She Changes Her Mind, Asks Higher Rezoning

Back to the Birmingham plan board has gone a request for multiple dwelling units on a large single residential site at 711 W. Maple.

Property owner Fredericka Kurth this week withdrew a previously submitted R-7 multiple rezoning request. Instead, she asked for a higher R-4 multiple zone.

THE PLAN BOARD had previously recommended her R-7 petition be denied. The board said Mrs. Kurth has not exhausted all remedies to develop the property to its reasonable single-family use.

Seven single homes could be built on the large lot, the board said.

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He Blasted Away In Auto-Rifle Match in Germany

3D INF. DIV. Germany—Army Pfc Robert W. Vincent II, whose parents live at 968 Bennaville, Birmingham, recently participated in the three-day VII Corps automatic rifle matches in Germany.

Vincent, a member of Company C of the 3d Division's 30th Infantry, entered the Army in October 1958, completed basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and arrived overseas last May.

Obituary Notices

Robert Ives, Fire Official

"Lieutenant Robert Ives was one of the finest officers I have ever had the privilege to know, he was a wizard in the administration of the department," said Fire Chief Park Smith.

Lt. Ives, 38, 707 Ruffner, and a native of Birmingham, died Friday of a brain tumor in Oakland County Hospital, Pontiac.

He had been with the Fire department since April 1952.

FUNERAL SERVICES were held Monday afternoon in the Manley Bailey Funeral Home, 183 Oakland, Birmingham.

Ives is survived by his wife, Ethel; his two children, William 14, and Melinda, 8; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Ives, 631 Watkins, Birmingham.

Interment was at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

B'ham Resident For 60 Years

A resident of Birmingham for 60 years, Roy H. Watkins of 843 Chestnut, died March 9 after a short illness. He was born Oct. 13, 1870 in Grass Lake, Mich. Mr. Watkins was self employed as a plastering contractor.

A member of the Senior Men's club of Birmingham, he is survived by his wife, Maude E. Watkins; a sister, Fannie Luce; three brothers, Walter, John and Leonard; four nephews and four nieces.

Services were Saturday from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with burial in Oak Grove cemetery, Milford. Dr. W. Glen Harris of the First Presbyterian church officiated.

Frank J. Richard

Frank J. Richard of Royal Oak died Monday at the Art Center after a short illness.

He is survived by three sons, Donald of Country club drive, Birmingham; Laverne of Royal Oak and Harold of Detroit; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Stellar of Detroit; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. from the Hunter Callender funeral home, 13903 Terry at Schoolcraft. Burial will be in Grandlawn cemetery.

Samuel W. Cornell

Samuel W. Cornell of Royal Oak died March 10 at North Detroit General hospital after a short illness. He was born Nov. 12, 1875 in Stratford, Ontario.

He was founder and owner of Hawthorne Metal Products Co. of Royal Oak. For 33 years he was supervisor of Sheet Metal department, Chrysler Corp.

Survivors include two sons, Bruce of Bellvine trail; and Sam E. of Royal Oak; a daughter, Mrs. George Walter; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Monday from the William Vasu funeral home with burial in Roseland Park cemetery.

Mrs. M. K. Jamieson

Mrs. Margaret K. Jamieson of 1140 Hillsdale, Birmingham, died Wednesday at Old Grace hospital in Detroit after a short illness. Mrs. Jamieson, 71, lived in Birmingham for 12 years.

She was the wife of the late Nevin Jamieson, who was a real estate broker and developer in this area.

Mrs. Jamieson was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian church, PEO, Detroit chapter, BI; and a former member of the Women's city club.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert Reidel of Royal Oak; two sons, Nevin Jr., of Buffalo, N.Y., and Richard K. of Birmingham; six grandchildren, four sisters and one brother.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday from the Westminster Presbyterian church, Hubbell and Outer Drive. Burial will be in White Chapel Memorial cemetery. Arrangements were by Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co. Memorial contributions are being made to the Westminster Presbyterian church.

William Plant Jr.

William C. Plant Jr., infant son of the senior Plants of 17500 Birwood, Beverly Hills, died March 9 at William Beaumont hospital.

Besides his parents, he leaves two sisters, Judy and Susan; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Plant and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fisher, both of Birmingham.

Services were from the Manley Bailey funeral home with burial in White Chapel Memorial cemetery.

James P. O'Neill

James P. O'Neill of 32831 Haverford, Franklin, died Sunday at Gables Rest Home. He was born July 7, 1872. Mr. O'Neill was former owner of the James P. O'Neill Coal Co., in Summerville, Mass.

A member of Holy Name church, he is survived by a son, James P. Jr.; three sisters, two brothers and four grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday from the William Vasu funeral home with burial in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Alfred L. Leannais

Founder of the Leathercraft Shop and Arizona Saddlery, 12693 Grand River, Alfred L. Leannais, 65, of 27375 Bloomfield, Lathrup Village, died Sunday in William Beaumont hospital.

He founded the firm in 1937 and also owned the Arizona Saddlery Mobile Unit, serving standard breed race tracks throughout Michigan. His standard bred race horses appeared on tracks throughout the United States and Canada.

He attended Menominee college and Ferris Institute of Big Rapids.

Surviving are his wife, Elsie; two sons, Palmer C. and Gerald D.; a brother, Bernard; two sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Forbes and Mrs. Edward Larson, and two grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday from St. Michael's church, Ten Mile and Lahser, Southfield. Burial was in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

B'ham Real Estate Board Comments On Millage Vote

The Birmingham real estate board, through its president and chairman of its taxation committee, issued a statement this week in connection with the March 28 election of the Birmingham school district.

