

Beverly Hills Facing A Change in Character

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BEVERLY HILLS—At what point in its development does the character of a particular area begin to change? This is a question many residents of this village are asking as they view the pressures on the council to make downward changes in the zoning ordinance.

At the moment, three separate actions are pending which would change present zoning into new and different classifications if the council so agrees. One is a lawsuit against the village because the council said there was no classification in its ordinance for a convalescent home.

ANOTHER is a request to introduce the first multiple-dwelling classification (apartments) into the ordinance, and the third concerns a request to rezone a Business 1 area to permit the construction of a gasoline station.

In two cases, the planning commission has recommended

that the petitioner be turned down. "This is a residential village"—if ever a municipality had its slogan, that's it for the residents of Beverly Hills. They turn out in force to fight the trappings of "city life"—sidewalks, the paving of roads which are likely to become thoroughways, etc.

They obviously wish the village to remain a haven away from the city. YET, THINGS change. The county road commission is pushing hard for the cutting through of 14 Mile Road. Property owners are pushing hard to get top dollar for their land—in many cases at the expense of a change (always downward) in the zoning ordinance.

When the council stands firm, reflecting the views of the voters, the petitioners take it to court to try to force their changes through. Such is the case with William Gilmore, who wanted to sell his land on 13 Mile Road just east

of Southfield, to the Alger F. Quast Co. for the construction of a convalescent home.

THE COUNCIL turned it down, insisting that there is no convalescent home classification in the ordinance. Gilmore has sued.

Robinson Brothers has made up an elaborate petition for multiple dwellings on a piece of property adjacent to Hamlet on 13 Mile west of Southfield. The council met two weeks ago with the planning commission to discuss it. No action has as yet been taken.

A public hearing has been set for March 2 on the petition of Harry Granader to rezone his property on the southeast corner of 14 Mile Road and Southfield from Business 1 to Business 2 to allow for the construction of a gasoline station.

Residents of the adjacent land turned out to protest it. Yes, things change. Is progress always what everyone wants? Ask the residents of Beverly Hills!

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New Country Club Planned

Final Drive For Members Is Scheduled

A final membership drive for the proposed Bloomfield Meadows Country Club, to be built near Maple and Franklin roads, has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday at Wing Lake School, 6490 Wing Lake Road, Bloomfield Township.

The country club, proposed for a 30.5-acre parcel of land one-fourth mile south of Maple between Franklin and Wing Lake roads, will include an Olympic-size swimming pool, a wading pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, an athletic field, a 9-hole golf course and a bath and clubhouse.

THE PLAN is being advanced by Bloomfield Meadows Country Club, Inc., a nonprofit corporation "dedicated to the physical arts, their advancement, improvement and participation therein," according to President Earl A. Gilford. "It is important that readers understand that there will be no further action possible after March 2 due to prior commitments by the owner of the land involved," Gilford said.

The corporation, which now has an option on the land, has signed up 115 members. The membership will be limited to 302 families, Gilford said.

The swimming pool will measure 82 feet, six inches by 73 feet and will feature two diving towers and six lanes from 3 to 12 feet deep.

THE 9-HOLE golf course will cover one mile and fairways will be as long as 300 yards. In addition, there will be four tennis courts, two basketball courts, over two acres of playing field for baseball, softball, touch (See FINAL DRIVE, 6-A)



Kingswood's New Gymnasium

This is an artist's rendering of the proposed new gymnasium at Kingswood School Cranbrook. The new facility is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Wenger, Detroit. The gym was designed by Birmingham architects O'Dell, Hewlett & Luckenbach Associates. It is expected that construction will begin early in the spring. Architecturally designed

in character with the existing buildings, the new gym will be 112 by 75 feet. By using folding partitions, the facility can be divided into two gymnasiums and a dance instruction room, which also can be used as a stage. Office of the physical education director and staff will also be included.

Speech Given in B'field Wins Award

A Garden City woman has won a Freedom Foundation Award for a speech she delivered in Bloomfield Township last spring entitled "Challenge Youth in the Space Age."

Mrs. Daniel H. Trevitt will be one of 13 Michigan residents honored Saturday at the Foundation's 10th annual national and school award ceremonies in Valley Forge, Pa. Mrs. Trevitt, formerly a public high school teacher and counselor and also headmistress of a private girls' school, for the past two years has been devoting her time to writing and speaking in America and abroad on behalf of the nation's youth.

Solutions were found to such critical problems as school dropouts, knife gangs and broken homes. "THE OUTSTANDING results of this course have created a widespread demand for its availability. Mrs. Trevitt is presently engaged in writing a syllabus, or a guide for teachers, on a similar but updated course, which is being used in several schools. Mrs. Trevitt, formerly a public high school teacher and counselor and also headmistress of a private girls' school, for the past two years has been devoting her time to writing and speaking in America and abroad on behalf of the nation's youth.

"Boys put things right with emotion has presented within the history of man," she said. "They long for a chance to spend their lives for things that count."

In her speech, Mrs. Trevitt described an experiment in being "absolutely" honest. The results were swift and rewarding, she said. "Many students returned stolen articles from classrooms, gymnasium and local stores when they understood the relevance of their petty thefts to the graft in high places in the nation. "Students began paying the 'right amount' at the motion picture theater. Many admitted they'd been lying about their age for some time.

