

Hear Sen. Augsburger, Rep. Mauzy —

Calls legislative session 'most productive' in 5 years

The Milford Area Development Council (MAD) heard a first hand account of the recent session of the Indiana General Assembly at the regular monthly meeting of the Milford civic-action group at the fire station last night. Speakers at the meeting were state Senator John F. Augsburger of Milford and state Representative Thomas L. Mauzy of Warsaw.

Passed 347 Laws

Senator Augsburger, the first to speak, said the session produced 347 laws out of 1,263 bills presented, calling the session "the most productive in the five years I have been in the senate."

He cited the abortion bill as "the most difficult to face," and called attention to the fact that the legislature reinstated capital punishment for certain crimes such as premeditated murder, rape, hijacking and murder for hire.

The Equal Rights Amendment failed to receive either the vote of Augsburger or Mauzy and failed to pass the legislature.

Tax Restructuring

Sen. Augsburger spoke on the new tax law, calling it a "tax restructuring." He said experts calculate that there will be a 20 per cent savings in property tax, pointing out that the new

four per cent sales tax will catch many people who pay very little property tax under the present system of collecting taxes.

He said he was on the penal institutions committee of the senate and as such made inspections of various penal institutions in the state. Augsburger called some, in particular women's prisons, "in need of updating."

Rep. Mauzy said he has been in the house for seven years and he is pleased with the concern of the youth with the workings of state government. He said he finds young folks "conservative" in their political thinking.

He freely admitted that he voted against Governor Otis Bowen's tax package while Sen. Augsburger voted for it. Mauzy said "we need a state constitutional amendment to solve the problem of placement of tax funds. I want property tax relief as much as anybody."

Speaking of the tax plan, he said "we can impose a new tax but we can't seem to take one off."

He said Indiana raised the non-residence fee for hunting, fishing and trapping to come up to those of neighboring states, but not on resident hunters.

Rep. Mauzy said the Equal Rights Amendment "could

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SPEAK TO MAD — From left are Carl Duncan, chairman of the Milford Area Development Council's legislative committee, state representative Thomas L. Mauzy, and state senator John F. Augsburger.

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Insurance package is considered at Milford

Insurance for the two town employees — street and water commissioner John Martin and town marshal Don Drake — was a large part of the discussion at the Milford town board meeting on Monday night.

John Alexander of Warsaw, an insurance company representative, was present to present his proposal. It includes \$5,000 life insurance, \$50 per week income insurance for 26 weeks while off for illness in addition to health and medical coverage. The total cost for both men per month will be \$96.74.

The two town board members present were in favor of the insurance but did not make a final decision until the clerk-treasurer talks to the state board of accounts about how it can be financed this year or if they should wait and include the town's share in the budget for 1974.

This information should be available for final action at a special board meeting which has tentatively been set for next Tuesday or Wednesday evening. The special meeting is needed to consider a proposal from Clyde Williams and associates which they are expecting momentarily

and a three-way permit for Betty Hare dba Turf Bar.

The two members present voted to pay the difference between a total of \$58 dollars which the two men pay for health and medical insurance only on their own at the present time and the total amount which would be around \$460 per year. The insurance is like that at the county highway and sheriff's office for their employees.

Betty Hare was present to ask for the decision concerning the three-way permit which she applied for in February. The time is near for her to apply for her other license renewal if this is not available. Town board president Miller said this would be taken care of next week in time for her to take care of her license before the deadline. All three board members need to be present at the meeting.

At the present time he said he was not in favor of the permit but would do more checking before the next meeting. He said part of the reason for not wanting the ordinance for a three-way permit passed at this time was the annexation which is now in litigation. He wants to be sure how much control the town will

have over the location of business with the permit, etc.

A letter was read from the town librarian, Mrs. Charles Kerlin, asking for part of the revenue sharing funds for new shelves which cost \$160 each at the library. This is to be discussed with township trustee Maurice Beer.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Beer are also talking about money for the park and are in the process of renewing the fire agreement between the town and township which has expired.

Town attorney William I. Garrard was not present and had not sent word that he would not be at the meeting. He was needed many times during the course of the meeting.

Junk Cars

Much discussion was held on enforcing the junk car ordinance. Police officer Drake was instructed to appeal to people to move the cars on their own so summons are not needed. The town board asks people to cooperate with this during the town's spring clean-up campaign this month. They also instructed Drake to log the reminders he passes out so there would be a

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Commencement to be Sunday

Commencement exercises for the 1973 graduating class of Wawasee high school will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday in the physical education building at the high school.

A special section honoring the class appears elsewhere in this issue.

Leesburg to get new street signs

The town board of trustees of the town of Leesburg at a recent meeting proposed to accept the offer of new street markers from the Leesburg Merchants Association. The merchants association has offered to furnish and install the signs sometime in the near future.

Frank Rader, a member of the board was appointed to work with Richard Klopstein, a member of the merchants association in the selection of the signs.

The American Legion was granted priority for the sale of poppies in the town of Leesburg, as they have enjoyed the privilege in former years.

Resurfacing and widening of Church street from state road 15 east to Pearl street thence north to Prairie street was discussed. Source of the funds would be from the increased fuel tax fund of the state of Indiana and revenue sharing funds. Action in the matter was tabled pending further study of the addition of curbs to the proposed project.

Restitution being made for broken windows

The fathers of two Syracuse juveniles have agreed to make restitution for 19 windows, valued at \$500, broken Wednesday by their sons.

