

Vote

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signed to accomplish a development plan for the entire city.

• Zoning is based upon public health, safety and welfare. The average person knows little of the standards of applying these factors.

• A zoning ordinance and map controls the value of land. It would appear that a popular vote on a zoning issue could be based on economics and emotion rather than the good of the community.

• In many instances, the establishments of a zone change is relative. Whether a classification changes on one lot or another may not matter to the community as a whole. An aggrieved property owner could tie up a simple legislative matter for months.

A SUGGESTION by Breck that voters be given a choice between two proposed amendments—one including zoning—was rejected by the commission.

Breck and Clippert teamed up to offer two other changes to the amendment presented by the administration that were rejected.

• Changing the number of voter signatures necessary on initiative or referendum petitions.

• Allowing all commission resolutions to be subject to referendum.

Breck and Clippert had suggested that the number of signatures required on an I&R petition be dropped from 15 per cent to 10 per cent of the registered voters.

"TO REQUIRE 15 per cent means that about 2,100 signatures must be on a petition," Breck said.

"If this is just as much of a burden on the people," Clippert called 10 per cent a "more realistic" figure.

Commissioner William H. Bursum said he did not think 2,100 was an "insurmountable" figure.

When the question of the new golf course came up the backers had little trouble in gathering over 2,000 signatures," Bursum said.

When Breck suggested including commission resolutions under referendum powers, Mayor Charles W. Renfrew turned to him and asked: "Are you serious?"

Clippert said he felt any resolution clause should apply only to legislative matters and not administrative problems.

BURSUM said he thought that it would take court action on almost any issue to decide whether it was legislative or administrative.

Breck's motion was defeated by a 5-2 vote.

Several additions to the proposed amendment were approved by the commission.

Referendum petitions must be filed 60 days after the commission action being questioned.

Initiative petitions must be gathered 30 days from the date a petition committee has declared its intent to the city clerk's office.

Referendum petitions will be withdrawn when the number of signatures drops below the required 15 per cent.

Issues approved or rejected by voters may not be changed by the commission for one year after the date of the vote.

MRS. MARY Bawden, Jr., president of the League of Women Voters, praised the commission and the administration for their work on the I&R amendment.

The LWV, long a backer of I&R, supplied the city with model I&R amendments.

Mrs. Bawden said the League would make a decision on Birmingham's proposed amendment at its October meeting.

"The commission has excluded some areas from their amendment that were not excluded in the model charter. The League will have to consider whether or not these exclusions are in line with our concept of a good I&R amendment," she said.

"Our agreement on what is a reasonable subject for I & R will be based on what is in the best interests of the electorate," she said.

JAMES H. Walker, Jr., 1555 Vill.

This & That

(Continued from 3-A)

joins President Johnson in a frantic last-minute campaign "to sweeten" the free entrepreneurs of business. "Political chameleons," to seek votes during a campaign.

Stationed in Washington, D. C., Pulitzer prize-winning journalist Clark Mollenhoff of the Cowles newspapers recently said in a speech: "There is an overabundance of Washington, D. C., newsmen who are afraid of the crown of the President and who wince at an unkind word from other high government figures. There are too few who are willing to be identified as 'unfriendly questioners'."

When a White House invitation becomes more important than aggressive reporting, the watch-dog has become a lap-dog.

When general popularity with political figures is more important than principle, the watch-dog is dead. (For quite a time it is rumored that more than 75 per cent of the newspaper, magazine, radio and television reporters in our nation's Capital are sympathetic to the Socialist - Welfare ideology. If true, too few journalists are walking sentry posts on the fortress of a vaunted "freedom of speech" tradition.)

It was the great Thomas Jefferson, patriarch and saint of the Democratic Party, who once emphatically declared: "Agriculture, manufactures, commerce and navigation, the four pillars of our prosperity, are the most thriving when left most free to individual enterprise." (Do you presume to suppose that Mr. Jefferson would be a member of today's Democratic Party?)

"Recent decisions handed down by the National Labor Relations Board have seriously limited management's freedom to communicate with its employees, despite the guarantee of free speech provided both by statute and the Constitution." This statement was made by a former acting general counsel for the board, K. C. McGuinness. A comparable situation would be denying a person the right to be defended in court by his own lawyer—yet allowing the prosecutor to have his charges against the defendant go unchallenged. Is this freedom of speech? NO! NO! NO!

A few weeks ago France's President Charles de Gaulle refused to take his country into the program for commemorating the 20th anniversary of the landing of freedom's military might against Hitler's hordes, who had conquered France earlier in World War II. De Gaulle's colossal ingratitude is a mighty poor example to set before his own countrymen, as well as the free nations of this earth. His haughty and contemptuous attitude in this respect may earn him in history the symbolic name of Monsieur Vanity.

Woman In Court On Traffic Charge

A 23-year-old Pontiac Township woman faces examination today on a charge of negligent homicide in Bloomfield Township justice court.

Brenda J. Saunders is charged as result of an automobile accident Aug. 6 on Old Telegraph Road, south of Orchard Lake, which claimed the life of Hilda D. Kress, 34, of Pontiac.

Miss Saunders was the driver of one car and Mrs. Kress a passenger in another vehicle involved in the collision. Miss Saunders is free on \$500 bond, pending her examination before Justice Alice L. Gilbert.

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An engagement at the Detroit year include Chris Charlton, lead guitar; Spike Burton, back-up guitar; Tom Brodie, bass guitar; Dave Watersen, drums; and Tom Whitesell, electric piano. They are all students at Seaholm and Groves which has played together for a high school.

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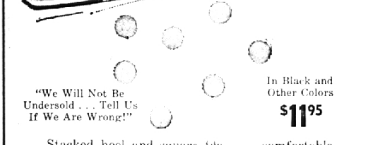
Harry C. Van Wormer Jr. (center) president, Van Wormer Industries, Warren, and E. Taylor Marion, Beverly Hills, vice president and general manager, National Auto Leasing Corp., Ferndale, chat with five-year-old Torchlighter Joey Sutika following a luncheon at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel. The luncheon, sponsored by Van Wormer, National Auto Leasing, Swedish Crucible Steel Corp., and Ternes Steel Co., climaxed a training session of the United Foundation Speakers' Bureau.

Boxing's "Golden Trio," so far as earnings are concerned, were Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey, and Gene Tunney, in that order, while Max Schmeling made the record for a foreign boxer. Louis made his hard way in a long succession of fights, whereas Dempsey gathered in over \$2,500,000 for six fights, and Tunney earned over \$1,700,000 in just three fights.

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