

This I always hope to do to... matter what may happen to me as I journey upon this planet... in the ultimate good life I will never forsake me. Let me always vision life as good!

NEWS and THAT

Every year the daily weekly newspaper men and women of Michigan hold a three-day meeting... together under the banner of the University Press Club.

For instance, on the program two weeks ago were such members as U. M. faculty as Arthur Evan Wood, professor of sociology, who talked on "The Super-Industrial Revolution."

Fielding H. Yost is always a welcome guest at these meetings... he was there again this year, and he presented a paper on "The Blackboard Struggles of the Football Players."

Michigan weekly newspapers were accorded an honor by their daily contemporaries when they met at the University Press Club...

Other speakers on the program included Paul Hutchinson, managing editor of the Christian Century, Junius B. Wood, of the Chicago Daily News...

MICHIGAN HONORS 2 LOCAL STUDENTS
Two students from Birmingham have been named winners in a football at the University of Michigan.

TORRENCE AIDS STATE IN GAS TAX FIGHT
J. E. Torrence, president of the Torrence Oil Company here and recognized authority on petroleum, has been appointed by Frank Cox to supervise the enforcement of the new gasoline tax law in the Detroit district.

PRINTING PROBLEMS are involved on our publication. Following this issue the Editor's office will be moved to 111, 112, or 113, as he will be able to send a copy to you.

OLD SANTA WRITES His First Letter To Children Here

Santa Claus Palace, Iceberg Square, North Pole

Dear Boys and Girls: Well, here it is, almost Christmas time again, and things around my palace are busy humming merrily with hundreds of Browns busting and busting making toys and games and...

Just like last year, the editor of the North Pole just as fast as he receives them, and already I've got them in a jiffy. I'm sure you are all anxious to get them in the last minute rush.

I like boys and girls to be good, and I like you to write letters in as fast as you can and I'll put my Browns right to work on them.

You know this year my Browns and I are going to have a lot more work to do than ever before. (Turn to Page 3, No. 3)

Committees assisting the chairman are as follows: George Jones, Forest Groves, Robert Emmet, George Stephenson, Park Street, Samuel E. East, Sales Committee—Vernon Griffith, James Anderson, Robert F. (Turn to Page 3, No. 3)

Irving B. Babcock Named Defendant in Damage Laws of 3 Crash Victims
Irving B. Babcock, Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills, and Elgie Morrison, an employee on the Babcock estate, were named defendants in three damage suits totaling \$48,000 filed in Oakland County Tuesday.

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3 TOWNSHIPS BECOMING AGAINST STATE

Bloomfield, Avon, Waterford Claim Unfair Valuations

That the State Tax Commission's new property valuations in Bloomfield, Waterford and Avon Townships be set aside after this year and the county board of equalization's figures be used in the collection of 1932 and 1933 taxes was asked in three law suits filed in Oakland County Circuit Court last Saturday.

The suits, which will have no bearing on this winter's tax collection, came as a climax to a long siege of opposition expressed by taxpayers of the three townships to the Commission's figures on the grounds they are inaccurate, unqualified and excessively high.

George House, E. F. Keller, William A. Smith, J. W. Boyghner and M. D. Davis are the individual plaintiffs named in the suits. (Turn to Page 3, No. 3)

THIRD MATTHEWS TRIAL UNDECIDED
Prosecutor May Drop Misdemeanor Charge After Second Disagreement
Eugene A. Walling, assistant Wayne County prosecuting attorney, was still undecided yesterday whether to drop a charge of manslaughter against Charles S. Matthews, 455 Chesterfield road, Birmingham, on a charge of manslaughter, or whether the case would be held for trial.

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Property Owners Division Re-Elects Shain Chairman

Charles J. Shain, prominent local druggist, president of the Birmingham Savings Bank and former village president, was re-elected chairman of the Property Owners' Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board at the annual organization meeting held in the community house last night.

John S. Black was named vice-chairman, J. B. Howarth, treasurer, and K. McClellan, secretary. Directors of the Property Owners' Division, elected at the annual meeting of the entire group last week, are Mr. Shain, Mr. McClellan, Mr. Black, Edward Bryant, John Endicott, H. S. Gray, W. C. Harris, Henry Hart, Charles E. James, John E. Martz, S. V. Norton, Charles B. Randall, F. S. Stetson, and William M. Story and Eugene Walton.

Officers of the Real Estate Board will be elected at the annual meeting to be held in the Brown Betty Tea Room on West Maple avenue next Wednesday night. (Turn to Page 3, No. 3)

REID REELED WELFARE HEAD
Relief Committee Appoints Assistant Supervisor in Correlation Work
At a meeting of the executive committee of the Birmingham Unemployment Relief Committee, Tuesday night of last week, L. H. Reid, director of the township supervisor, was made director of welfare for the work to be handled here by the committee. Reid was directed to engage the full-time services of Mrs. Arlene Lyth, a well-known business worker, and to have her investigate and suggest relief for all cases under Mr. Reid's department. This move was made by the executive committee to insure the central clearing house for the committee's combined relief efforts.

