EDITORIAL

2 Twp. Zoning Changes Favored

Local Conflict of Interest?

From The Eccentric's Point of View ...

In the near future, Bloomfield Township will be making two zoning decisions that will be of considerable interest and im-portance to the people of both the township and Birmingham.

One of the petitions is to rezone property on the east side of Woodward between

Manor and Big Beaver roads.
Under the old township zoning ordinance, the property was zoned commercial. But earlier this year the township adopted an entirely new zoning law, which now places the two parcels in a classification for offices (not a commercial zoning).

ON THE SOUTHEASTERN corner of Woodward and Manor is a new car agency. Then, to the north of the two vacant properties are a life insurance company and an abstract and title firm. Both are

office buildings.

The owner of the piece of land immediance of the piece of land immediance of the piece of land immediance of The owner of the piece of land immediately south of the abstract company seeks a rezoning to commercial in order to erect a motor lodge and restaurant.

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Immediately to the east of the properties fronting on Woodward between Manor and Big Beaver is a large area that is zoned residential, for single homes.

THE SECOND request is to rezone this

area to multiple dwellings.

We believe that both rezoning requests are very much in order and should be

The motor lodge - restaurant type of

Within the past several years we have heard much about "conflict of interest" both in the federal government and in

What we don't often hear about is con-flict of interest in our local governments. This can't help but exist because most

municipal board members are only part-time public servants and their "other life" occasionally creeps into their political life.

We are fortunate to have, generally, a high quality of local government officials, who step aside when a problem affecting them personally occurs.

HOWEVER. THERE can be a fine line in what affects them personally and might be a conflict, and what affects them as a

If this were carried to its logical extreme a public official could never vote on

In a world of three billion souls, one of the

In a world of three billion souls, one of the great needs is for means of freshening a sense of kinahip among men. Although most men of good-will honor the ideal of universal brotherhood, it is hard to get away from the mere abstraction and think of humanity in terms of individuals. One helpful thing is to fecus receptive attention on Christ's manning when He said. "Inasmuch as ye have done a unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done tu unto me." Even those who do not profess Christianity can meditate on these words with profits, for they go to the very heart of the matter. We identify ourselves most truly with those less fortunate than ourselves the state of the second of the s

Millions of Americans did a little vicarious shivering the other day when they saw news prictures of the sudden anovatorm that hit North Dakota. A lot of them, quite rightly, saw in those pictures a hint of things to come. No great sagueity is required to get the message: It won't be long, now, until genuine Grade A winter is at hand. Knowing is nothing; the trick is to act on the knowledge, Now is the time, then, for nimble action. Storm windows need to be checked over for shattered panes and for putty and paint needs. Fall garden activities should be concluded shortly.

mere member of their community. Michigan has conflict-of-interest stat-utes that make it a crime for any public official to act on any matter in which he

is directly or indirectly interested.

a general tax matter.

private industry.

business certainly is compatible to the commercial (on the Birmingham side) and office classifications already in existence in the location. These uses are suitable,

agreeable to each other.

Then the natural graduation from a business type of usage to single-home residential would be the multiple-dwelling classification.

OF COURSE, there should be adequate screening behind the business establish-ments to prevent any unsightliness for the people living in the apartment units that would be built behind them.

would be built behind them.

It seems to us that this would be a quite natural transition from one kind of land use to another. And there is a need for a top quality motor lodge-inn in the area, in addition to the other fine motels in this

Also, allowing the uses of office, com-mercial and multiple-dwelling would pre-vent any encroachment of business use to the Manor and Big Beaver areas.

WE STRONGLY recommend that the Bloomfield Township Planning Commission or Board authorize the rezoning of the Woodward frontage to commercial and the adjacent property on the east to multiple-

We believe these changes would be in the best interests of the people in the immediate area as well as to the township as

A CASE IN point happened in West

Bloomfield Township recently. The township board was working on a formula to assess property for the Farmington Sanitary Sewer Interceptor.

One of the trustees moved that the unit

assessment on a particular piece of property should be increased because it had

great future use potential.

The motion passed and the assessment was raised. What this did was proportionately lower all other units in the drainage

It so happened that the trustee involved owned a sizeable amount of property in the drainage area and consequently was

SHOULD THE trustee have stepped

aside is a question that is not legally clear, yet it comes very close to this fine line of indirect or direct interest.

In a matter such as this we feel the

trustee would have been well advised not

to so act. Yet, perhaps the law should be clarified so that a more clear-cut line is

Weatherstripping should be looked to. And so on and so on. That snowstorm in North Dakota wasn't a hint; it was a directive.

