

This and That

Okay Zoning Law Changes In W. B'field

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WEST BLOOMFIELD — A change in the zoning ordinance was passed by the township board last week liberalizing rules governing the extension of lake privileges in subdivisions developments containing lake frontage.

A second zoning change enacted allows golf courses, either private or public, to be developed in residentially-zoned areas of the township when approved by the township board of appeals. The ordinance formerly allowed only private, nonprofit golf clubs in residentially-zoned areas.

THE CHANGES were made at a special meeting of the township board, after a public hearing, held earlier in the week, was followed by approval of the township planning commission.

The board also approved a tentative plan for Golf Country Club Estates to be located on Woodpecker Lake. Approval of the subdivision plan had been delayed by the board until the two zoning amendments were adopted as both are applicable to the subdivision which will contain a semi-public golf course and a recreational park for swimming.

THE NEW ZONING ordinance governing plans with lake frontage reads: "Where a parcel of land contiguous to a body of water presented for subdividing is granted tentative approval by the township, a recreational park bordering on said body of water may be dedicated for such purpose, the privileges of which may be reasonably enjoyed by the owners and occupants of lots included in any plat or plats recorded within said riparian parcel." provided that said recreational park is dedicated at the time of recording the first plat."

PREVIOUSLY the zoning ordinance provided that all land granted lake privileges because of some lake frontage should have been under single ownership. Developers can now buy land adjoining lake property they own and confer lake privileges to that land as long as it is included in the original platting.

The old ordinance had also been interpreted to allow only lake privileges to the original part of the land developed by the subdivider and excluded extension of lake privileges to later developed areas.

THE RECREATIONAL park is still regulated under the new zoning amendment by the township board of appeals and there will still be a 2-by-150-foot of lake (See ZONING LAW, 4-A)



Michigan's Governor George Romney has surprised many voters by his liberalism in certain areas... perhaps they forget that he is a dedicated churchman; that his basic nature is that of the evangelist—whether selling automobiles or promoting and defending good government. That he "tends to the job at hand" is revealed by his repeated refusal to look toward Washington, D.C. For the time being, he is Michigan's Governor and a candidate for the White House!

"Cogitations & Preregrinations of a U.S. President" will be the title of a future book by the present occupant of the White House. Or, to paraphrase an already published book, it may be a "Napoleonic posture, when that of a humility in keeping with the job's reverend hush" would bring about more enduring ink. (See THIS & THAT, 4-A)

B'ham Ahead in Buying Power

(Special to the Eccentric)

A detailed report on business activity in the United States, covering all parts of the country, stamps Birmingham as a vigorous, expanding market, with family earnings and expenditures above average.

Significant gains were recorded in the local trading area in the past year.

The figures bearing this out are contained in sales management's annual copyrighted "Survey of Buying Power," just released.

THEY SHOW that local residents had a net income in 1962, after payment of their personal taxes, of \$121,689,000, which compares favorably with the prior year's \$113,546,000.

The amount is impressive, especially because it was reached in a year that was marked by growing unemployment and by a hesitant first quarter.

What this income was equivalent to, on a family basis, was determined by dividing the dollar amount by

the number of local households. It came to \$15,023 per household.

That was more than was earned by people living in most sections of the United States. They averaged \$6,874 per household. In the East North Central States the average was \$7,239.

WITH MORE MONEY available to them than before, they spent more freely. As a consequence, business was good for most retailers in Birmingham.

The report shows that

their sales volume for the year reached \$81,938,000.

The willingness to buy, shown by consumers, enabled most retail businesses to beat their 1961 totals.

Automobiles turned in the outstanding performance. Sales of other durable goods, such as refrigerators, washing machines and home appliances in general, also improved.

in the survey's "quality of market" index. It is based on such factors as number of households, average income, amount spent and growth rate.

Birmingham is given a rating of 201, or 101 per cent better than the national average.

Thus far this year, according to preliminary reports, consumer spending has continued high in most areas. It is not rising as fast, however, as it did last year.

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National Board Honors Family Service Aide

A director of Family Service of Oakland County, Carl F. Ingraham, has been elected a director of the Family Service Association of America. He will serve a three-year term beginning in November.

Ingraham, a lawyer and Birmingham city commissioner, has served as president and treasurer of the Oakland County Family Service, a family counseling agency supported by the United Fund.

He has also been chairman of the public relations committee and in total, has given 10 years of service as a board member.

Local Man Injured As Bridge Collapses

A Birmingham man was reported in satisfactory condition at Henry Ford Hospital after a foot-bridge collapsed at the Hillcrest Golf and Country Club Saturday afternoon.

