

# Oiling

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of oiling was less than cost of calcium. "But even if we assume that the cost is more," he said, "I wish the council to know that the \$100 I represent is willing to pay for the difference out of their own pockets in order to have areas bordering on their property."  
He then called for a hand vote of people present who would give \$10 per household if that were an unanimous backing.

**SOME** at the meeting expressed dissatisfaction with the manner in which Franklin road administration was handling scarfing of roads.  
Franklin Road Administrator Robert Mitchell explained difficulty of doing a 100 per cent effective job with funds at his disposal. Asphalt and weight tax refunds from the state, amounting to \$437,000, are used to maintain the 14 mile a year of roads.

**"THE PROBLEM** is one of lack of funds," said Mitchell, who received a cold reception. At one point he offered to resign if anyone felt that he could do a better job.  
Several councilmen came to Mitchell's aid, praising his council work and abilities as road administrator.  
Mitchell's suggestion that he would be only too glad to have help of any volunteers who cared to work on the long time solution of Franklin's road problem, Kaweki offered immediate assistance, picking five men and himself from the group at the meeting.

**OTHERS** were Frank Taylor, 27272 Wellington; John Hause, 27201 Wellington; Peter Finn, 31, 320 Woodside; H. J. Heister, 3070 N. Greenbriar, and Dr. Don A. Kanzoer, 32828 Wing Lake road.  
Kaweki requested councilmen's expressions on oil versus calcium and only councilman Hunter committed himself to oiling.  
In a council meeting upstairs after the downstairs session adjourned, Hunter proposed a resolution to allow people to oil in front of their own residences and the motion was defeated four to two. Councilman Harry B. Bottiers also affirming the proposition.

**SOME** pertinent comments were made by Paul J. Marek, highway engineer of the local government section, who also attended the meeting, but stated he was completely neutral in the debate.  
He did comment, however, that calcium applications are being made with great success by the state. The state digs up and turns over the road surface when adding calcium.  
He pointed out that an amendment is currently before the council that has a bearing on the way which Franklin will be able to finance a bond issue that will affect Act 175. A. of 1952 permit recently incorporated communities to encumber future weight and gas returns to finance the bond issue.

**HE OFFERED** figures based on the average of the fiscal year returns paid to Franklin since its incorporation two years ago. Bonding law as it now stands requires five year averages for bonding purposes.  
Taking average returns for 1955 and 1956 for major and local streets, computed at 40 per cent per year for 15 years, Franklin could finance a \$60,000 improvement program, he stated.  
Totals quoted were \$1,975.51 average for two years for major streets and \$7,103.34 average for local streets, which represent principal and interest.

**BUT** he said a construction program based on approximately three fourths of these amounts would be possible if the corrective legislation is passed by present Michigan legislature.  
Actual amounts for a bond issue under Act 175 are determined by Municipal Finance Commission who are responsible for administration of the act.  
Even the amount suggested by Marek would only be a start to Franklin's road problems but many persons at the meeting felt it had now become necessary to begin thinking in these terms.

**AS MAREK** stated, no matter whether oiling or calcium is finally decided upon, such applications and scarfing of road surfaces only will provide immediate relief and unless paving is done, the problem of dusty and rutted roads will still be giving the village headaches five, ten, and twenty years from now.  
Village president Harold Rosenberg stated that any citizen desiring to oil or in any way change the surface of the village roads should fill out an application pertaining to road work which may be obtained from village offices. Such work, without authorization, is subject to \$100 fine in accordance with the charter.

**ADDITIONAL** council action Monday involved voting a \$250 increase in the city's contribution to the Little League in view of an increase in number of boys and teams and inauguration of an organized baseball farm system.  
Amending the annual budget from \$8500 to \$10,000, council voted \$2100 deficiency appropriation from the general road fund to the current budget.

**AS THERE** is no legal way of establishing volunteer police appointments, council passed a resolution empowering the village president with approval of council, to appoint no more than 14 voluntary members to assist village marshal, and to extend to these volunteers necessary authority as granted to village marshals.

