

Undergoes 7th Eye Operation



The above is a recent picture of Bruno Andreoli, Sr., of 72 Charter Oak Ave., whose child is undergoing his seventh eye operation in a continuing battle by physicians to save what sight remains in his right eye. He is afflicted with congenital glaucoma.

The boy, who is two and one-half years old, was operated on last week and spent his Christmas giving "Day in SE" Raphael's Hospital. He is home now, recuperating from the after-effects of the operation.

The youngster is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Andreoli,

His mother reports that so far as is known, the child is completely blind in the left eye. "When he has recuperated the other eye will be examined to see if anything can be done," Mrs. Andreoli said.

The child's mother said that she is "still praying that enough of his sight will be saved to permit him to grow up to be a normal boy." "I pray also for the people who have been so good to us by helping us," she said, adding that everyone is welcome to visit the child at any time.

Town Lots Suited For Industry To Be Reserved

Town Plan To Be Aired At Public Hearing Dec. 14

A pilot study with general plan, zoning map, and revised zoning regulations, the product of a year's work and research by Technical Planning Associates, of New Haven, and the Planning and Zoning Commission, will be presented for discussion at public hearings on Tuesday evening, Dec. 14 in the Town Hall.

At 7:30 that evening the commission will hold a hearing on the proposed zoning regulations which will supersede the now outdated regulations which were drafted in 1935.

At 8 o'clock another hearing will be called on the adoption of a pilot plan which involves the rezoning of the general town area into several classes of districts.

Final Changes Made
Final changes to the proposed zoning regulations were made at a meeting of the commission Wednesday evening. Copies of the pilot plan and of the proposed zoning regulations will be made available to the public by distribution through the Town Clerk's office.

Because the number of copies will be limited to a few hundred, a nominal fee or charge will be made on each booklet in order to insure that the copies are placed in the hands of people who have more than idle curiosity in the proposed changes.

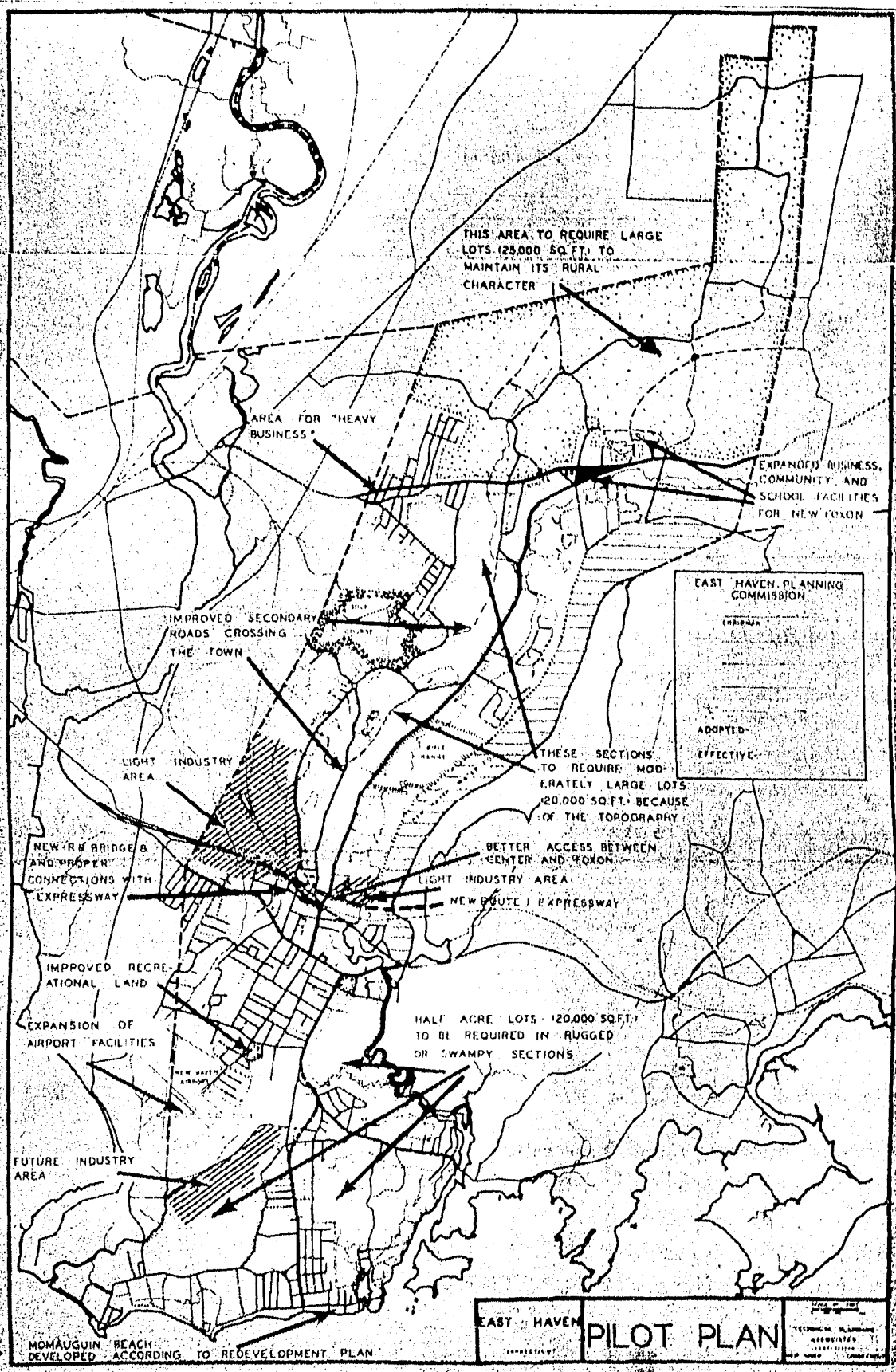
The public will have an opportunity to review and criticize the proposed regulations and plan, and their suggestions will be taken under advisement by the commission when it votes adoption of either.

