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As we venture forth into the affairs of the world, we find in it too much of the predatory instincts of the jungle. Mankind, as yet, neglects God and sets up his own selfish system—and then does not trust himself.

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

If there be any truth to the allegation that boys of today are worse than their fathers and grandfathers, this must be the reason: the advent of the safety razor has almost eliminated the old fashioned razor strap, and the only tanning children get is from the summer's sun.

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Remember 'way back when Governor Brucker said "for the faith and integrity of our fair State, to protect our innocent boys and girls, the blind pigs in Michigan must go forever"—or words to that effect. Remember?

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One of the most effective methods for the reduction of the cost of Oakland County's government is for the various city and village councils and commissions to band together, concentrating their abilities and their experiences in the interest of the whole people.

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Here's a paradox in patches! He was telling a friend: "When I was a boy I wore patches on my pants. Now that I am a man, and have grown broader, I can't afford patches anymore."

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A little boosting now and then
Is relished by the most of men!
No matter what your job may be
If cutting hay or serving tea,
From drafting laws to making shot—
A little boost may mean a lot.
A cheery word, a kindly smile—
A friendly nod once in a while
May be the sending of the trick
For some poor chap, who's slipping back.
It isn't "blarney," "bunk" nor "show"
To give a guy a glad "Hello"—
And let him know, you mean it, too—
For somehow it comes back to you
And makes for you a brighter day.
The moral is—again I say—
It's relished by the most of men—
A little boosting now and then.
J. Bateman.

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One of the first signs of real intelligence is a willingness to seek, and to accept, the truth.

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If the average newspaper editor published every item that is brought to his attention, he would set one portion of a community against the other. One of the most difficult tasks confronting a conscientious newspaperman is what not to print.

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Six years ago the professional politicians really started in to talk about farm relief. Since then, as any rural citizen will tell you, the farmer has been relieved of plenty.

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We understand that there are in the neighborhood of 120,000,000 cats in the United States. Some folks claim the cats to be all in one neighborhood, too.

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Experts tell us that the world needs economy to restore prosperity. What an excellent argument for all nations to sink their navies, and disband their armies!

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Even upon the abandonment of the gold standard, England still feels it good business to pay its bills.

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Drive On

Traffic Officer (stopping car with lady at the wheel): "Say, where's the fire?"

Lady Driver: "In your eyes, you great big gorgeous patrolman!"

—College Humor.

AUTUMN

"Today the peace of autumn pervades the world,
In the radiant noon, silent and motionless, the wide stillness rests like a tired bird spreading its wings of golden green.
Today the thread of the river flows without song, leaving no mark on its sandy banks.
The many distant villages bask in the sun with eyes closed in idle and languid slumber.
In the stillness, I hear in every blade of grass, in every speck of dust, in every part of my own body, in the visible and invisible worlds, in the planets, the sun and the stars, the joyous dance of the atoms through endless time—the myriad tone-weaving waves of rythm surrounding Thy throne."—Tagore.

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In spite of man's self-created hard times the chances are that spring next year will usher in another season of growth to trees, flowers, and garden truck. Nature, you see, brings in its arms the perennial promises of life. What a wonderful pattern it sets for mankind to live—and let live!

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It requires considerable time to solve the farm problem—even by legislation.

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One great trouble with the modern stock exchange is that it disproves the adage that "a fair exchange is no robbery."

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In the vicinity of New York a certain sheriff, whose salary (Turn to Page 2, No. 4)

SHOWDOWN IS SEEN IN ROW OVER PAYROLL

Tuggey, Property Owners Expected To Ask Cuts In Village Expenses

PARRY, CORSON RAPPED

The attack on the village administration which has flared forth at the last three meetings of the Commission is expected to come to a head next Monday night with definite demands for reductions in the salaries and personnel of village employes.

Suggested revision of the present schedule is expected to be made at that time by Justice of the Peace Arthur J. Tuggey, who has been foremost in carrying the attack to the Commission to date, and further recommendations are looked for from a committee of the Property Owners' Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board.

This committee was appointed at a meeting of the executive board of the Division Tuesday night, and has been invited by Village President Harry Allen to sit in with the Commission in the preparation of the 1932 budget, preliminary recommendations for which are expected to be presented Monday night by James W. Parry, village manager.