The statement did not take a stand on the proposed 4-mill increase in school operating funds. Rather, it urged voters to register and to vote on the issue regardless of viewpoint.

This is the comment, as prepared by board president Owen E. Hall and committee chairman Richard M. Weir:

"THE BIRMINGHAM real estate board suggests that every taxpayer within the Birmingham school district should carefully examine the issues involved in the board of education request for a 4-mill increase at a special election, March 28.

"While the intricacies of tax millage, equalized valuations, and assessments are an enigma to the average citizen, the fact that his tax bill may go up $40, $50 or $100 represents a very understandable item.

"WANT TO FIND out the dollars of increase in your present taxes if a "Yes" vote on this proposal carries?

"1) Pull your 1959 property tax statement or statements out of storage and get a sharp pencil and paper.

"2) You will note that your tax bill is broken down into numerous items. Add those items which bear any reference to education, (i.e. school general, school debt, school voted increase.) Multiply the total by 117.7%. This will approximate your new school tax.

"3) You may then add the other items, such as county taxes, city taxes, and township taxes to the new school tax to arrive at a close approximation of your total 1960 tax bill.

"An example of how the proposed 4 mill increase will operate in the portion of Bloomfield Township served by the Birmingham School District, Homer Case, Township Treasurer, estimates the average assessment on homes at $8,400, or 28 per cent of the sales price. A home assessed at this figure is estimated to be worth $30,000 to $32,000 in the present real estate market. The increase in the school tax on this average home would be $61.07. In this example, a home presently paying a total tax of $488.80, with the proposed increase would pay taxes of $549.87.

"THERE ARE numerous governmental units included, in whole or in part, in the Birmingham school district, namely, city of Birmingham, Bloomfield township, city of Beverly Hills, Southfield township, West Bloomfield township, city of Troy and city of Southfield. Each, because of different equalization factors, is affected differently but the "117.7% of present school taxes" method above described is applicable to all.

"The increased taxes must then be weighed against the need for additional operating capital as advocated by the board of education, who make a strong plea for the necessity of these additional funds in order to continue to supply the Birmingham school district with a high quality of educational service.

THE BIRMINGHAM real estate board, while not taking a position on the issue, encourage every tax payer to understand the proposal and to VOTE their convictions.

"Unless an awakened citizenry turn out in unexpected numbers the issue may well be decided by less than 5½ of the qualified voters. The voter who defaults in his voting privilege can not rightly complain of unsatisfactory educational standards or too burdensome taxes.

5 Departments Move into New MJA Building

MacManus, John & Adams, Inc. has completed occupation of a second headquarters building in the MJA Center at Woodward and Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills.

The new building houses the agency's media, research, marketing, merchandising and accounting departments and 125 employees.

Formal opening ceremonies for the new building are planned.

Until this move, these departments had been operating from offices in the Gleaners insurance building at Woodward and 16 Mile.

Residents Protest 2 Alley Projects

Over the protests of residents still living on their property, Birmingham city commission this week found necessity for two business alleys.

One would extend from Worth to Adams, north of Webster. The other would be from Hunter to Elm, north of Forest. Owners of presently developed business properties have requested both projects.

Residents claim sufficient business development has not occurred in their blocks.

When assessment rolls are considered several weeks from now, the commission can eliminate certain portions of the projects if it is deemed advisable.

Kirk's Bell-Maker To Address Hills Rotary, Mar. 23

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Gerard Fritsen, of the European firm of Petit and Fritsen which manufactured the 77-bell carillon now being installed at the Kirk in the Hills church, will speak to the Bloomfield Rotary club's noon luncheon meeting March 23 at the Fox and Hounds. Fritsen, a resident of the Netherlands, is here directing installation of the carillon.

He will discuss the technology of producing huge carillons such as the Kirk's, one of the largest in the world.

New Water Terms Win B'ham Okay

A new contract with the South Oakland water authority was approved Monday by the Birmingham city commission.

Other member communities also are considering revised terms, which will update agreements and permit a $5 million expansion of the distribution system.

According to Engineer-Manager Donald C. Egbert, this will be accomplished without any rate increases.

To Birmingham commissioners' satisfaction, certain minor points were ironed out this week in talks with Egbert.

Woods Mayor In Race for State Senate

David R. Calhoun, mayor of Huntington Woods, Wednesday announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the State senate (12th district, Oakland county).

Calhoun describes himself as a forward looking Republican who will bring to the Michigan senate a dedication to the long range interests of Oakland county and the state.

He pledged himself to avoid a narrow, highly partisan stand and has expressed a determination to work with members of both parties in the legislature toward a constructive program to place Michigan in its rightful place as one of the leading states in the nation.

Senator L. Harvey Lodge (Rep.) said Tuesday he has not yet made up his mind whether he will seek re-election.

"As a mayor and a member of many study groups on the interrelationships of city, county and state government", Calhoun said, "I acquired considerable experience with and knowledge of many of the major problems of government in Michigan.

"I am convinced that in the next few years Michigan will need to make crucial decisions affecting government at all levels. Responsibility for these decisions will rest with the public, but leadership must come from a constructive partnership between the legislature and the executive."

CALHOUN HAS a long record of public service. He is currently mayor of Huntington Woods, a position he has held for nine years, and a member of the board of supervisors for Oakland county.

He has served on the Governor's commission on state government reorganization and on the commission on metropolitan problems.

Calhoun is past President of the Michigan Municipal League and is presently serving on the statewide committee on state services for Citizens for Michigan.

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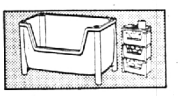
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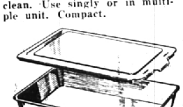
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