I. Murray Jacobs, 41, of 3310 Berkshire Drive, Birmingham, is suffering crushed vertebrae, the hospital reported Monday.

He was one of more than 50 persons who were standing on a 200-foot-long suspension bridge over the Clinton River when it swayed and dropped.



CARL F. INGRAHAM

THE SCENE was the fifth annual Women's Wolverine Open Golf tournament. Golfers and fans were traversing the bridge which had to be crossed to reach the 16th and 17th holes.

County Seeks Bids for Twp. Water Project

Bloomfield Township will get-Detroit water starting in mid-October.

At present, 3,000 customers in the township receive water from community wells. Several thousand more homes have service from private wells.

Contractors' bids for the project will be opened Aug. 5 and 8, Oakland County DPW Director R. J. Alexander said the project has been split in half for bidding because no single contractor could handle so large a project.

THE INTERNAL water system of area's must be extended to provide Detroit water to present and future homes there. The property owners involved could petition at a later date.

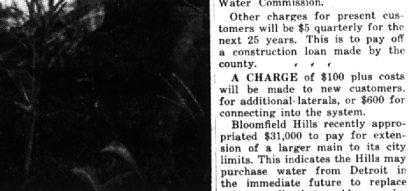
Additional to the lateral system will be made after work has been started on the transmission main. Township customers now pay 20 cents for 1,000 gallons of water from local wells. They will be charged 30 cents for 1,000 gallons under a contract with the Detroit Water Commission.

Other charges for present customers will be \$5 quarterly for the next 25 years. This is to pay off a construction loan made by the county.

A CHARGE of \$100 plus costs will be made to new customers for additional laterals, or \$600 for connecting into the system.

Bloomfield Hills recently appropriated \$31,000 to pay for extension of a larger main to its city limits. This indicates the Hills may purchase water from Detroit in the immediate future to replace private wells that could prove inadequate to meet the city's needs.

Swarthmore College freshman; Gail Sentenop, Bloomfield Hills High School senior; and Tom Hoopengardner, Kalamazoo college freshman.



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP corn growers stop picking to display some of their sweet corn. From left are Tom Roberts, Kalamazoo College freshman; Barbara Reid, Bloomfield Hills High School senior; Chuck Bailey,

Bloomfield Twp. Is Corn-y

YOUTH PRODUCES CROP OF 30 ACRES

By BETH SHOTKA
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Corn is Chuck Bailey's business, and it's no small enterprise.

The 18-year-old entrepreneur has proved that organizations can be run successfully by young people, as well as adults.

Bailey is one of the county's largest corn retailers. He boasts 30 acres of corn, a host of assistants and a seven-day work week.

His corn is for sale at a stand in front of his home at 5275 N. Adams, Bloomfield Township.

QUALITY is not sacrificed in Bailey's organization.

He said he sells corn almost from the stalk to the pot. Corn remaining at the end of the day is discarded, so customers can be assured of corn less than four hours old.

"Corn loses 40 per cent of its sugar within 24 hours after it is picked," Bailey said.

He declared that freshness can be guaranteed only if corn is sold the same day it is picked.

THE ADAGE that corn should be "knee-high by the Fourth of July" was not true of Bailey's crop.

His was shoulder-high on the Fourth, and ripe corn was picked for the first time on July 23.

Bailey said that this is not unusual, because when the rule was coined, seed and fertilizer were not on the currently improved level of production has been accelerated by innovations in growing techniques and facilities.

IN APRIL he began planting corn seed in two-acre plots about 10 days apart. This staggered planting should insure a continuing

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State Offers Solutions to Road Problem

U-turn Crossover, Peripheral Route Plans Suggested

By DAVE PHILPO
Staff Writer

The perplexing question of how to solve the congestion at the Woodward-Long Lake intersection in Bloomfield Hills seemed closed to a solution today following a meeting with the state highway department last week.

Sam Levine, traffic engineer, told Bloomfield Hills city and planning commissioners that an immediate answer may lie in the construction of a U-turn crossover south of the intersection.

This, he said, would eliminate left turns onto northbound Woodward by motorists traveling east on Long Lake and would do away with an interlocking movement caused by multiple left turns.

ANOTHER solution—more long-range in nature—would be the construction of the southeast quadrant of the city's proposed peripheral road, Levine said. In order for the state to undertake this project, the city would have to purchase the necessary right-of-way and turn it over to the highway department.

Levine explained that, in effect, this would "be moving the state problem at Woodward-Long Lake to the city" at the point where the road would join Long Lake.

The drive would channel westbound Long Lake traffic off northbound Woodward to a point east of the present intersection. Traffic signals would have to be installed at the new left-turn location, Levine said.

THE U-TURN crossover, costing an estimated \$60,000, could possibly be installed by the end of this year, the engineer said. (See SOLUTION, 2-A)