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and a legislative body and the election or appointment of a clerk, treasurer assessor or board of assessors, board of review and any other officers deemed necessary.

ELECTED OFFICIALS may be chosen on a partisan or nonpartisan basis. Notwithstanding this flexibility, all of Michigan's nearly 500 cities and villages follow one of three structures: strong mayor-weak council, weak mayor-strong council, weak mayor-strong council-city manager.

The structural flexibility given municipalities has not, of itself, caused problems for the state. The flexibility has, however, permitted local citizens the kind of governmental structure required to meet their specific needs.

There is no logical reason for denying the same right of self-determination at the county level.

THE HOME RULE provision of the new Constitution, Article VII, Section 2, states that "The law may permit the organization of county government in form different from that set forth in this constitution..."

League members are most anxious that the intent of this sentence be recognized and carried out in enabling legislation which will permit reasonable and intelligent flexibility in the structure of charter county governments.

The county proposal for enabling legislation and the Hodge Committee report recommended the kind of flexibility of structure the league supports.

THE LEAGUE position on substantial powers (that the county may do) is limited to those areas in which we have concluded comprehensive study.

One of the most important aspects of making county home rule workable is to prevent conflict between city and county while promoting intergovernmental cooperation to the benefit of each. Both the county proposal and the Hodge Committee recommendations contain provisions which recognize this need.

They also recognize the danger of making the extension of county services to cities too difficult. The league favors these provisions.

ANOTHER SECTION of the local government article of the new constitution (Section 28, Article VII) gives broad and comprehensive authority for intergovernmental cooperation in providing and financing public services.

League members believe that legislation should be written to make this section easily and readily usable as well.

The league has always advocated that local governmental units have the power to levy other kinds of taxes in addition to the property tax. Such a diversification of taxes, if necessary for counties, especially home rule counties, are going to have the authority to meet their revenue requirements.

No governmental unit can logically be given responsibilities without providing some adequate way to pay for them.

THE NEW constitution recognized this by granting optional, additional taxing power to home rule counties. The league hopes to see this provision implemented with appropriate legislation. Both the county proposal and the Hodge report do so.

The league believes that the intention of the constitutional convention and the voters who adopted the constitution was to provide maximum flexibility for the solution of local governmental problems.

The only reason for having county home rule is that the constitutional pattern simply cannot meet the needs of all counties. Local citizens of some counties do not feel that the constitutional pattern works well in their county. If so, they are free to keep it.

THE HOME RULE provision is permissive and will be used only by those who find the constitutional pattern inadequate. The right kind of county home rule will enable local voters to custom-make solutions to their particular problems.

The League of Women Voters does not regard county home rule as a panacea, as the automatic solution for all local government problems; but we do believe that flexible legislation allowing the right kind of county home rule will give local citizens an effective tool with which to work.

HILLS CITIZEN SURVEY

Reveals More Opposition To 3-Story Apartments

By DAVE PHILPO
Township Editor

A survey of Bloomfield Hills by a local citizens committee has bolstered the results of a telephone poll. The committee's findings indicated a majority of residents are opposed to three-story apartments in the city.

On Friday the Citizens Committee of Bloomfield Hills mailed cards to 1850 homes, asking residents to indicate if they were in favor of limiting apartments to two stories, three stories, or no if they had preference.

They were asked to return the cards to the city commission.

As of Wednesday morning, 445 replies had been received at the city offices, with 370 in favor of two-story apartments, 45 for three-story apartments, 19 who did not care and 11 who were opposed to any multiple dwellings, according to E. R. Davies, chairman of the committee.

DAVIES SAID the sentiment in opposition to the increase in height, as proposed in the new zoning ordinance, was "much greater than we had anticipated."

"It is significant that the response has been so high," said Davies. "We indicated that residents should reply promptly before the commission meets Friday night."

The commission has scheduled an 8 p.m. meeting Friday to make a final decision on the proposed ordinance.

It may be the last session for Commissioner Henry L. Woolfenden, who has decided not to run for re-election on April 6.

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progress. As an illustration, a pharmacist may work for a few hours a day in the hospital pharmacy.

