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Reveal First Plans For B'ham Centennial

Citizens Fighting Hills Decision

Three-Story Units OK'd; Resident Survey Ignored

See letter to editor 5-A
By DAVE PHILPO
Township Editor

The Bloomfield Hills City Commission, in passing a new zoning ordinance with a provision for 3-story apartments Friday night, may have stirred up a hornets nest of citizen reaction.

TAE Obtains Injunction Against B-E

A hearing will be held Monday in Oakland County Circuit Court to determine if a permanent restraining order should be issued against the Birmingham Board of Education to prevent the group from suspending from classes 12 members of TAE.

BOARD MEMBERS had planned to take action against the group but after learning of the restraining order merely instructed board attorney William Beasley to defend them in the suit.

NAMED AS DEFENDANTS in the suit are the school board, Dr. Smith, Seaholm High School Principal Ross Wagner, student activities director Mrs. Carol Darling, attendance director Joseph Duris and Groves Principal Charles Lundy.

The suit states that TAE is a nonprofit, charitable corporation that does not fall within the state law's definition of a secret society.

SOLVE B'HAM TRAFFIC PROBLEMS?

Why Residents of Beverly Oppose 14 Mile Extension

By DAVE PHILPO
Township Editor

Beverly Hills should not be asked to solve the traffic problems of Birmingham.

ALTHOUGH THE project has not received the approval of the Beverly Hills council, some 14 Mile residents are not going to wait around for the outcome.

Following the 4-1 decision, there was talk of a recall of commissioners who voted for the controversial portion of the law and, more immediately, an intensive write-in campaign to defeat the two incumbents seeking election April 6.

OF 585 REPLIES to the survey, 482 persons favored restricting apartments to two stories; 66 favored three-story buildings; 23 did not care; 11 voted for no apartments at all; and three persons said the survey was too misleading to answer.

Prior to the vote on the new ordinance, Commissioner David W. Lee attacked the survey as "completely biased, misleading and a disservice to the community."

Lee said he begged three members of the citizens committee to "be impartial" in the survey and to set forth the arguments for 3-story apartments. They did not do this, he said.

LEE, WHO HAS changed his mind at least three times in the last year on whether he favors 3-story apartments, came out against them again Friday night.

He proposed an amendment to the new ordinance to strike any reference to town houses or 3-story buildings. He said there would be too much "green space" and that the buildings would be clustered in a small area—in the case of the property owned by Robert Swanson.

"There should be provisions in the new ordinance which would make it into court and say that we are depriving him of building in the remaining portion," Lee said.

COMMISSIONER Henry L. Woolfenden, who has consistently fought the town house provision, supported the amendment, which was defeated by a vote of 12-2.

"The three other commissioners spoke out in favor of the three-story structures.

"We already have many houses with three stories—and dormitories at Cranbrook are three stories," commented James A. Beresford. He said the ordinance could be defended in court and were in the best interests of the city.

builder, said opening of the road would ruin the value of Beverly Hills and there would be "no use staying here."

"Our house is up for sale now because of that," she said. She went on to explain that they have three small children and she is concerned about their safety "with all the cars and trucks going by."

ANOTHER HOUSE for sale is that of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kuhn, who live in the one-block portion of 14 Mile Road still known as Saxon Drive.

"We don't know if it will go through or not—we're leaving anyway," L. Bingham said that it is a Birmingham problem—not a problem for Beverly Hills.



Snowman—Texas Style

Turner, children of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil R. Turner, 905 Robinhood, residents of the North Adams area. The Turners moved here recently from Irving Tex., a suburb of Dallas.

Seek Ordinance to Regulate Cigarette Vending Machines

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Birmingham is going to crack down on smoking by minors.

City commissioners Monday night instructed the administration to prepare an ordinance governing the licensing of vending machines.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said the machines were the biggest contributor to smoking by minors and he felt the City should have stricter control over their operation.

Moxley said he felt it was necessary to license cigarette-vending machines in the City.

"There should be provisions in the licensing ordinance to revoke the license of any proprietor that permits laxity in the operation of the machine," Moxley said.

THE REVOCATION, he said, would result in the removal of the vending machine and would be more desirable than criminal prosecution as provided by state law.

Under the state law anyone who sells cigarettes to a person under 21 years of age is subject to a \$50 fine or a 30-day jail sentence.

Anyone under 21 caught smoking is subject to a \$10 fine or a five-day jail sentence.

Moxley said the laws were quite adequate for controlling the sale of cigarettes when they were passed in 1959 and 1955, but conditions today are different.

