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Board Tosses Burdick Piece To Planners

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along with the Planning Commission again. The County's Coordinating Committee sent the decision back, however, with instructions to take another look at it.

mission refused to recommend a rezoning. During December, the Township Board passed a resolution rezoning the property. This was the first time it had ever gone on record as disagreeing with the Plan-

ning Commission's recommendation. Wendell Brown, as attorney for the residents of Old Franklin Township, filed a suit in the Circuit Court contending that this action was illegal. The rezoning cannot be done by resolution, he asserted.

At last month's Planning Commission meeting, the members voted to recommend the multiple zoning to the Township Board just to stop this argument. If the point was valid, the rezoning would then be processed through the normal channels Brown and the residents would have no case. It is this case which was on Tuesday's Court Docket. Brennan has filed a motion to dismiss the case on the basis of the Planning Commission's action.

Brown termed the Board's action as "a realization on the part of the Township that its prior action was illegal. Rezoning is not done by resolution, but by changing the ordinance."

"It is also a realization on the part of the Township that the desires of the people in the area should be consulted."

Farmington Cubs Receive Awards

Individual awards were presented to the members of Farmington Cub Scout Pack 110 at the monthly meeting at Our Lady of Sorrows. The awards went to: Bobcat Badge, Marty Funt and Steve Anolik; Wolf Badge, Bob Delaney; Gold Arrow on Wolf and two Silver Arrows on Wolf, Jim Randolph and Kevin Crawford; Gold Arrow on Lion, Jim Day; Lion Badge, Dale Gallagher; Tom Carrier and Bill Maloney; and two-year pin, Dale Gallagher. Dinner bars went to Jim Randolph, Bill Kless and Jeff Swartz, while Mike Scanlon, Greg Wink and Larry Gauthier were made assistant deners.

Defective Buses

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that she expected. The extinguisher was inspected after being used by a representative of the Battstone Company of Flint. Four persons viewed this check and a report issued stated that the extinguisher did operate.

"The girls in the rear of the bus, including my daughter," Brennan charged, "attempted to leave the bus via the rear emergency exit door but the emergency door would not open."

In answer the administration said that the drive "attempted to open the rear door but was unsuccessful." They said that their records show that the bus was last serviced on Jan 9 and the supervisor reports that it is standard procedure to open the emergency door and oil it. It was suggested that possible in the excitement the driver just could not get it open.

Going beyond the case of the fire Brennan registered several other complaints about the busing of parochial school children. He said that he has heard recurrent complaints about the dirty old and decrepit equipment which has been assigned to the Mercy School run.

He further said that one bus in operation last year actually had the floor boards so rotted out it was possible to see the ground moving by. To these charges the school officials said that upon investigation they could find no bus where the floor boards were rotted through.

They restated their policy of not scheduling buses for parochial runs on the basis of age but rather availability. They said that it is also policy to replace buses at about seven years of age (there are nine new ones on order now) and that they generally use older ones only as spares.

The bus involved in the fire was a 60 passenger, 1959 model used as a spare and was one which was to be taken out of service at the end of the current year.

Brennan also took issue with the scheduling of the buses but in this area there appeared to be a misunderstanding between parties complicated by the difficulty of scheduling pickups of all children in the district. Action is being taken constantly to improve busing.

The Board agreed to write Brennan acknowledging receipt of the letter and explain their position to him.

Baker Urges Senior Citizens To Apply

The filing of claims for homestead tax exemptions for Senior Citizens has slowed to a trickle according to State Representative Ray Baker. The filing of these claims is done at your local assessor's office. It is reported that about two-thirds of the Senior Citizens who claimed the exemptions last year have not yet appeared.

Baker emphasized that property owners must sign an affidavit each year to claim the exemption. The deadline is March 24, final day of the Board of Review.

Baker hopes the remaining senior citizens will respond to his call and file their claims soon so there won't be confusion in his office during the Board of Review hearings.

The exemption is granted property owners 65 or older, whose income from all sources not more than \$5,000 and whose total property holdings have a cash value of no more than \$25,000.

Eligible property owners are exempted from paying taxes on \$2,500 equalized valuation of their homestead. In this area last year, the tax benefit was \$134.08 for each qualified senior citizen property owner.

Those who qualified for the exemption last year and whose property status has not changed do not have to submit proofs of age or ownership to the assessor. But they are required to sign an affidavit which the assessor's office has prepared for them.

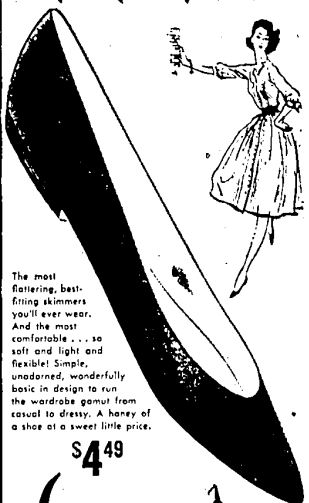
Property owners applying for the first time must bring in required proofs, Baker said. No proof of income is needed, but property owners must swear that they meet the requirement.

Disabled veterans or their widows also must appear at the assessor's office before the March 24 deadline to claim veterans exemptions on their homestead.

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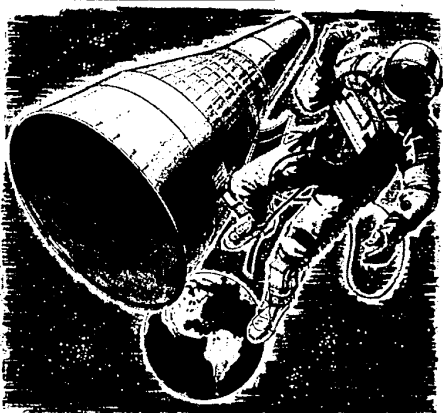
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