Kosciusko county deputy sheriff Jerry Moser reported that rocks and darts were used to break 18 windows in a home being constructed by Kinder Realty in Wawasee Heights. The boys also admitted breaking one window in the Wawasee Heights Baptist church.

Other officers assisting in the investigation included Syracuse deputy Dale Sparklin and deputy sheriff Al Rovenstine.

Christian church to honor seniors

Members of the Milford Christian church and pastor Eldon Wilson will honor members of the senior classes of the area schools on Sunday during the hour of worship.

Seniors to be honored are Craig Tucker, Rick Graff, Larry Rolland, Jan Beer, Tom Spearman, Debbie Lucas and Colene Smith.

Impala stolen from Cutter parking lot

Syracuse chief of police Orville VanderReyden reported a 1971 Chevrolet Impala stolen from the parking lot of Cutter Chevrolet, Inc., sometime Monday night.

Bill Cutter, owner of the local Chevrolet agency, told officer VanderReyden the car, a two-door hardtop Custom Impala with dark green vinyl top and medium green bottom, belonged to Clinton Staton, r 2 Syracuse. The owner left the car at the agency for service on Monday, and it was put on the parking lot at 5:30 p.m. Monday, with the keys in the ignition.

When Mr. Staton arrived at the agency Tuesday morning to claim his car, it was gone.

Tot uninjured as car rolls down street

A four-year-old youngster, Steve Rookstool, was uninjured Saturday when a car in which he was the lone occupant rolled down Allen street in Syracuse and collided with a 1971 AMX which was parked along the street.

Steve's mother, Ruthie M. Rookstool, r 4 Syracuse, parked her 1963 Chrysler at the curb and went into the Charles Hall residence, leaving Steve in the car.

No explanation was given as to the cause of the accident.

The AMX is owned by Virgil Richards, 501 N. Huntington street, Syracuse. Damages were estimated at \$300. The Rookstool auto was not damaged.

The accident was investigated by the Syracuse police department.

Memorial Day parade at 10 a.m. at Milford

Bruce McClintic, commander of Ancil Geiger Post 226 of Milford, announced this week that the Memorial Day parade will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 28.

There will be a memorial service following the parade at the Milford cemetery with Wawasee high school principal Henry Smith serving as speaker of the day and Eldon Wilson, pastor of the Christian church, serving as chaplain of the day. All interested in participating in the parade should be at the Milford junior high school at 9:30 a.m. to line up.

St. Francis College Graduate
Saint Francis college, Fort Wayne, graduated 607 students in commencement exercises held Sunday, May 13, in Memorial Coliseum.
Carole Anne Keiper of r 1 Milford received her master's degree.



OFFICERS RECEIVE AWARDS — Members of the Syracuse police force were honored Tuesday evening at the meeting of the town board.

Pictured from left are police chief Orville VanderReyden; Dale Sparklin; Joe Thornburg, officer of the year; Laurence Firestone; Earl Money; Larry Price; and Robert Houser.

Police honored — Building complex still under fire

The Tuesday, May 15, meeting of the Syracuse town board was again moved from the town hall to the fire station because of an overflow crowd.

This being national police week, the board began the meeting by presenting awards to individual police officers. Certificates of appreciation were given to Robert Houser, Earl Money, Thomas Kitch and Larry Price. Laurence Firestone and Dale Sparklin received American Federation of Police honor awards. Joseph Thornburg was also given a plaque in honor of being chosen police officer of the year for 1973.

The major portion of the evening's business centered, again, around the proposed Front street building complex which the William Pinneys have

received a permit to erect.

Attorney Bill Dalton introduced the subject, stating he had been employed by several residents of Syracuse to present their petition to deny the building permit to the Pinneys. The petition was addressed to the board, as temporary building commissioners, and another copy will be sent to the board of zoning appeals.

Dalton explained some of the concerns which the Front street residents have about the proposed building. The major point was that they are concerned about whether the building, as either a six-unit or an eight-unit complex will fit on the space available. Harry VanHemert, former building commissioner, who issued the permit, estimated the lot size at 22,968 square feet, using the lot sizes set out in the

plat book. However, since the plat book was set up, a roadway has been put through this area and some of the existing ground has washed into the channel water.

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Poppy Days May 18-19

Area communities will be celebrating Poppy Days May 18 and 19.

Poppy Days have become a tradition to the American Legion Auxiliary, a tradition which heralds its service to the veteran and his family. By the allocation of Poppy funds to rehabilitation and child welfare, the auxiliary attempts to remember the veteran and his sacrifice.

All area American Legion Auxiliaries will be participating in Poppy Day programs.



ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP — Forty Milford youths, members of the Little League, participated in the Saturday clean-up along highways in the Milford area, as part of the town's clean-up, fix-up, paint-up week, sponsored by the Milford Area Development Council. The program was headed by Richard Stoller. Each youth was given a free ticket to the Memorial Day chicken barbecue for his efforts.



PAVING BEGINS — Phend and Brown of Milford has moved its paving equipment into Milford and begun resurfacing of Main street.

The paving project has dovetailed with the Milford Area Development Council and the town board's co-sponsored paint-up, fix-up, clean-up week.

The photo above was taken from the library, looking north. Both north and south Main street is to be resurfaced with a sealer coat to be applied at the business block.

The firm is also resurfacing the railroad crossings in town for the Penn-Central railroad.