

Fire Destroys S'field Home

SOUTHFIELD—An \$8,500 fire Sunday wiped out the home of Don McFarland, 22841 Reihart, Southfield. The house, valued at \$7,000, was a total loss, according to Southfield fire officials.

Property inside the house, estimated at \$1,500, was also destroyed.

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The fire was started by a faulty furnace or chimney, according to fire officials.

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Baumgarths Settle With City on Alley

Birmingham is expected to go into Oakland circuit court tomorrow morning with only one defendant in an alley right-of-way condemnation case.

City Attorney Deal G. Beier said he expects to receive yet today an option to 13 feet at the rear of the E. A. Baumgarth property on Martin street.

Then he will ask the court to dismiss proceedings against the Baumgarths.

THIS LEAVES Martin property owner Eugene A. Moore the only defendant in legal action by which the city will open and construct a dead-end alley. It is for the block



at the southeast corner of Bates and Maple, and will open off Bates street.

Moore and the city have not been able to agree on a settlement. Moore's problem is complicated by an old building, part of which is on the proposed alley right-of-way. In their option, the Baumgarths tied down their share of participation in the alley project. If it is done as one project, they will not be charged more than 22 per cent of the cost.

SHOULD IT be done in two parts, they will not pay more than 21 percent of the land acquisition cost; nor more than 28 percent of paving costs.

For about four years, the city and property owners have argued over alley design, land valuations, and cost-sharing.

A few months ago, the city moved ahead on a dead-end alley design, and began condemnation action against Moore and the Baumgarths.

In Okinawa

Lt. Paul A. Phillips, son of Mrs. Paul Phillips of Bird street, Birmingham, is serving with the 479th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. This unit deployed from Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, New Mexico, to the Far East as part of Tactical Air Command's composite air strike force at the outbreak of the Formosan crisis.

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Meet

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taken to stand on the school election. Federated President George F. Peizer will be chairman of Friday's meeting.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Graupner's "Letter to the Editor" on the school election can be seen on P. 5-B of this issue).

IN THEIR endorsement of the millage proposal, Hill PTO Presidents stated, "We express our appreciation to the confidence of the citizens' curriculum committee, as well as the school board and administration."

The resolution continued, "The proposals are the minimum necessary and do not entail a higher tax rate than other neighboring school districts. They are based upon immediate needs, the citizens' advisory committee recommended that future needs be met as they arise. We urge the citizens of the Bloomfield Hills school district to support the board's proposal and vote yes on Dec. 8."

The resolution is signed by Presidents Dr. and Mrs. James Little, Bloomfield Hills high school PTO; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nyquist, Hill junior high; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reynolds, Wing Lake; Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Vaughan; the Hugh Carney, Eastover; Franklin Oosterhof, Hickory Grove PTA; and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Givens, Pine Lake PTO.

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Birmingham Treasurer Russell Berger said about 10,000 notices, totaling \$2,616,882.14, have been mailed, and that Birmingham residents who do not receive notices by Friday should notify the treasurer's office.

Bloomfield Hills mailed out 1,000, worth \$423,828.85, and Bloomfield township sent out 12,000, totaling \$2,287,000.

TAXES ARE PAYABLE without penalty until Jan. 20 when an additional four per cent will be of the district who recommended

Serving on the advisory committee are William Donnelly, chairman; Frank Arnold, Carl O. Barton, A. C. Girard, Graham John Graham, Raymond T. Perring and Lynn Townsend.

county and a resolution of the Oakland county board of supervisors.

THIS TAX increase will amount to one-quarter mill per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation. This money will be used to pay Oakland county's share to the Hugen-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

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