

IN BEVERLY HILLS

Road Proposal Defeat May Jam Up Traffic

By ETHEL SIMMONS
Staff Writer

Beverly Hills voters set up a "road-block" when they cast their March 11 election ballots, turning down three road widening and paving proposals. But they may have created a big, future traffic problem.

The Oakland County Road Commission, which has jurisdiction over Greenfield and Southfield and 14 Mile from Greenfield to Southfield, has a three-year pro-

gram under way to widen all three roads. Contracts have already been let on the widening of Southfield as far north as 13 Mile to five lanes. The county's plan was to continue the road north to 14 Mile.

BUT BECAUSE BEVERLY Hills said "no," the five-lane road, when completed, will drop abruptly to two lanes when it reaches 13 Mile Road.

And how do you suddenly compress five lanes of traffic onto two without some kind of jam-up?

According to Claude Shephard, chairman of the road committee of the Beverly Hills Village Council, no steps are being taken to force the road through against the wishes of the voters.

"The village council won't do anything," he said. "The vote revealed what was the resounding desire of our residents."

COULD THE council go ahead even if it wanted to?

"We don't have the funds," said Shephard. "We could get them without borrowing, and that's what the proposals were for. We could sell bonds and pledge funds from the gasoline tax, but we're already using that money in the maintenance fund, which would suffer."

"Nothing will be done next election between now and next election because a petition would be made to the council with substantial signatures."

At the Oakland County Road Commission, Robert O. Pelt, a commissioner, said: "The election has upset our plans. We can't put the road through Beverly Hills without their help. We'll build as far as we can and hope they will find a way of helping us."

BOTH SHEPHARD and Pelt spoke of the resultant traffic problem from the voters' turnout.

The three road improvement proposals on the ballot included two county-sponsored ones.

Borrowing \$146,000 to widen Greenfield, Southfield and 14 Mile from Greenfield to Southfield and also to pave 14 Mile from Evergreen road to the city limits.

Borrowing \$44,000 to pave 14 Mile from Southfield west to Evergreen and to extend the road from its dead-end at the Birmingham Village Club.

The village-sponsored road proposal called for borrowing \$1,033,300 to pave parts of Beverly, Pierce, Evergreen, Riverside and 14 Mile.

Student Job Program Holds Planning Session

Student representatives, counselors and high school officials will meet with community leaders and board of education members at The Community House Tuesday to seek further expansion of the employment program for high school students in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

A student employment center, established at The Community House last summer on a trial basis, has functioned to the satisfaction of placing students in temporary or part-time jobs that it has become a permanent community service.

Harris Machus, president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, said the student employment center has proved an asset to local businesses.

"IT'S A CONVENIENT service for merchants and others requiring part-time help," he said. "Those who have hired students through the center are highly satisfied with the results, and we are urging our

members to employ more local young people as the need arises."

The employment center is staffed by high school students under the supervision of Mrs. Roy F. Thompson. Since opening, the center has registered more than 200 students and filled 123 job requests, according to F. Ward Ouradnik, executive director of The Community House.

Requests from employers are filled from a master file which has the qualifications, aptitudes and of each student. Students pay a registration fee of \$1 to help finance the program. There is no charge to employers using the service.

JOBS FILLED by the center include office work, typing, clerking, baby sitting, household repairs, painting, lawn upkeep, window washing, parking cars and mothers' helpers.

Among the program's strong supporters is Mayor Florence H. Willett.

"We hope more local businesses and home owners will take advantage of student help through the employment center," Mrs. Willett said. "The community has a responsibility to provide productive work opportunities for our young people. The fact that student workers provided by the center are rated and recommended by their fellow students insures the employer will be satisfied."

COMMUNITY HOUSE board members Mrs. John Fauver and Mrs. George R. Squibb serve with Ouradnik on the employment office committee. Walter Pelt, assistant to the superintendent of schools, represents the Board of Education.

Adult and student representatives from participating high schools include Mrs. Mary White, counselor, and Pam Waggoner and Kathy Spaurthwaite, Bloomfield Hills; Fred Baker, counselor, and Jan Eubank and Dave Breedlove, Hoover; and Merrill Miller, counselor, and Tom Howling, Seaholm.

