

Road Oiling

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limit the use of oil.

NEIGHBORING communities, such as, Detroit, Royal Oak, Farmington Hills, Oak Park, Birmingham, Bloomfield Twp. and Village, Northville, Clawson, Oakland and Wayne counties, to name a few, are permitted the use of oil on their unimproved roads. It has been ascertained that in some instances there is a definite preference on the part of some of these local governments for the oil, but in no instance was there any prohibition against the use of oil.

Following the passage of Ord. 6, the residents of the village cooperated fully with the council last year in applying only salt to the roads to lay the dust. The results were eminently successful from the viewpoint of many residents, particularly those living adjacent to the more heavily traveled roads.

IN MAKING application to the council this year to resume the use of oil on their roads, the residents found Ord. 6 now to be, in effect, a law against the use of oil since the council had no authority to permit it under any conditions.

In an effort to dissuade the Village council from its arbitrary discrimination against the use of oil and to impress the council with the number of residents who desired oil, the council at its May meeting this year was presented with the petitions of 174 residents requesting permission to oil their roads. The council at this time voted against the petitioners.

IN A STILL further effort to convince the council of the general community sympathy for the use of oil, a group of interested residents although unable to contact all 500 plus registered voters, over 400 voters favoring the use of oil by those so desiring. Of the residents able to be contacted less than 5% refused to sign petitions. Again the council voted against the petitioners.

ALSO at the May council meeting, the road commissioner complained of the great personal expenditure of time and effort required in administering over the roads.

In sympathy with this alleged situation, five residents present at the meeting volunteered to assist the commissioner with his burden. To date, two and one half months since the offer, none of the residents has been asked to assist in any way.

REPRESENTATIVES of the over 400 petitioners also volunteered personally in a letter to the council at its June meeting to serve on a committee with members of the council to study the road situation with a view toward making constructive recommendations to the Council for its action.

NOTWITHSTANDING the aggravating dust situation, the letter and offer of the petitioners went unanswered for a period of two weeks and then was acknowledged only after oil had been applied to certain of the roads of the village.

ON EACH occasion requests were made to the council for permission to apply salt to the roads, the petitioners and the council were informed by the road commissioner that the use of oil on the roads, under any conditions, would result in his resignation.

THE INCIDENT resignation of the road commissioner, unwittingly prejudiced the deliberations of the council on the oil issue to the extent that, in the course of the June meeting, the council imposed the further requirement on the petitioners that before any plan for oiling roads even be considered, the petitioners must also present a "fully qualified" candidate for the position of road commissioner.

WHILE Commissioner Mitchell had previously indicated his resignation on the use of oil on the roads in Franklin, he now apparently regards the "conflict" over salt and/or oil as "trivial".

STATEMENTS such as the above by a village official cannot go unanswered and yet to dwell further on these comments, and perhaps others, would seem to serve no useful purpose. Suffice it to say that the present controversy, "trivial" though it may have been, will not have been a waste of time if as a result thereof the residents of Franklin village take a greater interest in the actions of their council and if the latter becomes more responsive to the needs of the residents.

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Justice Delays Decision In F'klin Road Oil Trial

BY LES LINE

FRANKLIN—The outcome of the first court trial in the history of this village rested in the hands of Justice Albert C. Carr Tuesday night, but a decision was not expected to be rendered until early next week.

The Bloomfield township justice of the peace—because of what he termed the important issue involved—said he would take the case of the alleged violations of Franklin's road treatment ordinance under advisement.

JUSTICE CARR stated he would reach a decision by next Tuesday and notify the attorneys involved by mail.

What seemingly should have been a brief and mere of less cut and dried hearing developed into a lengthy presentation of arguments for oiling of Franklin roads by Defense Attorney Richard P. Barnard, himself a Franklin resident and advocate of road oiling.

RICHARD M. ADAMS, Franklin village attorney, was repeatedly overruled in his efforts to limit discussion to the immediate matter with which he said the court was concerned—whether or not there was a violation of Ordinance No. 6. The ordinance requires a permit from the village before any treatment or work on village roads may be undertaken.

THE VILLAGE'S ATTORNEY repeatedly but unsuccessfully argued that neither this court nor any other court has the jurisdiction or power to decide the road treatment issue, and that it is strictly a legislative matter.

Adams charged the defense was attempting to use the courts to gain a chance in the village council's policy.

J. ROBERT MITCHELL, who recently offered his resignation as Franklin road administrator and who has been a staunch opponent of road oiling in the village, was not present at the trial.

George F. Taylor, chief assistant to the Oakland county prosecuting attorney, attended as "just observer."

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Polewack of Arlington drive who moved here from Royal Oak the first part of July. They have three children: Dale, 4, Gary, 3, and Cheryl, 2. Polewack is a Certified public accountant and a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Public Accountants. He is also a member of the Royal Oak Kiwanis club.

Have You Met . . .

The Howard Riemann family on Locherbie who moved just a short distance from Glenview, in Beverly Hills? They have three children, Nancy, 14, Barbara, 12, and Frederick, 7. Riemann is connected with Ford Motor Co. and is a Mason. His hobby is golf and Mrs. Riemann who trained to be a nurse, finds many uses for her training.

ADAMS PRESENTED his case

INSIDE: (Upper Level) Beautiful imported marble entrance and suspended wrought-iron staircase; large living-dining area with "Shik-silk" wall paper, wall murals and automatic draw-draperies of hand blocked silk; two large bedrooms and baths (imported marble walls in master bath); paneled library with built-in HIFI, record player and color TV; "dream kitchen" with built-in Tappan oven and range, dishwasher, disposer and built-in refrigerator and freezer.

OUTSIDE: Excellent sandy beach with dock; dressing rooms for bathers; telephone at beach; picnic table built around huge tree near the water; automatic sprinkling system (pump at lake); circular slate patio; and entire yard is beautifully landscaped.

INCLUSIONS: Imported hand made light fixtures throughout; automatic lights in all closets; "seeing-eye" automatic garage door; three-zone heating system with outside anticipator; G.E. washer and dryer; carpeting and draperies throughout; AND for less than cost, owners will sell the custom made furniture.

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Beverly Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Semrow of Devonshire road returned recently from Mackinac Island where they attended the Aid Association for Lutherans Presidents' club convention held at the Grand hotel, Semrow is representative for this association in the Detroit area and qualified for the Mackinac trip by meeting certain production qualifications.

The Charles H. Berkers and their son, Bob, of Birchwood have just returned from a vacation at Highgate camp on Big Moose lake, in the Adirondacks. They report that blankets were in order for the cool nights in the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. O'Neill of Birchwood and their four children, Eddie, Cathie, Colleen and Peggie, have returned from a vacation at Onego lake where they spent a month.

Canada Creek ranch near Alpena in northern Michigan was the vacation spot for the Joseph F. Vasos of Beechwood and their four daughters, Lana, Sherry, Deborah and Heidi. The children sports were golfing, sailing and swimming.

Another family on Beechwood which has returned from a trip, to Timmins, Ont., are the Robert W. Spencers and their daughter, Judy. While there, they attended the wedding of Mrs. Spencer's brother, Aaron Harvey, and enjoyed some fine fishing. Since their return, they have at their houseguests Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Braccan of Tim-

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Dunn (Lorraine Glass) of Denley avenue, Bedford township, announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara Joyce, July 10. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James E. Dunn of Ferndale and Mr. and Mrs. F. Donald Glass of Locherbie road, Beverly Hills.

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