

Franklin Tackling School Pedestrian Traffic Needs

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FRANKLIN—The village council tackled a packed agenda Monday night resolutely finalizing 1964 as a year of major accomplishment and preparing the way for issues which will require voter consideration in 1965.

Revisions to the building and firearms ordinances were adopted and measures to alleviate hazards to children walking to and from Franklin School were considered.

Safety Committee Chairman Norman Naimark urged the council to take positive and immediate steps toward improving conditions for pedestrian traffic at Franklin School. Naimark cited studies made by AAA, school and village authorities in 1958 about which nothing was done.

MAINTAINING that estimates of costs to correct the situation was not in the sphere of lay persons and volunteers, Naimark pressed for professional appraisal of his suggestions presented in a report to the council. Among Naimark's proposal is the need to install a sidewalk on the east side of the school hill from Hawthorne on the south and the Franklin Post Office on the north.

He also urged widening of the entrance to Romany Way from Franklin road and the elimination of all parking on Romany during school hours. Naimark feels there is a need for more drive space on the west side of the existing parking area for loading and unloading buses and suggests a change in the parking circle south of the school.

Discussion also included the possibility of lowering the peak

of Franklin Road at the school hill and the possibility of stop signals to control traffic on Franklin.

WHILE ENGINEERING studies were authorized and costs will be explored in the next few weeks, the council will be drafting a proposal which might well become an issue on the March ballot. Birmingham school authorities and county road officials will be contacted immediately for their support and suggestions.

Councilman George Howard, in charge of police affairs, reported that Franklin's police force now consists of 18 trained men. Training sessions have been held every Sunday afternoon since Nov. 22 for two hours each week.

He also urged that serious thought be given to hiring a full-time patrolman to augment the force. The council took no action on this matter but did agree to change the title of village marshal to chief of police, upon Howard's request.

A REVISION of the ordinance regulating the use of weapons and firearms within the village limits was adopted. Only an officer in discharge of his duty or a citizen duly authorized and appointed as a deputy can draw, handle or flourish firearms in Franklin Village.

The ordinance covers air rifles, air and pellet guns, shot guns or any projectile. It prohibits the use of such weapons for hunting birds, animals or game of any kind within the village limits.

Among the several revisions of Franklin's building code is a provision for the schedule of plumbing, heating and electrical inspection fees to be separate from the

building ordinance itself, thus permitting changes and adjustments in rates to be made without altering the building code.

THE COUNCIL adopted the amended ordinance and will send all trades registered with the village office a copy of the new fee schedules effective Jan. 1, 1965. Fees were updated and correspond closely with inspection fees charged by Beverly, Detroit and surrounding communities. Changes were authored by councilmen J. Mitchell and Robert Conzillie.

A PRELIMINARY investigation of the Franklin zoning ordi-

nance by professional planners was also authorized, with the cost not to exceed \$750 for the services of municipal planners.

Councilman Robert Winkel introduced several suggestions toward modernizing Franklin's village charter. Awkward timing of elections and fiscal year requirements with regard to budgets and other administrative details have created problems for village officials over 10 years.

Some thought is being given to holding a special election some day to re-align some of the impractical aspects of the charter adopted 10 years ago.

Winkel pointed out various difficulties of electing a village clerk, a treasurer and assessor each year. Contending that these were key jobs now that village business is more complex, Winkel stated that one year terms were expensive to voters and unrealistic as training will be presented to Hunter's widow for each post took more time.

"ABOUT THE TIME a person has just learned the intricacies of the office, they must re-run for election, on this annual basis," he said. Budget deadlines are perennial headaches with new councilmen elected in March and fiscal budget proposal due in May.

The council agreed to carefully consider all the mechanics of elections and will submit their thank as vice president and Mrs. S. Gidley as secretary.

D. Carlton Bell was named the chairman of the planning commission, with Donald Hacker to serve as vice president and Mrs. S. Gidley as secretary.

Village president Richard Ober-schulte submitted a resolution unanimously adopted by the council, to make a tribute in memory of Stanley M. Hunter, former road jobs now that village business is more complex, Winkel stated that one year terms were expensive to voters and unrealistic as training will be presented to Hunter's widow for each post took more time.

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had as much learning and thinking as those Americans, would we still put people in the stew pot?" Uncle Jub merely shrugged his glowering shoulders, smiled slyly, grabbed his club and spear and replied: "Well, nephew, somewhere I read that a little learning makes Robert foolish . . . but, when we act like barbarians, we don't claim to be civilized."

U.S. Sen. John J. Williams of Delaware, who has been successful in getting the Bobby Baker Senate Committee back on the job, recently had heated words with the committee's counsel, L. P. McLondon. Each called the other a declarer of an untruth. Each got to creating a loud vocal disturbance.

Unless that senate committee really digs for the real facts in this Baker case, can the public be criticized for thinking that the U.S. Senate contains lots of others who are opposed to finding and telling the truth?

A Cleveland sculptor has been commissioned to sculpture a nine-foot statue of Winston Churchill, to be placed in front of the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. He etched the famous man's right hand upward, his fingers forming the traditional "V" for victory.

The left hand was placed on top of a cane, plus a familiar cigar in that left hand. Sponsors of the statue don't like to see the cigar in Winston's fingers. So maybe the sculptor, to collect his \$10,000 fee, may have to remove the cigar.

Wonder, had the sculptor placed a champagne glass in Winston's extended right hand, would that, too, have been criticized? Well, art is art and art is long. 'tis said . . . and an artist is presumed to reproduce a sculpture true to life. But statue or no statue, millions will remember the great Britisher as he was with the almighty ever-present cigar.

Long has it been known that a majority of American negotiable

wealth is in the hands of women. Many of them, of course, have acquired their wealth through their own efforts; a larger number of them have outlived their husbands, thus becoming the possessors of varying large sums. However, today, via their own inherent financing skills, they show almost uncanny ability to do better on the stock market than do their opposite sex.

The ladies study certain stocks, with emphasis on their basic values, rather than depending upon every stock moving up and down. (Now, men, if the ladies possess so much wealth, aren't they entitled to spend it when, wherever and on what they please?)

Much hullabaloo in recent years when the President appoints men to high cabinet posts. Such men are asked to reveal their financial interests, where and how much they possess in stocks, bonds and, also, their business relationships. Why? So that what they say and do cannot become a conflicting interest, enabling them to profit because of their public station. Well, why not require appointees to the various district federal judgeships, to the U.S. Supreme Court, to disclose their financial interests? Or are these judicial men (and women) like U.S. senators, far above earthly temptations to increase their financial security?

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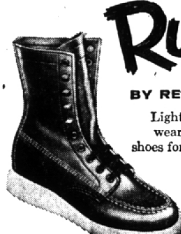
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