"In those days all tobacco was sold over the counter, while today cigarettes are sold over the counter only in supermarkets and drug stores," he said.

A RECENT police department survey showed vending machines were found in gas stations, supermarkets, bowling alleys, restaurants, theaters and variety stores.

"Not a single business establishment checked had good control over the sale of cigarettes," Moxley said.

Seven of the 19 businesses surveyed had practically no supervision at all, according to Moxley.

"Restaurants and filling stations, because of their laxity and indifference, received the lowest ratings," he said.

The drug stores and supermarkets that sell cigarettes over the counter provided good supervision but some of the clerks were not familiar with the law.

POLICE investigation showed that a considerable number of youngsters in the 13 to 14-year-old bracket were smoking cigarettes.

He said the schools are already starting an educational program aimed at youngsters from the fifth grade through high school on the harmful effects of narcotics, alcohol and cigarettes.

Moxley said he thought a strictly-enforced vending ordinance would cut Birmingham's smoking problems by almost 90 per cent.

THE CHIEF ALSO called for a city educational program of the public through newspapers, schools and personal contacts by police officers regarding the smoking problem.

"We should advise the public in advance of our plans to enforce the law in those cases where it is obvious the person is considerably under the age of 21," he said.

He said he felt the law would be applied to all school-age children and older offenders "flagrant" violating the law would also be subject to enforcement regulations.

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By KEN WEAVER
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Programming for Birmingham's centennial observance is beginning to take shape.

Plans for some activities were announced today by Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr., general chairman. Some plans are definite while others are tentative at this stage.

The peak of the centennial observance, commemorating the 100th anniversary of Birmingham's incorporation as a village, will come during Michigan Week, May 17-23.

Definite centennial activities scheduled so far include a parade, a fashion show, a centennial play, a tour of old homes and historic sites and dedication of a milestone at the site of the old Birmingham mill.

Michigan Week activities are being formulated by Robert S. Kenning, Birmingham's chairman, and his committee (see story in adjacent column).

THE PARADE, centennial play and fashion show are scheduled for Centennial Day, Saturday of Michigan Week. The sponsor will be the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce, with Sam Mitchell as Centennial Day chairman.

The Retail Merchants division of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce is expected to arrange the fashion show. The sponsor will be Mrs. Florence Purvis, 1447 Henrietta, Birmingham, will write and produce a 30-minute play to be called "Living in the Village" and to be performed on the theme that "Our American Heritage Lives."

She has written several plays for the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham.

The parade will be held first, ending at Shain Park, with the play to be presented next, then the fashion show at the park.

Efforts are being made to stage some kind of professional theatrical-musical program that evening.

ON HERITAGE Day (Friday) the tour of centennial homes and historical sites will be conducted. This "Living in the Village" and its heritage committee, headed by James K. Plack, The DAR will conduct this tour.

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After the luncheon, a memorial will be dedicated at the site of the old mill at the foot of Baldwin. A bronze tablet with a suitable inscription denoting the spot will be placed on an old millstone at this site.

THE PUBLIC utility companies will set up week-long displays in Shain Park, with the theme of "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow."

Also, there will be week-long displays in store windows of such items as original furniture from the John Hunter home, the oldest in Birmingham, and the Clara Bennett home, the oldest in the county.

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Mrs. Willett said plans are moving forward for a Centennial Fountain (awns, to be sculptured by local sculptor Marshall Fredericks in Shain Park, a book to portray Birmingham's image, an alley beautification program which she hopes will be sponsored by the men's service clubs, an anti-litter campaign hopefully to be undertaken by women's service clubs and a park beautification program hopefully to be supervised by garden clubs.

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Other persons assisting with the centennial planning besides those already mentioned are: Robert Bender, representing the Bloomfield Art Association; Donald Cummings, the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce; Harlan Rizzo, utilities' displays; Carl O. Barton, finance chairman; F. Ward Ouradoff, liaison for the Civic Design Committee of the Citizens' Action Committee; Don Martin, youth activities; Dan (the same as Donald) Royall, chairman; Audrey Martner, publicity and public relations.

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Hospital officials said Marsh's condition was improving after surgery Tuesday to repair bone fractures. Mrs. Von Wrangell was released from the hospital last Thursday.

A Hotel for Dogs? City Animal Shelter.

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Birmingham's animal shelter is getting to be known in the dog world as the "Carnie-Hilton."

THE BIRMINGHAM League of Women Voters will conduct a day-long symposium on Tuesday, May 19, at the Community House. It is billed as "Suffragette '64—the Role of Women in Politics" and will have Mrs. Lamore Romney and other women leaders from both political parties as featured speakers.

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