Fire Chief Roy Bell Talking Retirement

Still at the job in Farmington Township's Fire Station No. 2 is Chief Roy Bell, but it's hard to say how much longer the 63-year-old veteran will be serving the community.

Bell's Garage, 32581 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Township, closed down last month to end 18 years in business here. The last 15 years Bell's Garage has been Farmington Township's No. 2 Fire Station.

FORCED INTO retirement because experienced help just hasn't been available to keep the garage going and one of his sons, Roy, Jr., had to find different work on doctor's orders, the Fire Chief looks back on more than 40 years in the general auto repair business.

Two sons, Roy, 41, and Dick, 36, had been with him at his Farmington Township garage for most of the years they've been in business. Dick now is looking for another job and he's had several good offers. Roy is working in a machine shop as a lathe operator.

Chief Bell must undergo eye surgery for the removal of a cataract later this year. When that time comes the Township will lose him. Meanwhile his garage is up for sale and the Township may soon have to find another place for its fire truck.

WHEN CHIEF BELL steps down from his post the reins will probably fall to his assistant Tom Weisheit. It will also climax the longest tenure any fire chief has had in Farmington, 15 years.

Although now a resident of Beverly Hills in Birmingham, Chief Bell lived just a stone's throw from his garage for the first years he was in business here. His garage had the only wrecker for miles around and calls for towing at all hours of the night might have swayed Bell to locate further away from his work.

JUST WHAT BELL'S retirement plans are are still uncertain but he expressed a desire to spend more time in Masonic work. He is a Life Member of the United Craft, Lodge No. 534 of Detroit, F. and A. M. He was President of the Lodge Temple Association 31 years ago and played an important role in getting the United Craft Lodge building built. He also has another son, Ray, who works for the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company and a daughter, Mrs. Helen Brown of Royal Oak. There are 11 grandchildren and of course his wife, Effie, who'll be seeing more of him.

As one Farmington Township police officer said, "It may be the end of an era for us" here in Farmington Township when Chief Bell hangs up his fire hat. Chief Bell has taken his job for the Township seriously and has been an authority on fire prevention and fire-fighting procedures.

Chief Bell was once asked by a reporter how much damage was caused by a particular house fire. He's not sure exactly what figure he gave in the damage estimate but he remembers well the reporter determining on his own after inspecting the house to list it as a "total loss". A month or so later the same house was repaired and looking better than ever. Chief Bell "reminded" the reporter on their next meeting.

STILL RUNNING THE FIRE STATION but no longer in the garage business are (L to R) Dick Bell and his father, Chief Roy Bell, of Farmington Township. Chief Bell says he's ready to step aside and let someone else take over running Fire Station No. 2, but 15 years at the job have made him pretty good and the Township says he'll be hard to replace. No. 2 Fire Station is located in Bell's Garage, 32581 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Township.

Twp. Board Meeting

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Site plan for Independence Green - Lamid Group - SW¼, Section 20. Approved;

- Consideration of approval of Echo Valley site plan on 12 Mile west of Orchard Lake Road. N.E. ¼ of Section 15. Approved;
- Consideration of rezoning to commercial from light industry of North 92 ft. of lot 42 - Brookside Park Subdivision, Section 35. Tabled; and
- Consideration of split lots 22 & 23 of Kensington Gardens Subdivision. Approved;

The Rouge River clearing project, under the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, will employ an estimated $21,000 of federal funds with a balance of an estimated $1,900 for local financing. Supervisor Hall said the City of Farmington is expected to participate in helping with the local financing portion of the project.

FUTURE LATERAL sewer lines were approved for installation along Eight Mile Road from Middlebelt Road to Grand River Avenue in Section 35. An estimated 11 connections are needed at a total cost of between $35,000 and $39,000. Preliminary plans and cost estimates were authorized by the Board. Supervisor Hall pointed out the construction costs would be recovered as users tap into the system through the normal tap-in fee charges.

The site plan approval for the Lamid Group in the Independence Green development involved several minor changes in the positioning of certain of the apartment house buildings in order to provide greater aesthetics. These changes were recommended for approval by the Township Planning Commission at their last regular meeting and met the approval of Vilican-Lehman, the Township's firm of planning consultants.

THE ECHO VALLEY site plan given preliminary approval at Monday night's meeting, calls for a total of 122 apartment house units to be built on a 12-acre parcel of land just west of Orchard Lake Road on 12 Mile Road, north of the I-696 Freeway. The site plan approval was given by the Board subject to the drainage approval from the Township's firm of consulting engineers, Pate, Hirn and Bogue. One modification was made for safety reasons in the development's planned deceleration lane for traffic on 12 Mile Road.

