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Adams-Beaver Zone Request Change Denied

By SAVILLA SLOAN Special Writer BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — A petition to rezone the southwest corner of Adams and Big Beaver Roads from residential to commercial was denied Monday by Bloomfield Township Planning Commission.

The commission split on the issue four to three. Votes to deny the petition were members Fred Chapman, Howard Preston, Robert Reay and Alvin Boyer. For accepting the petition were chairman Ed Proctor, Stewart Schultz and Andrew Sniety.

THE SPLIT VOTE came over the issue of whether a public hearing should be held on the matter. The board reached a final decision. Had the petition been accepted a public hearing was mandatory.

With denial of the petition, the property remains with its present residential classification, without a public hearing on the proposed rezoning.

THE BOARD did listen to arguments on both sides at the meeting Monday night. The rezoning was proposed by Allen Harlan spoke for Cranbrook Realty Co., which submitted the petition for commercial rezoning. The realty company was recently formed by owners of the seven-acre parcel.

L. C. Cox, 880 Ivy Lane, spoke in behalf of residents of the area opposing the rezoning, some 60 of whom were present at the meeting.

THE BOARD also heard a recommendation from township planning consultants, Wilcan-Leach, that the property not be rezoned for commercial purposes but be considered for multiple dwellings.

A resolution from the City of Troy opposing its use other than for single residences was also read. The resolution stated that its use would be detrimental to the best interest of surrounding areas located in Troy.

The other three corners of Adams-Big Beaver intersection, two of which are in Troy, are already developed with single-residence subdivisions.

SAFETY BELTS Work in Lathrup Nearing Finish In Accident BEVERLY HILLS—The use of safety belts by two Beverly Hills youths may have saved them possible serious injuries in a two-car collision Saturday evening at the intersection of Southfield and 13 Mile Roads, according to police.

EMERY C. MASTER, 17 of 32600 Plumwood and Richard C. MASTERS, 15 of 32207 Auburn, suffered minor bruises and cuts in the accident, police said.

Collector Follows 'Lincoln Trail' To Observe 153rd Anniversary of 16th President

By IRMA N. DAVIS Staff Writer BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — If, during his lifetime, William Springer should part with his collections of Lincolniana—housed in the library of his Franklin Road home—he knows exactly how he will fill the long empty shelves: He'll simply bring up another collection from elsewhere in the house.

For 35 years, Austrian-born Springer has been adding to his Lincolniana—a collection of more than 6,000 items relating to the 16th president of the United States.

FAMED AMONG scholars and historians, the collection includes everything from documents and magazines of the Lincoln period to statutory and modern reference books.

With the air of an inspired schoolmaster, the genial Lincoln scholar bounces around his modest library, calling attention to banks of books or perhaps a cast of Lincoln's hands.

His pointer is a piece of lath from the Gettysburg home of Judge David Wiley where Lincoln paid his finishing touches to his famous address.

Treasures are the letters and inscriptions of Lincoln, a congressman, who have personally acknowledged to Springer.

Springer's dedication to his study of the Civil War president. As soon as he "had a dollar against me," he says as he recalls founding a spell of "wandering."

Springer was deeply involved in reading the classics, told him he should read the life of Lincoln and "try to follow him."

Springer has been following the Lincoln Trail ever since, and geographically speaking, completed the trail last August when he visited Lincoln's tomb in Illinois with his family.

HE REMEMBERS with regret selling his small first collection of Lincolniana during the depression. As soon as he "had a dollar against me," he says as he recalls founding a spell of "wandering."

THE "LINCOLNSNOOK" was dedicated 21 years ago by Stewart W. McCelland and Thomas A. Starr, both collectors and authors, and fellow-members of the Lincoln "fraternity." Springer considers his "godfathers" among the same fraternity to be the late Rev. Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones and Barton.

THE BOY celebrated his birthday on Tuesday, Feb. 6. "You can guess what we were hoping for when he was born," Springer says with a grin, glancing at the calendar. "The 12th—Lincoln's birthday—is circled in red."

Five Injured In 2-Car Crash In B'field Twp. BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Five people were injured, one of them critically, in a two-car accident Saturday afternoon at Long Lake and Telegraph Roads.

IN CRITICAL condition Monday at St. Joseph Hospital was Larry Campbell, 55, of Reiford, suffering chest injuries.

IN SATISFACTORY condition at the same hospital were: The fifth person, Richard Yarb, 25, Wayne, was treated and discharged from St. Joseph.

MRS. OLSON was driving alone at the time of the accident. The men were all in Hardy's car. A witness said Mrs. Olson ran the red traffic light at the intersection. She was driving north on Telegraph. Hardy told police Mrs. Olson made a left turn in front of her car as he was driving south on Telegraph.

BEVERLY RE-APPOINTS Roscoe E. Leach To Board of Review BEVERLY HILLS — Roscoe E. Leach, 16007 Elizabeth, was reappointed to the village's board of review. Leach's term will be for three years.

Other board of review members are Peter Decker, 22210 Rosewater and Francis B. Baglin, 17488 DuBlaine.

