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**R.O.'s BUDGET OVER VILLAGE**

City Commission Passes Sum Three Times As Great As Birmingham's

Royal Oak's budget for 1928 is more than twice that of Birmingham this year, according to a comparison of reports by the respective commissions. Royal Oak's allowance is \$749,092 as compared with the \$319,444, budget of this village.

The tax rate in Royal Oak has been reduced from \$15 to \$14.75, however, increased valuation and added interest and credits make possible the lower rate.

Salaries Boosted. Royal Oak salaries increased include: Mrs. Minnie Reeves, city treasurer, from \$2,400 to \$3,000; Dr. Ralph M. Vincent, director of public health, from \$1,500 to \$1,800; Duncan McRae, assessor, from \$2,000 to \$3,000; Herb Schettler, city inspector, from \$2,700 to \$2,850; E. M. Shafter, city engineer and assistant city manager, from \$3,900 to \$4,200; and Charles R. Hauke, assistant city engineer, from \$3,000 to \$3,300.

A reduction of \$6,680 is made in the allowance for the police department, although increases in salary are provided for several members of the department. Chief Lloyd McClintock's salary remains at \$3,000, provision is made for an acting captain to receive \$2,400, two lieutenants at \$2,250, four sergeants at \$2,200, one detective at \$2,100, 11 patrolmen at \$2,100 and four patrolmen at \$2,000.

Clerk Laurence Tubbs is given an increase from \$1,900 to \$2,000. He was recently given charge of the photographic department, in addition to his regular duties.

Martin Bishop, chief of the fire department, is to receive his former salary of \$3,000, and provision is made for four lieutenants at \$2,100, 16 firemen at salaries ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,000 depending upon their time in the service, and a sum of \$1,500 is allotted to the volunteer department. Two of the four lieutenants are to be located at the new Webster road fire station, which is to be opened within a few weeks.

The tax rate in Royal Oak has been lowered each year since 1925, when it was \$16.50 per \$1,000. In 1926 the figure was \$15.50, in 1927 it was \$15 and this year it is to be \$14.75. The assessed valuation of the city has increased from \$29,469,206 in 1926 to \$36,987,335 this year, the budget report states.

Main Items. The principal items included in the budget are:

General fund	\$157,181
Streets	55,000
Interest and sinking fund	228,036
Sewer fund	19,700
Fire department	60,000
Police department	77,000
Library fund	29,000
Street lighting	44,000
Contingent fund	26,500

WOMAN FINED. Mrs. W. N. Barnfield, no street address given, Pontiac, appeared before Justice Floyd Buck Thursday charged with speeding. She paid a \$10 fine. The arrest was made by patrolman George Townsend.

**FRENCH PILOT TUNES UP PLANE FOR OCEAN ATTEMPT**



Detroit, French aviator, who is planning a Paris to New York non-stop flight alone, shown here, landing at Le Bourget Field, Paris, after a test flight to Algiers, Morocco, and return. His plane, an Avimet, is practically an all-metal copy of the Spirit of St. Louis. Inset is a closeup of the flyer.

**CLOWNING AN ART, SAY CIRCUS GROUP COMING TO PONTIAC**

In clowns are combined the heart and humor of a circus, and it is not surprising that they have played an important part in the advancement of this amusement. For ages clowns have maintained the integrity of their art and make-up and their fun has been clean and wholesome.

"Stunts that clowns do comically must be planned seriously, and it takes a keen and inventive mind to create tomfoolery for a circus," says Charles Sparks, proprietor of the Sparks show.

"The modern clown must be a producer, an originator and quick to take advantage of events occurring and mechanical aids up to roars of spontaneous mirth."

Paul Wenzel, internationally famous producing clown, heads the army of funny men coming to Pontiac Saturday afternoon. Circus, Charlie Fortuna, noted French pantomimist; Sig. Bon Home, European funny man, and scores of others comprise this sea-

**EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS SINGER**

Eddie McGrath, well known Detroit singer, connected with the public relations department of the Detroit Creamery company, accompanied by Clyde Wood, pianist, delighted members of the Birmingham Exchange club at their Tuesday noon meeting at Lone Pine Tea House. Mr. McGrath sang a dozen songs, some of them humorous, some of them sentimental. As usual, he made a real hit with his audience.

Robert R. Allen, president of the club, spoke briefly on the National Exchange Convention to be held from July 22 to 27 at Toledo, O., and obtained the names of six Exchanges who will use an airplane to get there for the occasion.

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**News Of Baldwin H. S. And Other Schools**

**31 RUNNERS CROSS PLATE**

**Baldwin Loses To Grosse Pointe In Orgy Of Scoring**

In a game where 31 men crossed home plate to score, Grosse Pointe upset Birmingham by a score of 20-11, last Thursday afternoon at Grosse Pointe.

A flock of hits by the home aggregation and a multitude of errors by the Baldwinites enabled the victors to pile up this large record. Grosse Pointe hit safely 19 times while visiting batters cracked out 14 hits. Three pitchers were employed by the Birmingham nine in an effort to stop the run-fest led by the local players.

The first three innings Birmingham led the scoring, the third chapter ending 10-8. Following this Birmingham recorded only one more run while the home batters added 12, six of which are accounted for in the sixth inning. Errors in the Maroon infield allowed many of Grosse Pointe's runs to seep through.

To-morrow afternoon Coach George Johnson's squad travels to Wyandotte to battle in the third league game. The first two S. E. A. A. games were dropped to Royal Oak and Grosse Pointe.

Score by innings:

Birmingham	2	4	1	0	0	—11
Grosse Pte.	4	4	0	3	3	—20
Box score:						
Grosse Pointe	AB	R	H	SH		
Gladden, 2b	5	1	4	0		

Refor, 3b	3	2	3	0
Krapp, ss	4	4	2	1
Fuchs, 1b	4	4	3	1
Brison, c	5	4	2	0
Nicholson, cf	5	3	1	1
Manley, lf	5	3	0	0
Klein, rf	4	0	1	0
Snell, p	5	0	0	0
Ericson, p	2	0	0	0
Totals	40	20	19	3
Birmingham	AB	R	H	SH
Gooney, 2b	3	2	1	0
Wedge, p	4	1	1	1
H. Schwarze, ss	4	1	3	0
Mix, c	5	0	2	0
McGregor, lf	5	2	1	1
R. Schwarze, 1b	3	2	2	0
Ford, rf	1	0	0	0
McGregor, p	1	0	0	0
Neal, cf	2	1	0	0
Root, cf	3	2	2	0
Ladd, lf	3	1	1	1
Totals	31	11	14	2
Umpire:	McMahon.			

**MAROON-WHITE STAFF CHANGES**

Announcement of three changes in the staff of the Maroon and White, official publication of Baldwin High School, were made this week.

Catherine Carr has been promoted to the position of girls' sport editor, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Lilly Baldwin. Miss Carr has had considerable experience in this line previously, and was selected with the approval of the resigning editor.

Nelson Woltman and George Waagy have been chosen to fill the positions of boys' sport editor and assistant sport editor, respectively. They fill vacancies left when the resignations of Jack Savage and Jack Moss were received.

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