Crowd Disappointed

Further rumors of waste and mismanagement in village government, and specific charges of "hiding away" on the part of one employe, which Tuggey had promised to reveal at last Monday night's meeting of the Commission, failed to materialize when Tuggey and Allen disagreed as to whether the charges were to be made in open or closed session. A crowd of citizens, including a few women, who filled every seat in the Commission room and overflowed into the aisles, was plainly disappointed at the turn of events.

In the absence of any further brush between Tuggey and the Commission, however, the meeting furnished its quota of thrills through the medium of an harangue by John Elder, 276 North Bates street, who appeared to reiterate charges made at a previous meeting that the village was not giving the unemployed in Birmingham "a square deal," and to charge Parry with "carelessness" and neglect in performing his duties.

Allen gave Tuggey first opportunity to speak when he called on the latter to bring out the criticisms he had promised at the last meeting.

Tuggey Refuted

Tuggey admitted that he had offered the air "peculiar criticisms (Turn to Page 2, No. 3)

42 STREET LIGHTS TO BE DARKENED

Detroit Edison Consents To Agreement Saving Village $4,032

A saving of $4,032 in village expenditures is expected to follow the consumation of an agreement between the Commission and the Detroit Edison Company for the discontinuance of 42 street lamps on Woodward avenue outside the main business district.

In a letter from Ralph W. Bricker, district manager of the company, read at Monday's meeting of the Commission, the company agreed to turn out every other lamp north from Oakland avenue and south from Brown street as had been requested by the village about six weeks ago.

The letter made no reference to the Commission's inquiry regarding the possibility of lighting the south end of the Village along the newly completed Woodward avenue paving, but the terms of the communication were accepted by the Commission when it was agreed that they would not interfere with the moving of several lamps to the new highway from other points in the village as had been proposed.

Tuesday night, the Bloomfield Hills Commission instructed the clerk to address a letter to the Detroit Edison Company asking if some arrangement could not be made whereby its lighting bill could be reduced.

Bloomfield Hills' street lighting expense is about $750 per month or about $9,000 per year, according to William M. Story, the clerk.

HAVE YOU MET?

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Berges who moved to Birmingham from Jackson, Mich., in August. They are now domiciled at the corner of Lincoln road and Westchester Way. They have one son, Bobbie, who is 5½ years old, and who attends the kindergarten at the Quarton School.

Mr. Berges is manager of the Detroit office of the E. W. Bliss Company, a New York concern.

LEGION PLANS ANNUAL ARMISTICE DAY BALL

The Birmingham Post of the American Legion will make its special observance of Armistice Day here next Wednesday, although its members have been invited to join the parade sponsored by the Pontiac post at the county seat, it was announced by post officials yesterday.

The only event in commemoration of Armistice Day in Birmingham will be the Legion's annual Armistice Day ball in the Community House on Tuesday evening, to which the public is invited. J. B. Minton is chairman of the affair.

LOVETT SCORNS RED "MENACE"

Manufacturers' Association Secretary Says Russia Is No Threat

Russia, in its present Soviet setup, will never be either a military or an industrial menace to the world, nor will its development of agriculture ever threaten the markets of other countries, Russia is definitely a serf nation, with a mere handful of "smart" politicians in control.

That is what John L. Lovett, secretary of the Michigan Manufacturers' Association, who made a trip into the interior of Russia this past summer, told a combined meeting of Birmingham service clubs at the Community House Tuesday night.

The affair brought together members of the Rotary, Exchange, Lions, and Gyrophyte Clubs. George B. Boutwell, president of the Rotary Club, sponsors of the meeting, presided. Harry A. Bassett, chairman of the Rotary Club's program committee, introduced Mr. Lovett.

Traces History

Prefacing his observations of the Russia of today with a glimpse into its ancient history, Mr. Lovett pointed out that the Russian is an oriental, and lives and thrives upon oriental methods of occultism.

"Russia is two and one-half times as large as the United States, and contains 165,000,000 people, 80 per cent of whom are serfs, or peasants of the most illiterate and ignorant type," declared Mr. Lovett. "Russia's history is one of shameful, cruel rule, did not come into world recognition until the Romanoff dynasty came into power in the early part of the 17th Century.

"Under the Czarist rule the people were held in utter subjection, while the reigning class built up an easy life for themselves. The first modern outbreak against the Romanoffs came about in 1905 when a movement headed by the Bolsheviks resulted in the recognition of divorce by the Greek Catholic state church, some representation in government, and ownership of land.

