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Mitchell, Franklin Road Chief, Quits

Council to Okay Oil In Reversal of Stand

By NITA HARD

FRANKLIN—Franklin's village council reversed its once unwavering stand on road oiling Monday night and as a result, wound up looking for a new street administrator.

Councilman J. Robert Mitchell, backing of his program apparently withdrawn, resigned his post as the village's road chief at Monday night's meeting. He will remain on the council.

The lid, meanwhile, was lifted from the three-year ban against treatment of Franklin roads with road oil.

MITCHELL'S RESIGNATION and the council's action emphasized the gradual breakdown of the council's firm stand against oiling local roads as a dust-preventive measure.

Both added fuel to the heated controversy over the issue, a controversy that flared anew recently following the arrest of three Franklin residents and the suspension of a member of the volunteer police department over the unauthorized oiling of portions of seven village roads.

Councilman Mitchell advised his colleagues to find a replacement for him with 90 days of Monday night's meeting.

FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, village officials have solidly opposed efforts to use oil, asserting that year round maintenance costs were prohibitive with such treatment.

However, the constant pressure of protests and criticism from various residents, including the alleged outright violations now pending court action, weakened Mitchell's support, and the council indicated Monday night that it would view favorably applications for oil.

Mitchell will relinquish road records and files by October but will remain on the council to fulfill his term of office, which expires in March.

Engine Trouble Forces Plane Down in S'field

HOWEVER, the road controversy is far from settled.

The council instructed President Harold Roseberry to appoint a five-man committee made up evenly of known proponents of oil and calcium chloride. They will be charged with the responsibility of making tests and studies of Wellington road between Brantingham and 15 Mile for a period of a year. Their conclusions and recommendations will then be considered by the council for future action.

The test area will be placed under a status quo. Portions with oil on now, may continue to oil, while the calcium chlorided stretches can only continue the present treatment. A little less than a mile of road will be kept under surveillance by the committee.

But for the remainder of the village's roads, the lid is off—still contingent upon application for a permit for work done on roads.

A motion to repeal Ordinance No. 4 was made by Mitchell, but was defeated by a tie-breaking vote cast by President Roseberry.

Roseberry stated that as long as the village roads had been deemed to the village by the county upon incorporation, they were the local government's responsibility and the ordinance merely provided a vehicle for control.

THE COUNCIL also passed an ordinance which requires the installation of culverts before any new construction can begin, even with Mitchell, Page 8-B

Moonlight Excursion

SOUTHFIELD—The auxiliary to VFW Dunham-Ray Post No. 9922 of Southfield has planned a moonlight excursion to Bob-Lo island Saturday evening. Members are asked to arrive at the docks by 8:15 p.m. A family picnic will be planned for later this summer.

ATTEMPTED TO force entry through a screen were unsuccessful, and the would-be burglars departed, leaving a small ladder leaning against the house.

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JUSTICE ALBERT CARR of Bloomfield township will preside at the court action. The justice has

obtained a change of venue to enable court to be held at the Franklin Community hall.

ATTEMPTED TO break into the home of Mrs. Patricia R. Grace, 27453 Rainbow Circle, apparently were frightened off when Mrs. Grace returned home after a 45-minute absence, according to Police Lieut. Edmund Flanagan.

Both have been here for a long time, both are family owned, both began as "depression babies," starting on a shoestring, and both have second generation vitality.

AMID MANSIONS and estates on Bingham road, the Adams Greenhouse conducts its florist business. The present rows of glass buildings grew from a tiny bay window garden Mrs. Elizabeth Adams lovingly tended as a young mother of four and the wife of a fruit farmer, the late Ross Adams.

In 1929, Mrs. Adams took in her first dollar for a cycleman plover. She's been in the business ever since.

Actually, the Adams have had their property since the early 1880's when it was acquired through a French land broker. The original farm lay between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile roads, running as far east as Lahser and west to Wing Lake road.

THERE WAS a time when the Germans, Mrs. Adams' maiden name, and the Adams families together owned nearly 80 square miles in the area.

Oak Farm, the name of the (See ZONING, Page 8-B)



Bridge Threatened

This washout made wary motorists look twice before using the bridge over the Rouge river branch on 10 1/2 Mile road just east of Telegraph. The stream, normally only a few feet wide, spread out over the entire valley floor after Monday's storm.



Lathrup Roads Closed

Lathrup road officials hurriedly closed this section of road at Sunnybrook and Rainbow after Monday morning's cloudburst, but according to Leonard A. Watchowski, city administrator, the city

Change Court Hearing Date In Franklin Road Oil Case

FRANKLIN—The hearing here of three Franklin residents and a Detroit firm for alleged violation of the village's road treatment ordinance has been postponed until July 23 at the request of the village's attorney.

The court action, the first in Franklin's history, had originally been scheduled for Tuesday. Richard M. Adams, a member of the firm of Hestenes Associates in Pontiac and attorney for the village, had asked for more time to prepare his briefs and study the ordinance allegedly violated.

