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## Teeples Dismisses Three Officials In Township's Building Department

By EMORY DANIELS

Farmington Township Supervisor Earl Teeples this week announced a major shakeup in the building department prompted by the dismissal of the department head and two inspectors.

Teeples has terminated the employment of three township building officials: Paul Snover, 60, department director; William Taylor, 61, zoning inspector; and Sidney

Lush, 66, building inspector. None of the three lives in Farmington Township, explained Teeples when making the announcement. Snover lives in Pontiac, Taylor in South Lyon and Lush in Detroit.

THE SUPERVISOR said the trio had been "let out" for a number of reasons.

"Age of each inspector was a consideration," he ex-

plained, "as it was when the former administration removed electrical inspector George Crook."

"Advancing age and feebleness can make an inspector a definite insurance risk when he is not making inspections. None of the three is in robust health."

Snover, who earns \$10,673 a year as building department head, is a licensed general director with 35 years experience in the funeral business.

"He was hired without any testing or apparent qualifications," says Teeples. "Department rules point out that any promotions must be made from within the ranks by testing when possible."

"Injured some time ago in a fall at home, Snover has not been too well for some time."

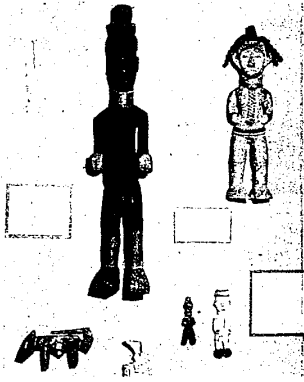
LUSH WAS hired to replace Snover when he was off-duty due to those injuries.

"Lush was considered part-time help and was destined to leave on the return of Snover," adds Teeples. "He did not. Lush reportedly held a builder's license, although there is no indication of any inspection experience in the past."

Taylor, who earned \$10,358 a year as zoning inspector, lives in the Kensington Park Mobile Village in South Lyon.

"He holds no license known of, but reportedly had consid-

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IGBO DOLLS -- Children's dolls, ancestor shrine figures and divination pieces are shown on the display above which is part of the exhibition of Igbo art now being shown in the Farmington Community Center on Farmington Rd. north of 10 Mile. (Evert photo)



UNUSUAL DISPLAY -- The above Igbo artifacts are part of an exhibit of Biafran art in the Farmington Community Center



RAM MASK -- The Mkipi (Ram) mask is used by the Eastern Igbo tribesmen to initiate tribal boys into manhood. The art of this Biafran tribe, which has survived the agony of the recent revolt, is now being exhibited in the Farmington Community Center with the opening reception on Jan. 13. (Evert photo)

### Biafran Art Shown Here

An extensive collection of traditional Igbo art from Biafra is now available for viewing in the Farmington Community Center under the joint sponsorship of the Center and Farmington Community Arts Council in cooperation with the Michigan Council for the Arts.

The exhibit includes over 40 pieces of wood carving and ceremonial and festival masks of the Biafran tribesmen of western Africa.

THE ARTIFACTS come from the collection of Frank Stakweather, a Peace Corp volunteer in 1965-66 who worked with the Igbo and collected the sculpture and carvings during that time.

Stakweather received rare permission from the Nigerian government's Department of Antiquities to take the art to the University of Michigan where he continued his graduate work in anthropology.

"Igbo Art" is currently touring the state under the auspices of the Michigan Council for the Arts as a joint effort prepared by the University of Michigan Museum of Art and the University's Department of Anthropology.

THE EXHIBIT open to the public without charge. The public is also invited to attend the opening reception Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 8

4:30 p.m. in the Center which is located on Farmington Rd. north of 10 Mile.

The Michigan Council for the Arts is a state agency established by the Michigan Legislature in 1966. It sponsors a wide variety of cultural programs and services available to community groups and organizations throughout the State.

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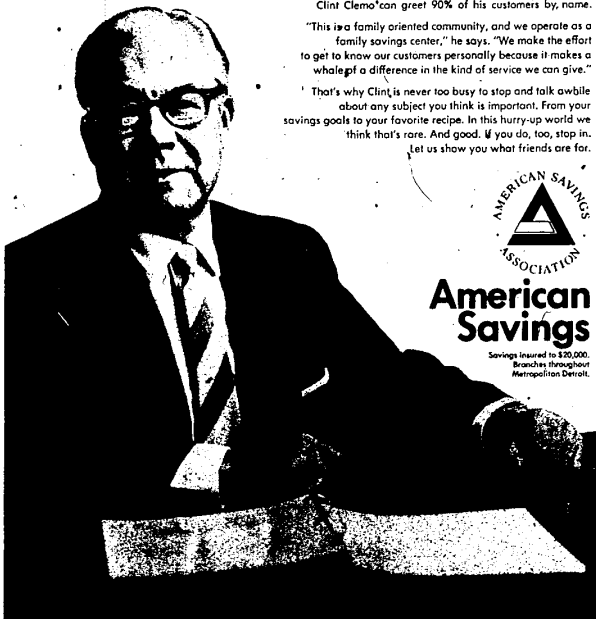
JANUARY 14, 1971 has been proclaimed as North Farmington Raider Football Day by Farmington Township in recognition of the NFHS capture of the 1970 state Class A football title. The Raider flag will fly at Township Hall all day, and the township civic medal will be presented to all team players and members of the coaching staff at a special ceremony beginning at 7 p.m. in the Township Hall at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Rds. The above medal will be given each player. (Evert photo)

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