

# Beverly Delays Decision On Southfield Road Widening

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Special Writer

**BEVERLY HILLS** — While the council deferred action on the widening of Southfield Road from 13 to 14 Mile from two lanes to five until more information on financing the \$55,000 program is compiled, it heard plenty of opinions from residents on the subject at the regular meeting Monday.

An almost exclusively male audience fired questions at village road commissioner Edward F. Dolan, Tempers flared, too, and President Hugh G. Allerton, Jr., had to wield the now and rarely-used village gavel more than once.

Dolan told the council of meet-

ings Wednesday and Friday of last week on several subjects related to the road widening. Since the four-man road commission is unanimously in favor of the program, it is assumed that it will be passed.

**METHOD** of financing is still not determined. Dolan discussed general obligation bonds and other ways but said more information will be ready for the next council meeting, Nov. 2.

He also told the council of an early-morning meeting Friday at the intersection of Beverly, Southfield and Riverside roads to determine the need for a fulltime light there and for the rerouting

of Riverside traffic into Beverly west of Southfield.

Questions were raised on whether the council felt that widening the road to five lanes would really make it safer, and about the school children crossing those five lanes without a traffic signal.

**DOLAN CITED** figures on both increased flow of traffic, from 11,648 in May, 1961, to 16,223 in June, 1964, for a 39 per cent increase, and accidents—four or five reported accidents in the whole year 1963, seven in the first three months of 1964.

He said the widening program south of 13 Mile had reduced the number of accidents from 79 in

the year ending September, 1963 to 50 in the year ending September, 1964.

Overpasses for pedestrian traffic were discussed at a cost ranging from \$35,000 to \$55,000.

Many residents wanted a guarantee from the City of Birmingham that road widening would be widened beyond 14 Mile Road, and Lincoln widened as well. Others wanted 13 Mile Road widened instead of Southfield.

**THEODORE JOHNSON**, 18150 Dunblair, asked if the road widening had to be approved by the voters, as was the case the last time the matter came up.

Dolan said it depended on the method of financing.

Martin M. Burke, 17880 Beverly, had obtained figures from the county road commission on adding a turn lane at the intersection of Southfield, Beverly and Riverside. He said it could be built for \$1,300 - \$1,500.

Burke, who lives on that corner, complained of trucks and cars using the shoulder as a lane for traffic.

**IN OTHER** business, Councilman Chester F. Gullnot, chairman of the finance commission, told the council that as of April 30, 1964, the village had a surplus of \$64,126.51, \$19,000 better than the

estimated \$45,000 budgeted. He explained that \$16,484 of this amount was due to the activity of the building department.

Councilman Edward M. Shurtless offered a resolution sending the council's deepest wishes for complete recovery to Hugh G. Allerton, Sr., the village president's father.

A street light was approved for the Beverly Hills Methodist Church at 13 Mile Road east of Evergreen, to be maintained by the church.

**APPROVAL** FOR a number of stop, yield right-of-way of 25 miles-per-hour signs were approved for subdivisions in the village.

The village manager, Robert E. Murphy, was directed to prepare a report on a proposed sanitary sewer and water main on Southfield between 13 and 14 Mile roads so the council can determine which part of the costs should be special assessment and which village-at-large payment.

The bill from the Oakland County Drain Commission Revolving Fund on Beverly Manor No. 1 storm sewer was referred to the water and sewer commission for study and recommendation.

The \$425 remaining in Clifford Homas escrow accounts for the Old Mill subdivision was refunded, but another \$283 was kept in the road completion fund until

road commissioner Walter Kouba okays the completed project.

**A WATER TAP** for a lot in Beverly Hills Subdivision No. 10 was approved.

Ordinance No. 80, amending ordinance No. 38 was approved for first reading. It will authorize a maintenance charge of 76 cents each quarter to allow for an \$81,800 sewer clean-out program in the village.

Edward W. Tuttle, Jr., an architect who wants to have an office in his home and would like to buy the lot on the corner of Chelton and 13 Mile Road, was requested to appear before the council at the next meeting to explain his plan.