## Home from Trip To Venezuela

**Dr. Mrs. Otto Grob** of Parkston have returned from a trip to South America. The Grobs flew to New York to spend two days with friends before taking off for Porto Rico. Then Caracas, Venezuela, to spend two weeks with their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Slater and granddaughters Bonnie and Sandy.  
Mr. Slater, chief economist for Puerto Rico. Then Caracas, of Standard Oil. The Grobs were in the past two years in Caracas, the coming city of South America. Mrs. Grob described it as a beautiful—everyone busy, busy.

**AFTER CARACAS** they went to Jamaica, then six days at Montico Beach, Casa Blanca, a short stay at Miami Beach, and home.  
Grob took pictures on the trip and Mrs. Grob will show them at the June meeting of the Berkshire W.P.C.

**This coming fall** the Grobs are looking forward to a visit from the Slaters who have been away for two and one-half months leave.

## Posts

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board named Richard M. Fishbeck to be assistant principal at Southfield high school. Now a high school counselor, Fishbeck will succeed Robert Hall, who is to be principal at the high school next year.

**THE BOARD** also approved a salary of \$8,200 for N. C. Olinsted, assistant to the superintendent. At a special meeting earlier he raised the salary of Glen Levy, assistant superintendent to \$10,000. Robert Hall, new Southfield principal, is to receive \$9,700. Elementary school principals will receive a \$200 raise.  
Applications were granted to Barbara A. Wesley, for continued art study at the University of Michigan. Margaret Houlihan, for maternity. The board also accepted the resignation of Mrs. Mary E. Gye, who is retiring after teaching for 13 years in the Southfield system.

**A letter** from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal employees seeking maintenance salary increases and paid hospitalization insurance was tabled.  
**THE BOARD** studied a request from subdivision owners adjacent to the LeRoy school addition at Nine Mile road to provide a walk on subdivision property to take care of drainage onto subdivision property as a result of creation of a high bank where the school property has been overfilled.  
Township Supervisor Eugene Swem told the board that he had just received word Monday that the state equalization tax for Southfield will be figured at 1.57 instead of 1.49, which should operate to the financial advantage of the school board.

## VFW Auxiliary Sets CD Program Date

**SOUTHFIELD** — Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Dunham-Ray Post 9922 of Southfield will hold a special program on Civil Defense Monday at 8 p.m. in the basement of the Reedy Realty building at Southfield and 10 Mile. All women are welcome to attend this program. Mrs. Lynn Hershhey, director of Civil Defense, will talk on the woman's role in Civil Defense and protecting her own family in case of disaster, and about the ground observers corps. This is an opportunity to find out what the community is doing and how you can help your Civil Defense program. Mrs. William Block, auxiliary chairman and civil defense chairman is in charge of arrangements. Refreshments will be served by the auxiliary.

## Stapleton Selected

**LATHRUP** — Carl P. Stapleton, 26431 Meadowwood, was named as an alternate to the South Oakland Planning Council Monday night by council. City Administrator Leonard A. Watchowski is the regular delegate.

## S'field B of E 'Cool' To Upper Teens Bid

**Southfield board of education** appeared reluctant to act upon the request of the Southfield Upper Teens club for use of school property at Eleven Mile and Evergreen roads Monday night.  
Southfield Supervisor Eugene Swem presented the club's proposal that it would build on the property with the building to be devoted to the school board with the understanding that the club would have the use of it so long as it functions. He will cooperate in any way possible for its use, Swem stated.

**With the exception** of Will J. Oliver, board trustee who also serves on the Upper Teens club board of trustees, the school board voiced doubts about the value of the club.  
Leth Larson called the present club would have to be organized by June 1 but the deadline now may be extended until Oct. 1. The boys are actively seeking any possible site and will cooperate in any way possible for its use, Swem stated.

## Valuation Changes Affect Southfield

**SOUTHFIELD**—Eugene Swem, township supervisor said a change by the State in the State's valuations means a change in the township equalization factor from 1.49 per \$1,000 of assessed values to somewhere between 1.55 and 1.59.

