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Southfield Bond Issue Deemed Urgent

Protest Shagmoor Approval

By WINIFRED SCHAEFFERS
SOUTHFIELD — Residents of Birmingham Farms, turned out 40 strong last night for a meeting of the Southfield Township board to back up their spokesman William King, 32706 Bingham road, in his fight to have action deferred on board approval of the proposed Shagmoor subdivision.

They all went home victorious, after a lively skirmish that ended in the board's reaffirming its action of July 12. What this amounts to is that the Southfield Township board, realizing that Birmingham Farms will soon be a village in its own right, agreed to stand back and give Birmingham Farms a chance to develop the Shagmoor subdivision.

Representing Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffman, owners of the property whose disposition was in question, was Orin S. Gulley, 19667 Riverside drive, Beverly Hills. Gulley is also supervising the architect, Leslie Hogan of 3445 W. Lincoln.

Pointing out that the Southfield township board has jurisdiction over the Hoffman land, pending its adoption of a city charter, Gulley endeavored to persuade the board members to force the Shagmoor development the green light.

KING, speaking by Dr. F. A. Lamberson, 31435 Bingham road, explained to the board that most of the homes in the Bingham area were estate size, varying from three or four acres up to 21, and that the residents of Birmingham Farms, who had voted 12 to 1 in June to become a village, and who have their homes on lots of 1 to 2 acres, wanted to exercise closer control over zoning in their neighborhood, and felt that this was a case in point.

During a discussion on the condition of Bingham road where the Shagmoor subdivision is located, Gulley said Bingham road was not standard, had never been properly ditched, and that "That's the way we want it."

Dutch Elm Disease Is Everyone's Concern

Individual participation by every landowner in the fight against Dutch Elm disease will decide whether or not Michigan saves its trees.

That is the opinion of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, five-county park and roadway agency which pioneered the fight in 1950 and is now spending up \$700,000 annually to save the elms on 9600 acres surrounding Detroit.

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Intensive sanitation measures mean the removal and destruction of all dying or dying elms, the pruning of dead limbs from healthy trees, and the burning of all sawdust, chips, litter and debris containing bark-covered elm wood.

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Overcrowded Schools Pointed to by B of E

Plans are progressing for the \$3,500,000 bond issue which will be submitted to the voters of the Southfield school district in a special ballot Monday, September 12.

Because of overcrowded conditions, more than 600 students attend classes on half day sessions, and with the ever-growing population of Southfield, the overcrowding of the school district is a serious problem.

Classroom additions on the Brook, McKinley and Angling roads are included in the bond program, and with completion of a future junior high school addition to the elementary building now under construction on Nine Mile road between Evergreen and Southfield roads.

According to Schoenhals, "the most urgent need presently is the addition to the most elementary school. The school now has four sub-standard rooms. Plans call for an additional 100 seats, plus kitchen and kindergarten."

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Big Beaver Woman Dies In Auto Crash

SOUTHFIELD—A Troy woman, Mrs. Beatrice Dawson, 47, of 1339 1/2 E. River road, died in a head-on collision with a car in which she was riding, crashed with one of the cars on Telegraph road, near the intersection of Schoolcraft, Detroit.

The crash occurred at Telegraph road in Southfield, Michigan, at 10:30 p.m. on August 10. Robert B. Russell, of Loyal Oak was driver of the car in which Mrs. Dawson was riding.

Russell, who had stopped at a stop sign and was struck when he pulled out into traffic.

He and another passenger, Robert Barnett of Royal Oak, were in serious condition in Pontiac General Hospital.

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GOING STRONG, Corbia, 3-year-old Arabian owned by Mrs. Joseph Nikolov, Beverly Hills, is already making his name known in the horse show circuit.

"You Take the Turnpike, I'll Take the Freeway" — Ziegler

(Special To The Eclectic)
LANSING, MICH., Aug. 10 — State Highway Commissioner Ziegler locked horns with Turnpike Authority chairman George N. Higgins in a meeting Monday when Ziegler refused to pledge support of the 241-mile Rockwood to Saginaw turnpike.

Hot words were passed between the two when Ziegler whipped out his seven page letter to the four Turnpike Commissioners present, which said that despite failure of increased Federal highway aid, he hasn't changed his Turnpike tune.