The pilot study and report of 10 pages plus six maps and charts illustrating or defining zones and areas has been printed and is ready for distribution. The cost of printing is being handled by the Technical Planning.

Printing of the proposed zoning regulations will be at the expense of the Zoning Commission, and after the minor revisions are made, will be completed shortly.

The pilot study (already described at length in a previous issue of the NEWS) includes charts showing the Town's population growth in comparison with other area towns, and maps showing the distribution of population, general pattern of land use, traffic flow, and a proposed zoning map defining building lot requirements in the several districts.

It also includes a pilot plan map defining generally the new zones.



ZONING
"East Haven's present zoning regulations were adopted in 1936, and although they include many excellent requirements, they have not kept up with the town's progress. Accordingly they have been completely revised and a new map prepared to show the various districts.

"Four residence districts have been set up. The uses permitted in these include not only homes, but agriculture, forestry and truck gardening. Customary home occupations and home professional offices are also allowed.

"A glance at the map will show that the R-4 district requiring 25,000 square feet is found north of Route 80, in the still largely undeveloped rural part of town. By requiring large lots, it is hoped to insure an acceptable type of growth in that area and also to preclude any difficulties in the section due to poor septic tank drainage.

"R-1 zones are located in the closely built section of Foxon, Momauquin, Short Beach, and East Haven center. These allow the smaller lot size of 7,200 square feet

(60 x 120) because of better drainage or availability of public services such as fire protection, water supply or schools.

"R-2 sections may be said to cover generally the newer residential areas of East Haven, while R-3 has been set up to cover those parts of town that are more rugged or swampy and need larger (20,000 square feet) lots because of sanitary requirements."

PILOT PLAN
"Another important series of proposals concerns the establishment of new districts where desirable in-

dustries can be located as the opportunity arises. The principal areas are along the New Haven Railroad, especially in the westerly part of the town. Another area is along the southeasterly side of the airport. By being able to point to these sections as definitely planned for industry, it will be possible to increase their attractiveness to prospective enterprises which are of a kind to bring employment and added revenues to the town."

— from "A Pilot Study" by T. P. A.

Clancy Says He Favors Sale To Industry Only

More Than 200 Lots Put On The Block

Town-owned properties falling within the bounds of areas zoned for industry under the new town plan are to "set aside" for offering to industrial firms wishing to locate here, First Selectman Frank Clancy stated today.

The statement was made in connection with the annual advertising of Town-owned lots appearing in this week's issue of the NEWS, in which more than 200 pieces were announced as available for sale. Publication is required by law.

It came, also, in response to a query from the NEWS regarding the disposition of properties suitable for industry. Clancy was asked whether he favored the setting aside of such properties so that they could be offered at a reasonable and attractive price to industrial firms in search of sites.

List Advertised
The list of lots being advertised contain a number which, preliminary checking reveals, may fall inside at least one of the areas to be rezoned as suitable for light industry.

These include properties in the Oat Nuts Park section, on Ora Ave., Andover St., Merline Ave., Silver Sands Rd., Pratt Ave. and Coe Ave.

In answer to the question, Clancy pointed out that he doubted that the Board of Selectmen had actual power to reserve these properties, but that he felt it did have the power to reject any or all bids. He would himself oppose the sale of such properties for anything other than industrial use, he said.

The first selectman was asked whether he would favor the promotion of the sale of these properties to attract industry. He said he was in favor, but did not indicate, in the hurried interview which was unaided in between other business, what form this promotion would take.

Disposition Hampered
Clancy said that disposition of the properties, most of which have been acquired by the Town through tax delinquency, was hampered by denying the Board of Selectmen authorization to sell them by private sale.