Women Furnish Strength

"The women were largely responsible for the change. They have been, and still are, the real strength in Russia. They do most of the work, even the heavy labor. Even today, I observed, most of the men merely stand around and watch the women work.

"In 1917 the Romanoffs were killed, and the so-called Red, or Communist, came into power. This group is still in power, but now under the leadership of Stalin, secretary of the Communist Party."

Education Needed

Mr. Lovett, who went to Russia to investigate credit conditions for Michigan manufacturers, described the life of the Russians under the present scheme of government. He believes that organizations will be required to educate and bring Russia up to a position of governmental and economic equality with the great powers of the world.

He stated that Russia's "five year plan" is designed for three major purposes: first, to develop its military system; second, to develop its natural resources, of which it has many; and third, to increase its agricultural pursuits by using modern farm machinery on great government farms, thus eliminating eventually the ignorant peasant class in Russia's widely scattered towns and villages.

The removal of the peasant class is designed as a strategic political move, since the 80 per cent population is the real menace of the present, or any other, form of government.

Urges Recognition

"So, never fear that Russia is getting into an immediate position to threaten the security, either military or econmic, of the balance (Turn to Page 2, No. 5)

PLAN COMMISSION CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

Curtailment of expenditures resulted Tuesday night in the abolishment of the Bloomfield Hills Village planning commission when S. V. Norton, chairman of the body, sent a letter of resignation to the Village Commission in which he pointed out that the village's policy of economy had cut off the planning commission's budgetary appropriation and that the body was apparently no longer needed.

The resignation and books of the planning commission were accepted with regret and the village clerk was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Norton for his past services on the body.

BALDWIN GRID TEAM SUBDUES CRANBROOK, 7-0

Onslaught In First Quarter Overwhelms Hills Visitors

FUMBLES REDUCE SCORE

The Maroon and White of Baldwin High was flung to the sky in victory over Pierce Field Friday afternoon when the Maple eleven rode roughshod over Cranbrook School in 7 to 0 conquest.

It was one the sweetest draughts of victory ever tasted by a Baldwin football team, for not only did it avenge a stinging 20 to 19 defeat administered last year by the Hills team, Baldwin's bitterest rival, but it was quaffed with comparative ease.

The final score gives little indication of the relative strength displayed by the two teams. The lighter, shiftier, more determined Baldwin squad outplayed its neighbors almost at every turn, especially in the first quarter when it ripped the highly touted Cranbrook line to shreds to score first down after first down and convert one spirited offensive into a touchdown.

Fumbles Are Costly

Not until the second half did the Cranbrook aggregation find itself, and then it was only to put up a desperate fight in an attempt to hold the Maples on even ground. Just once—and that late in the fourth quarter—did the Keppelmen come even within 25 yards of a touchdown.

The losers were saved from what would have undoubtedly been a much wider margin of defeat only by several costly fumbles on the part of Coach Robinson's backs.

The most heartbreaking for Maroon and White supporters came in the second period when Halsey, substituting for Hunt at fullback, dropped the ball on Cranbrook's two-yard line when he seemed bound straight for a certain touchdown.

Whistle Spoils Score

Earlier in the same period Bunyan had fumbled on Cranbrook's 9-yard stripe on the fourth down, giving the enemy a chance to punt out of danger. The timekeeper's whistle at the half, giving Birmingham in possession of the ball on Cranbrook's 4-yard mark, blasted the Maples' hopes for another touchdown.

The game was a ladder to glory for Eddie Rocheleau, Baldwin half-pint halfback, who squirmed and twisted, plunged and galloped his way to yard after yard through center from the 4-yard line to register his first touchdown. Through center from the 4-yard line to register his first touchdown. He, with his backfield running mates, must be given the lion's share of the credit for Baldwin's victory, although the Maple line also gave its best performance of the season in piercing the Cranbrook wall and stopping the enemy's offense.

Raymond Missed

The Blue and Gray attack, suffering a severe handicap from the absence of Captain Raymond who was ineligible on account of the three-year rule which both teams were required to meet, was built around Rauch, the fullback, who did the punting and passing and also relied on to gain most of the ground.

Bunyan scored Baldwin's touchdown shortly after the middle of the opening quarter on a plunge through center from the 4-yard line where the ball had been placed after a costly Cranbrook fumble, an exchange of punts, long gains through the line by Rocheleau and Harris, and a forward pass from Harris to Rocheleau which netted nine yards. Usher, Baldwin captian, place- (Turn to Page 3, No. 7)

What Would YOU Do?