The employment center is open from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturdays. Prospective employers may call Monday 4-4046 to list job requirements.

Judges to Get Pay Increase

Birmingham's municipal judges will get a pay raise beginning with the new four-year term in April.

City Commissioner M. J. O'Neil night approved pay increases for both Municipal Judge John C. Emery, Jr. and Associate Judge Edward R. Emery.

The raise had to be approved before the April 1 election because the change can take place once a new term has begun.

Commissioners raised the judge's salary to \$7,500 a year from the previous \$5,000. The associate judge was boosted to \$1,500 from \$1,200.

COMMISSIONERS Carl F. Ingraham and William E. Roberts had proposed the salaries be set at \$9,000 and \$1,800 but their motion did not pass.

Commissioner Charles A. Renfrew proposed the pay scale that was adopted. He was supported by Commissioners Robert W. Page, William H. Burgum, Ralph A. Main and Mayor Florence H. Willett.

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After several months of study the plan board determined that the problem could be traced to the growing trend of multiple vehicle ownership and the lack of zoning ordinance revisions to keep pace with the trend. The present ordinance requires only one parking space per dwelling unit.

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John F. Saeffe (left), Birmingham administrative aide in charge of civil defense, and Major Pro Tem William H. Burgum spent part of last week stocking the city's public fallout shelters with emergency supplies. Presently stocked fallout shelter spaces for 810 persons exist in the Wabek Building (above), Grand Trunk depot, Baldwin Library, Quorton School, Municipal Building, Demery's and Village Sport & Hobby Shop. The provisions include food, water and radiological measuring instruments and minimum medical supplies.

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Council Begins Another Year In Beverly

By NITA HARD
Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—Elected to serve his sixth term as village president, Marvin Cline launched the council with its two new members, John Magee and Edward Dolan, in another year of administrative work.

One of the very first questions on the agenda was, "What do we do now?" posed by representatives of the Cedar Hills Farms Improvement association regarding scattered plans to pave 14 Mile Road.

Voters repudiated all road improvement proposals on the ballot March 12.

SINCE THE RESIDENTS of that area depend almost totally on 14 Mile Road for access to the homes, Cline recommended that they meet soon with the new road committee. The council had to alternate plans in mind at present.

Alger F. Quast Company's request for rezoning to allow a nursing home on 13 Mile Road boiled down to the interpretation of the type of business; Harry Taran demanded an explanation of \$750 inspection fees for a proposed fill project and Magee denounced a recent anonymous mailing for which the village was responsible.

QUAST, A REALTOR was told the petition would have to show the present owner as a party and assume the responsibility for determining a "nursing home" for use whether it could be viewed as compatible with limitations of the zoning code.

Taran was told, in addition to the \$20 permit fee to bring approximately 30,000 yards of fill for the (See COUNCIL, 8-A)

City to Honor Volunteers for Michigan Week

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

The more than 50 volunteer members of the various committees working for the City of Birmingham will be honored by the City on Government Day, during the Michigan Week observance, May 19-25.

Commissioners Monday night advised the administration to go ahead with plans for a May 20 luncheon at the Community House.

R. S. Kenning, assistant city manager and chairman of Government Day activities, said the program would include the introduction of the visiting mayor (it is also Mayor Exchange Day) and his party, and the committees working for Birmingham.

IN ADDITION TO the committee members who serve without pay, the past city commissioners still in the area would be guests of the city.

Commissioner Ralph A. Main said he believes there are 30 former commission members still living in the area.

Other commission members reminded Main that by May there would be 31 ex-commissioners. Mayor Florence H. Willett will fall into that classification after the April 1 election.

In addition to Kenning, Michigan Week General Chairman Robert Kilpatrick, of Michigan Bell, has named chairman for the various "days" to be celebrated during the week-long observance.

REV. JOHN ROOT, president of Birmingham Council of Churches, will handle the Spiritual Day activities, and Mrs. June Talbert, president of the Newsome Club, will play host on Hospitality Day.

F. Ward Ouradnik, executive director of The Community House, will serve as vice chairman for the entire week and chairman of the business activities on Livelihood Day.

Birmingham Public Schools Administrative Assistant Walter J. Pelt is handling the Thursday Education Day program and Robin Bahr, former Arts of Living writer for The Eccentric, is hosting Heritage Days on Friday.

