

Beverly Gets Report But No Vote On S'feld

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BEVERLY HILLS — The residents turned up, but once again the decision didn't, as the words "Road Commission Report" on the agenda of the regular council meeting meant just that—a report, not a vote, on the widening of Southfield Road from 13 to 14 miles.

While the audience listened attentively, Village Road Commissioner Edward F. Dolan told of a meeting last week between the county and village road commissions.

Eleven points were discussed at the meeting attended by Paul Van Rookel and Norman Knapp for the county and for the village. Councilman Edward M. Shurtliff, Chester Gullett and Claude A. Shepard, Road Commissioner

Walter Kouba and Village Manager Robert E. Murphy.

The County officials brought the village up-to-date on the engineering. They reported that the county has acquired some of the property needed for the widening program in front of Acacia Park, Allied Supermarket's Wrigley Store and the Standard Oil Station. They feel they can acquire the rest.

The widening will carry some 400 to 500 feet beyond the intersection at 14 Mile Road. The traffic light at the Beverly Road intersection will operate from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. and the Danahill light will continue to operate at school crossing times.

The county will look into the village proposal for improved

marking of the center lane turn lane.

THE ENGINEERING should be completed in January or February, 1965, and copies of the proposed County-Village contracts were given to village representatives.

While the village share of the program has been reduced from 25 per cent to 18 per cent, since Southfield Township is also involved, the actual estimated cost of \$65,000 will remain the same due to increased costs of acquiring the right-of-way.

The actual paving program will take about 90 days, but the county cannot guarantee completion of the widening program in 1965. Van Rookel also said the county will investigate the need for improved drainage as part of the program.

HE RECOMMENDED that the village road commission prepare a letter of agreement which would include statements of the village's position regarding the light, timing of the sale of bonds, start of construction and other items.

Dolan said the village's next step is to prepare that letter. Present Hugh G. Allerton again brought up the possibility of making the agreement contingent upon Birmingham's widening Southfield to 15 Mile Road (Maple), but Dolan pointed out that the county does not have jurisdiction over that part of the road and said he would speak to Birmingham about the possibility.

DR. NORMAN Clarke, 32060 Waltham, asked if the council is within its rights to agree to the

widening without a vote and was told that in the opinion of the village attorney and the bonding attorney, it is.

Dr. Clarke then asked why it was put to a vote before and was told that previously the widening was to be financed by general obligation bonds which require a three-fifths majority approval by the voters.

Dolan pointed out again that the village feels there is a distinct safety problem in the present circumstances.

Residents who asked how they would know when the matter was to be brought to a vote were told the council keep check at the village office.

IN OTHER business, members of the Metamora Green Association brought a petition signed by 66 residents asking that the village agree to eliminate the present sidewalk in front of the subdivision at 13 Mile Road and Lahser Road.

The builder, William J. Pule, would put some portion of the cost of the sidewalk in escrow.

Councilman Edward M. Shurtliff agreed to discuss the possibility with Paul VanHarteveldt, 2255 Metamora, president of the Metamora Association.

The request of S. Bradford Kempton, 19380 Beverly, for a division of a lot on his property near the dead end of Devonshire was granted provided that the meet the requirements and provide a six-foot easement along the north line of the lot.

THE EVERGREEN Debt Service charge of \$3,257 for the new church building of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 32400 Pierce, stands. The council investigated the possibility that some of this amount had been covered in the previous church facilities but found it had not.

A bid of \$191 by Michigan Parking Lot Maintenance and Supply Co. for parking lot bumpers and angle-parking stripes was accepted.

Johnson and Anderson's bid of \$255 for the preparation of section maps complete with lot numbers and sizes, was also accepted.

Authorization to purchase an IBM electric typewriter for the village offices was given Village Manager Robert Murphy.

COUNCILMAN Shurtliff, chairman of the safety commission, told the council that four new policemen have been named to the force, two to replace men who have resigned and two to bring the complement closer to where it should be.

The four new officers are Ronald B. Germain, James Edward Hammond, Henry Thomas Kelly and Gary Glenn Evans. Thirty-eight men applied for the positions and the top 4 passed physical examinations and were selected.

The council agreed to attempt to negotiate a county sewer and water bill which dates to 1957, before the village incorporation, in the amount of \$4,710.80.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Eye June Ballot On Troy Schools

Troy educators have decided to wait until next June for a new vote on a \$4-million building program because they feel it would be impractical now and because the group would like to take a closer look at Flint's community school program.

On Oct. 2, voters turned down the \$4 million construction plan but approved a 5-mill tax increase for operating costs. A new vote is impossible before April unless petitioned by 50 per cent of the voters, or about 3,000.

Supt. Rex B. Smith said that since only about 2,000 voted in October, it would be impractical to try for 3,000 signatures on petitions in favor of voting again.

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Girl, 15, Struck On Head While Walking in B'ham

A 15-year-old Birmingham girl was injured slightly Saturday when she was struck on the back of the head by an unknown attacker as she walked along Vinewood.

The girl, who was on her way to a baby-sitting job, was treated at Willliam Beaumont Hospital and released. Police said five stitches were taken in her head.

