

Consult lawyer on proposed mall site: planners

by Terri Howell
Three business owners interested in purchasing the Harrison Metal Works building on Vinden Street and turning it into an industrial mall, were cautioned by the Planning Board Monday night to consult a lawyer before

going any further. After deliberating in private for about 10 minutes, the planning board told Doug Peutz, owner of the Woodmen and representative of the purchasers, that he would need a lawyer to interpret the Planning Act and tell him whether they can legally proceed.

This is the second time Mr. Peutz has approached the board. Last night he told the members, that the three businesses - his wood-working business, a sheet metal business and an auto body repair were anxious to get an answer from the board and put in an offer to purchase on the building.

Mr. Peutz says he has had a run around since he first came to the town office for assistance.

Not knowing what steps to take initially, he approached planning administrator Doug Clute and asked for his advice. At that time Mr. Clute suggested he make a deputation to the planning board and an application for rezoning of the property.

The land which the Harrison Metal Works building sits on is zoned residential. At the moment the carpet warehouse and sheet metal business that are using the building are legal non-conforming

uses. The application for rezoning asked that the land be zoned to allow industry to move in.

When the three businessmen made their application at a meeting last month, the planning board felt that as long as they didn't make any renovations to the building, they could move in and continue the legal non-conforming use.

Before the three men left, the meeting Chairman Wayne Dewitt told them the board would discuss their application and get in touch with them.

Doug Peutz said when he didn't hear anything from the board he telephoned Mr. Clute. He said Mr. Clute told him to phone Wayne Dewitt. He said he didn't get any answer so he decided to present himself at the social meeting of the board on Monday.

The Planning Board decided that the situation was a little stickier than it first appeared at the Monday meeting. Mr. Clute suggested that the new businesses couldn't continue as legal non-conforming uses since the building hadn't been used for the proposed new uses before.

He told them to get the land rezoned would take a minimum of six months.

The board decided that it wasn't in their power to tell Mr. Peutz to go ahead. They suggested a lawyer be consulted to answer that question and told him that he might have to make an application to the Committee of Adjustment.



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The Banners of Revolt. Carnegie. This is the concluding and fifth novel in "Destiny of Eagles" the epic work by Sacha Carnegie which traces the fortunes of the Polish Barinski family.

The Scofield Diagnosis. Denker. Dr. Jean Scofield, neurologist, is the central figure in Henry Denker's new novel, his most dramatic and explosive book to date.

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Wild Birds of Canada and the Americas. Shortt. 598.2971 SHO. Notes, observations, and sketches of a field artist, Terence Michael Shortt.

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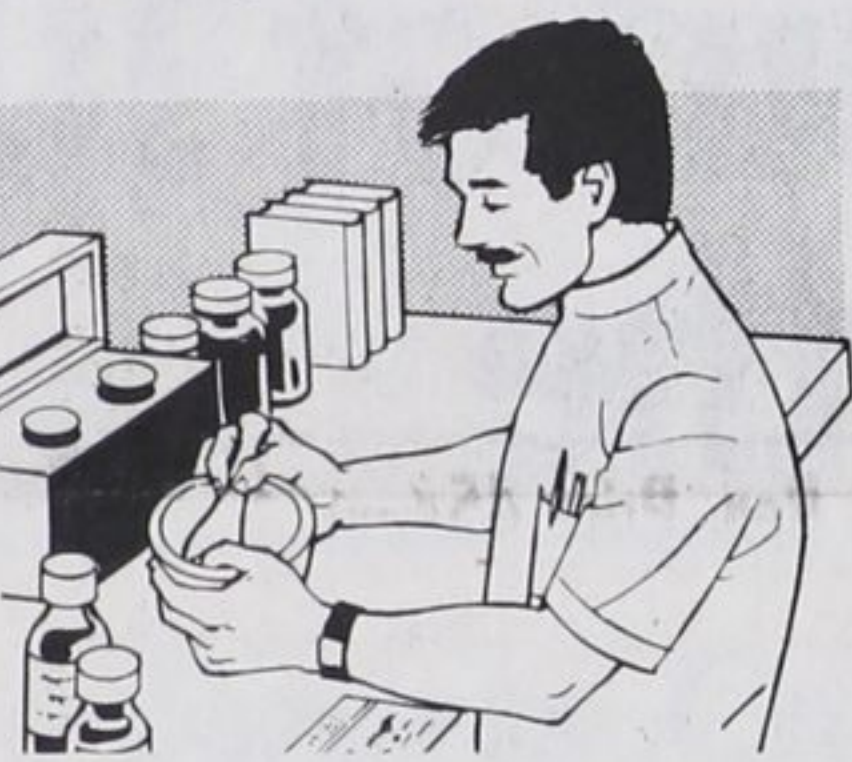
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Alec and George Ingram, who were born in Midland at the turn of the century, have fond memories of a pair of mules—Minnie and Jessie—that their father, a former livery operator, kept. Minnie and Jessie could do a day's work, but their occasional fits of stubbornness necessitated the use of the stout stick carried by the young man on the left.

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