

Interchanges, Cost Listed Public Hearing Thursday On New M-14 Route

The State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing Thursday, Jan. 11, on the proposed construction of the final 12-mile section of a second freeway (M-14) between Detroit and Ann Arbor.

The hearing will be at 8 p.m. in the Plymouth High School auditorium, 650 Church, Plymouth.

Purpose of the hearing is to explain the proposed project and to record testimony concerning its economic effects. Transcripts will be forwarded to the Highway Commission and the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads for consideration before final decisions are made.

The hearing will be conducted by Robert Adams, the Highway Commission's director of public hearings.

THE PROPOSED M-14 FREEWAY

way would link Detroit's Jeffries Freeway (I-96) and the existing M-14 Freeway near Dixboro, passing through Plymouth, Salem and Superior townships in Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

Based on present construction and right-of-way costs, it is estimated that the project will cost \$12 million.

A recently published engineering report, approved

by Henrik E. Staufeth, acting state highway director, recommends that the freeway start at the interchange of I-96 and I-275 near Schoolcraft and Haggerty roads.

It would skirt the north edge of Plymouth and continue west to Ridge Rd., just north of Territorial Rd.

At that point it would swing southwesterly, cutting through a corner of Salem Township and

then paralleling Plymouth-Ann Arbor roads to existing M-14 Freeway just west of Plymouth-Ann Arbor roads.

THE ENGINEERING report recommends the construction of interchanges at Sheldon, Beck and Gotfredson roads and at the point where the freeway merges with existing M-14 Freeway.

An interchange, at I-96 and I-275 would allow traffic on the

proposed freeway to interchange with the other freeways, but it would not be able to enter or leave the freeway at that point.

Grade separations are recommended at Schoolcraft Rd., relocated, Robinwood Dr., Northville Rd., Edward Hines Dr., Ridge Rd., Territorial Rd., Vesper Rd., Joy Rd., Curtis Rd., and at two Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad tracks north and

northwest of Plymouth.

The proposed freeway would be built at grade level west of Ridge Rd. It would go under Beck Rd., over the western C&O tracks, over Sheldon Rd., under Edward Hines Dr. It would be depressed along Schoolcraft Rd. to minimize freeway noises in the area.

THE FREEWAY would be six

lanes between the I-96 - I-275 interchange and Beck Rd., and four lanes the remainder of the route.

Right-of-way would be a minimum of 220 feet in the Plymouth area and up to 414 feet in rural areas.

Daily traffic volumes on the proposed freeway are expected to eventually average from 44,000 vehicles at the west end to nearly 60,000 near Plymouth.

Staufeth said the Route 14 Commission Division studied three alignments between I-96 and Ridge roads and two alignments between Ridge-Rd. and the Ann Arbor area. The alternate alignment west of Ridge Rd. was between N. Territorial and Five Mile roads and would have ended at the N. Territorial Rd. interchange on the US-23 freeway north of Ann Arbor.

THE FORD MOTOR Co., Ant, the Consumer Power and Natural gas reservoir and St. John's Provincial Seminary north of Plymouth, were major considerations in selection of the recommended alignment in the Plymouth area.

Staufeth said the alternate alignment through Plymouth Township would have cost an estimated \$9 million more than the recommended alignment.

Preliminary studies indicate approximately 148 parcels of land would be acquired in Wayne County and 45 parcels in Washtenaw County.

The Wayne County right-of-way, costing an estimated \$4 million, includes 72 residential properties, 46 vacant lots, 14 farms, and 16 industrial, commercial and miscellaneous properties.

The Washtenaw County right-of-way includes 23 farms and 12 residential properties, costing an estimated \$164,000.

The Highway Commission's construction timetable calls for bids on the freeway to be taken in the summer and fall of 1971 so that it would be completed soon after the Jeffries Freeway is built. The Jeffries is scheduled for completion in the end of 1972.

OBSERVER Second Front Page Romney Firing Overruled By Supreme Court

THE STATE SUPREME COURT has overruled Gov. Romney's firing of Maj. Gen. Ronald D. McDonald as State Adjutant General. The court ruled that Romney lacked legal authority to declare the post vacant three years ago, Romney had fired the General in the wake of an alleged scandal in the Michigan National Guard. The Court upheld McDonald's argument that he could not be removed without a court martial.

