

## Council Approves Rezoning

The controversy over construction of apartments near the K-Mart Shopping Center at Cherry Hill and Wayne Rds. has been settled favorably for the petitioners.

After a denial vote, paled, the Westland City Council last week approved rezoning from commercial to multiple a parcel of land on the south side of Cherry Hill and east of Wayne Rd. and K-Mart.

The petitioners, S&H Homes, asked for the rezoning to build 64 apartment units on a landlocked parcel.

Councilman Justine Barnes motion to deny rezoning failed 3-2, while Marvin C. Gagnon and McKinney voted for denial. Councilmen Virgil Gagnon and Robert Wagner were absent.

After getting the petitioners' pledge to reduce density to 60 units, Councilman John Markes moved approval pending a written agreement on the elimination of four units. The motion passed 3-2 with Mrs. Barnes and McKinney casting the dissenting votes.

Another motion by Councilman Henry Linsquist to approve rezoning without the density reduction died for lack of support.

McKinney argued the issue was adding to traffic congestion on Wayne Rd. and not reducing density by four units.

The petitioners stated the city's codes would have allowed 75 units but they proposed 64 after talking with the Building Department.

Four units could be dropped, they admitted, but any further reduction would make it economically unfeasible to continue.



PIE IN YOUR EYE. He doesn't look like a winner but Dan Shorkey, of Redford Township, was one of the victors in the annual pie-eating contest at Wonderland Shopping Center. Other first-place winners were: Jeannine Wells, Westland; Debbie Welling, Livonia; Joann Bitell, Westland; Eddie Houle and Bob Collar, of Livonia.

## Wonderland Slates

### Fitness Day For Kids

September 21 is a special day in the community. Saturday at 10 a.m., a newly developed Quaker Oats - Amateur Athletic Union Physical Fitness Pentathlon will be conducted on the Wonderland parking lot, Plymouth and Middlebelt Rd., half-way between Joy and Adel Arbor.

Participants are invited from six to 10 years of age. All youngsters from six to 10 are invited to take part in this program. Have fun and receive valuable awards while you test your speed, strength, endurance and agility.

THE PENTATHLON, an athletic event consisting of five activities, has been especially designed by the AAU and Quaker Oats to give boys and girls a chance to try their skills in such things as push-ups, pull-ups, standing broad jump, baseball throws, etc. At the same time, they can compare their results with other youngsters across the nation.

This fitness test is being offered by leading grocers and shopping centers all over the country to hundreds of thousands of boys and girls who want to become more physically fit.

St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 Wayne Rd., near Joy in Westland, will hold its annual fall festival on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Sept. 20-22.

There will be a "Big Top Tent" featuring games, food and refreshments, in addition to amusement rides and a church sponsored raffle.

Prizes for the festival will include a new car, \$50 a week for a year; a color television set, mink stole, portable dishwasher, Polaroid camera, freezer, portable television, Hoover vacuum.

The admission-free festival will have rides only from 6 to 11 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19 with the festival having its full opening of events from 11 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 11 p.m. on Sunday.

### Aid Patients

A coffee hour for parents at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Hospital was held on Labor Day by members of the Ladies Aid Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3323 of Wyandotte.

At the coffee hour were Mary Adeline Americanism chairman, Verda Jones, Dept. of Michigan Hospital Chairman; Ruby Johnson, auxiliary president; and members Grace Alles and Amye Palmer.

## Zoning Problem Studied

New zone classifications are being used in the Westland Middle School District, which is causing problems in the northeast section of the city which the City Council is still trying to rectify.

A 80-lot strip on Middlebelt Rd., half-way between Joy and Adel Arbor, was rezoned in the master plan from commercial to office use.

Before the rezoning, the council approved an application for a bar which could not be built under the present zoning.

The problem came out in the open when Lincoln Dosenbach requested rezoning of his property for a barber shop. He said he checked the code on May 6 and found the zoning allowed a barber shop, and afterwards spent \$2,000 getting the problem at hand.

Dosenbach said his plans were delayed by the construction strike and so he never came back to the building department until Aug. 22. On that day he discovered the zoning had been changed while he said he was not charged while he said he was told to do so by him since he is too old to start over again.

## Citizen Groups Prove Value In Wayne School District

The valuable contribution of citizen study committees in the Wayne Community School District was outlined by Henry Howard, superintendent of the district following World War II.

"The annual citizens' advisory committee on budget salaries was replaced with a series of public budget meetings held each year," he said. "This requires that one budget hearing be held each year before final approval by the board of education."

The next citizens' group was formed in early 1965 to study vocational education. The school board subsequently implemented many of its recommendations.

The Wayne district now has two citizens' groups in operation -- on school facilities and with the community-school concept.

A third, to study school financing, will be formed later this month.

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HOWARD SAID interested citizens were approached from within the school district for their specific leadership ability and knowledge of the topic to be studied and because of association with citizens in the community who are in a position to react to the problem at hand."

The Wayne school board first

started its citizens' groups about 20 years ago with the formation of a committee to study the budget and teachers' salaries.

"This committee, chaired by William Necker, has prepared a questionnaire which will be distributed to every family unit in the school district this month. The distribution will be made

through the elementary schools with churches supplementing the general distribution.

"The two-page questionnaire being circulated is accompanied with an information sheet on what a community school is, how it serves the people, how it is administered, and who is eligible.

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At that time, the enormous

problem of the school

district was money to operate

the schools," Howard said.

"While financing continues

to be a major problem for our

schools, the problem was even

more serious in the early days

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