been up in the air 17 times with Atwood, his teacher, and recently flew over Atlantic City in 17 minutes at the height of 1,500 feet."

Eugene Heth, now retired and living in Florida, recalls that his period of "training before going up in a plane, was only 45 minutes."

A FEW WEEKS after the Wollaston flights, Heth was a "graduated birdman", making flights near Boston. At this time he had a slight mishap when he and his mechanic took a tumble of 100 feet into the sand on the beach, but without harm to either man.

In September 1911, Heth was making exhibition flights in Little Rock, Ark., in his Wright biplane and already made a record in the flying world.

The Little Rock newspaper reported: "In the third (exhibition) flight, Heth remained in the air 15 minutes. He made two circles of the aviation field at about 200 feet but went two miles up the river on the first trip and characterized the journey with a brilliant sharp turn after reaching his turning point at the upper bend of the river."

GENE WAS a hit with the spectators on the exhibitions, receiving great applause from the crowd for his right spiral glides and graceful landings.

John Heth, proud as could be of his son, said, "By Heck! if Gene ever comes here in his flying machine, I'm going up with that boy if it's the last thing I ever do!"

By December of that year, Heth had acquired a nickname and a creditable reputation. He was known as "Wild Bill," the Cloud Buster Heth, and was making exhibition flights for the Wright brothers in Mississippi.

His highest flight during this period was 4,000 feet, staying in the air 52 minutes.

IN JUNE 1912 John Heth went to Lexington, Ky. to visit his son, took a chance and went up nearly 1,000 feet. He had the distinction of being the first father ever given a ride in a biplane piloted by his own son.

Eugene was working for a man named Mitchell in 1912, who formed a flying circus, going around from city to city throughout the United States making exhibition flights.

It was in Alabama that Mitchell met his death when his plane dived into the ground from a height of 200 feet. Eugene and his passenger were in another plane above Mitchell when the accident occurred.

Auto Accident Record Improves During January

Birmingham's auto accident record for January showed a very definite improvement over December and some improvement over January 1933. Police Chief Mosley said this week.

Accidents during January totaled 21 as against 41 for December, and 34 in January 1933.

The bright spot in the picture is that no one was killed during the month, and only one person was injured, Mosley said.

Estimated property damage was less than half that in the Decem-

ber record. In January property damage was estimated at \$6,391. In December it was \$13,420.

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS were noted in 20 of the 21 accidents. Most of these were right-of-way violations and following too closely again were the leading causes of accidents.

The former violation often in the part of the motorist, and this attitude has resulted in a traffic

collision. By extending a little courtesy, drivers could have prevented many of these accidents.

Following too closely often indicates speed too fast for existing conditions. This action results in the violator skidding into other motorists at stop signs and traffic signals.

The three 'C's of safe driving are Care, Courtesy and Common Sense. Those drivers who practice these ideas are not listed in the statistics of our reports," Mosley concluded.

Wing Lake School Addition Slated To Get Underway

Construction of an addition to Wing Lake school will begin immediately, according to Eugene L. Johnson, superintendent of Bloomfield Hills schools.

Contracts for the building totaling \$183,821 were let at a special meeting of the board of education Wednesday night, Feb. 10.

A. N. Hickson company, Detroit, won the general contract at \$128,900. The mechanical and plumbing contract was awarded to H. L. Johnson, Detroit, at \$41,983, and the electrical contract to Ironside Electric, at \$13,338.

THE ADDITION will provide four new classrooms, a multi-purpose room, kitchen, health clinic and additional office space.

The building is expected to be completed in time for classes in September.

A contract to drill a well at the site of a new \$1,500,000 high school on W. Long Lake road near Telegraph was awarded to the Dunbar Drilling company of Delta, Ohio.

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