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## This and That

by George R. Averill

### Character Is An Asset Demanded of A U. S. President

One of the most important, most cherished, and a right beyond man's evaluation, is that of the secret ballot. This again may be used by every loyal U. S. citizen Nov. 3, when candidates for a variety of offices from President to the local ones are voted for. The results of this quadrennial election will have a great bearing on our future lives and living—on our descendants for many years.

**INSOFAR** AS THE two most important candidates are concerned, I'm casting my presidential ballot for Harry M. Goldwater. I'd like to tell you why.

With regard to the personal knowledge of this man, I've known both Goldwater and President Lyndon Baines Johnson are well posted. Their long years in the U. S. Senate prepared both of them for that routine.

However, there is one factor of a man's qualifications that should be evident—his level of character is more important than everything else: the attribute of "CHARACTER."

In this case, it relates to the pattern of personal behaviorism, the morality of an individual. You have heard Goldwater emphasize this need - and nobly has yet questioned the personal ethics of the Arizona gentleman.

**ON THE OTHER** hand, you probably have not found, from his public utterances, that President Johnson has emphasized this quality as necessary for public office. And you yet have to hear from him anything relative to his connection with the infamous Bobby Baker and Billie Sol Estes cases. Yet, both of those younger men were very, very close to President Johnson when he was a senator. You also still await Johnson's defense of why that Austin television station monopoly of his still operates without competition.

Yes, according to widespread reports, there are numerous other business and political activities of President Johnson's that, to say the least, are not regarded as shining examples of the best in ethical conduct.

So, I'm casting my ballot for Barry—he has his faults, to be sure—but he vigorously opposes Big Government, Centralized Government, Extravagant Government, Bureaucratic Government.

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## 8 In West B'field Library Race

**WEST BLOOMFIELD**—A spirited campaign is under way here for four seats on the township library board.

Eight candidates—four Democrats, two Republicans and two members of the Citizens Party—will vie in the Nov. 3 general election for two 6-year terms, one unexpired 4-year term and one unexpired 2-year term on the board.

The Democrat on the ballot for the first time this year, qualified in the Sept. 1 primary on the basis of written votes.

Seeking the two 6-year terms are:

Helene H. Freund, 42, of 2555 Long Pine Road, a Republican. She has been a trustee of the library board for 10 years and is currently serving her second term as chairman.

**CAROL H. SADER**, 29, of 7496 Cornwall Court, a member of the

Citizens party and endorsed by the Republicans. A member and former board director of the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Sader has been secretary of the library board for the last two years.

Joyce L. Kaplan, 5236 Cold Spring Lane, a Democrat and a housewife. She formerly was assistant department manager of a retail establishment. She is a member of the National Council of Jewish Women, the PTA board and is a Democratic Party volunteer worker.

Betty A. Meyers, 40, of 6712 Woodside Trail, also a Democrat, is a school teacher in Birmingham. She is past chairman of Records Court Jury Commission; a member of Quality Control Laboratory and belongs to the Franklin Carvers Association and the PTA.

**YVING** FOR an unexpired 4-year term are:

Glenn R. Johnson, 43, of 7345 Cold Spring Lane, a member of the Citizens Party endorsed by the Republicans. Johnson, president of a construction company, served on the library board in 1963-64. He is an engineering graduate of North Dakota State University.

Zell H. French, 39, of 4775 Orchard Lake Road, is a Democrat and a housewife. She was formerly a machine blueprinter and is a high school graduate.

**RUNNING** FOR the unexpired 2-year term are:

W. Roy Hawkins, 43, of 7315 Linda Lane, a Republican. He has served on the library board for a year. Hawkins is area engineer for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. He is a past director of Franklin Valley Association and past president of Eagle School PTA.

