

Our Editorial Provokes 'Righteous Indignation'

To the Editor: Righteous indignation was the reaction of many residents of the Woodward-Big Beaver area when we learned via your editorial on Oct. 25 that our community newspaper, The Eccentric, favors certain requested zoning changes, as follows:

1. To rezone from office use to commercial use Woodward frontage south of Big Beaver so that a 96-unit motel with a swimming pool, a cocktail

2. To rezone certain residentially-zoned property to the east thereof, including the Brown Nursery property, for multiple dwelling use, thus permitting the construction of up to 42 family units, or almost four times the density under the present zoning.

WE HAVE appreciated the previous publicity which The Eccentric has given to our efforts to defend the integrity of the new Bloomfield Township zoning ordinance and to contain the single-family residence character of the area in which we live.

Now it seems to us unusual that a news medium which purports to guide the views of the community would advocate a zoning change which benefits only a few and is so contrary to the interests and wishes of many readers.

WE CAN ONLY assume that your position results from your vested interest in additional commercial activity and the resulting advertising! Doesn't it seem rather indiscreet for your newspaper, when its associate publisher is a member of the Township Board and will participate in the decision on this matter, to publish such an editorial before the plans for the "motor lodge-in" have been publicly unveiled and before the public hearing on the matter has even been held?

Presumably, Mr. Hogan was so busy composing his innocent character for his by-lined column that he was unaware of the content of the anonymous editorial on the same page!

WAS IT purely coincidence that your editorial did not disclose that a public hearing has been scheduled on this matter for Monday, Nov. 5? Was it only oversight that caused The Eccentric to omit reference to this accompanying swimming pool and cocktail lounge in describing the "motor lodge-in"?

Or did you merely prefer not to mention the proposed liquor license inasmuch as Birmingham residents, as near as across the street, have historically declined to permit liquor service within the city limits?

And doesn't it represent aptly the reasoning to suggest that commercial development should be allowed

to "prevent any encroachment of business use to the Manor and Big Beaver areas"? I fear that my neighbors are too obtuse to understand how "these changes would be in the best interests of the people in the immediate area."

TO SET the record straight, the requests for zoning of the properties between Big Beaver and Manor Road are motivated purely by the monetary interests of the owners. The parcels are in each instance zoned in accordance with adjacent property, and none of the owners has demonstrated that his property is not usable for the purpose for which it is zoned.

To the contrary, the value for office purposes of the parcel on Woodward has almost certainly been enhanced by the completion of the beautiful Burton building adjoining it.

The nearby residential property, subject of the second zoning request, is abundantly planted with evergreens which provide the potential for exceptionally attractive landscaping and also for screening from Woodward activity.

AFTER CONSULTING with a prominent local builder who was enthusiastic about the property for residential development, area residents submitted to the planning commission sketches of one desirable method of subdividing the land for single-family residences.

Many such possibilities exist, which are made all the more feasible and reasonable by the compatibility of the high quality office buildings on Woodward.

To downgrade the zoning of these properties would not only be exceedingly unfair to the residents who have substantial investments in their homes, but would make a mockery of the new zoning ordinance only three months after it was passed.

IN CLOSING, I think that a paragraph from Mr. William Lyman's letter to The Eccentric of Jan. 17, 1962, is most appropriate: "The main trouble with much of America's unsightly urban landscape is that for every decision made on the basis of what is most desirable for the neighborhood or community a hundred decisions have been made purely on the basis of the dollar."

Let's have a large attendance at the public hearing at the Bloomfield Township Hall on Monday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. to guard against this being one of those unfortunate decisions which enrich the few at a high cost to the many!

ROBERT W. HAGUE
President, Bougey Manor Improvement Association, Inc.
58 Manor Road—
Birmingham

EDITOR'S NOTE—The zoning requests are now before the planning commission, of which Mr. Hogan is not a member. No employee of The Birmingham Eccentric has any financial interest in the proposed commercial establishment. The Nov. 5 public hearing before the planning commission will be for the requested rezoning of the Sam Frankel property — not the motel-in site. Commissioners may decide on the multiple zoning request for the property adjacent to the proposed motel site. And they may at a public hearing on the Woodward-Big Beaver rezoning.

Monthly Parkers To Be Assigned Designated Spots

Motorists leasing parking space in Municipal Parking Lot No. 5 will be asked to park in specifically designated areas in the future. City Manager L. R. Gare told Birmingham city commissioners Monday night that National Garages, which operates the lot for the City, has received complaints that monthly parkers are using the choice areas close to Willis St. and to business places.

COMPLAINTS HAVE originated from both merchants and shoppers, he said.

A form letter is being sent to all lessees requesting them to henceforth park in the specifically designated areas. Those refusing to cooperate will lose their lease.

The change will take place before the Christmas shopping season begins.

CORRECTION

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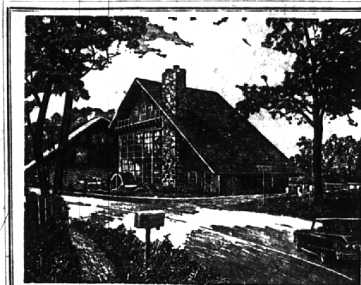
Break Ground for Hospital

The realization of an eight-year dream began to take shape when ground was officially broken Monday for construction of the new 10 1/2 million dollar Providence Hospital which will be at the corner of Nine Mile Road and Greenfield, Southfield. The 400-bed hospital will be operated by the Daughters of Charity, an international order of Catholic

nuns. Shown turning the first shovel are left to right: Dr. Stanley A. Heyner, Chief of Medical Staff; Southfield Mayor, S. James Clarkson; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Beahan, Dean of South Oakland Deanery; Sister Denise, Administrator of Providence Hospital; and Mr. Don Ahrens, Chairman of the Advisory Board.

Masons to Have Service Sunday

The Oakland County Royal Arch Association will have its annual Church Service Sunday in the Royal Oak Masonic Temple at 3 p.m. The association is composed of Royal Arch chapters from Birmingham, Pontiac, Milford, Rochester, Royal Oak and Ferndale. Last year's meeting was attended by nearly two hundred Masons and their friends. The Rev. Edgar Lucas of St. Philip's Episcopal Church of Rochester will conduct the service. He is a member of Highland Park Chapter, No. 160, Royal Arch Masons. Coffee will be served at a social hour after the service.



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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE WASHINGTON

October 12, 1962

Dear Bill:

I want to express my personal appreciation for all of your help on the State Department's legislative program this past session and particularly for your help to me in my first year of working with Congress. You are certainly one of the coming Congressional leaders in the field of foreign policy, and I look forward to working with you. If I can be of any assistance in the coming weeks, I hope you will be sure to let me know.

Best regards.

Sincerely,
Frederick G. Dutton
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The Honorable William S. Broomfield, Member of Congress, Royal Oak, Michigan.

CORNELIUS E. GALLAGHER
U.S. District Court Judge

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.
October 9, 1962

Dear Bill:

I have just filed our reports on the United States - Canadian Interparliamentary Conference. I want to thank you for the excellent contribution you made to the success of our meetings. Your chairmanship of the meeting received high praise by the Parliamentarians of both countries.

As one who was vitally concerned with the passage of the President's legislation in the Foreign Affairs field I am certain that without your help and understanding we could not have carried out the program necessary to our country's security.

The bi-partisan spirit that you demonstrated in matters affecting our foreign policy and the natural interest was outstanding and in the tradition of former President Eisenhower.

I want to thank you for your cooperation and assistance. I believe that our committee is most fortunate in having a member like you who is both knowledgeable and willing to do his homework.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,
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