

Driver Killed As Automobile Strikes Tree

A 35-year-old Madison Heights man was killed early Sunday morning when his car went out of control and struck a tree at Redding and Woodward in Birmingham.

John G. Stevenson was pronounced dead on arrival at William Beaumont Hospital.

His death brings to three the number of persons killed on Birmingham streets in 1964.

BIRMINGHAM POLICE said witnesses to the accident saw Stevenson's car traveling at a high rate of speed shortly after 2 a.m. and was heading toward downtown Birmingham when it swerved into the tree.

An employee of a Detroit food company, Stevenson was alone in the car when the accident occurred.

The Birmingham fire department was called to the accident scene to pry Stevenson out of the car. A small engine fire was also put out by the firemen.

The father of four, Stevenson was dressed in a Scottish Highlands outfit.



DRIVER WAS KILLED AS CAR RAMMED TREE IN BIRMINGHAM
Police estimate auto was traveling at 65 mph.

More Arguments, No Decision On Road Extension Battle

LATHRUP—Residents on either side of the Rackham Blvd. controversy argued for two hours at Monday night's public hearing, knowing full well that nothing would be decided because a council quorum was not present.

Many of the arguments were repetitions of those heard at the first public hearing, several weeks ago where a decision was also postponed because Mayor Richard N. Cogger was not present.

A decision should be forthcoming, however, at the July 27 meeting. Cost for the extension was estimated as \$1,000 for a hard-surfaced road.

PETITIONS bearing the names of 79 residents for vacating a portion of Rackham Blvd. from Rainbow to Bungalow for a park were presented to the council. They were also in favor of using funds to resurface Rainbow Drive, an already-existing road.

Petitioners approving the construction of the street-pleasure road for that same area numbered 61.

An indication of how the council will decide was voiced by City Attorney Everett Hayes, who said Lathrup would be "wide open to a law suit" if it would vacate.

"VACATED LAND usually goes

to adjacent property owners. In this case, the park is adjacent so ownership is questionable.

"Would ownership be given to residents across the park, or would it go to everyone in the subdivision since the park is public property and everyone has an interest in it?" questioned Hayes.

Then Hayes, glancing out into the divided audience, said that if vacation cases go to the Supreme Court, as many do, objectors have a bigger voice in the decision.

Former councilman John Cole, armed with maps and sketches, was spokesman for the pro-construction group.

HIS CASE points included: a reputation of the "absence of need" claim stated because of a lack of action for 40 years. "Forty years ago there was no Lathrup Village. The need today is not comparable to 40 years ago," said Cole.

all commercial maps show continuation of Rackham Blvd., where in reality the road abruptly stops from Rainbow to Bungalow, when it begins again.

"a nuisance value" of directing visitors to that area when they become lost due to the dead end of Rackham.

COLE SHOWED councilmen pictures he had taken of hedges on the property of Gustave Dahlman at the Rackham Road intersection. The large hedges were considered

a potential driving hazard because their size would detract from approaching motorists if the road was constructed.

The pictures showed that a car approaching the intersection could see through the hedge.

As for cost—"If you had been bending over a 100-year-old lady waiting patiently, and then impatiently, for an ambulance which had been roving around for an hour because the street abruptly ended, then even a cost of \$5000 would not be too cheap," said Cole.

Dahlman, speaking for the opposing homeowners, said he anticipated no flood of new residents who would need a new road.

"Most of the traffic is running on Rainbow's hard surface road, not on a gravel road like Rackham."

Concerned about speeding should the road be extended, Dahlman was more interested in resurfacing Rainbow, "which hasn't been maintained for 15 years."

A STRONG supporter of Dahlman's idea was Don Hoogstra.

"This (the road extension) is just a waste of money. The council is taking the position of spending money just for the idea of spending money."

"I want value for my money when it's spent. Building the extension on Rackham, and extending the dead end at San Quentin (another council project) has no significant use.

Beverly Residents Ordered to Refile In Pulte Law Suit

BEVERLY HILLS—Circuit Court Judge Philip Pratt Monday found the complaint to be inadequate at a show-cause hearing on a suit filed by residents of this village complaining of illegal fill in the flood plain of the Rouge River.

Judge Pratt gave the attorneys for Fred and Jean Bram, 2248 Hillview, 10 days to file in more definite language their suit against Beecroft Investment Co. and its president William J. Pulte, and the village.

The Brauns claim that the filling of six lots now known as Georgetown Green Number One jeopardizes their property in case of flooding of the Rouge.

Drive you could lose a wheel in. If you've (the council) got money, let's do a real job on Rainbow," said Hoogstra.

His opinion was seconded by several residents, who maintained that residents should have the power to maintain Rainbow, instead of building a road extension.

DESTROYING the beauty of country-like Lathrup worried another resident, Earle Murphy of Bungalow Drive.

"I moved out here because I liked this beautiful community. Now you want to put a lot of roads in."

A Lathrup newcomer, Mrs. William B. Watts took a bias at "non-progressive people."

"As a mother of six, I'm frightened to think of an accident occurring and the ambulance getting lost. This is just plain selfishness on the part of a few people."