It is anticipated that when the Court of Appeals is in operation, review of its decisions by the Michigan Supreme Court will likely be allowed only (1) when a dissent is filed by one of the judges hearing the case in the Court of Appeals, (2) when a decision by one division of the Court of Appeals is in conflict with that of another division, (3) when leave to appeal is granted by the Supreme Court in cases involving major legal issues.

(See JUDGES, 6-A)

## 4 Hurt in Crash of Small Plane

Four businessmen escaped serious injury Friday afternoon when their light plane crashed in a field near Berz Airport in Troy.

Police said the plane overshot the runway and cartwheeled into the field on Maple near Crooks Road.

The occupants of the plane were Samuel H. Greenawald, 35, of 1727 Cedar Hill, Bloomfield Township; William Stuit, 33, of Grand Rapids; James Flom, 34, of Grosse Pointe; and Glenn Johnson, 45, also of Grand Rapids.

Flom, the pilot, is an assistant

vice president of Michigan National Bank. Greenawald is a vice president of the bank. Stuit is an assistant vice president and Johnson is a self-employed gas and oil executive.

**MILTON BERZ**, airport owner, said that Flom had overshot the runway and was attempting to put the plane back in the air.

"They were about 100 yards past the runway and only 20-25 feet in the air when they reached the field," Berz said.

Berz termed the men's escape "pretty miraculous."

Greenawald and Stuit were treated for cuts and bruises at William Beaumont Hospital.

Johnson was discharged Monday and Flom was reported in satisfactory condition suffering from a knee injury.

**THE FOUR** were returning from a business trip in Ohio. The plane had been to drop Greenawald off at Berz and the rest were to return to Grand Rapids.

The plane, which was completely destroyed, was a Mooney-Mark 21. (See CRASH, 4-A)

## State to Elect 9 Judges To New Court of Appeals

Michigan citizens will vote for judges for a new court in the U. S. Senate prepared both of them for that routine.

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## Library 'Open House' Draws 300 in B'field

By DAVE PHILPO  
Township Editor

More than 300 persons attended "open house" Sunday and Monday at the new Bloomfield Township Public Library.

"We view this as a tremendous success," commented library director Rose Vainstein, who, along with several township women, conducted tours of the facility for visitors.

The library, part of a Birmingham-Bloomfield complex which also includes Baldwin Library in Birmingham, opened Tuesday with 15,000 books. Regular hours will be noon to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Visitors during the open house saw row after row of new books with bright, clean covers resting on gleaming shelves. The library, located on the lower level of the Devon Chateau Building, 4036 Telegraph, is divided into three sections - for children, teens and adults.

**THE NEW** facility became an intermunicipal affair before it even opened.

Birmingham Hills city commissioners last week agreed to pay the township library about \$500 for use of the library until spring. The contract will then be reviewed and the city will be charged on the basis of use by its residents.

About 2,700 residents of Bloomfield Hills are potential users of the library.

Also to be served by the new facility will be the 29,000 residents of the township and the 25,000 persons who live in Birmingham, Hills and township residents, along with those of Beverly Hills, also are eligible to use Baldwin Library.

**VISITORS** TO the magazine section of the new library may be somewhat disappointed, but not for long, said Miss Vainstein.

Beginning in January, the library will receive, at no cost, subscriptions to all 127 magazines indexed in Reader's Guide, and a subscription to Reader's Guide also.

Part of the state library's federal and state aid program for public library development, the three-year magazine subscription plan is in recognition of the rapid change of knowledge.

**INCLUDED** AMONG the 127 subscriptions which the township library will receive regularly, beginning in January are American City, Audubon Magazine, Congressional Digest, Electronics World, Harvard Business Review, Hot Rod, Modern Photography, Open News, Recreation, Saturday Review, Scientific American, Sports Illustrated, United Nations Review, Writer, Yachting and Yale Review.

Current issues will be available for library reading only. Back issues will circulate for seven days, Miss Vainstein said.

## TROY POLICE EXAMINE PLANE CRASH WRECKAGE

Four escaped serious injury in Berz mishap.

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Miss Rose Vainstein (seated), library director, and John Rumsey, library board chairman.