

Maple-Larchlea Zoning Is of Concern to Many

To the Editor:
The rezoning question of the lots located on W. Maple and Larchlea from commercial to residential may seem like a very small and trivial matter to some, but it is of great concern to many Birmingham residents located in the surrounding areas.
The strong feeling in favor of rezoning the lots to residential is substantiated by the amazing support of the residents in this area to raise over \$6,000 in pledges to pay the owner for the difference in taxes and assessment costs incurred on these lots in the past.
This community feeling should certainly be recognized by every one of the Birmingham commissioners who are responsible for deciding the outcome of this issue next Monday.

commissioner is pledged to carry out his duties and responsibilities to the best interests of the community and majority of the residents affected in any issue that arises.
As a Birmingham citizen, I would like to appeal to the commissioners to vote in favor of the rezoning recommendation based on the facts and arguments presented rather than on personal feelings.

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Former Marines in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area are being asked to attend the state convention of the Michigan Marine Corps League June 26-27 at Mt. Clemens.
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PEOPLE'S COLUMN LETTERS

Eyes Importance of Hearing On Zoning in Beverly Hills

To the Editor:
At 8 p.m. Monday, June 15, there was a public hearing in the Beverly Hills Village Council meeting. Each member of the council has received numerous letters from Beverly Hills civic associations formally protesting multiple zoning.

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NOW, WE IN Beverly lead up to the important issue of multiple zoning. Will such rezoning be beneficial to the community? The Beverly Hills Village Council must make this decision June 15.
Many people in Beverly have already expressed opinion. All residents of Beverly Hills civic associations were invited to a planning board hearing. Before the hearing was over the planning commission was told in straight, understandable language that no one wanted any part of multiple zoning.
On June 15 we will see if the

Beverly Hills Village Council has been listening to public opinion. Each member of the council has received numerous letters from Beverly Hills civic associations formally protesting multiple zoning.

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MAURICE R. Hooper was the only noncomment on the March 9 election ballot. Mr. Hooper opposed multiple zoning. We are wondering why Mr. Hooper has not been appointed to the vacancy created by M. B. Cline's resignation because of a transfer. In the past the Beverly council has filled vacancies promptly.
It is encouraging to note that one leading member of the Beverly council also opposed multiple zoning during his March 9 election campaign.

THERE IS one valid reason for allowing multiple zoning. The apartment contractor will enjoy great financial gain. The taxpayers in Beverly will lose all the way around:

- Adjacent home owners will suffer as every definite and immediate depreciation in resale value.
 - Increased tax revenue to the village will be offset by the numerous expenses resulting from multiple family units.
 - The long-range implications are frightening. Apartments are like motels. When new they're popular; when old they depreciate rapidly.
- The taxpayers of Beverly Hills have the opportunity of helping their village council decide the important multiple zoning issue. The decision can only go one way if Beverly Hills is to maintain its philosophy of developing and maintaining an above average residential community. Thus far, the village council is to be commended for its pattern of effective decision.

Yes, the taxpayers of Beverly Hills do have the opportunity to express their views. The place is the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, at 8 p.m. Monday, June 15, 1964.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Why Should 'Economics' Be a Factor in Rezoning?

To the Editor:
As pointed out in your recent news article about the city commission hearing in regard to proposed rezoning of property at Larchlea and W. Maple from business to residential there is a question of "economics" being raised on the commission although the homeowners' association has pledged over \$6,000 to compensate the owner of the property for taxes paid due to the business zoning.

HAS ANY recompense ever been proposed for adjacent homeowners in a case like this? I have not heard of it. Are the homeowners just supposed to absorb the loss and be quiet about it? In the present case, with the situation reversed, all of such "economics" are means to an end.
Is it "economics" only when there is a profit to be made and not when it is a case of homeowners trying to protect their investment that they made while relying on the continuance of residential zoning in the area in which they chose to live?
In the 11 years that I have lived on Westchester, every move by the owners of the vacant property bounded by Larchlea, Maple and Westchester has been aimed toward using the business lots as a profit.

This, of course, is terrible. Makes quite a difference whose pocket is affected, doesn't it?