'FairExchange' Slated With Seaholm, AFS

Thirty American Field Service students from Minnesota were paired with 30 students at Seaholm High School for a July 4 week end of exchange visits.

The group visited Greenfield Village, picnicked, heard Gov. Romney and exchanged sporting skills.

Seaholm students and their foreign houseguests were Robin Boyd, Fanny Maria Jacome of Ecuador; Larry Bell, Shigeru Sato of Japan; Donna Bell, Susan Marker of Denmark; Sue Berry, Gilliam Graham of New Zealand; Harry Carlson, Leolo Wolfens of Belgium; Tim Carlson, Hans Bjornstad of Norway; Jay Dillon, Cesar Dem. Soares of Brazil.

ROBERTA FILKINS, Rebecca Juan, of the Philippines; Pat Irvin, Dominique Pedrini of France; Sandy Olin, Beta Schenkel of Switzerland; Barbara Johnson, Birgitta Hansson of Sweden; Bill Ryan, Fernando Rodriguez of Uruguay.

Ann Littleton, Alice Correia of Brazil; Candy Neiger, Maria Gagstein, Dalia of Argentina; Marilyn McCullough, "The Hammond of New Zealand; Rick Nuffer, Takashi Okimoto of Japan; Chris Limbocher, Carlos Soares of Costa Rica.

Scott Robertson, Pieter Rollings-wier of the Netherlands; Pat Squibb, Jan Reinecke of South Africa; Roberto Straile, Lal Leng Chan of Malaya; Linda Strom, Friederun Rietsch of Austria; Sally Splane, Sophia Kladitis of Greece; Sue Thalacker, Irma Moroni de Silveira of Brazil; Carol Vander-Roost, Lynn Moore of South Africa; Jim Werner, Paolo DePalma of Italy; Carol Wallenberg, Gerlena Rodriguez of Brazil; and Tom Wreesman, Ricardo Bonnick, of Panama.

Chaperones Penny Edwards and Mark Richardson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Watson, 1320 Latham, Birmingham.

Dehnke

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widening of Telegraph between 14 Mile and Long Lake roads.

He said the widening, if approved, would be determined later by traffic counts and traffic studies in the area.

"It is unfortunate that two spectacular accidents should happen at the same location during the same day but we have to consider the overall picture," Levine said.

Two persons were killed and nine injured during one week in mid-June when cars went out of control after hitting the concrete median and crashed head-on into oncoming traffic.

DEHNKE ESTIMATED that the widening at the intersection and the 1,000 feet of plate rail could not cost more than \$70,000.

"To save one life I think this would be a cheap price," he said.

Both Dehnke and Supervisor Homer Case received a pledge from Levine and Barney Cyberski, road-way improvement and control engineer, that the guard rail would be constructed and that the road-way would be widened.

"These were the key points as far as we were concerned and we felt that they would be accomplished immediately," Dehnke said.

CASE ADDED that accidents the entire length of Telegraph within the township have been caused by the median strip—not just at the Maple-Telegraph intersection.

"This is definitely a renegeing on what they agreed to do," he said.

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Builder Asks Lathrup OK For 8 Homes

LATHRUP—A request to approve dividing two lots into four parts each to make room for eight new homes was presented to City Council members Monday night by William F. Nern, Birmingham attorney for Joseph F. Slavik of 18741 Whitshire.

The lots, numbered 629 and 966, zoned residential, have been used as recreational areas for children in Lathrup.

LOT 629 is bounded by Stanford Court and California Ave.

Franchise Approved

Voters in Bloomfield Hills Monday approved, 71-2, the extension of the Consumers Power Co. franchise for another 20 years. The special election was paid for by the power company.

Mayor Richard N. Cogger, along with Council members David Reid and Vincent Zetell seemed disheartened by the proposed building plans although they are expected to approve them.

"This area is blanketed with homes, and there will be no place for youngsters to play," said Mayor Cogger.

"This was the only piece of property for that purpose."

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Curbs

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deed to the subdivision association 5 1/4 acres for a park.

A RESIDENT who lives near the proposed development expressed concern regarding maintenance of the park. Pulte said it would be up to association members to contribute to maintenance of the property.

Trustee Robert Sinclair added that parking could become a problem if a Little League ballfield or Olympic-size swimming pool were constructed in the park.

IN OTHER ACTION, the board:

Accepted a petition for construction of Brava of Bloomfield No. 3 Water Main 157 at an estimated \$83,700 and set the date for first hearing at 8:20 p.m. Sept. 22.

Awarded a contract for water main extension at the southeast corner of Maple and Telegraph roads to the low bidder, Southwestern Construction Co., in the amount of \$9,950.80.

Granted permission to Mont Wickham to fill property at the northeast corner of Maple and Inkster roads for a subdivision, provided the work is completed by Nov. 1.

Adopted an unsafe building ordinance which will give the township regulatory powers to determine and remove buildings considered as hazards.

Amended the taxicab ordinance and adjusted liability insurance rates—\$25,000 for each person, \$50,000 for each accident and \$100 property damage.

Passed resolutions issuing a call for a general primary election Sept. 1 and establishing pay for election workers.

Approved the plat of Woodlake Hills No. 1 and 2 and revoked prior plat for adjoining building permits to the developer.

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