Each week an Eccentric reporter asks two persons what they would do to relieve the economic depression and improve general social conditions.

Gus Franks, restaurant proprietor: "I don't believe there is anything to worry very greatly about from our present condition. It is only a sickness from which we have suffered before and always recovered, and we will recover again.

"Although I don't know of any quick-cure medicine which will hasten the recovery, I believe that if people would follow one motto they would help things considerably. That is: 'Keep your eyes closed and your hands open.'

"In other words it seems to me it is the duty of the fortunate to do all they can to help the unfortunate. After all, it is only by chance that their fates are not reversed, so why should not the man with money, who is only luckier but not necessarily more intelligent than his neighbor, be willing to give some of it to help his needy brothers?

"More human kindness, mixed with wise economy, is what we need today."

John Hendricks, janitor in the Municipal Building: "That's a hard question and one that I would not care to answer on the spur of the moment. However, I believe that a good deal of our trouble today lies in the inability of the average wage earner to put away in savings any of his earnings. Prosperity is one of the worst things this country ever experienced.

"I also believe that the government should do something to force private employers to take care of their employes in times like these. Henry Ford, for instance, could spend five or 10 million dollars to aid his men just as well as not."

RENTALS. Furnished houses: Lovely home, 8 rooms, 2 baths, oil burner, large lot, $125 month. Another, 6 rooms, garage, $59. Both well located. Unfurnished, 8 room house on corner, 2-car garage, shade and shrubbery, $60. 6 room house, large lot, lovely trees, $56. Half double house, $30.00. House in terrace on corner, $35. Another, $25. 2-room furnished apt., heated, $40.

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FILMS TO ILLUSTRATE LECTURE FOR SCOUTS

Moving pictures of exciting scenes and picturesque spots in Spain and Morocco will be used to illustrate a lecture to be given in the Community House Friday evening by Col. Edwin S. George for the benefit of the Camp George Fund of the Birmingham Boy Scouts.

The pictures were taken by Colonel George himself on a recent trip. The lecture, beginning at 7:30 P. M., will be open to the public. Ticket sales are moving rapidly, according to the committee on arrangements.

SCHOOLS' SCRIP ON SALE TODAY

Board Hopes To Sell Enough To Meet $5,250 Payroll Friday

A total of $50,000 worth of scrip issued by the Birmingham School Board will go on sale today in the two local banks and in the office of the board at Baldwin High School.

Issuance of the scrip was voted last week when the board was confronted with the problem of being unable to receive a loan until the tax situation in Oakland County is cleared up, and of seeing its final cash nearly exhausted.

Of the $10,500 remaining on hand last week, half was used to the teachers for salaries last Friday, representing 50 percent of a two-weeks' payroll. The board hopes to sell enough scrip today and tomorrow morning to be able to meet the remainder of the payroll in cash tomorrow afternoon.

The scrip bears 6 per cent interest and is redeemable in six months. It will also be accepted by the Township Treasurer in payment of school taxes.

BRUCKER MUM ON TAX PLEA

Property Owners Still Wait Answer To Removal Demand

The attempt of Bloomfield Township taxpayers to obtain the removal of the State Tax Commission from Oakland County and prevent the spread of the commission's new valuations on this year's tax rolls is at a standstill today, with the taxpayers still awaiting a reply from Governor Brucker on the request, issued two weeks ago at a meeting of the Property Owners Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board, to bring him to demand the commission's removal.

The Governor's only response to date has been the appointment of Wayne Newton, Detroit tax expert, to check the new valuations and investigate charges of unfairness and inconsistencies in the assessments.

A meeting of dissatisfied Bloomfield Hills residents, called by su- (Turn to Page 2, No. 6)

3 Bloomfield Hills Police To Lose Jobs

Three Bloomfield Hills police officers, Hillagl Brady, Frederick Powell and Parks Huff, will be dropped from the force after Nov. 30 when their services in patrolling Cranbrook Foundation property will no longer be needed.

In a letter addressed to the Bloomfield Hills Commission Tuesday night by James Lee Colgrove, secretary of the foundation, it was stated that Cranbrook had decided to dispense with the services of the three officers, but gave no reason for the decision.

