

Week's Delay In Creating Parking Zone

City officials and property owners moved toward a compromise solution this week in providing for a special commercial parking classification in the city's zoning ordinance. At a public hearing Monday night (which was continued until next Monday so the suggested revisions could be considered in writing), commissioners indicated in two straw ballots how they may vote on adoption of the ordinance.

If those opinions are expressed for the record, it probably will pass by a 4 to 2 vote. Main point of contention on the commission in its discussion of the amendment has been aimed at requirements for screening of abutting residential zoning properties from parking lots.

Four commissioners now lined up with the city plan board are arguing that at least a 12-foot screen and wall should be placed between the two zones. They are Mayor Charles Renfrew and Commissioners Richard Patterson, James Allen and William Roberts.

SIDING WITH COMMISSIONERS V. B. Watkins that in the central business section such screening requirements are not necessary are Commissioners Robert Navin and Dean Beier.

The compromise appears to be on the "break" in the central business districts where they abut or cross the street from residential zones which have no such screening uses, such as churches, schools, public buildings, etc.

In this latter instance, there seems to be agreement that only a wall or unpierced fence need be provided.

ADOPTION OF this zoning amendment arises out of the desire of the Wabek Corp. and Jacobson's, Inc. to provide off-street parking for more than 400 cars in the area north of Willets and west of Woodward.

These two companies in the past year have spent over \$357,000 for property acquisition, and have maintained that the proposed 12-foot screening would appreciably reduce the number of parking spaces which could be made available.

Adoption of the amendment is needed before their parking plan can be undertaken.

THERE IS some feeling that next Monday night's vote may be 7 to 0 in favor of the amendment seeing that already there are enough affirmative votes to obtain its adoption.

This week the Wabek Corp. asked commissioners to table a request for rezoning to business of the lot at the northeast corner of Bates and Willets pending the outcome of the zoning amendment.

Hospital (Continued From Page One) ward Avenue is named, Dr. Beaumont conducted his experiments when the whole length of the Mackinac Trail (later Woodward Avenue to Pontiac) was wilderness. The trail crossed within a few hundred feet of the present hospital.

DR. BEAUMONT is considered the most noted figure in Michigan's medical history. An oil portrait hangs in the Beaumont Room of the Wayne County Medical Society building. Beaumont lectures are sponsored annually by the Society.

The Michigan State Medical Society has restored the trading post at Fort Mackinac, the scene of the Beaumont story and will present it to the people of Michigan in July as a state medical museum and Beaumont memorial.

It was indicated that cornerstone laying ceremonies at the new Beaumont Hospital, Woodward Avenue at Thirteenth Mile road in Royal Oak, will be scheduled in mid-summer, timed with this event. The building was reported ahead of construction schedule, which calls for completion in January, 1955.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY— MRS. LEONARD LISS, 1960 E. Long Lake while witnessing the first of the Salk polio vaccine shots Tuesday at Big Beaver school: "I am amazed at the bravery of these little children. They do their best to smile their way through and very few tears have been seen here."

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Troy Court Case On Plat Denial May Be Averted

Permission to develop a 35-acre subdivision at the northeast corner of Big Beaver and Adams roads may be settled out of court, Troy township board members learned Monday night.

George H. Glover, owner of the parcel, and his attorney appeared before the board and presented plans for a central service tank operation for the subdivision.

Troy board members last year denied a plat submitted by Glover, who then filed suit in Oakland county circuit court seeking a restraining order to prevent Troy's intervention in his building plans. The case is expected to be set for a hearing in the near future.

At a meeting of Troy officials and Glover held last week, Glover said he had engaged the firm of Hubbel, Roth and Clark to solve sewage disposal problems on the property. The Troy board has denied the plat on the fact that the lots were too small for proper sewage disposal methods.

GLOVER EXPLAINED that the 15x50x10 central septic tank copies similar operations at Cranbrook school, Orchard Lake Country Club and Pan-O-Shanter Country Club.

Board members agreed to call a meeting of the principals to meet with the engineering firm and discuss the merits of the plans, suggesting that the proposed plan might be a solution to the court case.

Glover explained that his plat might be revised somewhat on the recommendations of the Federal Housing Administration's subdivision department, now studying the plat.

He assured the board that revisions would not include any increase in the number of lots formerly platted.

Reject Rezoning A petition to rezoning 43 acres of land near the northeast corner of Livermore and Maple from residential to industrial was denied by the Troy township board Monday night.

Board members explained that homeowners adjacent to the property were not in favor of the zone change and also pointed to poor drainage of the land in their rejection.

General Motors and general manager of the Cadillac Division, who will head the sixth annual Torch Drive, Oct. 18 to Nov. 11, John S. Bugas, Bloomfield Hills, president of the United Foundation, announced Ahrens' appointment as general chairman for the 1954 Torch Drive.

GEORGE EVERSON HENRIK KAUFFMANN Danish consul is host to ambassador

Danish Ambassador Is Weekend Guest

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Busy diplomats, like everyone else, enjoy a few hours away from the cares and responsibilities of their offices. Henrik Kauffmann, Danish ambassador to the United States, is no exception. His most recent "rest" came this weekend when he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Everson at their Charing Cross road home. Everson is the Danish consul in Michigan.

