



Recommend S'field Widening

Beverly Road Commission In Unanimous Agreement

By KAY SMITH
Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—A unanimous recommendation by the village road commission that Beverly participate with the county in widening Southfield Road from two to five lanes between 14 and 14 Mile roads was made to the council Monday night.

Four of the seven council members are members of the road commission.

Edward F. Dolan, chairman, requested that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting, Oct. 19. Cost of the project will be in the vicinity of \$220,000; Beverly's share would be about \$56,000.

Costs are approximate and based on surveys made in the spring of 1963. At that time the voters defeated a referendum on the project and other road projects, 7 to 1.

is with safety of village residents and others using Southfield and the roads crossing Southfield.

The commission feels that the present two-lane road contributes to an unsafe condition.

IT SPECIFICALLY refers to the safety hazards such as the funneling of two northbound lanes of Southfield traffic into one lane at 13 Mile Road, the difficulty of entering Southfield Road from the shopping center at the intersection and other safety considerations.

At a meeting Oct. 1 the commission unanimously agreed to the recommendation to the council that the village initiate the action. Serving on the road commission are Councilmen Edward Dolan, Claude A. Shepherd, Edward M. Shurtliff and Chester Guilmet and Village Road Commissioner Walter Kouba.

The township will also build a parking lot. Fedosky has been retained by the village to oversee the work up to a limit of 30 hours at \$10 per hour.

Permission was given Jack Roberts to build four models in Valley Woods Subdivision No. 1 in the 14 Mile Road and Lahser area.

APPROVAL WAS also given Georgetown Green No. 1, at 13 Mile and Lahser, with the conditions of dismissal of a suit now pending.

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BIRMINGHAM'S TOP ADMINISTRATOR L. R. (Dick) Gare at new golf course.

Care to Retire After Serving City 15 Years

Birmingham City Manager L. R. (Dick) Gare will officially submit his resignation to commissioners Monday night.

Gare, 61, the city's chief administrative officer since 1957, has told the commission informally that he plans to retire at the end of the year.

Mayor Charles W. Renfrew is expected to announce Gare's successor shortly. Assistant City Manager Robert S. Kenning appears to have the inside track for the job.

A veteran of 40 years in municipal government, Gare has been with the City of Birmingham since 1919. He served as director of public works and city engineer in Birmingham before stepping into the mayor's shoes.

A civil engineering graduate of the University of Michigan, Gare has been in governmental service in 1925. He was assistant city engineer in Dearborn for 17 years before becoming city engineer in Ferndale.

GARE SAID he was resigning from his position with "a certain amount of regret."

After nearly 40 years of service in municipal government, the last 15 have been the most gratifying to me," he said.

"The termination of my employment has been considered for some time and the three month's notice should be adequate for an orderly transition," Gare said.

Although he believed he should probably wait till the last day of his employment to hand out accounts, Gare said he felt "a strong urge" about the people he had worked for and with that he could not.

The employees of the City of Birmingham are top quality people and are a credit to the city.

"BIRMINGHAM citizens are also fortunate in the caliber of persons who have been selected over the years to represent them on the commission.

"The many commissioners I have known since June, 1949, have given much of their time and patience to do the best possible job for the city. The same is true for the members of the various boards which operate to make a well-run city," he said.

Gare also paid a special tribute to the citizens of Birmingham.

"You get no better city or government than the citizens want and the people of Birmingham have taken enough interest to insure that the community is the fine city that it is."

(See GARE, 7-A)

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THE COMMISSION has not yet made a recommendation on methods of financing the program. These will also be discussed at the next meeting. The work would be a summer, 1965, project of the county road commission. Commissioner Paul Van Rookel will be invited to attend the meeting.

The recommendation came as the result of some 15 meetings the village road commission has had over the last several months with the Michigan State Highway Dept., the Oakland County Road Commission, the cities of Birmingham, Southfield and Lathrup Village, as well as with Beverly Hills representatives.

Call Zoning Hearing for Gas Station

A public hearing will be held by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night to discuss a petition from the Sun Oil Co. to rezone the northeast corner of Maple and Adams from residential to community business.

Commissioners set the date Monday night at the request of Sun Oil attorney Robert E. Childs.

The Birmingham Plan Board has recommended that the petition of the oil company be denied.

