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# Police Nab Pair With Hot Goods

Fast thinking by a citizen and fast work by the police resulted in the arrest of two men charged with taking two tires from Capitol Tire last week.

Joseph T. Mullen of Detroit was returning to his job at about 4 p.m. when he noticed a grey Thunderbird parked in front of the store. A man was putting two tires on the trunk.

When Mullen entered the store he asked if two tires had just been sold and upon learning that no-one had sold any tires he set off after the Thunderbird.

Another employee of the store alerted the City Police who joined the chase.

The car was spotted at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake and followed to 11 Mile and Orchard Lake where police from both the City and the Township pulled the car over to the side of the road.

Upon investigation the tires which were identified as those taken from Capitol were found in the trunk.

City police arrested the two men, Andrew Deal and Mitchell Thomas, both of Inkster, and charged them with larceny from a building.

They have pleaded not guilty in the Farmington Municipal Court and the examination date has been set for August 28.

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# The MAYOR'S CORNER

By HARVEY W. MOELKE



### Capital Improvement

Budget... is a term which you undoubtedly will be hearing more about in the future. The state of Michigan, in Act 235 of the Public Acts of 1961, empowered planning commissions to prepare a six year capital improvement budget which shall show, in order of priority, what, in the commission's judgment, will be needed or desirable and can be undertaken within the succeeding six year period.

I am very cognizant of the planning commissions' provisions of State Law relating to such commissions. The Council shall also create and maintain a zoning ordinance in accordance with the provisions of State Law relating to such ordinances. Insofar as may be, the provisions of such ordinance shall be coordinated with the work of the City Planning Commission herein required to be maintained by the Council.

### MILLIGAN'S PUBLICITY

Mr. Milligan, in a recent publicity release, incorrectly included maintenance of roads and parks and implied that the power to prepare a capital improvement budget rested with the Mayor. The Planning Commission is an autonomous commission and Planning Commission members are appointed for three year specified terms with the approval of the Council and do not serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. My office has each year directed that our department heads assist the Planning Commission staff in the preparation of a capital improvement budget. Our Planning Department, in the past, has not been able to carry out its responsibility in this area as adequately as we would like. It is one thing to say something should be done and quite another accepting the responsibility to provide the means to do it.

It is a political axiom that the ultimate political power is the power of budget control. The legislative body of our city, as well as state and country, controls the budget. It makes good political fodder for a legislator to blame an administration or chief executive for failure to accomplish the legal requirements when, in fact, the money is not appropriated by the legislative body. It would be like a husband demanding steak but giving his wife only enough money for hamburger and then complaining about the money.

### 20% CUT NEEDED

My office is in the midst of budget preparation. Every department in our city's government is faced with the task of providing essential services for you within our revenue limitations. This year city departments have requested in their preliminary budget \$6,391,000. Our estimated revenue is \$5,231,000. 20% of the budget request must be cut to present a balanced budget to the Council by Sept. 15.

### 20% INCREASE

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

A very important part of that budget is recommendations for capital improvements. The Planning Commission in the past has done a remarkable job with its very limited staff. We are gradually increasing the personnel in this very vital department. Under my administration the budget for the Planning Commission has increased from \$25,517 in 1962 to \$81,633 this year. They are asking for a 50% increase to enable them to carry out their responsibilities. Similar problems are faced by every operating department within our city.

### Tractor And Car Collide

Carl Hess, 25, of Walled Lake made an unexpected trip to Botsford General Hospital last Saturday after his car hit a tractor and skidded 85 feet into the side of a tree on Halsted Rd. north of Grand River.

The driver of the tractor, Melvin L. Quackenbush of Royal Oak told police that he saw the car approximately a third of a mile north on Halsted Rd. and pulled out. He then saw the car approaching rapidly and stayed in the northbound lane.

Hess told police that he hit the brakes when he saw the tractor, but that his brakes stuck and he slid into the slower vehicle.

According to the police report Hess slid a total of 136 paces before hitting the side of the tractor and then bounced across the road, a ditch and a lawn hitting a tree in front of 24415 Halsted Rd.

Police estimate that Hess was travelling south on Halsted at between 90 and 100 miles per hour.

### Receives Masters

Kay Colgan Loftus of 5495 Pigeon Rd., Farmington, received a master of arts degree Aug. 20 from Bowling Green University in Ohio. She was one of more than 400 students receiving degrees at the commencement exercises.

Joseph T. Ryder, executive director of Big Brothers of Greater Flint (Mich.) addressed the graduates and received the honorary degree of doctor of public service, University President William T. Jerome III conferred the degrees.

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