Dr. Herman says: "This approach to mental patient care is a current trend. Of course day care will not replace the need for psychiatric hospitals. It has been said that 50 per cent of those in mental hospitals could have day care treatment instead of long periods of detention."

THIS NEW approach costs less, smaller space is needed due to sleeping accommodations not being needed and only one shift of staff supervision. Only the lunch is served and the attendance is only five days a week.

"It must not be forgotten that there is a higher ratio of staff to patient than institutional care. It is an efficient way to spend money for mental health."

Recently Dr. D. W. Martin, medical superintendent, Pontiac State Hospital, made available to Dr. Herman for the day care program a three-story building on the grounds.

It has been repainted inside and security measures are being removed from the windows and porches. The ceilings are 15 feet high as they were when many of the buildings were constructed around 1880.

AS THE DAY Care Center which is being prepared is completely empty, it is hoped that community interest by area citizens will help to make it a homey setting, Dr. Herman said.

The recreational therapy department could use a pool table, ping pong table, all types of sporting equipment—card tables, folding chairs, couches, etc., he explained.

"Many of our local homes have extra and stored tennis rackets, etc., which could be used in this rehabilitation project."

The occupational therapy department wants to set up a kitchen, realizing the way to approach a woman is through introducing cooking skills which often direct a woman toward social adjustment, the director stated.

"KITCHEN" equipment of all kinds would be well received as well as a breakfast table and chairs," he said.

Rugs, tables, chairs, pictures, etc., will be a part of the necessary decor to create a warm setting for group gatherings to aid in the regenerating of confidence for community living," Dr. Herman said.

The nursing staff has reported a need for a large coffee urn, a

not to run," he said. "I figure I have made what contribution I can to the city."

During recent meetings commissioners have resolved all but one of the zoning issues over which there has been controversy. That one is three-story apartments.

Woolfenden and the late Mayor Lyman J. Craig opposed the section of the ordinance which would allow their construction.

He has not changed his mind, Woolfenden said.

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City Prepares Alternate Plan For Rubbish

Birmingham's rubbish problem is still unresolved.

City commissioners learned Monday that the Detroit Rubbish Co. has still not turned over a complete financial statement of its operation to the administration for study.

The firm is seeking either a 40 per cent increase in rates from the city or would like to be relieved from its obligation to fulfill the contract agreement.

James Purkiss, city finance director, said he had received only the firm's financial statements involving Birmingham and not the rest of its operation.

ALTHOUGH the matter was adjourned another week to allow Thomas Kavanagh, Detroit Rubbish attorney, more time to present his case, the administration has prepared a plan in the event service is interrupted.

City Manager R. Gare said the plan could be put into operation if the contractor's employees struck, or the contractor defaulted or suffered a breakdown in equipment.

Gare said the City would probably handle collections by either hiring or leasing equipment from contractors or rubbish equipment dealers. He said it was also possible that the City might be able to hire a contractor on a weekly basis until a new contract could be awarded.

"AT THE present time we have one 17-yard packer used for commercial collection and another packer used for street containers, special pickups and stand-by services," Gare said.

These, he said, could help in residential collection by working overtime but could not pick up all of the rubbish. The City would need at least two additional trucks, Gare estimated.

He said it did not appear the City would have any trouble in making the collections if the need arose.

DPW Supt. T. C. Brian said his office has not received any complaints about rubbish service since the matter was first brought before the commission three weeks ago but noted that this was a slow time of the year.

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THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHFIELD

Will hold the next regular meeting on Wednesday March the 11th., due to the Board of Review meeting on the date of the Township Board Meetings.

FANNIE ADAMS, Township Clerk

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS

The Board of Review on Taxation of the City of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, will meet in the City Hall on East Long Lake Road on Saturday, March 14, 1964, and Saturday, March 21, 1964 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and longer if necessary, for the purpose of reviewing the valuation on taxable property set by the City of Bloomfield Hills Assessor.

Valuation set at this time will apply to City, County and School Taxes.

ELMER KEPHART
City Assessor

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