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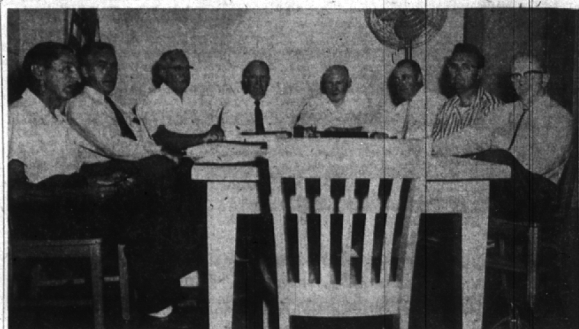
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My Neighbors



"It's so peaceful and quiet here in the country!"



The empty chair should have a sign reading "reserved for Fred D. Leonhard," vacationing Southfield board of education president who was re-elected to his post Monday by an enlarged board. Leonhard was re-elected June 10 to a three-year board term. Will J. Oliver (left) board treasurer, was re-elected to a four-year term and two new members won seats to change the five-member board to seven: Charles L. Curtis, elected for three years (next to Oliver) and Philip A. Maloney, named to a four-year term (on Curtis, left). Others pictured are (from Maloney's left) Glenn Schoenhals, schools superintendent; Mark W. Rehbine, secretary; Leiv Larson; Ernest J. Coverdill, and Glen Levey, assistant superintendent.

Proposed Beauty Shop May Face Parking Dilemma

LATHRUP—Hatfield's Beauty Shop, planned for the southwest corner of Southfield and S. California, may have parking problems because of a city zoning law which requires three parking spaces for every operator employed.

To clarify the problem of a small parking area and no more land for sale, the beauty shop owner, Mildred Hatfield of Ferndale, asked the zoning board of appeals to rule on whether it would be alright to provide nine spaces, three less than the required number if Hatfield employs the four operators for which the shop is ultimately planned.

CITY council told Acting City Manager Gerald Stone last week to advise Hatfield he only would be able to use three operators unless more space is provided. Hatfield plans to begin with two operators.

Council felt the appeals board had no right to grant Hatfield any privileges which were outside the ordinance's limits.

No Rainbow Parking

LATHRUP—Council adopted Traffic Regulation, No. 8 which prohibits parking along Rainbow drive between Southfield and Meadowbrook Way, at Monday night's meeting. The parking ban becomes effective upon publication of notice.

Re-Elect Leonhard S'field B of E Pres.

By JEAN DAY

All officers of Southfield board of education were re-elected unanimously Monday at the first meeting of the newly enlarged board.

Charles L. Curtis and Philip A. Maloney, elected last month to three and four year posts respectively, were sworn in, expanding the board to seven members. Will J. Oliver, who has served on the board since the district's incorporation, was sworn in for another four-year term. Fred D. Leonhard, re-elected for a three-year term, was on vacation.

The six members present re-named Leonhard president; Oliver, treasurer, and Mark W. Rehbine, secretary.

THE BOARD voted to apply for funds to build a room for mentally retarded children in its proposed high school addition after hearing a report from William Emerson, Oakland county superintendent of schools, stating that Southfield could make application in the 1958-59 county school budget. The county has a half-million grant for this purpose.

Glenn Schoenhals, superintendent, said the district now has not quite 40 students in its special education program in operation in two rooms in elementary schools. Provision will need to be made, he stated, for some of these students to continue at the high school level. The special room, he suggested, could be added to plans for a 20-classroom addition at the high school.

ANY RESIDENT who wishes to take a Red Cross first aid course this fall may check the registration card to that effect. They will be notified of the time and place of the classes by the Bloomfield medical deputy, Mrs. Douglas Busi.

SCHOENHALS' is a reported that progress is being made on the attempt to have the Lederle junior high school addition, due to open this fall, hook in temporarily to the Northland sanitary sewer district until the Evergreen intercepter sewer is available. This request, along with one from Michigan Bell Telephone company, he said, is to be studied by the board of supervisors shortly.

Schoenhals told the board that 23 teachers remain to be hired for the 1957-8 school year from a total of 74 being added and replaced.

IN HIS annual treasurer's report, Oliver showed a total fund balance of \$1,520,953.96, as of June 30. Of this \$547,462.22 was the general and building and site funds. The remaining \$1,013,373.49 was debt funds. Oliver reported a 1956-57 deficit of \$4,871.75 to be carried over and made up in the new budget which has a three-million surplus. An increase voted last month by the district.

We Heard It Said By:

LANTZ L. MACKAY, Lathrup mayor: "As long as I have anything to do with government, I'm going to see that every ordinance in the city is upheld."

Although the young village of Bingham Farms has a newly-adopted zoning ordinance restricting any commercial development, the community is not completely non-commercial, for two businesses—and the only two in the Farms—continue as they had for many years before the area became the exclusive residential community it is today. The two—an integral part of the Farms life—are Adams Greenhouse and Outland's Hiding Stables. Left, Mrs. Elizabeth Adams and her son Delbert examine plants in their greenhouse of Bingham road. Above are Tom Outland (right), 71-year-old owner of the stables, and his son Zelma with one of the fine horses from the Outland stables on Fourteen Mile road.

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