

# County Eyes Extensive Road Widening Project in Area

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In one portion of the project, they would split the 25 per cent payment.

**BIRMINGHAM** Beverly Hills, Leachville, Southfield, Troy, Oak Park, Oak Park, Berkley, Huntington Woods, Clawson, Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge have all been asked if they want the project.

The three-year proposed plan, according to Hiland M. Thatcher, chairman of the Road Commission, would be completed one-third each year beginning next summer if the details can be ironed out in time. The Road Commission is shooting for a finished job by fall of 1964.

Thatcher explained that the project involves a series of steps before it becomes reality.

"FIRST," he said, "we must have the work done so fast and out how many of these communities favor such a program."

Letters went out Friday to the area municipalities seeking sentiment on the improvement project.

The second step, he continued, would be a meeting of the Road Commission with the Ways and Means and the Roads committees of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

This will be sought in late October.

From that point, he said, the financial problems would be worked out with each individual community.

A series of explanatory meetings is being scheduled during the next two weeks between representatives of the 12 governments and the Road Commission.

ACCORDING TO County Road Commission officials, it has long been agreed that sooner or later widening of these roads would have to be done.

ERESPRAWAY, the Southfield east-west, Northwestern and James Couzens routes are completed, the situation will worsen because of heavier traffic.

The proposed road program is primarily in the southern half of the county.

THE ROAD Commission recommends:

1. Southfield Road from 9 1/2 to 12 miles—widened to five lanes. Approximately 2.5 miles.
2. Southfield Road from 12 Mile to 14 Mile—widened to five lanes. Approximately 2 miles.
3. Greenfield Road from 11 Mile to 14 Mile—widened to four lanes. Approximately 3.0 miles.
4. Maple Road (east) from Coolidge to Adams—widened to four lanes. Approximately one mile.
5. 14 Mile Road from Greenfield to Southfield—widened to four lanes. Approximately one mile.
6. 14 Mile and Cranbrook—construct two-lane stretch from Southfield to Lincoln. Approximately 1.5 miles.
7. 19 Mile Road from Southfield to Greenfield—widened to four lanes. Approximately one mile.

8. Big Beaver from M-160 to Adams Road—install two-lane road. (This project would be paid for totally by the county). Approximately 3.97 miles.

9. Crooks from 14 Mile Road to Maple—widened to four lanes. Approximately one mile.

A total of 44 other road projects are included in the proposed program and are located in other areas of the county.

"EVERY THOUGHT the need for improvement on these roads has been recognized for some time," Thatcher said, "the nearing completion of expressways in the area has made this program one for

immediate consideration."

Sections of the Chrysler Expressway from Pontiac north are presently under construction by the county, the section from Pontiac to 11 Mile will be under contract by next year.

In three years, Thatcher pointed out, the Chrysler route from 11 Mile Road north will be usable and across a road traffic control around it will have to be brought up to date.

Work on the Southfield area expressway system will get into full swing next year pointing out a number of considerations for the prompt attention to the county's program, Thatcher added.

It's a great sight to observe a young mother carrying her infant in affectionate embrace, perhaps at the moment of a busy day's track of a little toddler, as Mama goes shopping. The loving smile and occasional kiss on the babe in arms is charged for a kindly but peppy call to Junior to "Hurry up! Stay with me." Mothers certainly have their hands full! (Admit it Dad!)

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# Birmingham Asks Civil Defense Plan for Birmingham

## This and That Birmingham Has No Provision for A-Bomb Shelters

by George R. Averill Industrial Ideals Of George Romney

Recently I lunched with a number of Detroit newspaper reporters, most of whom keep their respective journals posted on news in industry, with emphasis on the automobile manufacturing business. Considerable discussion was pointed toward George Romney, American Motors Corp. president, and his recent "profit-sharing" contract with the UAW-CIO.

Several of the newsmen were of the opinion that the contract might, in the future, play a very important part in the operation of American industry. These labor organizations get such a long haul on their terms that they demand a share in the company's financial books, says a leading questioner. "If they don't get them, they really will manage such corporations, and what will be the price of the stockholder's share?"

WELL, THESE are important questions and perhaps only time will provide the answers. What caused Romney and his AMC to enter into a profit-sharing contract at this time was not so great a mystery to me, I said. As a dynamic industrialist, I ventured, is motivated by a deep religious conviction that all honest, hard-working men and women have more than a surface stake in the nation's economic life. A free, competitive enterprise system such as we still have (at least in part), in the United States.