Plan Board Chairman George Talburt cited four reasons for rejecting the petition:

- The property under petition as well as all the land east of Adams from North to South is zoned residential single family. The introduction of new business land would reduce surrounding property values.
- A commercial development would add to an already bad traffic situation that exists at the Adams-Maple intersection.
- It would increase the hazard to school children as well as adult pedestrians.
- The Comprehensive Plan does not call for additional business zones at that location and because there is property already zoned business in the city available there is no need for the rezoning.

If the commission should approve (See ZONING, 2-A)

Stands Mute At Arraignment on Charge of Murder

Brewery executive Wells S. Herrington stood mute Monday at his arraignment in Oakland County Circuit Court on a charge of first-degree murder in the slaying of a Birmingham dentist.

Herrington is accused of the Sept. 16 fatal shooting of Dr. John R. Foster, 41, of 3130 W. Long Lake Road, West Bloomfield Township.

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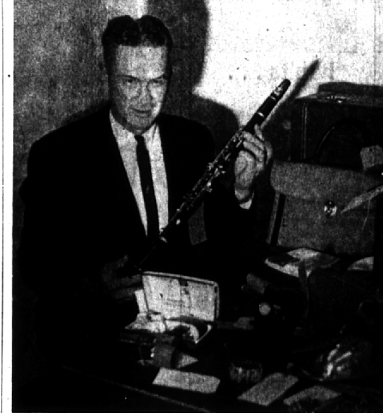
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Robert L. Templin, senior assistant prosecutor, said no trial date has been set. Herrington's \$25,000 bail was continued, Templin said.

The 45-year-old Herrington has admitted shooting Foster as the dentist attempted to enter the Herringtons' apartment in Farmington. Templin said the slaying was apparently the result of a marital triangle.

Dr. Foster, who had offices at 200 E. Brown, had been seeing Herrington's wife, Betty, for some months.

"The Herringtons had been involved in divorce proceedings but were apparently attempting a reconciliation when the shooting took place, Templin said.



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Ordinances, Resolutions—What're They?

Resolutions explained in editorial—See Page 1-B.

What is the difference between an ordinance and a resolution? Birmingham commissioners have asked City Manager L. R. Gare to report next week on the administration's opinion of the two matters.

The commission's request was prompted by Mrs. Mary Rawden, president of the Birmingham-Bloomfield League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Rawden has asked city attorney Dean Beier to give the LWV his opinion on the differences. Beier told the league he could not advise the group unless instructed to do so by the commission.

The question of whether commission resolutions should be subject to initiative powers of the electorate has been of concern to the LWV.

THE COMMISSION approved I and R amendment to be placed on the ballot for the April election excludes resolutions from its initiative law.

Mrs. Rawden said the LWV is interested in knowing the differences between a commission resolution and an ordinance.

"Our membership must know what a resolution and what is an ordinance."

"We don't feel the charter spells out the differences," she said.

Commissioner David E. Brock said that even without the league's request he believed "it would be good to know" the answer.

COMMISSIONER Carl E. Ingraham said he agreed with Beier's decision to answer the league's question.

"I don't think the city attorney has the right to render an opinion for a private individual or group."

"There might be a time when the court would have to give a decision on the differences and the attorney should not anticipate what the court will do," Ingraham said.

Commissioner Charles F. Clippert said he believed it was a matter "that should be cleared up."

"There is no doubt that a majority of the commission feels that resolutions should be left out," he said.

"Commenting on the apparent confusion over ordinances and resolutions, Commissioner William E. Roberts quipped, "I can't see how the commission has operated without knowing what they were doing."

Suburban Homemaker Contest draws prize—far story and Official Entry Blank, see Page 4-F.



PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER WITH HER HOSTESS Susan Wild (left) spends a few quiet moments with Luci Baines Johnson before the festivities of the afternoon begin.

Luci Johnson Meets Our Social Potpourri

By MARY BAHN
Staff Writer

In an area where guest lists are as important as serving the right wine with the entrée, Bloomfield Hills slipped into reverse last Sunday afternoon when Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Wild opened their grounds to nearly 1,000 guests, representing a potpourri of the social ladder.

They were all there to meet and greet the President's youngest daughter, Luci Baines Johnson, who has been tearing the country in a series of "LBI Barbecues" designed to make politicking painless.