Hours for the board of review will be from 1 to 9 p.m. March 13 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 27.

STATUS OF other area communities for dwelling units in 1961 includes a net gain of 56 for Beverly Hills, two for Bingham Farms and 95 for Birmingham.

Others: Bloomfield Hills—16; Bloomfield Township—61; Franklin Village—25; Lathrup—20; Southfield—638; Troy—150; West Bloomfield Township—120; and Wood Creek Farms—3.

Vandusen Slates Con-Con Breakfast SOUTHFIELD — Con-Con Delegate Richard C. Van Dusen of the fourth district, announced that he will hold another in a series of "dutch treat" breakfasts at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Lathrup, County To Study Plans On S'field Road

LATHRUP—Construction agreement and road design plans for the proposed county widening of Southfield Road will be reviewed by City Attores Everett Hayes as soon as they are received from the Oakland County Road Commission, council decided Monday night.

Mayor Richard N. Cogger said he has requested a meeting with the road commission before the final plans are settled. Cogger said two suggested designs would probably be submitted to Lathrup by the County.

HAYES was also directed to ask the county "where they get the authority to charge for road maintenance permit."

Applications would have to be filed if the work requires tearing up the pavement. County roads within the city are Southfield, 11 and 12 Mile Roads.

HAYES NOTED that the permit would be needed when work commences on the storm water system project in Lathrup.

THE PERMITS would also be issued to the gas, telephone and light companies.

IN OTHER road matters, City Administrator Gerald Stone will investigate need to provide ditching along Rainbow Drive, between 11 Mile Road and the city hall, where drainage overflow has frozen and damaged the road surface.

COUNCILMAN John Kohl suggested the city DPW ditch to provide drainage along the road. Kohl noted that the storm water plan does not provide for ditches along Rainbow Drive.

IN REPLY to a letter to the council from E. J. Radenberger, 17611 Ramsgate, commenting on ice near intersections of local roads and main thoroughfares, Stone said the roads were getting constant attention from the city DPW with frequent sanding and salting.

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The three-foot statue of the Civil War president as a young rail-splitter is one of the many treasures in the Lincoln collection of William Springer of Bloomfield Township.

ELSEWHERE IN THE ECCENTRIC Suzette Shop Burns: Damage Estimated \$50,000 1-A

Christ Church Extends \$20,000 Helping Hand 6-B

Vincent Price Coming to Town As Will-O-Way Master 1-C

Police Group To Sponsor Student Essay Contest 2-D

Tim Wood Wins Novice Men's Figure Skating 8-E

REHEARSALS to start for Village's Band FRANKLIN—Franklin's Village Band will strike up at rehearsals beginning Feb. 12 and will continue to meet every Monday evening at 8 p.m. in the basement of the Franklin Community Church.

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THE JUVENILE division of the police also commended Whalen for his prompt action in notifying Southfield police on the identity of occupants of a stolen car, immediately after receiving a radio broadcast on the vehicle on Jan. 25.

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Southfield Township Review Board Sets Meeting Dates, Time

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP — The township's board of review will convene from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 12 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 13 to hear objections from residents on their tax statements.

Board of review members are Township Supervisor Hugh H. Allerton Jr., D. Carleton Bell and Orrin S. Gully.

NEW BOUNDARIES For Voting Precincts Set Up in Lathrup LATHRUP—An ordinance setting up new boundaries for Lathrup's two voting precincts was passed Monday by council with an effective date of Feb. 26.

Youthful Version of Art

LATHRUP—From the looks of it, young people enrolled in art classes sponsored by the Lathrup Recreation Commission have been really being working. Lynne Webber, 19251 Rainbow Drive, (center), and Barbara Henderson, 2665 Meadowlark, Southfield, (right), study the work that was exhibited at a show Saturday at the Lathrup School.

International Gathering

FRANKLIN—Against an early American background, members of the Franklin WNFCA model some of the costumes for their International Co-operation luncheon next Monday. Mrs. Robert Swift, president, (seated) wears corals and Halei Coo of Hawaii while Mrs. Darrell Taylor represents the Orient and Mrs. Max Bader wears an authentic dress of the Otavato Indian of Ecuador.

Grant Divorce To Mrs. Lassiter's Daughter Zonya

BEVERLY HILLS—Mrs. Zonya Lassiter, Stankov, 20, daughter of Mrs. Nelle Lassiter, was granted an uncontested divorce Monday from her husband, Thomas.

Mrs. Stankov won the decree from Oakland County Circuit Judge Clark Adams. She charged that her husband was "irresponsible" and not supporting her or their 18-month-old son, Stephen.

MRS. STANKOV has been living with her mother at 16950 Beverly Road. She was married in 1958, five months after her father, Parvin (Bill) Lassiter was murdered.

Mrs. Lassiter was brought to trial on murder and conspiracy charges in her husband's death along with Gordon Watson, Lassiter's former partner in a Royal Oak used the business.

Charges against Mrs. Lassiter were dismissed. Watson was found innocent by a jury.

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