At the last annual town meeting on October 4, an amendment was voted where-in the words "private sale" were stricken from item five granting powers of sale. As amended the authorization states: "5. To authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to convey at public auction any and all premises obtained by foreclosure or deed upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem advisable etc."

Clancy implied that the requirements of such action will serve to discourage bids on the properties. He said that he did not believe that they would be placed on auction all at one time, but that as soon as an offer is made on a given piece of property that it would have to be put under auction, selling to the highest bidder if the high bid was acceptable.

Sale of properties is not strictly on a caveat emptor (Let the buyer beware) basis, although the Town does not promise clear title, Clancy said. Buyers are required to deposit money, and must then conduct their own title search. If they have clear title, the balance is paid and the property sold. If not, he said, the deposit is refunded.

Some Set Aside For Parks
Properties have been set aside in previous lists as recreation areas, Clancy said, in response to another question, that he doubted that additional suitable properties for parks or recreation were available in the list.

It was suggested that promotion of sales of property suited for industry might be turned over to private agencies such as the local Chamber of Commerce or to a special agency set up by the Town. Clancy appeared interested in this proposal, but made no direct comment on it.

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GOP Hopes Are Dashed As J. Grady Is Named To Zoning Commission

Republican hopes for continued control of the Planning and Zoning Commission were dashed this week with the revelation that Jerome Grady, 29, of 32 River Rd., a Democrat, is to be appointed to succeed George McManus, a Republican, whose term expired last August. His term will be five years from last September 1.

M.V. Registration Switch To Avoid Taxes Is Spiked

A dodge of transferring ownership of automobiles between husband and wife each year is not going to help many people avoid taxes this year. Tax Collector Salvatore Longobardi announced.

Longobardi revealed that a large number of East Haven couples have been switching registration of their autos from spouse to spouse. This, he said, because the State Motor Vehicle Department will not renew registration on an auto whose owner has failed to pay his property tax on his car the previous year.

Although the appointment of a Democrat to the five-man board is a natural expectation under a Democratic first selectman, hopes for McManus' re-appointment were sustained by: 1) First Selectman Frank Clancy's admitted admiration of, and friendship for, McManus; 2) delay of Clancy's announcement for three months and until after the election.

News Greeted Soberly
The news was greeted soberly by McManus and the two other GOP members of the commission at a meeting Wednesday night in the Town Hall, although they appeared somewhat chagrined. The commission was informed by a NEWS reporter of Clancy's choice following a discussion regarding the status of McManus, who up until this time had been kept up in the air.

However, the State informed the local office that renewal of registration can be blocked if the state Motor Vehicle Department is notified of such evasion.

In the meantime the Tax Collector's office is preparing about 55 summonses on tax delinquent property owners. The papers will be served by the sheriff shortly unless the property owners come forth with the taxes they owe the Town, Longobardi said.

Chamber of Commerce To Meet On Monday

The Chamber of Commerce of East Haven will meet next Monday evening at 6:30 in the Annex House. The meeting will be held earlier this month because of the Christmas Shopping period when stores will remain open evenings starting Monday, Dec. 13.

Revisions of by-laws, already proposed by the by-laws committee, will not be voted upon until the January meeting.

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Court Pays Tribute To Thomas F. Reilly

A moment of silence was observed in Town Court Monday morning in tribute to the late Thomas F. Reilly, local attorney and one-time Deputy Judge of the court. The observance was ordered by Judge Vincent Fasano.

Prospects Of A Trial Run Into Foxon Dimming

Start of a trial bus run between Foxon and the center of East Haven by the end of this week was out of the question much to the disappointment of local merchants.

Donald Bartlett, president of the Chamber of Commerce, announced however, that there was still some hope of getting the 30-day trial run started for the Christmas shopping season.

C. G. G. Constitution Will Bar Political Leadership

Political or governmental officers will not be permitted to hold offices in the newly organized East Haven Citizens for Good Government according to a proposed constitution which may be presented tonight at an organizational meeting of the group in the Hagan Library.

The bar is being incorporated in the constitution to prevent the C.G.G. from being taken over by any political party or group as-

sociated with the local government, according to Robert Hall, acting chairman. He said the main aim is to preserve the group as a non-partisan body.

E. William Muehl, chairman of the group's temporary nominating committee, is also expected to present a slate of temporary officers at tonight's meeting. The officers will serve until the first annual meeting of the group is held next March.

Only Registered Voters
Chairman Hall revealed that the proposed constitution will limit membership in the C.G.G. to registered voters of East Haven.

Under the proposed constitution, officers are to be elected by the membership by majority vote. In addition to the four top officers, there will be five standing committee chairmen to be named by the organization's chairman with the approval of the membership.

Together with the four top officers these committee chairmen will constitute the executive committee, Hall said.

Article four of the proposed constitution states that "Any member in good standing may serve as an officer of the association, provided that he does not, during the term of his office, hold an elective or appointive position in any branch of government, in any political par-

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