The re-zoning request tabled by the Board Monday night cast "grave doubts" on whether the proponents, the Little Valley Trailer Park, 20832 Tuck Road in the Township, will ever get approval for expansion. Residents in the area were present to register strong objections to the re-zoning and were informed the proponents would have to obtain petitions in favor of the proposal signed by at least 80 per cent of the property owners within 1,000 feet of the trailer park before the matter could be further considered by the Board. It was pointed out petitions objecting to the re-zoning were already on file containing the signatures of most of the affected residents.

Residents who appeared on the re-zoning matter also took the opportunity to be heard on road grievances. Road problems, they were told, are the province of the Oakland County Road Commission. Under the present form of government in the Township, it was pointed out by Supervisor Hall, funds for road repairs and maintenance are handled by the County which is regulated by State Statute. "We have leaned on the Road Commission but they are autonomous," Hall said, and added "we get promises, but it's always the same answer, they are 'limited by funds'".

UNDER NEW BUSINESS taken up at Monday night's meeting, Trustee Earl Opperthauser asked the Board to explore the possibility of entering into a trash pick-up contract to service the needs of Township residents. He outlined trash pick-up contracts in Oak Park and Southfield to show where residents in some areas could save $12 a year on their rubbish removal service charges under similar contract arrangements.

In another matter raised by Opperthauser, the Board authorized the Township Attorney to draw up the necessary resolution to increase the fee needed in filing re-zoning petitions. Opperthauser stated it was his opinion many re-zoning proposals in the past have been "highly speculative" in nature and have taken valuable time from Township officials and have proven costly for taxpayers.

UNDER OPPERTHAUSER'S proposed fee increase, persons desiring to file petitions on re-zoning matters would pay $75 in initial fees and an additional $100 if and when a public hearing is set on the request. It was pointed out the fee increase is in line with those presently being charged in surrounding municipalities.

THE BOARD MEETING concluded on a humorous note as a person in attendance asked Supervisor Hall his opinion of the incorporation issue presently before the Township. Hall said, "Give me a few minutes to adjourn this meeting and I'll tell you." He added in explanation for the resident a court order obtained in a suit filed by residents attempting to block the incorporation move "restrains officials" of the Township from taking sides in their official capacities. "Nothing restricts me from offering you my private opinion, however, after the meeting," Hall said.

Plan an Evening Out On St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day party plans in Farmington wouldn't be complete without a visit to the Danish Inn for dinner and refreshments in the true spirit of the gala holiday.

Corn Beef and Cabbage will be served from 6 p.m. until 12 midnight at the Danish Inn, 32305 Grand River at Brookdale, on St. Patrick's Day. Pat Flowers will entertain at the piano beginning at 8:30 p.m. and funny paper hats and party favors will further help patrons get into the spirit of celebration. For reservations call 476-5320.

A TRAGIC ACCIDENT which claimed the life of a 30-year-old Farmington Township father of four had an unusual footnote last Saturday night as two other Farmington men were seriously injured when their car collided into the rear of the auto as it was being towed by a wrecker to a Farmington Township garage. Killed in the first accident was Robert H. Markham of 23216 Canfield in Farmington Township. It was the second fatality of 1966 in Farmington and occurred early last Saturday morning, March 12, on Ten Mile Road just west of Middlebelt.

Fatal Accident

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to Botsford General Hospital. Markham died at 3:45 a.m., just three hours after the accident (see Obituary, Page 7-A, Col. 6).

IN A BIZARRE aftermath to the fatal crash, two 20-year-old Farmington men were injured when their car rammed into the rear of Markham's car as it was being towed along Middlebelt Road, en route to Jim's Grand-Belt Shell Station, Grand River at Middlebelt. The impact of the collision caused both cars to burst into flames and a passing motorist pulled one of the occupants out of the burning car while the other man made his own escape.

Injured in the car were the driver, John A. Friendt, 20, of 21226 St. Francis Street, and his passenger, George Algar, Jr. of 22600 Middlebelt Road, both of Farmington. They were taken to Botsford General Hospital for treatment of injuries.

THE MOTORIST WHO came to the aid of the man knocked unconscious in the accident was George Geddis, III, 24, of 28547 Green Willow in Farmington. He was northbound on Middlebelt as the accident occurred in the southbound lane just 200 feet in front of him, north of Grayfield.

Again the wrecker driver suffered minor injuries, along with a passenger with him. The driver, Marlin Belcher, 53, of 21324 Jefferson Street, and the passenger, Evert Denny, 48, of 20808 Pearl Street, both of Farmington, were taken to Botsford Hospital for treatment of injuries.

