

Income Tax Facts

Each Federal income taxpayer is responsible for the facts and figures entered in the return he signs. This is true even if it is prepared with the assistance of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service, District Director

R. I. Nixon said today. In advising taxpayers of this responsibility, Mr. Nixon said, we must remind them that they are responsible under law for all entries and all supporting documents in their returns no matter who prepares it.

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Projects

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multiple family classification of the property would decrease the valuation of the remaining single family units. They further feel that rezoning would drive a wedge of multiple families into a single family area, thereby setting a precedent for future multiple family developments.

At present, the area surrounding the Allen property consists of single family (R-2) dwellings on the west, east and north with undeveloped city park land on the north and south.

ACCORDING TO Brownfield, rezoning of the Allen property to multiple family would definitely be considered spot rezoning and the area is surrounded by single family zoning.

In accordance with zoning philosophy, he said, areas are zoned without giving particular consideration to an individual property owner because the zoning ordinance is generally set up for the health, safety and welfare of a community as an entire unit. Any development within zoning, he said, must be compatible with surrounding uses and preserve the functional, aesthetic and economic characteristics of the neighborhood and the city as a total unit.

BROWNFIELD SAID that a major consideration in the Allen rezoning is that while the proposed town house development would meet multiple family requirements and would be compatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood, a different development meeting the same requirements possibly could not be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

The problem boils down to the fact that the Allen proposal as a town house type of development would be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood—but would this be the type of development constructed once the area is rezoned?

THE ALLEN proposal, as it stands, calls for development of the town house on about 1 1/4 acres of the heavily wooded parcel and dedication of the remaining undeveloped acre to the city (at no cost) as park land and flood plain area.

If the entire 2 1/2-acre tract, including high land in the northwest corner and low flood plain land on the easterly and south easterly portion, was developed, required land fill of 8 to 10 feet on the low land would kill all mature trees in the flood plain area. These trees, it is felt, add an aesthetic character to the area.

An advantage of a town house plan, according to Brownfield, is that development would kill considerably fewer trees than would development under single family zoning whereby homes would be scattered across the property.

Instead of developing the entire parcel on which about 12 homes could be developed, Allen proposes restricting his development to an eight-unit town house on the northwest corner of the property.

ALLEN'S TWO - story, town house units, joined by a common wall, would each provide two bedrooms, two-car garages, and a private walled-in courtyard. The units would be rented at between \$300 and \$350 a month for the first couple years and later sold on a co-operative basis.

Designer for the town house development is Carl Luckenbach, 555 W. Maple, son of O. A. Luckenbach of Odell, Hewlett & Luckenbach, Birmingham architects.

Luckenbach said the proposal has been pending for about three years and that Allen is in the process of deciding whether to follow it through or not. Allen would like to begin construction of the units in June, Luckenbach said, so they would be ready for occupancy by October. Otherwise, the development would have to be postponed six or eight months.

THE GARNEW CO. also is anxious to begin construction of its proposed apartment building on the Newton property.

However, although the plan board is recommending approval of the Newton rezoning proposal to the city commission, the Garnew Co. would have to seek amendment of a 1958 court decree which limits the use of the property.

According to James Howlett,

'New Look'

concentrated in Section A. Formerly we had two "front pages" for general news; Page 1, Section A; Page 1, Section E. The latter contained exclusively, general news of the outlying areas surrounding Birmingham proper.

Now, such news will be found in Section A as part of the total general news of the entire area. Our reason for this change is that what is happening in the entire area quite often, because of the increasing importance of inter-related interests, concerns our reader regardless of which part of the area he may live in.

Page 1 will be what we call "Primary" general news; Page 3 will be "Supplemental" general news. The balance of the section will also be of a general nature. Just what makes up this issue's "New Look"? Here is, basically, what we have done:

NEW APPEARANCE:

Part of our new look is a bit subtle. We have introduced more white space between the lines of our text type. This makes for easier reading and less eye fatigue. A number of heads (large type above stories) have been changed so that the final effect is both more pleasing and improved in overall appearance. A less subtle change is particularly true in Section C where we have also narrowed the column measure and removed the column rules throughout the eight pages.

