

Claims New Constitution Omits Property Safeguards

To the Editor:
I have watched with interest, but with growing anxiety, the current controversy over providing additional parking space in Birmingham. The bulk of discussion appears to have dwindled to a trivial concern about the statistics of harboring automobiles.

People are engaged in amateurish attempts to out-plan the professional planner, following the example of their nearsighted association officers.

Strong currents are rampant. The residents had best stay close to shore and hang onto the land while they have it and keep the discussion on grounds they know best, that of living. Obviously, our planner has done less than an average amount of that.

shall not be taken by the public for being first determined. Manifestly, there can be no necessity to destroy private residences when:

- The city for 40 years has promoted itself as a residential community.
- There presently exists unoccupied public land in an adjacent block.
- It is apparent that parking in an alternate adjacent block, now zoned for business, would amount to the equivalent of two square feet of parking for every one square foot condemned.

Thus, a more efficient course of action is available to the Commission in its pursuit of the parking pace set by Northland.

IT MAY BE perceived that parking here or there, up or down, indeed reason or logic, are not

fundamental to our strife. We are learning about Collectivism. The majority of the people of Birmingham have elected commissioners who are proselytes to the new order. The majority of the people of Birmingham voted for the substitute State Constitution wherein safeguards to private property were purposefully omitted. All of the people of Birmingham will share the utility of questioning public necessity. It will have gained legal immortality. I hope the matter at hand is a graphic lesson to the many, young and old, who have been until recently passive collaborators. Without continued active opposition, one can foresee, for instance, the approaching condemnation of property for expansion of Barnum Playfield to the south and of Footing Lane to the south.

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THE PRESENT State Constitution insures that private property

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Asks Board's Opinion On Swim Pool Question

To the Editor:
Following is a copy of a letter I sent to Dr. Charles L. Bower, president, Bloomfield Hills School District No. 23.

Dear Dr. Bowers:
I have in front of me two letters that I believe are worthy of your attention and the attention of the officers and trustees of the Bloomfield Hills School District No. 23.

The first is an open letter you addressed to Gov. George Romney on March 9 and all taxpayers expense duplicated and mailed to every home owner.

I am certain you will recall that letter because you had to live with it during some painful weeks that followed.

In that letter, you will recall you expressed grave fear of the prospect of raising \$216,000.

This factual sum was your curbstone guess of the cost of financing the district's share of the burden to be imposed by the Fair Play Bus Bill. It turned out to be a bad guess but your observations in regard to additional financial burdens are worthy of current study.

frugality in March. Can you abandon these virtues in June?

IF YOU could task Gov. Romney "where will the money come from" and "how far will our residents go" are we asking too much in seeking your own response to these splendid questions in regard to the issue of June 10?

Certainly, if you considered your homely on a matter before the State Legislature worthy of distribution to all of the faithful taxpayers, then I say to you damn the torpedos and the expense and give us another letter.

Superintendent Johnson wrote in one of his more original declarations "excellent schools do not just happen." I am certain you will agree that thrift and frugality do not "just happen" either. Whether or not your vigilance is eternal, let us pray that it can last from March to June. I will eagerly anticipate your reply.

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"WHERE WILL the money come from?" you asked the governor in the letter we mailed for "is it new Taxes? You know your district has been most generous in providing the present 25.25 mill school tax. To finance this program would require an additional levy of two mills or an average new tax of \$40 per homeowner. How far will our residents go?"

Before making some obvious observations, let's go to another letter. This one was addressed to me by David Walker Lee on April 3. Mr. Lee felt that I was not playing fair when I compared your panic in the face of the Fair Play Bus Bill with your calm in the head wind of the half million dollar swimming pool.

"THE FACTS of this matter," Mr. Lee assured me, "are that the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education has for several years felt that it should not ask the taxpayers of the district for funds with which to build a swimming pool, and we have resisted proposals that we include money for a pool in our bond issues for new school buildings."

May I say, Dr. Bowers, that it is now incumbent upon you and Mr. Lee and the other members of the board to face an uncomfortable position.

In March you were terrified at the prospect of raising \$216,000 and a month later Mr. Lee was ready to vote against any kind of a swimming pool.

CONSIDERING your very public statement of three months ago, isn't it time for you to take your pen in hand again and let us know how you feel about considerably more than \$216,000 for a swimming pool?

As you know, your solicitude for us taxpayers in March was extensive and we should have your wisdom to guide us when we vote on the swimming pool, June 10.

From the same I have quoted above, the task of expressing yourself on this issue should be comparatively easy. Many of your objections concerning the alleged cost of the Fair Play Bus Bill will be equally pertinent in reference to the swimming pool. You and your associates, who steadfast in support of thrift and

Resident Serving On Ball Committee

Serving on the committee for the second Inaugural Ball of the Michigan Society of Neurology and Psychiatry is Mrs. J. S. Gottlieb (phonetic), 711 Fairhill Road, Birmingham.

The society, of the Michigan District Branch, American Psychiatric Association, will present the ball and a scientific program at Cobo Hall, Detroit, Saturday.

Area Couples Attend Museum Reception

Scores of Birmingham and Bloomfield couples joined other area civic, social and business leaders recently at a special reception and viewing of the "Pontiac Rising" exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum.

This special exhibit tells the story of the uprising in Detroit 200 years ago in May when an almost successful Indian attempt to free the Great Lakes-area of British

rule took place.

The exhibit includes a full-size cannon, a section of the old fort and costumes of Indians, farmers and soldiers of the area 200 years ago, as well as documents, maps, paintings and letters written by men inside the fort during the six-month siege.

M. Burgess of Country Club Drive. Her vice chairman was Mrs. E. M. Estes of Waddington Road.

Sir James A. Easton, British consul-general, was honorary chairman for the affair, and Read Jenkins of Kannabeck Court served as executive chairman.

Among Birmingham-Bloomfield couples attending were the James Beresfords of Lone Pine Road; the John F. Blamys of Gleggarry Road;

the Ray Epperts of Lone Pine Court; the Martin Rummels of Lyonhurst Road and the Paul Fenfields of Lakeside Ave.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Y. Ridge of Gleggarry Road, Mr. and Mrs. John Bates of Westwood Drive, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Jones of Cranbrook Road, Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald of Cranbrook Court, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Charles of Kirkway and Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Emerick of Cranbrook Road.

Others at the reception included Dr. and Mrs. Edwin DeJongh of W. Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Z. DeLorean of Birmingham Road, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. C. Anderson of Wayfield Lane, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Walker of Broadway Blvd., Mr. and Mrs. George S. Stephens of Gleggarry Road, Mr. and Mrs. Colin H. John of Puritan Road, Mr. and Mrs. George Walthus of Westchester Road, and R. L. Norris of Thetford Road.

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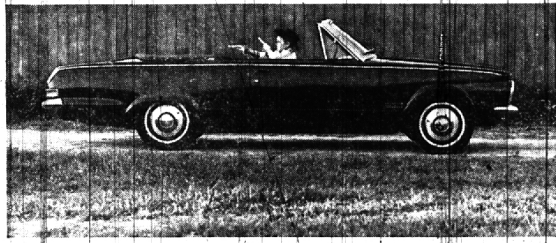
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