A leader in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) George Romney long has been convinced of the divinity of man, and of his right to earn financial security for himself and his family. I once heard him in a meeting of hard-headed business men warn up to a discussion of human rights. . . and he declared that I, the Creator, and the Creator and that mankind are children of this Creator. . . and his implications are that the Creator has provided the benefits of enlightened economic, social and civic leadership.

HE, THEN, IS endeavoring within the environment of his own industry to provide for the best leadership. . . both in AMC and in his leadership of Citizens for Michigan. For many years he has been the leader in his Church's "stake" in southeastern Michigan. At least this is what I told my fellow newspaper men. This is what my own fairly close observation of George Romney and his doings have led me to believe. . . a comparable degree of equity in the leadership of the UAW-CIO may prove Romney's theory workable. Time only will tell.

**B'ham to Open 12 Town Bond Bids Monday**  
Birmingham city commissioners will open bids Monday night on bonds for financing the City's share of the Twelve Town Drain Commission.  
Bids will be received until 8 p.m. Monday.  
They will be opened at the beginning of the meeting; will be opened by the City finance director and the bond issue consultant, who will make a recommendation to the commissioners; and the commissioners will vote to accept or reject the low bids.  
Birmingham is issuing \$1,500,000 in bonds to pay in advance the assessment for the southeastern Oakland County storm relief drain.

## C. E. Wilson Rites At Christ Church

Funeral services for Charles E. Wilson, who died of a heart attack Tuesday near Baton Rouge, La., will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Burial will be in Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills.

The 71-year-old former Secretary of Defense and past president of General Motors arrived at his son's estate in plantation style in Bloomfield Township residence Sept. 18. He raised brook and dairy cattle in Louisiana and at Longmeadow, the Wilson estate on Long Lake Road.

His last public appearance in Detroit was Sept. 6 at the funeral of his granddaughter, Margaret Ann Wilson, who became the bride of John Patrick MacManus the following Saturday.

At times, because of his straightforward speech, Wilson became a figure of public controversy. But the strong-willed leader of men always "stuck by his guns."

Wilson RAN GM for 11 years. Under his leadership the giant auto company was converted into the world's biggest producer of war material.

With the coming of peace, he returned the company to full-scale automobile production.

**Local Commuters Topic of Article In Suburbia Today**  
Read-Riders, Inc., a group of Birmingham and Royal Oak commuters, are featured next week in Suburbia Today.

## Mrs. D. Bay To Introduce Harry Golden

Harry Golden, first speaker on the 1961-62 Birmingham Town Hall series, will be introduced to his audience by Mrs. Donald S. Bay, town hall president.

Golden, noted publisher, author and columnist, will speak at the Birmingham Theatre today and Friday.

Others WILL BE Lynn S. Miller, editor of the Daily Tribune, Royal Oak; Mrs. Guy D. Hitt, Mrs. Morris Halsted, Mrs. Ralph Backus and Mrs. Charles Renfrew.

**B'ham Cites Dr. Raynale As 'Physician of Year'**  
Birmingham City Commission Monday night adopted an proclamation honoring Dr. George P. Raynale as Michigan's Foremost Family Physician for 1961.

DR. GEORGE P. RAYNALE, internship at St. Mary's Hospital, now Detroit Memorial Hospital.

**County GOP Names New Chairman Today**  
The Executive Committee of the Oakland County Republican Party will meet to choose a new county chairman at 4 p.m. Monday in headquarters at 744 S. Adams, Birmingham.

## Eye Romney For Con-Con's Top Position

Oakland County Republicans held out hope today that George Romney would be elected chairman of the Constitutional Convention when it convenes in Lansing Tuesday.

Without shelter, there is no civil defense," Frank B. Ellis, director of Civil and Defense Mobilization, told the Military Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations in August.

Identification and use of the shelter potential of existing buildings could adequately shelter about one-fourth of our people.

THIS, HE cautioned, is not an existing capability, but a potential one.

And yet, Birmingham joins hundreds of other communities in an American version of Russian roulette in which devastating nuclear warheads replace bullets.

**Tax Cheating**  
Cases are increasing, Internal Revenue Service reports. Story is on Page 7-B.

**Amusements**  
Bits of B'ham news, Campus News, Church News, Down to Earth Editorials, Legal Notices, News Notes, Obituaries, Real Estate, Round the Town, Sports, Theaters, Youth and Education, Weekly Visit, Women's News, Want Ads.

**LOCAL OBSERVERS** were saying today that Romney probably could be more effective on the committee floor than as president-in-asmuch as the president usually doesn't serve on committees.

**FOLLOWING PHYSICIAN** residency of the Iron Mines in Palmer, Mich., Pontiac State Hospital and Huron Milling Co. in Harbor Beach, Dr. Raynale and his wife, Edna, traveled to England.