Ziegler needed the Authority on Turnpike financing road blocks, which include a needed Michigan Supreme Court decision to validate sale of revenue bonds to finance the project and insisted the "imbed" complete a relocation of highway I-75 between Detroit and Flint and extension of the Northwestern highway to intersect near Ponton within the next five years.

Higgins, who has heard from Ziegler many times asked: "Explain when and where will you build, and where will you get the money?"

Higgins pointed out to Ziegler that a relocated I-75 between Detroit and Flint didn't appear on a map until this meeting. Governor William's legal aid, Alfred Pitt, agreed that Ziegler's act on construction money had no relation to I-75 or extension of Northwestern highway.

Higgins and Smith are known to be doing their best to get the Republican Highway Commission to shake hands and be friendly with the Turnpike Authority. To them his refusal is as mystifying as it is maddening.

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Franklin Council Protests Turnpike

FRANKLIN—Two vital issues dominated the discussion at the regular meeting of the Franklin Village Council Monday night, the Turnpike route, speed and parking, according to Mrs. Faye Haak, Clerk.

Covering Item Number 1 on the agenda, the Councilmen reiterated their opposition to the Michigan Turnpike Authority's current route for the Turnpike through their village, and implored the state to accept the proposed route, north of Telegraph and south of the intersection of Telegraph and Schoolcraft roads.

Reports in last week's Detroit newspapers stated that the Oakland County Road Commission had approved the proposed route of the Michigan Turnpike Authority through Oakland County.

Reflected MASAI President

THE IDEA, KIRK explained, was not so much the size of the lots in the Shagmoor subdivision, as the fact that the residents of Birmingham Farms, who had voted 12 to 1 in June to become a village, and who have their homes on lots of 1 to 2 acres, wanted to exercise closer control over zoning in their neighborhood, and felt that this was a case in point.

Another item on the township board's agenda was the formal appointment as Southfield's Civil Defense director, of Lawrence A. Pifer, 24593 Kinsel.

Hacker was re-elected to the Association's top post at the 34th annual convention here, August 6-9. He held several offices in the organization before being first elected to the presidency in 1954, and has served three years on MASA's board of directors.

Hacker was also active in reorganizing the Detroit Chapter of MASA. He served as chapter president for five years. In the year past, he has taken a leading part in the planning of a new Direct Mail Agency and Counselors group for those who are professional planners and writers of direct mail sales programs.

Bigger Program Slated for CD, Says Local Head

FRANKLIN — Mrs. Lynn Hervey, director of civil defense in the Franklin area, announces a greatly expanded program of public information and training for the Federal Civil Defense Administration for its fiscal year 1956, with emphasis on warning signals, such as the Conrad ray system, and on family activities.

Leaflets and other publications, magazine and newspaper announcements, TV and radio spots, half-hour shows and movies, with help of the material prepared by well-known advertising concerns, will be used much more extensively than heretofore.

Public exhibits will dramatize the five basic elements of "Evacuation and Shelter," "Fallout," "Civil Defense in Support Areas," "Family Civil Defense," and "Civil Defense in Industry."

The goal of the program is summarized by the closing paragraph of the report: "to strive to keep our national thinking on this tremendous subject on an even keel, to help people look into it — but never give up to it."

Million \$\$\$ Day Sept. 1

SOUTHFIELD—Thursday, September 1 is "million dollar" day for the Southfield Public School district. On this day slightly more than one million dollars in bonds will be retired with due principal and interest.

Included sums are \$163,894.24 of the first issue of 1949, \$347,196.48 debt fund of 1952, and \$21,977.84 debt fund of 1953.

The board reported at the meeting Monday night a general fund of \$2,022,641.54, including a fund of \$371,252.39.

OVER \$1,000,000 is being held by the board in government investments.

Registrations for Bond Issue Open Until September 2

SOUTHFIELD—Because of a special bond issue ballot to be presented in the school district Monday, September 12, the city office at 26980 Berg will be open for persons desiring to register from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily.

On Friday, September 2, the office will remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for registrations.

Persons who do not register by September 2 will not be eligible to vote on the bond issue.

Cars Hit at Noon

A nonintentional accident in which George S. Goodwin's car skidded into another in front of him at the corner of Telegraph and Square Lake road was reported on August 7.

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Petitions Taken For Blacktopping
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
Petitions were accepted Monday night by the township board for the black toping of Devonshire road, Estimating that the work from the county road commission.
The board is also advertising for bids for the blacktopping of Devonshire road. The bids will be opened August 22 at 2:00 p.m.