Property Owners' Division Raps Township For Passing Budget At 'Secret' Meeting

Board Approves Expenditures Of $112,876.50; All Items Cut

$8,500 FIRE TAX OKAYED

Expenditures totalling $112,876.50 are provided in the budget for 1931 adopted by the Bloomfield Township Board at a special meeting Monday afternoon. It is the first time the township ever budgeted its expenditures in advance.

The budget is drafted to entail a reduction in expenses of $51,317.54 from the $164,194.44 spent in 1931 for the three items which comprise the general township costs—general fund expenditures, highway improvement and road repair.

The general fund includes salaries, park fund and miscellaneous expenditures. The budget total does not include school or special assessment levies. Among the latter is an item of $8,500 added by the board Monday for the establishment of a township fire department.

$4,000 For Equipment

The fire tax will be levied against the entire township exclusive of incorporated areas and of the West Long Lake district, residents of which protested against being taxed for fire protection. As proposed at the meeting, $4,000 will be spent for equipment and $4,500 for firemen's services during the first year.

The equipment will consist of a truck with 250 feet of hose, 450 gallon water tank and pump capable of pumping 500 gallons per minute. Each piece will be bought separately and the equipment assembled by township employes at the township highway garage in Bloomfield Hills where the truck will be housed.

Two full-time firemen will be hired, probably at $1,500 per year, the remaining $1,500 to be paid to volunteers.

Heavy Cuts Shown

The slash in the 1931 budget, together with the sums spent for the same items in 1931 and the percentages of decrease provided for the coming year, follow:

	Spent in 1931	New Budget	Decrease
General Fund	$100,314.15	$84,878.16	22.3%
Highway Improvement	$6,438.17	26,292.66	42.91
Road Repair	18,141.73	13,432.14	27.16
Salary items constitute $21,742 of the general fund expenditures.			

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VILLAGE HEALTH OFFICER REBUKED

Hills Commission Questions Roehm's Authority In Pasteurization Order

That all distributors of milk in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills have been ordered by health officers of the two villages to provide immediately for the pasteurization of their product was revealed Tuesday night at the meeting of the Bloomfield Hills Commission when John Endicott, owner of a dairy herd on Charing Cross road, appeared with a communication to that effect addressed to E. W. Lackie, of Crooks road, the distributes milk for Mr. Endicott in this section.

The communication was signed by Dr. Harold R. Roehm, Bloomfield Hills health officer. It ordered Mr. Lackie to cease distributing milk unless it was pasteurized. An ordinance drawn up by Dr. Roehm authorizing the village to enforce the order on all milk distributors in Bloomfield Hills, was presented to the Commission for adoption.

Both the communication and the ordinance met with a cool reception when the Commissioners questioned Dr. Roehm's authority in preparing the ordinance, and knowledge of the Commission. The ordinance was tabled and the clerk was instructed to inform the health officer to withhold action until further investigation.

The move was taken after Mr. Endicott had convinced the Commissioners that his herd was clean and that he might be forced out of business if Dr. Roehm's order were complied with, since, Mr. Endicott said, his customers would refuse to buy pasteurized milk.

That Mr. Lackie and other distributors have received similar notices that their milk must be pasteurized from Dr. William Lloyd Kemp, Birmingham health officer, was confirmed yesterday by Dr. Kemp himself, who said the notices were sent out about two weeks ago, and that he believed they were being generally complied with. There is no ordinance in the village which makes pasteurization compulsory, he said.

Both Dr. Roehm and Dr. Kemp declared that the danger of undulant fever from unclean cattle was the principal reason for their action, but said that with the exception of one case n Birmingham there is no present indication of the disease in this section.

Church Audience To Hear Hospital Director Sunday

Dr. Yoder

Dr. M. Yoder, medical director at Ypsilanti State Hospital, will be the speaker at next Sunday evening's services in the Birmingham Presbyterian Chuch. His appearance is being sponsored by the Presbyterian Men's Club.

Dr. Yoder has for the past 10 years been associated with the state hospital at Kalamazoo as physician and later as assistant superintendent. So valuable were his services in the field of psychiatry that when the new state hospital was to be opened at Ypsilanti he was selected to become medical director.

The experience of Dr. Yoder has brought him in contact with many unusual mental states. Dr. Yoder will speak on the theme "What I Believe," discussing conditions of the future and community which contribute to produce mental disorders, and illustrating from actual cases.

