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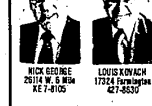
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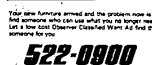
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**BAYFORD N. BIRKS** of Southfield has joined the sales staff of Exxon Chemical Co. at its Southfield office at 23625 Northwestern Highway. He has been a design engineer at Exxon's Baytown Chemical Plant in Texas since 1971. Birks received a BS in mechanical engineering from University of Texas. For Exxon, he is part of the group which markets plastics molders and fabricators.

**Master Councilor To Be Installed**

**SOUTHFIELD**  
Bruce Harbach, 17, has been elected master councilor of the Masonic Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Harbach of Ivanhoe Lane, Southfield, he has been in the chapter for more than two years.

Awards earned include: Representative DeMolay award, the highest self-achievement award possible for a DeMolay to receive; completing a leadership course; and being the chapter's most valuable officer.

Stepping down as master councilor is Dan Pernick, also of Southfield. Highlights of his term include collecting \$200 for muscular dystrophy, some 700 canned goods for Mother Waddies Mission, and work at various recycling centers.

Other officers elected or appointed include: Jim Golden of Oak Park, senior councilor; Paul May of Oak Park, junior councilor; Nat Pernick of Southfield, senior deacon; and Mike Feinstein of Southfield, junior deacon.

Others: Andy Finn of Farmington, senior steward; Rick Fox of Farmington, junior steward; Wayne Wolfson

## County Lowers Millage Rate

**PONTIAC**  
The Oakland County Board of Commissioners has voted to reduce the property tax rate from 5.25 to 5 mills, saving county taxpayers about \$1.5 million next year.

The approximate 25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation reduction per property owner means a savings of about \$3.75 a year to the average \$30,000 Southfield homeowner. In Farmington, where the average home is about \$40,000, the savings would be about \$5 per year.

The vote was 22-2 with Commissioner Bernard Bernman (D-Oak Park) and Mary Dearborn (R-Birmingham) registering negative votes.

The surprise move was planned by majority Republicans on the county board in a secret caucus held earlier.

Minority Democrats accused Republicans of "tokenism to make political waves with the taxpayers."

The total 15-mill county property tax is split between cities, townships, school districts, community colleges and the county. It's too late to reallocate the five per cent cut to school districts, community colleges or intermediate school district, according to Pat Novak (R-Farmington Hills).

"I hope the allocation board won't penalize us next year by cutting out the 26 mills," said Novak.

The reduction means the county will operate on a \$47.5 million 1974 budget instead of \$49 million, but the budget will still increase by \$3.5 million.

Republicans claim an in-

creased state equalized valuation, a \$30 million increase in property taxes collectable, a \$1 million 1973 budget surplus, and an expected \$4 million in state shared funds prompted the action.

"The philosophy is we aren't going to spend everything we can just because we are able to," said Novak.

Democrats spoke vehemently in opposition to the measure and because it was an unscheduled agenda item "plotted in secret Republican caucus."

Democrats maintain the \$1.5 million rollback will mean a reduction in services and capital improvements. Republicans admitted the reduction would cut into new services and personnel requests.

Asked why he expressed objections and later voted in

favor of the proposal, a veteran Democratic member of the board said: "I knew nine Democrats couldn't buck 18 Republicans."

"I admit my vote was politically expedient. I want to be re-elected next year so I can be on the inside voicing objections when necessary and promoting projects I feel are worthy. The Democrats may come back strong next time around."

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