For the future, there will be a 15 per cent increase in space allocated to news content. One of the benefits of this will be the reduction of display advertising on each page, making it possible to give more news importance to the Page. Use of photographs, too, will be expanded approximately 20 per cent (to 75 to 80 pictures weekly) above our former usage.

As you go through this issue you will see many other improvements in appearance which we believe will make for easy reading and aesthetic stimulation.

NEW FEATURES:

Our survey indicated that our readers expect more in The Eccentric than in the average weekly newspaper. They want more news of what we call the "Arts of Living". And, because our area is above average in such interests, we have added a number of features and news stories on such things as Books, Theatres, Hobbies, Decorating, Homemaking, Photography, Bridge, etc., (many will be of interest to men especially). These will be found in our revised Section D.

Another new feature and news stories in this area of interest will be introduced as time goes on.

We particularly call our readers' attention to a regular column by Robin Bahr, arts editor, which appears, starting this week, on Page 1, Section D.

NEW ORGANIZATION OF CONTENTS:

The survey clearly indicated our readers' desire to have our contents "better organized". Many felt it difficult to find where to "find" certain items.

We hope we have helped solve this problem by re-arranging categories of news into new sections and clearly marking them with a listing of their contents. For example: Our Society news can be found in Section C; you will not that it deals exclusively with "personal items" and the social aspects of clubs and organizations; whereas in Section D you will find news of the cultural and entertainment programs of organizations, clubs and other groups which we formerly included in Society pages. Now the latter are grouped in the "Arts of Living" section.

Another of the many changes is placing the Editorial Page on the front page of Section B, the placing of Sports on the front page of Section E.

Classified ads will now be found in the last section (E) each week so that more room can be given our general news in Section A.

And, finally, you will note that the section you are now reading (A) is on the outside of your paper rather than inside as in the past. It means we have to delay addressing until our last press run comes off, but we think it worthwhile to do this so that our readers can get the latest general news upon opening the paper.

IT HAS ALWAYS been The Eccentric's policy to maintain the highest level of professional journalism in producing a newspaper befitting the high standards of this area. We have always subordinated costs to a secondary consideration. As any businessman knows, this is not an easy thing to accomplish. In creating a "New Look" we find it involves considerable expense which we will continue to incur with future issues.

However, we have faith in our area and its desire for the very finest kind of community newspaper. To date we have not been wrong in this faith and our belief is still strong that a good product will always be supported as long as it has a market to serve.

We hope you approve of what we are doing. Your comments are always appreciated and we welcome hearing from you.

city attorney, the decree could be amended to permit development of a four-story building in accordance with specific plans of the Garnew Co. as submitted.

Plan board gave its approval to the proposal, said Brownfield, because the Garnew Co. has guaranteed that the development would be constructed in four stories rather than in two stories as previously proposed.

The development of 86 units in two stories—as dictated by the court decree—it is felt, would spread the project over more area, thereby limiting the amount of open space and giving an effect of crowded and highly developed

land. Surrounding property consists of 2 1/2-story multiple family developments on the north and south, single family developments on the west and Woodward on the east. Neighboring residents object to the proposed development, claiming that a four-story building would obstruct their views.

THE DEVELOPMENT would be Birmingham's first four - story apartment building, forming a T-shaped structure centered on the six-acre site.

It would contain three, two and one-bedroom luxury-type apartments which would rent for between \$200 and \$350 per month.

Architects are Levine, Alpern & Associates of Detroit.

Spring Concert Set Tonight at S'field

Spring features will highlight Southfield High's 11th annual Spring Concert, to be presented in the school auditorium at 8 tonight. Solo presentations will be made by senior trumpeter Doug Bayne and by sophomore pianist Nancy Wilson. Nancy, who impressed critics with her talent when she appeared as a pianist with the South Oakland Symphony, will play the solo part of the "Warsaw Concerto" by Adissnello. Doug will present "The Magic Trumpet."

IN OTHER SPECIAL features, Dr. Ira M. Altschuler, trustee of the Southfield Board of Education, will conduct the band in his own composition "March Southfield" and a new song, "We're the Blue Jays," composed by school band director John Caldwell, will be given by a vocal group.

The new song, dedicated to Principal Robert E. Hall, will be presented by a vocal group directed by Mr. L. Vincent Kochenderfer. Mayor James Clarkson will be honored by the playing of "His Honor" march by Fillmore.

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