B'ham YMCA Names Architect for New Gym

Denyes, Lamb & Pearson, Pontiac architects, have been commissioned to design an addition to the Birmingham YMCA.

The expansion, consisting of a new swimming pool, gymnasium, locker rooms and additional parking facilities, was made possible through a \$150,000 contribution by Mrs. Wilson, who is the widow of the former U.S. secretary of defense and General Motors president.

William F. Roberts, chairman of YMCA Capital Fund Campaign, said that other pledges amounting to more than \$150,000 were also received from other interested citizens in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

Election Pay Hike Approved In Birmingham

Birmingham's election workers are going to get a raise—retroactive to the November general election.

City commissioners authorized the increase Monday night. Under the new pay scale, precinct chairmen will receive \$25 and inspectors \$20. Counting board chairmen will be paid \$15 and inspectors \$10.

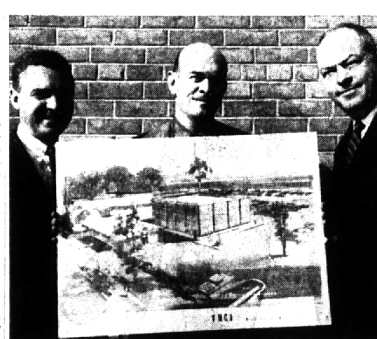
Human Relations Council to Hear Rights Director

Burton I. Gordin, executive director of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Council on Human Relations at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Unitarian Church on Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

He will discuss the purpose of the new state civil rights agency in this nation which has broad powers and responsibilities in preventing and eliminating discrimination on the basis of religion, race or nationality.

Delay Final Approval

LATHRUP — No action was taken on the final adoption of the sidewalk repair and construction ordinance at the city council's meeting Monday night. The council's approval was postponed to the Dec. 7 meeting due to the absence of Mayor Richard N. Cogger.



William E. Roberts (left), C. E. Wilson, Jr., Harry Denyes display sketch of new gym for Birmingham YMCA.

Plans Call for Breaking Ground Early Next Spring

Harry M. Denyes, Jr., former Birmingham city commissioner and mayor, is head of the architectural firm that will plan the design. He also has served as a member and chairman of the plan board and is a member of the zoning board of appeals in Birmingham.

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For Services Rendered

For their continued voluntary participation, Oakland County, Joan Baldwin of Birmingham in the tuberculosis control program in ham, representing the Junior League of Birmingham, is presented the 50th Anniversary Service Award by the Rev. Richard T. Mark-

GOP Chooses Feet As County Chairman

Dale A. Feet of Madison Heights was Republican county chairman last week by the GOP Executive Committee.

Feet, 32, succeeds Charles L. Lyle, who has served for three years, was not a candidate for re-election. The change will take place Jan. 1.

Feet has been active in the Republican Party of Oakland County since 1960. He served as legislative district director in the old 6th Legislative District (Madison Heights, Hazel Park, Ferndale), a member of the executive committee and as campaign director for the 1960 election.

Feet is a certified public accountant and is employed as an audit manager with Price Waterhouse & Co. In addition to political party activity, Feet is active in community and church affairs.

HE HAS served as chairman of the board of trustees of North Congregational Church, chairman of the Wayne County Finance Committee for Michigan Week and is active in the Michigan Association of CPAs.

Feet's wife Marilyn, and their four children live at 1230 Fontaine, Madison Heights.

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Youth Center Plan to Team Adults, Teens

Initial steps for a teen center are being developed by several citizens groups in Birmingham.

Birmingham's Youth Assistance Committee has assigned a subcommittee to look into possible locations and financial assistance for a teen center. Members of the subcommittee are William E. Roberts, F. Ward Durandik, George Whitehead, Mrs. J. Harvey Dize and Don Martin.

Another group, composed of interested citizens, is being led by Mrs. William A. Compton and Mrs. Robert W. Chambers.

Called "Operation Teen Center," this group also has on its steering committee Robert W. Chambers, Mrs. E. Ross Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Lerchen, Mrs. Ben D. Mills, Mrs. George R. Squibb and Mrs. George A. White.

Whitehead has been the liaison between the two groups.

THE YOUTHS of the city have not been forgotten in the project, however, the adult leaders emphasize.

Research and advice from the younger set was supplied by The Birmingham Eccentric teen panel last year. The teen group will continue as an advisory panel again this year.

An immediate project of the Youth Assistance subcommittee is a student survey with several questions being posed regarding teen reactions to the proposed center. The survey, being taken this week, is cosponsored by the Birmingham Board of Education.

Besides evaluating the survey, the committees are also interested in finding the "right location" for the proposed teen center. A new addition to the YMCA has been suggested, but the committees are open to other possibilities.

UN County Chapter Gets City Donation

A request by Oakland County Chapter of the United Nations Association for a \$100 donation was approved by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

Albert M. MacCleery, 1122 Yosemite, first vice president of the group, said the money would be used to help defray the expenses of obtaining a speaker for the annual event.

Birmingham's observance of UN Day was held on Oct. 22 at the Community House. Mayor Pro Tem Robert W. Page represented the City at the celebration.

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