Piling their plates high with corn-on-the-cob, baked beans and barbecued beef were teen-age "LBI Cowgirls" from Oak Park, fur-wrapped matrons from Birmingham and Negro rank and file party members who had traveled from Detroit's 14th district for the event.

NEWSMEN FROM national magazines, such as Time, sought out political man-movers, of whom there were plenty, while television cameramen searched for scenes of LBI mingling with the crowd.

J. S. Rohbi, a turbaned Indian who was covering the event for National Geographic, stopped the President's personal chef, Walter J. Neuberger, for an interview and pictures, while reporters from Detroit's striking dailies, such as Free Press City Editor Gene Roberts, looked on curiously.

Even though the cold wind whipped at the red-checked tablecloths, the crowd warmed to the entertainment provided by folk singers The Brothers Four and Theodore Bikel and cartoonist Al Capp.

ALL THE Democrats "big guns" were there, including former Gov. G. Mennen Williams, Sen. Philip A. Hart and gubernatorial candidate Neil Stuber. None made a formal speech, instead choosing to shake hands and meet people on a more personal level.

As far as determining if the crowd itself was Democrat or Republican (a topic of much speculation in Republican Oakland County), any conclusion would be open to debate. The crowd, however, was responsive to Barry Goldwater jibes made by Bikel, and they greeted Baines enthusiastically.

Making sure that events were on schedule was William VanderKloot of Franklin, an attorney and a co-sponsor of the barbecue. Others formally involved in the event were Sen. Hart and Mrs. Herbert Fischer of Birmingham.

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Examination Postponed in Ax Murders

Gravlin Undergoing Psychiatric Testing; Hearing Oct. 19

By DAVE PHILPO
Township Editor

The examination of William G. Gravlin in Troy Municipal Court on a first-degree murder charge in the slayings of his wife and her six children has been postponed until Oct. 19.

The adjournment was requested by Robert E. Rann, court-appointed attorney for Gravlin, to allow completion of psychiatric tests.

Gravlin, 30, is accused of killing his wife, Bette, 40; a daughter, Bette Sue, 5; and five stepchildren, Benson, 17; Judith, 16; Dorrie, 15; Paula, 12; and Walter, 9; on the evening of Sept. 28 or during the early morning of Sept. 29.

Specifically, Gravlin is charged only with the death of Judith, 16. This was to avoid "legal technicalities" which conceivably could arise if he was charged under one warrant for all the slayings, said senior assistant prosecutor William E. Lang.

Additional warrants can be issued for each of the other victims.

AN AUTOPSY report revealed that Gravlin's five-year-old daughter died of a single shotgun blast in the side of the body. A .410 gauge shotgun was found in the home.

The others were bludgeoned and hacked to death with a hammer and double-bladed ax which police also recovered at the scene of the crime.

Gravlin, who is being held in Oakland County Jail without bail, told Lang that his wife was the first to be killed. His own child, Bette Sue, was the last to die, according to Lang.

The grim drama unfolded early Tuesday morning, Sept. 30, when Gravlin flagged down a passing motorist and told him he had killed his family. The motorist called Troy police.

RANN OF Royal Oak, was appointed defense counsel last Thursday after Circuit Judge James Thorburn found that Gravlin had no funds for an attorney.

The psychiatric tests will not be the first for Gravlin.

He was committed to Pontiac State Hospital on Oct. 17, 1961, after he had pleaded guilty to (See MURDER, 4-A)

Our Photographer Finds That Immovable Object

By BILL THOM
Staff Photographer

Last Sunday I had my first experience with the presidential security machine as a member in the crowd that surrounded the working American press.

Robert Wild, a staunch Republican who happens to feel that Johnson is the better man for office, had thrown open his estate in Bloomfield Hills for a Democratic fundraising barbecue. My wife and I were invited sort of pseudo-actress to a teen-age brunch scheduled on the morning of the steer roast.

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Clear but Cool Weather Due

Temperatures in Oakland County will average near or slightly below normal for the next five days.

Normal high for October is 66 degrees; normal low, 47 degrees.

Expect cooler weather Thursday, warming up on Saturday and Sunday. Precipitation should total one-tenth of an inch in showers on Sunday or Monday.

AS 8000 AS we were safely within the mud hole we were placed in the ultra-consciousness care of Miss Marta Ross, Miss Johnson's press secretary for her current tour. It didn't seem to matter to determine which of the two of us needed (See OBJECT, 5-A)

Musical Lawman

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