REPRESENTATIVES negotiating for 5,000 tool and die workers and the Detroit Tooling Association reached a tentative agreement Jan. 8 which ended a seven-week-old strike. The new contract contains a \$1.20 benefit package giving the workers a 95 cent an hour raise and a 25 cent increase in fringe benefits over a three year and two month period. Ratification has been set for Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 7 a.m. in the halls of UAW Local 155 and Local 212.

THE DAILY DISPATCH, an interim paper that began publishing soon after the regular Detroit daily newspapers shut down from strikes, announced Monday that it was "ceasing publication temporarily for purposes of reorganization." General Manager Edward R. Price said the paper would be back on the streets after the reorganization.

DSR BUS DRIVERS in Detroit have threatened to refuse to drive night runs unless the city acts to prevent holdups. Kerchel Schwartz, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union,

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Division 26 (AFL-CIO) said that unless the Detroit DSR Commission took "positive action," such as hiring armed guards, arming bus drivers with chemical spray guns or providing uniformed police officers in a protection program, he would support drivers who would not drive night runs.

A CHARGE OF First-degree murder has been filed in Wyandotte against an Atlas Furniture Co. executive, Samuel E. Martin of Warren, in the fatal shooting of a 21-year-old River Rouge woman. The woman was identified as Mrs. Lucette Ford. She was shot four times in the head and body at her home Saturday. Martin, accompanied by an attorney, surrendered Saturday afternoon to police. He is married and the father of three children.

THE HEART TRANSPLANT team which performed the world's fourth such operation in Palo Alto, Calif., Sunday was headed by a former Michigan man, Dr. Norman Shumway, 44. He was born in Kalamazoo and attended the University of Michigan. He was an intern with South African transplant pioneer Dr. Christian Barnard at the University of Minnesota Hospital.

WILDER (GUNNIE) GUNNERSON will be the guest of honor at a retirement dinner Jan. 24 as he retires from a 38-year career as coach and athletic director at Detroit Western High School. The dinner will be held in Livonia's Roma Hall.

BURGLARS HAVE STOLEN \$3,000 worth of gas masks and arms from the U.S. Army Training Center in Pontiac over the weekend. The building was entered by ramming a truck through the door, then sawing through bolts and locks to enter the arsenal. The FBI, Army intelligence and Pontiac police are investigating.

PUBLISHERS OF DETROIT'S two regular daily papers will receive a proposal from the Detroit Council of Newspaper Unions this week for settling the 55-day-old shutdown of the Free Press. The proposal, which would require the publishers to disclose details of the program until it was discussed with the publishers.

THE DETROIT NEWS has laid off 300 clerical workers, the first non-union personnel to be laid off since the daily paper was struck by Teamsters Union 16. Some 325 editorial employees were not affected. The Free Press, whose editorial and clerical employees are represented by the Guild, laid off all union workers when it closed down the day after the News.

THE MICHIGAN chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, accusing Selective Service Director Lewis Hershey of "playing God" with draft reclassifications, has filed suit in federal court to prevent local draft boards from reclassifying men who protest the Vietnam war and the draft system.

TOP MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD official Col. Leo C. Whitaker, chief of staff of the Guard's 40th Infantry, says he believes the state is in for even worse rioting than it saw last summer in Detroit. He added that if the Guard had been called out earlier last July, the disorders would not have reached the proportions they did.

THE BODIES OF TWO MEN who died in the crash of a private plane near Black River in Sanilac County were found by a search party Friday. The two, who had been missing since Wednesday, were identified as Leslie Parker and Larry Bullock, both of Yale.

Charge 4 Evaded Taxes

Four Observerland businessmen were among eight in the Detroit area charged with evading Michigan taxes on cigarettes. The four are: William E. Maskeny, operator more than 30 years in the business, 25270 Westfield, Redford Township; his son, Gerald P. Maskeny, 6074 S. Norbourne; Robert Vandermeulen, 6037 Belton, Garden City; and Azeem Ahmed, 8650 Shari. Dr. Garden City, a party-store owner in Plymouth. The men face payment of \$245,586 in taxes and penalties. They were charged with conspiracy and other counts of tax evasion before Judge Anthony Nacita in Taylor Township.

JESSE B. EGLESTON, chief of the out-county office of the Wayne County prosecutor, issued the warrants for the arrests and said that in the information against the men, one item involved more than 18 million cigarettes not accounted for.

The other men arrested and charged are: Donald Maskeny, 22455 Van Bourne, Taylor Township; head of the Van Bourne Wholesale Distributors, a large tobacco wholesaler; Showki Sahab, a supermarket operator at Madison Heights; Norman Jones, 5353 Russell, Detroit; and William Spino, 23855 Van Bourne.