Persons or organizations who wish to give aid are requested to furnish Mr. Reid's office, telephone 1424, with information of their contributions, or they may receive from him the names of families to whom their contributions will be kept confidential. The committee has pointed out: In the winter months, continues on the food and clothing committee, and the dispensary station at 1717 Woodward avenue, will receive commodities for distribution. The committee on clothing, headed by Mrs. Reid, will help supply over the response it has found. It also is the food committee headed by Mrs. Reid, which will help supply over the response it has found. It also is the food committee headed by Mrs. Reid, which will help supply over the response it has found.

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The State Tax Commission Takes Its Pen In Hand

There is little indication that the State Tax Commission met with any appreciable success in its desire "to explain the re-assessment of the County and quiet all kinds of rumors that have been floating around concerning the work of the Tax Commission," as was the intent in the Commission's own words, of a statement ("the first of a series that the way") issued to newspapers in and around the county last week.

And little wonder, too. Outside of attempting to shift the blame for anything the Commission might have done Governor Brucker's shoulders, the statement failed to "explain" anything except what the people already know. It did not explain what the people do not know and that they are anxious to find out. The statement pointed out, for instance, such obvious truisms as that "no more, and no less, state taxes have fallen upon the county," and that "exactly the same sum of money would have been spread on the rolls for this December if the Commission had stayed entirely out of the county."

If the Commission, in the words of its own statement, had been careful "to obtain the whole facts regarding the state board of equalization last year," it would have understood that since the rolls bearing the new taxes have been returned to the various townships and the totals aggregated state tax to be levied against the county this year, the new total valuations on each township are generally only slightly higher than those established by the state board of equalization last year.

Everybody knows this and has known it since the rolls were returned, which means that every taxpayer in the county has known the commission's statement as that "exactly the same sum of money would have been spread on the rolls for this December if the Commission had stayed entirely out of the county." No, Oakland County has no quarrel with the State Tax Commission over the sum total of taxes which its new valuations will cause to be levied against the county this year, with the Commission over the division of that total amongst individual taxpayers and amongst individual townships.

It is not failed to "explain" its statement. It has not explained why the Townships of Pontiac and Royal Oak and the Cities of Pontiac, Royal Oak, Ferndale and Westland have not received the rest of the county; and it does not explain why the property of some individuals. (Turn to Page 2, No. 2)

HILLS GETS NEW ZONING ORDINANCE
Erection of Multiple Dwellings Allowed For First Time
A new zoning ordinance for Bloomfield Hills Village, which permits the erection of multiple dwellings in the village, was adopted by the Bloomfield Hills Commission Tuesday night at its regular meeting. Formerly only single residences had been allowed within the boundaries of the village. The new ordinance also permits the erection of buildings for two or more families, with the maximum number of units in any lot with Woodward avenue frontage. The ordinance also increased the minimum size lot requirement in the village from 20,000 to 30,000 square feet. The new ordinance, expressing their desire to retain the strictly residential character of the village, was adopted by the Commission Tuesday night. The new ordinance was drafted by Commissioner Joseph H. Hunsley, Jr., and approved by the Commission Tuesday night. The ordinance will be in effect immediately.

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PARRY OUSTS SCHLAACK, Mrs. Haldane; Recommends \$9,000 Wage Slash

Commission Approves
A reduction of about \$9,000 per year in the village payroll and the release of two employees was approved by the Village Commission Monday night on the recommendation of Mr. Schlaack and Mr. James W. Parry, township manager. The village payroll is now \$100,000. The release of two employees would save \$1,800, and the release of the street department, Mr. Alcega, would save \$1,800, and Mrs. Alcega, policeman.

The wage reductions apply to every employee on the village payroll, with the highest salaries receiving the greatest cuts. The reductions determined are 15 percent on all salaries of \$5,000 over, of which Mr. Parry's own salary of \$5,600 is the only one; 10 percent on all salaries from \$3,000 to \$5,000; and 5 percent on all salaries from \$1,800 to \$3,000.

The wage reductions were approved by formal resolution which the mayor had introduced. The resolution was approved by a vote of 12 to 2. The resolution was approved by a vote of 12 to 2. The resolution was approved by a vote of 12 to 2.

Actions Are Silent
No discussion accompanied either action. Commissioner Maurice Lowman did not vote either on the resolution or the report, and Commissioner Fred L. Tucker did not vote on the resolution, although he did approve the report. Mr. Lowman and Mr. Tucker had said after the meeting that they had not studied the facts of the cases sufficiently to enable them to vote intelligently. Monday night's action was the Commission's first answer to the demands of Justice of the Peace Arthur J. Tuggey, who, in his recent attack on the village administration, demanded the cutting of 12 employees and reductions in the salaries of several others. (Turn to Page 2, No. 4)

TAX STATEMENTS READY TUESDAY

Part Payments To Be Accepted, Treasurer Says
Statements for the winter tax in Bloomfield Township will probably be issued next Tuesday, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. R. Margaret Plummer, township treasurer. Four extra clerks have been working on the books since they were returned from the State Tax Commission a few weeks ago. No collection fee will be charged this year until after Jan. 10, when the regular 4 percent charge will be made for late payments, and Mrs. Plummer said that any part of any taxpayers' total bill if he is unable to pay it all, she will accept. Formerly a 1 percent collection fee was charged on all bills, but a few weeks ago she abolished this fee. Mrs. Plummer said that the township will accept part payments of tax bills was made specially to enable school taxes to be paid in cases where the remainder of the items could not be met.

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