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tion of the exact implications of the Engel vs Vitale decision.

DAVID LEE also felt that no change in board policy should be made. He said, "I think Brown is misinterpreting the Supreme Court decision."

Bates' motion to have an executive meeting with Brown got no support. However, a motion by Lee that any board member could consult with Brown, at school expense for Brown's time, in order to discuss legal aspects of the board policy was passed.

Board members Earl Givens and Max Miller stated that the board could not ignore the legal opinion handed down by its attorney. Their position was that prayer policies were a legal issue and could only be decided by legal opinion.

Givens stated that if the board did not trust the legal opinion of its attorney, it should dismiss the attorney.

Miller said that the board would not be acting legally if it ignored its attorney's ruling. He said the issue now resolved itself as to whether the board would uphold the law of the land.

BROWN'S OPINION, which he will have to defend before the board on Oct. 16, discussed the differences in the New York Regents prayer and the Hills permissive prayer policy. He concludes "in the New York case apparently the saying of the prayer was mandatory, while under your policies this is permissive and seemingly lies within the discretion of the teachers.

"We do not believe that the fact that this is permissive in character would remove it from the effect of this decision. In a sense the saying of prayers in the New York case was permissive, at least from the student's standpoint, because he could be excused with parental consent. We think that the problem really lies in the teacher doing the act. It is done.

"Certainly the intent and purpose of the policy was to indicate to the teachers that they could say prayers and I would expect that they—where they felt it appropriate—would in fact say prayers."

ON THE BOARD policy of allowing a student not to participate in religious observance or performance he states "that the ability of a student to be excused with parental consent . . . does not remove the constitutional objection to the establishment of religious observance by action of the board of education . . . we believe that this modifying policy is of no particular value."

He believes that board policy allowing observance of Christian holidays with appropriate decorations and symbols is not forbidden.



Branching Out

Ted's Restaurant of Bloomfield Hills has expanded its business operation and yesterday opened a new cafeteria and dining room at the Pontiac Mall Shopping Center. Kenneth T. Dycehell, manager, makes a last-minute check of the outside before entering the red-carpeted dining room. The cafeteria

will seat 220 persons while the dining room can accommodate 80. Antique bagpipes, Scottish prints and other Scotch accents will be featured. W. H. Little, 1681 Southfield, Birmingham, is general manager of both restaurants.

by the recent Supreme Court case or any other Supreme Court case.

BOARD ENCOURAGEMENT of an understanding of all important world religions through educational discussion in the schools was also discussed in Brown's opinion. He believes that the Supreme Court decision in the McCollum case could be interpreted to prohibit religion as a specific school course.

"This is not to say that presentation in courses similar to history courses of religion or religious subjects would necessarily be prohibited where it is integrated into a regular history or other course," Brown said.

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Unemployment Debate Marks Political Race

"Unemployment" was the theme last week of the Fulkerson-Bloomfield Congressional race.

Fulkerson, a Birmingham attorney, said Bloomfield "apparently is not interested in bringing new jobs to Oakland County. In 1961, Bloomfield voted three times against the establishment of the Area Redevelopment Administration."

Fulkerson said he had conferred with ARA officials on a trip to Washington last week and that he had been told they had approved a loan of \$813,572 to the Columbia Steel Container Corp. which will be located in Davittville. The corporation will manufacture steel drums.

MEANWHILE, Bloomfield — along with 10 other Republican Michigan congressmen — asked President Kennedy to include a repeal of the 10 per cent federal auto excise tax in tax reform.

The 10 Republicans said in a letter to the President that the auto tax was "highly selective" and "discriminatory" and is "acting as a drag on the economy."

Repeat of the tax would reduce chronic unemployment not only in

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ference at Harbor Springs last week.

"It is very unusual," said Hand, "in the weekly field for a newspaper to take the time to do this kind of research."

He called The Eccentric's series of articles "a beautiful job of reporting."

The presentation was made at the airport managers' annual banquet Thursday night. It was part of the group's three-day meeting at the Harbour Inn.

AT THAT banquet, A. H. Stults, manager of the Traverse City Airport, was selected for the "Airport Manager of the Year for 1962" award.

Last year, this award went to Homer Hoskins, manager of the Pontiac Municipal Airport. He was Weaver's host at this year's meeting.

Donna Barnes, 13-year employee of the Jackson Citizen-Patriot, won the airport manager's award in the daily field for her news stories on the women's air races.

The award to The Eccentric was the association's third annual prize in the weekly field.

the auto industry, but also in related industries as well, he said.

Six Bloomfield Pupils in Running For Scholarship

Six Bloomfield Hills High School seniors have qualified as National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists. They are Fred Fink, Charles Bailey, Thomas Hoopengardner, Frankie Hutton, John Shipley and Jim St. John.

The six semi-finalists will enter further National Merit competition during their senior year. Hundreds of scholarships to universities and colleges across the country are awarded on the basis of the National Merit tests.

FIVE OTHER Bloomfield High students were awarded letters of recommendation as the result of their standings in the merit tests. They are Rebecca Brogan, Terry Givens, Michael Grossberg, Ted Grossbart and Jason Hall.

Of the 7,182 Michigan students taking merit tests, 517 were selected as semi-finalists.

Planning Board Objects to New Zone Category

BEVERLY HILLS—Two letters from the planning board were read at the council meeting Monday.

In one, the planning board objected to the council's plans to create a new zoning classification, R2A, which allows for R2 houses, 1200 square feet in size, on lots of 60-foot frontage. R2 lots usually require 75-foot frontage.

THE PLANNING BOARD felt that this was spot zoning. Village Attorney Thomas J. Dillon said, however, that spot zoning is "an oasis in a desert" or one classification in the midst of another. The new classification will be a transition from one type of zoning to another, Dillon explained.

In the second letter, it was agreed that a member of the planning board will attend each council meeting. Councilman Hugh G. Allerton or an alternate will attend planning board meetings.

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