IN ANOTHER accident last Saturday, two cars collided on Grand River Avenue just east of Power Road and four persons required hospital treatment.

Seriously injured in the Farmington City accident which occurred at 8:16 p.m. March 12 were the driver of one car, Ronald W. Erickson, 22, of 29231 Pickford in Livonia, and two passengers in the other car, David K. Greene, Jr., one-year-old, and his mother, Patricia A. Greene, 23, of 22437 Springbrook in Farmington. They were passengers in the car driven by the senior Greene who suffered minor injuries. All of the injured were treated at Botsford General Hospital.

AGAIN A PASSING motorist was credited by police with rendering important assistance at the scene. David Clatfelter of 33657 Rhonswood in Farmington put out a fire caused by the crash as one of the cars involved had its gas tank knocked loose and ignited. The fire was out by the time Farmington City Police arrived at the scene minutes later.

Police ticketed Erickson for failure to stop in an assured clear distance. His car was westbound on Grand River and slid sideways into Greene's car, headed east.

Adult Education

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A. Nichols, Mon., 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Rm. 111A. $10.00.

Beginning Oil Painting—Mrs. A. Nichols, Tues., 7:00-10:00 p.m., Rm. 111A. $10.00.

Organ — Beginners, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Intermediates, 8:00-10:00 p.m. North Farmington High School. Mr. A. Small. Tues., Rm B-13. $9.00

Watercolors — North Farmington High School Mr. R. Shilling. Mon., 7:00-10:00 p.m., Rm. B-19. $10.00.

Sculpture — Miss B. Martin. Wed., 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Rm. 104A. $10.00. Tools and materials not included in fee.

HOMEMAKING

Bishop Sewing I — Mrs. M. Dudley. Mon. 7:30-9:30 p.m., $15.00.

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Bishop Sewing III — Mrs. V. Beiswinger, Thurs., 7:00-10:00 p.m. $20.00.

Bishop Tailoring — Mrs. V. Beiswinger. Tues., 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. $20.00.

Knitting and Crocheting — Mrs. A. Traumbauer. Mon., 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Rm. 106D. $10.00.

Sewing — Mrs. P. Nuttall. Wed., 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Rm. 102A. $10.00.

Upholstery — Mr. A. Whitebread. Wed., 7:00-10:00 p.m., Rm. Basement. $10.00.

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Creative Writing to Sell Workshop — Miss Arndt. Wed., 7:30-9:30 p.m., Rm. 108E. $9.00.

Current American Foreign Policy Issues (New Course) — This course analyzes current American Foreign Policy Issues with special emphasis given to an examination of Vietnam, Cuba. Rhodesia, Indonesia, Congo, Dominican Republic, Red China, Russia, Western Europe, and the United Nations. Solutions advanced by authorities will be evaluated and discussed. The major purpose will be that of broadening the perspective of the student and motivating interest in international relations. Mr. Larry VanderMolen, B.A., M.A. Thurs., 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Rm. 109E $9.00.

Modern Mathematics for Parents — Five week course. Mr. W. Martin. Mon., 7:00-9:00 p.m., Rm. 112E. $5.00.

Spanish I — Mr. F. Duelo. Mon., 7:30-9:30 p.m., Rm. 111E. $9.00.

Spanish II — Mr F. Duelo. Thurs., 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Rm. 111E. $9.00.

RECREATION

Bridge—Mrs. J. Counzelman. Thurs., 7:30-10:30 p.m., Rm. 116B. $10.00.

Men's Gym—Mr. W. Mason. Wed., 7:00-10:00 p.m., Gym. $10.00.

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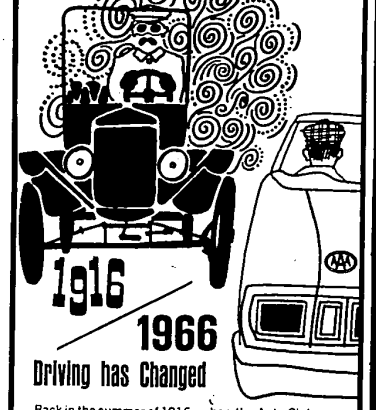
THESE BEARDED GAY BLADES are not on their way to enter the Beard Growing Contest jointly sponsored by the Farmington Enterprise and Farmington Elks for the July Founders' Festival. It was the Farmington Gala Days celebration in 1938 which provided the occasion for (L to R) Bob Snyder, the late Jim Rowe (killed in action in World War II), Ed West and Ray Mahaney. Bob Snyder's picture helped us to remember. Don't you forget to register (clean shaven) for the Beard Growing Contest which starts Saturday, April 2. Register at the Farmington Elks Lodge, 33300 Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington.



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