**This means more taxes** will be levied per \$1,000 of assessed valuations, said Swem, who noted that the Oakland county valuations had been raised by \$185,000,000.  
**A HOUSE** at 30323 Southfield, has been condemned because of poor plumbing, electrical facilities, and unsanitary sewers and water, according to Southfield Chief Building Inspector Frank Glidig, who added these conditions must be corrected before the home is habitable.

**SPECIAL** meeting of the township board will be held Thursday to accept bids for sale of special assessment bonds and to finish the agenda they worked on Tuesday. This includes Orchard drive's paving petition, reconsideration of the township budget, rezoning request from residential to commercial on the northeast corner of 13 Mile and 12 Mile in Greentown, and a zoning amendment to upgrade side yard restrictions.

**SOUTHFIELD** Improvement Association, located west of Beech road, Inger, Eight Mile and Rouge river, asked co-operation of the township to end a rat problem, and to force laws regarding outside toilets, junk cars parked on residential property and dumping of rubbish on vacant property.

**TRUSTEE** Philip A. Maloney questioned mileage statements by Southfield's fire and police chiefs and time cards for township employees Tuesday.  
"We have a pretty good gang that is never late," said Maloney who noted that such timecard contentions showed eight hours for each worker. "If they are late they miss the truck," said Swem.  
Maloney noted too, that police and fire chief's mileage did not list any private driving on their speedometers. Swem said he would talk to the chiefs about their mileage cards.

**BID OF Detroit Concrete Products Co.** of \$18,950.00 to pave Eastlady drive was accepted over the objections of a handful of citizens who thought more ditching should be included. Price per foot will be \$29.20.  
**OP SEVEN** bids for water mains on Phillips drive, Coolidge Excavating Co. was successful with a bid of \$29,582.42. Cost per front foot will be \$3.72.  
**THIRD** request for a drive-in theater in 14 months was denied.

## SHS Students Win Nat'l Art Awards

**OLIVER** countered that "if the club isn't what it should be, let's change it but not eliminate it."  
Swem said the boys have expressed the desire for a hobby shop similar to the one operating in Redford township and have applied to the United Foundation for funds to hire a supervisor, as was done in Redford.

**THE BOYS** are eager to raise funds to help their project, Swem said, telling how they washed cars recently.  
Mark W. Rebhine, board secretary, advised Swem not to offer the club an encouragement as the board was not sure it had the legal right to offer its land. The board asked Superintendent Glenn Schoenhaus, who raised the question of legality, to check this with board attorneys.

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**SOUTHFIELD** — Three Southfield high school students have received awards for their art work in the national scholastic art contest at Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh.  
Elaine Parker, 26825 Santa Barbara, a 12th grade student, won an award for her textile design. Carol Saari, 23161 Valley drive, a 12th grade student, won for general design.  
Martina Lambertini, 29555 W. 11 Mile road, a 12th grade student, was given an award for two ceramic figures.  
A textile design by Janet Donald, 21459 Dun Scotus, an 11th grade student, was placed in the national show.

## Study Zone Changes

**LATHRUP**—Council and members of the zoning board will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. to study proposed amendments to the zoning law.  
Four to 8 p.m. are the most dangerous hours of the day to drive.

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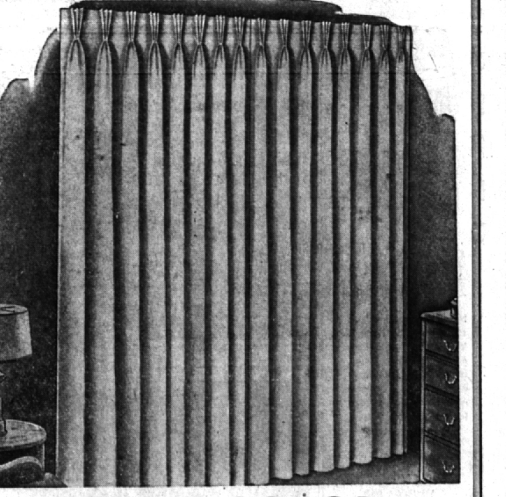
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