

City Asked to Explore Possible Rezoning of Frank Newell Property

Birmingham city commissioners have asked the city attorney for an opinion relative to a possible rezoning of property zoned by court decree five years ago.

Members of Pomboke Manor Improvement Association, a home-owner group, submitted a petition with 475 signatures requesting the City to take such a step.

Involved is a vacant triangular piece of property owned by Frank Newell north of Maple and west of Elm.

Newell's property was ordered zoned for business by circuit court five years ago, and the City filed its appeal to the State Supreme Court. The City and the association had wanted the property zoned residential.

Newell since has developed part of his land into 129 multiple family units.

THE CITY PLAN Board has recommended that the balance now be rezoned for multiple dwelling to make it compatible to the rest of Newell's property and the surrounding residential area.

Now in dispute are 2.1 acres on which Newell is proposing to build a small shopping center with four small retail stores and off-street parking.

Speaking for the improvement association, John E. Harger, 2626 Pomboke, said this plan would mean a traffic hazard for children in the residential area.

City planning, he pointed out, calls for business development in the downtown district—"not little shopping centers all over town."

COMMISSIONER Carl F. Ingraham's motion to investigate the legal grounds for possible rezoning passed, 5-2, with Commissioners Charles Henderson and William E. Roberts opposed.

Renfrew felt that enough City funds had been spent in the court fight, that the matter had been "satisfactorily resolved for everybody concerned" and that is should be left alone now.

Dr. Featherstone To Teach Spring Course at MSU

Dr. Richard Featherstone, who was assistant to former Birmingham school superintendent Dr. Dwight Ireland, will teach one of the 16 extension courses offered at Michigan State University Oakland this spring.

He will teach "Foundations of the work with the Theory and Practice—Local School Systems," beginning April 4. Dr. Featherstone worked with the Birmingham school systems until August of 1960. He is now associated with the MSU college of education.

Classes will be held in South Foundation Hall at MSU from 7 to 10 p.m., most of them beginning the first week in April.

International juvenile delinquency, the contemporary family and the science of clothing control are among the subjects offered.

Enrollment information is available at MSU.

Boy Scout Council Will Host Meeting

For the first time in its 51-year history, the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, will play host to an annual meeting of the National Boy Scout Council. Over three thousand adult Scout leaders, volunteers and professionals and their wives are expected at the two-day meeting June 2-3.

Merritt D. Hill of Bloomfield Township, vice president of Ford Motor Co., and president of the Detroit Area Scout Council, said that the newly opened facilities at Cobo Hall and Ford Auditorium have made possible the opportunity for the local council to invite Scouts from all 50 states to visit Detroit for the 51st National Council annual meeting.

Edward N. Cole of Bloomfield Township, vice president and general manager of the Chevrolet Division of General Motors Corp., and general chairman of the committee making arrangements for the annual meeting, said that special invitations have been sent urging the Scout leaders and their wives to make use of the Memorial Day holiday to "come early and stay late" on their visit to Detroit.

HUNDREDS OF LOCAL Council Scouts and adult leaders will participate in the two-day meeting, serving on reception, registration, and scout service committees. A special ladies committee, under the leadership of Mrs. W. Calvin Patterson of Birmingham is arranging tours to scenic and historic points of interest in and around Detroit for the ladies.

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Rabies from Bats

Only Girls?

Q. Are some women capable of having only girls?

A. All women are capable of producing boys or girls. The sex of the child is determined by factors supplied by the father—not the mother. (More about this in next week's column.)

Q. Can a person get rabies by being bitten by a bat?

A. Yes. Six cases of human rabies have been traced to bites by rabid bats. This could become quite a problem because bats infected with rabies virus have been found in many areas in the U.S. If bitten by any animal suspected of having rabies, contact your family physician or local health office without delay.

Q. I have heard that sea water contains many beneficial minerals. Why not take sea water every day as a tonic?

A. It's true that sea water contains minerals, but the water contains too much salt for the body to handle and may contain harmful germs. Although a few ounces of sea water can be consumed at any one time without harmful (or beneficial) effects, drinking large quantities of such water, or the continued drinking of small amounts, can prove fatal.

Q. Are the ovaries affected by removal of the uterus?

A. The question has not been definitely settled, but on the basis of animal experiments, removal of the uterus has no harmful effect on the ovaries.

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