Congress is becoming more alert to the votera' opposition to the financial burden of foreign aid. Another couple of years (certainly by 1964 election year) that exported in-large-part-extravagance will be cut down to size. After all, except for the Marshall Plan and a few other foreign aid projects, most of this give-away of U.S. wages has produced tittle improvement in the rise and defense of freedom, world-wide.

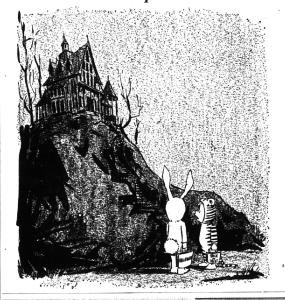
American women spend close to a billion and a quarter dollars annually on cosmetics, which is a lot of decoration. But (hang on to your steering wheel) men are said to spend even more on shav-ing and other tonsorial accessories.

Chemists say that whiskey will not age if kept in a glass container. However, they add, if poured from a glass container into a human throat it tends to age its newest container.

State and local taxes have tripled in 15 years, says the Census Bureau. That should bring gov-ernments to their senses—but don't count on it.

helped by the action.

'Think I'll Skip That Place!'



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Church's 'No-Wind' Is Kind, Warm One

To the Editor:

May I, please, reply to "A
Reader" through your colmin? She tried to follow
your suggestion in regard to
Churches" and ran in to a
wall of cold air, head-on.
At the end of her letter,
she said that by the time she
reached her car, and though
no wind circled about, sometree, was because they were
both watering. My eyes, too,
have been temporarily blinded in collision with that same
cold wall in many of God's
Houses, several in this area.

WHEN WE first moved

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WHEN WE first moved here, I found myself a victim of "visitor's chill." Sunday Many of our friends have been exposed to the same type of "attacks."

Ho we ver, I did join a church here, I want her to know that there is still a nonow the normal than the normal than the normal that here is not tell her about a tremendous difference in its source.

The "no-wind" which she necountered upon leaving her sanctuary was so selective, r, so weak, that it did nothing about the normal properties of those around her.

THE ONE which blows

THE ONE which blows through our church contains no irritants or foreign particles, but it is filled with such a warmth and sweetness that it swells one's heart up, and sometimes, the overflow has to drain out through the eyes.
No, "A Reader," you won't
catch "chills" at our worship

service, but I must warn you that we are terribly susceptible with a could pin down the source of this "motionless breeze" of ours so we could offer it to the "big churches." Maybe, but just maybe, it does lie in our lack of bigness. However, we are growing rapidly — and so is the breeze. More and more of us feel it, strongly, each Sunday.

each Sunday.

MAYBE IT is because after a year of meeting in a school and four years in a school and the worship in our beautiful new church — but other congregations have moved into new buildings, so we l1 built that they are air-tight.

Or perhaps, the air is passage of so many of us engaged in service for Him, If one is willing, there is a work here for all. (Come and observe even our children in Sunday school.)

OR MAYBE and this is

Sunday school.)

OR MAYBE, and this is
the source with the greatest
premise behind it, think, it
is nothing more (or nothing
less) than the same ancient
wind that lifted up the
hearts of those early Christians and caused the unbethey low one another."

Whatever it is, "A Reader," I most cordially invite,
and dare you, to come and
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Yesteryear **Happenings**

From the Files of The Eccentric

58 YEARS AGO
Oct. 25, 1912
William Jennings Bryan, great
national character and silver
tongued orator, will address our
citizens from the steps of his private car Friday morning, Oct. 25
at 30:05 a.m. Mr. Bryan comes to
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because the common common

committee.

Numerous kicks have been registered with the Chamber of Commerce relative to the rule made by the Bell Telephone Company requiring patrons of the company to make payment on their telephone rentals three months in advance. While many patrons have paid the rentals as demanded, there have been uncertain terms and the Chamber of Commerce was asked to secure information as to the rights of the company's demands.

Sunday last nust have been a good day fer church going as well as fishing. George E. Randall and "Dandy" lifethmat well. They been a string of beauties, mostly pickerd and weighed just 18%, lbs. and was landed in the boat safely and securely by Geo. E. Randall all by his lonely. After being safely caught George panted as hard as did his victim.

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30 YEARS AGO
Wet. 27, 1932

Republicane and Democrats took
turns assailing one another's politicial philosophies, Socialists attacked
both, and candidates for county,
state and national offices pointed
to past records and promised supertor performances in the Euror atthe Community House last night, sponsored by the Birmingham League
(See HAPPENINGS, 7-B)

THE GOLDEN YEARS

Men who apologize when they are wrong are said to be wise; and those who apologize when they are right are not single. The life that is lived on the sound basis of the Golden Rule standard never devalues its possessor. This standard is accepted world-wide. Even governments cannot debase it.