According to Eggleston, the cigarettes were brought into Michigan to the wholesaler and distributed through the vending company and stores, by-passing accounting procedures and avoiding payment of state tax.

The tax is approximately 70 cents on each carton of cigarettes.

THE INVESTIGATION, which took more than six months, was led by State Deputy Commissioner of Revenue Sydney Goodman, with the cooperation of state revenue agents, State Police and the FBI.

The eight were released on bond and are scheduled to appear Jan. 15 before Judge Nacita.

At Hirt At Wonderland

Al "Honey in the Horn" Hirt will make a rare personal appearance Thursday at Wonderland Center.

One of the nation's top recording artists, Hirt will appear at Montgomery Ward from 2:30 to 5:30 in the store's second-floor record department.

Hirt is currently riding the crest of great popularity with a new "Scampet" that pours out honeyed musical notes. His "Honey in the Horn" has been a top-selling RCA Victor album for months.

Marie McGee Joins Staff In Redford

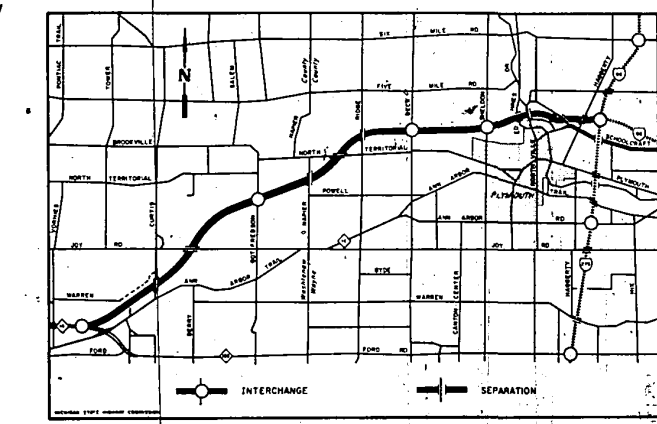
A new face has been added to The Redford Observer news staff, Mrs. Marie McGee, of Livonia, joins Editor Dennis Pajot in covering news events and producing feature articles for Observer readers.

Marie joins The Redford Observer after two years as editor of commercial employee publications and 10 years previous experience as editor of the weekly Wyandotte News-Herald.

Most recently she was assistant publications editor for a major insurance company and just prior was publications editor for a large western Michigan grocery firm.

All the while she has been raising a family of five children, now aged 2 to 13, with her husband, William M. McGee. He is a supervisor of Sales Engineering.

An avid golfer in her leisure time, Marie brings a professional ballplayer for humor



Higher Mail Rates Are Effective Now

Livonia Postmaster Arthur G. Jenkins reminded mailers that new higher postage rates became effective Monday by including the 6-cents-an-ounce charge for first-class letters.

Other rates effective he noted, are: 10 cents an ounce for air mail, 5 cents each for postal cards, and 8 cents each for air postal cards.

"When you consider that six cents will carry a first-class letter addressed to any one of 200 million persons in 50 states, as well as letters addressed to any of 63 million persons in Mexico and Canada," he added, "this still remains one of the biggest bargains on earth."

fastest transportation available -- meaning air service usually. Heavier first-class pieces, above 13 ounces, will be merged with air parcel post under a single rate schedule," he said, "and all air mail above 7 ounces will be subject to the air parcel post rate schedule."

THE POSTMASTER assured local residents plenty of one-

cent stamps are on hand for use with any existing stocks of 5-cent stamps they may have on hand.

There are also adequate supplies of 6-cent stamps to meet the new first-class letter rate available at the post office, he said.

The higher rates become effective today also for other categories of mail used pri-

marily by large-volume mailers. These include bulk third-class advertising mail, rates, special rates for books, films and records.

The post office is working closely with commercial mailers to provide them with every possible assistance in complying with the technical provisions of these rate changes, Mr. Jenkins noted.

1968 MICHIGAN AUTO PLATES NOW on SALE

WONDERLAND CIVIC ROOM (NEAR PACKER'S)

PLYMOUTH ROAD

BANK

FEDERAL'S

WARD'S

ROBINSON

PACKER'S

MIDDLEBEL

GIORDANO NAMED Head Of Board

The Redford Township Police and Fire Civil Service Commission have elected three officers for the coming year.

They are: John R. Giordano, chairman; Karl Gmelser, secretary; and John Wenski, commissioner.

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