COUNTY NAMES POOR COMMISSION

Stiffler, Wilson, Pryale Elected On Plan Expected To Save Thousands

C. B. Stiffler, 871 Poppleton avenue, Birmingham, C. B. Wilson, Bloomfield Hills, and Harry M. Pryale, Pontiac, were named by the County Board of Supervisors yesterday to replace the former County Poor Commissioners who were voted out of office Monday in accordance with a plan expected to save the county thousands of dollars in more efficient control of poor relief.

The plan was proposed by a committee headed by Supervisor Perry A. Vaughan of Bloomfield Township, and assisted by Supervisors Morris M. Jay and Frank S. Springer.

Mr. Wilson is former president of the Wilson Foundry and Machine Company; Mr. Stiffler is assistant to the president of the Oakland Motor Car Company; and Mr. Pryale is a building contractor. All three were chosen for their executive ability in an attempt to find a solution for Oakland County's costliest problem—relief administration.

The members of the new commission will serve for $10 each per year. Mr. Stiffler was elected for a three-year term, Mr. Wilson for two years and Mr. Pryale for one year. They will take office immediately.

Magazine Cites Eliel Saarinen

Eliel Saarinen, resident architect of Cranbrook Foundation, is among the list of celebrities nominated for the Hall of Fame by the November issue of the magazine "Vanity Fair."

"This Finnish genius," declares the Hall of Fame editor, "is the most distinguished of Scandinavian architects. In 1922 he received second prize in the great competition for the Chicago Tribune building, and though not a modernist, he has for 10 years profoundly influenced the trend of modern architecture."

MEMORIAL SERVICE POSTPONED

The memorial service for the late Charles A. Bingham which was to have been held next Sunday, has been postponed one week and will be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at 3 P. M. Sunday, Nov. 15, it was announced yesterday by members of the various clubs of which Mr. Bingham was a member and which are sponsoring the service.

Statement Charges Act "Will Not Bear Scrutiny;" Board Dissents

SECRECY CLAIM DENIED

Group indignation over the fact that the Bloomfield Township Board passed its new budget "at a secret and special meeting, without granting any hearings to taxpayers," was expressed in a statement issued yesterday by the executive committee of the Property Owners Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board.

The statement implies that the fact taxpayers were not informed beforehand that the budget was to be passed is an "inference" that "the budget as set up cannot stand close scrutiny," even though it carries reductions of $51,317 from the expenditures of 1931.

The issue grew more heated yesterday with the denial of members of the township Board that the Property Owners Division had given any indication that it was interested in the budget, and affirmations from Charles J. Shain, chairman of the Division, that he had conferred with at least two of the board members repeatedly asking to allow a committee of the Property Owners to sit in with the board to make suggestions when the budget was to be studied and adopted.

Statement Given

The statement of the Property Owners Division follows in full:

"**The action of the Township Board in passing its new budget at a secret and special meeting, without granting any hearings to taxpayers, is ill-advised, to say the least, in the opinion of the executive committee of the local Property Owners Division.**

"**The only inference to be drawn from such conduct must be that the budget as set up cannot stand close scrutiny. Necessity of haste can hardly be the plea because Supervisor Perry Vaughn maintains that the budget had been ready for a month, except for the amount needed for fire protection.**

"**What it is claimed that material reductions have been made, we believe the taxpayers who employ the Township Board, have a right to know budget figures before, rather than after they have been voted.**

"**During the year 1931, many expenses which should have been allowed to stand, including the salary of an engineer at $80 a week, altho no engineering service was performed. We believe it is time for the taxpayers to assert their rights and to know in advance how much of a tax burden is to be placed upon them and for what purpose it is to be used.**

Members of the Township Board yesterday either denied they had been approached by members of the Property Owners' Division concerning the budget, or said they were unable to remember.

"I don't remember that any of them said anything to me about it," said Perry A. Vaughan, township supervisor, "although I wouldn't say for sure whether they did or not.

"However, I would be perfectly willing to open the budget for reconsideration, and change any items the Property Owners can convince us ought to be changed. We are perfectly willing to co-operate with them."

James V. Bayley, township clerk, denied flatly that anybody representing the Division had talked with him about the budget.

Bayley Makes Denial

"Nobody said anything to me about it, although they may have spoken to Mr. Vaughan or other (Turn to Page 2, No. 1)

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