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The spinster began using her wits.

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Eccentricities

By HANK HOGAN



Whenever I am asked in a questionnaire for hobbies, I always jot down "house-hunting."

Ever since I can remember it has been our family's custom after a late breakfast on Sunday to hop in the car and go out and look at houses.

Each weekend we go down the same streets and look at the same houses, and end up with the same frustrations because we haven't found "the" house of our dreams.

"House-hunting" properly done is an art. To prepare for Sunday you have to start on Thursday when the paper comes out. You have to first comb the ads and narrow down what houses interest you.

YOU'LL NOTICE that a good percentage of ads for better homes do not list the price or location. Usually there are only demonstrative adjectives to wet your appetite.

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So Thursday night you can have a family quir and see who can come closest to the price and location based on the ad. A type of point system can be devised in your family to reward the best guesser.

Friday evening you should take a dry run through the area to see how accurate the guesses are.

SATURDAY, YOU are then left with a list of places you can't place. This forces you to contact the broker in the ad for more information. The main problem here is that the broker's gal is trained to get your name before she will give out either price or location. If you are going to do this over any period of time, you have to practice telephone approaches so that you don't have to give your name. Once you give your name you become part of a list and the brokers know you are in the market. This will start them looking for a house for you and all the fun is gone.

BY THE TIME Sunday rolls around you should be ready. Don't forget a map, a copy of the paper and any notes you may have made from broker contact or neighborhood or bridge club gossip.

While touring the selected houses you will run into a couple of dark horses not advertised. You are led to these by following the help "gon" signs on street corners. Sometimes these signs are as much as four or five blocks away from the house, but if you bring your dog along, he can usually track the scent.

PROPERLY DONE, this hobby can take up your Sundays for years. However, if you are not too discreet you may end up buying a house within the first month.

When you think of the exercise, time and mental cunning it takes, no wonder house-hunting is one of America's favortie pastimes.



City Beat KEN

A distinguished executive of a top-ranking advertising agency put in a good word for the squares the other day. In essence, he said we need a few more squares in this modern era.

modern era.

The executive—Charles H. Brower, president of Batten,
Barton, Durstine & Osborn, Inc., Detroit.

His message—restore that six-letter word "to its proper
place in our vocabulary."

HERE'S HOW he put it:
"Back in Mark Twain's day, square was one of the finest words in our language... you gave a man a square deal if you were honest.

deal if you were honest.

"And you gave him a square meal when he was hungry.

"You stood foursquare for the right as you saw it, and
square against everything else.

"When you got out of debt, you were square with the
world. And that was when you could look your fellow
man square in the eye."

man square in the eye.

A LOT OF strange characters then got hold of this "honest, wholesome word." Brower said, with the result that a square today is "the man who never learned to get away with it; a Joe who volunteers when he doesn't have to; a guy who gets his kicks from trying to do something better than anyone else can; a boob who gets lost in his work; a fellow who doesn't have to stop at a bar on his way to the train at night because he's all fired up and full of juice already.

"This country was discovered, put together, fought for and saved by squares.

and saved by squares.

"IT IS EASY to prove that Nathan Hale, Patrick Henry, Paul Revere, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, was a square—by simply thinking what he might have said had he not been square:

"Nathan Hale—Me spy on those British? Are you trying to be funny? Do you know what they do with the spies they catch? I'll give you a news flash, chum. They hang them.

"Patrick Henry—"Sure, I'm for liberty. First, last and always. But we've got to be a little realistic. Wô're a pretty small outit. If we start pushing the British around, someone is going to get hurt."

"George Washington—"Gentlemen, I am honored. But do wish you would try someone else. Let's say General Gates. I'm just getting things organized at Mount Vernon. Also, you might say I had already served my time. Against the French, you know."

TODAY, BROWER declared, "too many of us haven't the guts to stand up straight and dare to be a square," We know too many short cuts, he said, "and too few know or care where the path leads. Too few of us dare to leave the path, because the path is always the easy way, the way most people go.

"But there is no path to the future, no path to greatness, no path to outer space or to inner satisfaction."
So, you see, Alan Shenhard, John Clare, S. "To the great state of the said of the said state of

inner satisfaction."
So, you see, Alan Shephard, John Glenn, Scott Carpenter and Walter Schirra—like the Founding Fathers—are

squares.
Would that there were more of them.

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