AND THEIR attorney has the effrontery to suggest condemnation as the fair thing—of course, since it would enable him to demand the high dollar. In other words, after the homeowners have been harassed for years by the threat of loss due to rezoning they should submit to a special assessment so that the owner can make the profit that he planned to make due to rezoning. In this justice? If so, for whom?
The attorney contends that it is unfair to his client to have to negotiate with the threat of rezoning of his property hanging over his head. What does he think is hanging over the heads of the homeowners due to the constant threat of another rezoning petition?

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I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW

By Dick Turner
What was the fastest knockout in boxing history? ... For years, the record was 11 seconds, allowed as a second for the KO punch and 10 seconds for the count... but in 1957, there was a fight in Wales in which Teddie Barker threw his opponent in 3 seconds and the referee stopped the fight immediately without a plank and rolled a TKO... Total time of the fight: two seconds!

It seems hard to believe now, but did you know that there were NO golf courses in the United States as recently as 80 years ago? ... if you wanted to find a golf course 80 years ago today, you would have had to go to another country... But, of course, few Americans knew much about golf then... First courses were built in this country in the late 1880s.

Here's a tough baseball question... Who holds the all-time big league record for hitting in one season? ... Answer is NOT Babe Ruth or Lou Gehrig or Jimmie Foxx... Ted Williams or any of the sluggers you usually think of first... Record is held by Hack Wilson who drove in 190 runs for the Cubs in 1920... Nobody has ever topped that.

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Workers Draw Praise From Citizens Group

To the Editor:
As chairman and vice-chairman of the Citizens for Birmingham Schools, we would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the almost 1,000 people who worked so diligently in the 1964 school election campaign.

campaign we give our heartfelt thanks.
HORACE E. SHELDON
Chairman
BARBARA BRYANT
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Vice Chairmen
Citizens for Birmingham Schools

We feel that the favorable outcome of the election is a direct result of the great amount of hard work put into the campaign by a group of interested citizens working together to better our community.

We set out to acquaint the voting public with the facts about our school system, in a positive straight-forward manner, feeling that by fully informing the community of the needs of the school system the community would support the board of education and the administration. The facts were complicated, detailed and numerous; and the successful outcome shows how well the campaign did the job they were asked to do.

NOT ONLY was the election a success; but, more importantly, we feel that through the campaign the entire community has become more aware of the operation and needs of the school system and of the type of program we have in our schools. We sincerely hope the community will keep itself informed and will follow more closely the board of education and the administration. One thousand hard working people have given us an excellent start.

Working with the many individuals involved in the campaign has been a marvelous and inspiring experience. These people have given freely of their time, their enthusiasm and their ideas and have shown how unselfishly interested citizens of Birmingham can respond to the needs of our schools.

THERE ARE others who worked equally hard, representing organizations mutually concerned about our schools, such as the PTA Council and local PTA units, the League of Women Voters, the AAUW, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and their auxiliaries. These organizations were most helpful and deserve our special thanks.

We would also like to thank The Birmingham Eccentric for the cooperation it gave to us in our campaign. The caliber and depth of coverage of the facts and issues was admirable.

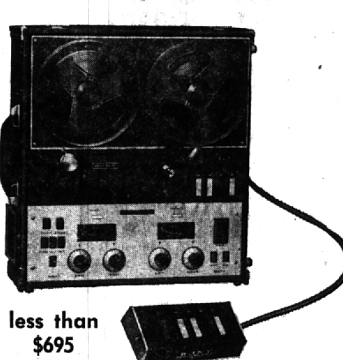
The editorial endorsement was extremely gratifying and represents another indication of the interest and concern The Eccentric has in our community.

To all who took part in this

Graduates Honor Professors Emeriti

Albion College graduates paid tribute to 13 professors emeriti June 6 as the institution inaugurated a busy schedule of commencement week-end activities with observance of Alumni Day. Special citations for distinguished service were presented to the emerit group with a special recognition luncheon in Baldwin Hall.
Amos F. Gregory, Jr., of 31472 Sleep Hollow Lane, Birmingham, and first vice president of the Alumni Association, presided at the annual meeting of the alumni.

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