"NATURALLY, grades were often affected and behavior problems frequently reduced. Many students admitted that they had forged absence excuses and they sat through income tax, etc. (See SPEECH, 7-A)

This and That

by George R. Averill

"Alliance for Progress" appears to be going down the drain of international deterioration. The latest is Argentina's expropriation of American oil properties, as well as pro-communist despot "takes over" down there. To expect most of those countries to reform is like expecting moonbeams to distill soft drinks. The handful of the rich, plus those in governmental power, hardly will give up their select places to the masses to bring about wide democracy. What's the answer? My suggestion is for the U. S. to bring many bright young men and women from each country to learn how freedom, liberty, and their products of education and business opportunity, are attained here; then cause these young people to return to their respective lands and crusade to bring about higher standards of living. A nation is lifted by the efforts of its own people... not directly by "outsiders." To date, "Alliance for Progress" funds have not reached down to the masses, in order to raise their "know-how."

Within each of us are many, many untapped sources of increased pleasure... even of unbounded joy, if we would but seek to probe for them. They lie beneath the superficialities that engage most of our lives. These pleasures may come to life if one would endeavor to humbly, even prayerfully, push aside his love of the fleshpots, of the thin, transient so-called pleasures that materialism spawns.

That Aunt Slub is remarkable. She can hurry through a department store aisle 18 inches wide without brushing against the piled-up glassware and then drive home and knock the doors of a 12-foot garage. That's why, when a friend said Aunt Slub had charged I hadn't spoken to her for several months and he asked why, I said I didn't think I ought to interrupt.

"Beer that has lost its head makes an excellent cleanser for leather covered furniture," reports a household adviser. It also can "clean" those who use the beer... helps them to lose their head.

Here is what one Oakland County citizen thinks about the pattern of modern education: "Teachers fail in their responsibility to teach children to read and to write not primarily because the teaching profession is underpaid (See THIS AND THAT, 5-A)

A Sign of the Times? Too Big

A request by the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce to install signs bearing the names of service clubs in the city was referred to the police department for study Monday night.

Barry M. Grant, representing the Jaycees, had asked the commission for permission to install the signs on the southeast corner of Cranbrook and Maple and on the northwest corner of Maple and Coddle.

He said the signs would be similar in nature to those already in place on Hunter Blvd., at the northern and southern city limits. Mayor William H. Burgum said he would like the police department to study the proposal before he would vote on it.

BURGUM SAID he felt that the

Hunter signs were in a different type area than the Maple locations. "Both of them would be placed in pretty much of a residential area," Burgum said.

He questioned the size of the proposed signs, noting the Hunter ones were 15 feet high and 9 feet wide. Grant said he believed the size of the signs could probably be reduced. A motion by Commissioner Charles W. Renfrew to deny the request failed for lack of support. Commissioner William E. Roberts said he would also like to see a police report before deciding the issue.

Commissioner David F. Breck qualified himself from the discussion because he is a member of the Jaycees.

Detroit Timing Request for Twp. Water

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Supervisor John Rehard reported to the township board at its meeting last week that he is seeking information from the City of Detroit as to its time schedule in bringing city water to the township.

Rehard's move follows a turnaround from Bloomfield Township several weeks ago when trustee Walter Whitmer inquired whether West Bloomfield might obtain city water through its lines.

Departmental reports made to the board last week show building in West Bloomfield maintaining the high level set in 1963.

PERMITS in January were issued for 23 new homes. Building inspector Charles Treasler said the valuation would be about \$750,000.

Police reports for the month revealed a rash of accidents on Middlebelt Road. Township police recorded six, but those investigated by county police would not show up on local records.

Board action included purchase of 500 feet of fire hose, provided the low bid meets specifications. It also voted to allow Rotunda Inn a B liquor license.

Postal Change Made for B'field Twp.

Several Bloomfield Township residents who now are assigned to Birmingham and Pontiac post offices will receive new Bloomfield Hills mailing addresses, according to Sen. Philip A. Hart.

A total of 1,078 steps and 1,078 deliveries from Birmingham and 354 steps and 423 deliveries from Pontiac will be transferred to the Hills post office.

The proposal was prompted by pattern desires for change of service, Hart said.

THE CITY DELIVERY boundaries of the Bloomfield Hills post office will be as follows: Quanton Road to Adams Road, north on Adams to South Blvd., west on South Blvd. to Opdyke, south on Opdyke to Square Lake, west on Square Lake to the Grand Trunk Railroad, then northward and west following the Pontiac city limits to Franklin Square, Lehigh Avenue and south, following the existing Bloomfield Hills delivery limits to Quanton Road.



Landmark's Monument

Rising like a gravestone in a cemetery, this brick chimney stands watch over fire-blackened rubble at the site of the Devon Crafts Antique Shop, 1135 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Township. The wagon wheel serves as a poignant reminder that the large red barn which housed the shop was almost 170 years old. The blaze last Thursday morning of undetermined origin, also severed utility lines, leaving buildings within a square mile without power. No estimate of damages has yet been reported.

COUNTY HOME RULE

Proposed Measure, Report Permit Nonproperty Taxes

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the sixth in a series of articles on the county home rule initiative. It is the second of two articles on an analysis of the legislation proposed by a study commission set up by the Wayne County Board of Supervisors and a committee of representatives of the various departments of the county government. The report by the Hodge committee, reported by Sen. Henry C. Smith, will be published in the Wayne County Record.

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Both the Wayne County study committee's proposed enabling legislation and the Hodge committee

report on county home rule would permit the charter county the authority to levy nonproperty taxes not prohibited by state laws. The permissive section of the county proposal allows the charter commission to provide for a county executive or executive body and to set forth the duties, authority, manner of selection and compensation thereof.

The charter may also include an elected legislative body and state its powers and compensations. When such a body is elected from districts, reapportionment of the districts according to population

must be provided following each federal census.

THE CHARTER may create, continue any offices, boards, commissions or departments necessary for the efficient operation of the county government and stipulate their powers and duties in the manner in which they will be selected and compensated.

The Hodge committee report mentions only the county executive under its permissive section. It further states that if the legislative body, which they have already said must be called the board (See HOME RULE, 7-A)



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