We have been friends for quite some time," the ambassador explained, "and I am very happy to be able to spend a few hours here at their lovely home on my way back to New York and Washington."

Another highlight in Kauffmann's brief stop came Saturday evening when, with his hosts, he attended a concert of Danish music at the Detroit Institute of Art.

It was Henrik Kauffmann who in April 1941, signed the agreement entitling the United States to operate from air and naval bases in Greenland for the duration of the war. Thus this small nation became a bastion in the Battle of the Atlantic, protecting convoys to England. It later became a stepping stone to American planes were ferried to Europe.

Ball (Continued From Page One) berent rights to differ and to disagree with others, or else we shall be giving up our freedoms."

While, for many years connected with the Detroit News, was there when it first began operation of the world's first radio broadcasting station.

He recalled how at that time many newspaper people were alarmed over the competition that radio might offer newspapers.

Cautions Against Delay in Awarding Paving Contracts What the city-at-large might save by starting out again with the special assessment district for the repaving and widening of W. Maple, could easily be lost if paving contractors only slightly raised their bids over what they have recently been offering.

It had been suggested that perhaps residential properties to the north and south of Maple, between Linden and Glenhurst, should share in a portion of the widening cost.

CITY MANAGER D. C. Egbert said this might save the city about \$7,000, whereas Gare explained that in the next few days the city was opening bids for award of paving contracts.

"Prices right now should be greatly to our advantage, but if we have to delay awarding the contract for five or six weeks, only a small increase in prices would wipe out and in all probability exceed what we would save by starting the assessments all over again," Gare emphasized.

Softball League Planned By YMCA An organization meeting of teams interested in playing in the Birmingham YMCA Softball league will be held on Wednesday, May 5, at the YMCA building at 7:15 p.m. It is the hope of the "Y" to place six teams in the field playing two nights each week from the latter part of May through August 6.

Any young man interested in playing is asked to contact the "Y" or come to the meeting. Contract forms, player's information, entry fees and playing rules will be discussed.

formation of the United Nations in San Francisco; the FHO conference in Quebec and UNRRA conference at Atlantic City in 1946. That year, and in 1947 and '49, he was vice chairman of the delegation to the United Nations assemblies at Lake Success, N. Y.

Today Kauffmann is representing a government guiding its people back to recovery from devastation suffered at the hands of the Germans during their occupation.

KAUFFMANN explains that when the pact was signed, his government still was existing in occupied Denmark. Unable to contact his government, Kauffmann acted "on his own," so that when the news became public, his leaders were faced by the Germans to "admit" him.

"I did not consider the dismissal valid, nor did the United States government," Kauffmann explains, "so I continued as the Danish representative in your country. The United States came to consider me the highest Danish authority in all matters."

WHEN OPEN revolt struck Denmark in 1943 and the remnants of a Danish government ceased to exist, there was no change in Kauffmann's status and functions as far as the United States was concerned.

Kauffmann was born in Germany where his father, an eminent Danish architect and Court Chamberlain to the King of Denmark, was residing temporarily. His family had returned to Denmark by the time he was old enough to go to school.

He took his doctor's degree in law at the University of Copenhagen and later studied at Oxford and Geneva.

He began his diplomatic career after completing military service in the Royal Danish Guard, coming to this country as vice consul in 1915. In his case, history repeated itself, for he was representing his government in this country at the outbreak of both world wars.

KAUFFMANN has served in Germany, Italy, China, Sweden, and is a firm believer in complete cooperation between the Scandinavian countries in all things.

In 1945 he was chairman of the Danish delegation at the

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ferocious Indians. But our people have progressed far beyond this danger from the aborigines—now what we must watch out for are fast and recklessly driven automobiles.

Perhaps the only way you can be sure to beat a slot machine is to use a sledge hammer to open it to get a fair return for your investment.

It won't be known, exactly, until June just how many coeds on our college and university campuses received passing marks in the wedding columns.

Whatever quantity and quality of freedom one may have has to be fought for to get, and fought again to keep. There is no such thing as a human being getting, as a guaranteed birthright, perpetual personal freedom. The tyrant in average human nature always seeks to strip us of freedom.

Civitan Club Lists May 1, 8 Speakers

The May 1 breakfast meeting of the Civitan club will feature a talk on automotive styling by a representative of the General Motors styling division. The new color film, "The Look of Things to Come" will be shown.

On May 8, a representative from Merrill Lynch, Penner and Beane will speak on "Common Stock Investments."

All meetings are held at the Colonial Manor on Woodward avenue at 8:15. Open to men interested in the civic and social development of the community, reservations are taken by Hugh McGuckin.

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Bloomfield Estates Officers Named

Officers of the board of directors of the Bloomfield Estates Improvement association were elected Tuesday night at a board meeting. Governing the association's activities for the next year will be Phillip French, president; George Stange, vice-president; Benjamin Fowler, secretary-treasurer. Walter Eis and Donald Riching also are board members.

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