Donald Martin, recreation department director, is overall chairman of the Saturday Youth Day celebration that will feature a fashion show in Shain Park, bike race, fishing contest and a well-known marching band leading a parade through the downtown area.

When Ford Motor Company was organized in 1908, Henry Ford refused a doctor's offer to invest money in the new company. Twelve men already had purchased stock and Ford feared it was too late to bring bad luck.



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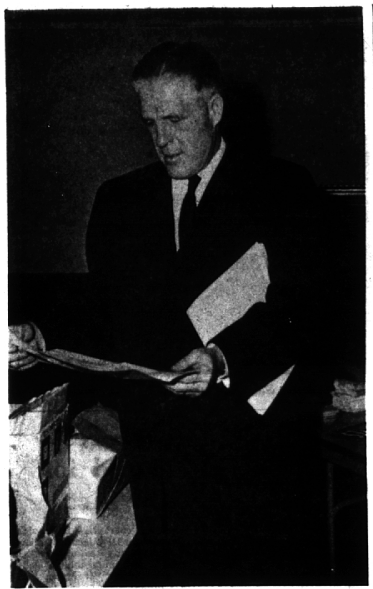
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Look It Over, George

Gov. George Romney paid his first official visit since taking office to Birmingham last Thursday night. The governor spoke at a Republican rally plugging the adoption of the proposed new state constitution and the election of the 10 GOP candidates in the April 1 election. Before addressing the 350 party stalwarts at The Community House, Romney paused in the lobby to look over campaign literature. (Story 1-A)

B'ham Okays Change In Zoning Ordinance

City Commissioners have authorized the Birmingham city attorney to draft a resolution amending the zoning ordinance to require one-

and-three-quarter parking spaces per unit in multiple family dwellings.

A public hearing on the possible amendment will be set up by the commission after the resolution is prepared.

The problem of multiple family parking came to the attention of the commissioners last summer when they were requested to solve a parking problem that existed in the Penobscot Manor area.

COMMISSIONERS turned the matter over to the plan board and planning department for investigation and recommendation. Although the plan board recommended one and three quarters spaces per unit, the possibility of requiring two spaces per unit will still be considered, according to City Planner William Brownfield.

In a report to the commission the plan board said the problem was, and still is, the general lack of adequate off-street parking in the multiple family areas of the city.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

Florida Fishing That Wasn't Much Fishin' At All!

Last Feb. 6, I was flown down to Florida's Miami in two hours and twenty minutes. That big, beautiful jet airplane reached the 33,000-foot aerial level in a few minutes—during which brief time I tucked two fishing rods next to me on the window side, then leaned back a bit and focused my eyes upon a magazine.

Actually, I was planning to spend a goodly part of a month trying to prove my piscatorial ability in several areas of Florida.

Were I to write a succinct and truthful yarn about my fishing, it would be about like this: Between the cold, the wind, and the rain—plus the vagaries of the fish-folks that inhabit the sea—though in a Rambler Ambassador I drove to Delray Beach, Flamingo, Greyhound Key, Naples, Tarpon Springs and Clearwater, in all that time and driving Ole Man Weather allowed me (and tens of thousands of others) less than a good day's fishin'.

YES SIR, AND yes ma'am, were I to write a truthful piece about my south Florida wanderings I would say, again: Fishin' just ain't in that kind of weather. . . . even though driven 2,100 miles in a comfy ramblin' Rambler was kinda fun . . . 'cause it did take me to visit with many old friends in those places.

Accordin' to the weather folks down Florida way, 'twas the coldest winter they have had in many a year. (Well, the same could be said about the rest of the nation. (See THIS & THAT, 8-A))

Suffers from Burns In Neighborly Act

Beverly Hills police said Robert Forte, 10151 Lauderdale, suffered slightly burned hands when he rushed into a neighbor's home and tore a set of burning drapes off the wall and threw them on the front lawn.

Police said Forte noticed fire coming from the home of Joseph Farmer, 10151 Lauderdale, Friday afternoon. After throwing the drapes on the lawn, he rushed back into the house to pull a burning chair out. Firemen said the fire was under control when they arrived. Damage was set at \$500.