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When women learn to look on marriage as a training school for life, instead of as life as a training school for marriage, there will be greater happiness in their world.

THIS and THAT

By C. R. A.

Detroit's difficulty in obtaining funds with which to carry on welfare work ought at least to provide some intelligent people with food—for thought.

Michigan's State Tax Commission recognizes the havoc being played by the depression and reduces the state real and personal tax valuation a billion dollars, or from nearly eight to less than seven billions. That ought to suggest decreases in state expenditures, too.

Governor Green suggests that some the former German Kaiser will be restored to his throne. If he is restored, I'm going to sell Niagara Falls to the flying fish, and with the proceeds buy a nice quiet corner wooded lot in Amphitrite, and after that we'll spend our Saturday afternoons motoring with the Sphinx.

The Detroit Free Press, crusading in Oakland County through its correspondent, Lawrence McCracken, declares that all Oakland County News Will Be Printed.* This declaration was occasioned by the fact that County Prosecutor Clarence L. Smith recently arrested, and immediately released, Ed Free, News photographer who had took ten Smith's picture. We commend the Free Press for its stand, and would remind Mr. Smith that his childish resistance to being photographed really gives him out of focus in the public's camera eye.

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Comparatively speaking, a small percentage of banks in our country went into the hands of receivers since 1929. It is true that Michigan suffered to some extent, but that was probably due to some inability of the state Banking Department to handle the situation. On the other hand, banks under greater federal supervision and scrutiny have survived in better shape which is some credit to the national authorities. It is gratifying, though, to observe that the Bloomfield Hills Savings Bank paid out every penny to its depositors two weeks ago. The former Birmingham Savings Bank, too, is paying its depositors 100 cents on the dollar for each depositor. Yes, sufficient proof exists today that there is good business sense in plenty of sound banks.

That banks and bankers appreciate the same manner in which the Eccentric newspaper has handled Michigan's banking news during the troubled times is seen in the following resolution, adopted recently by the Michigan Bankers Association:

WHEREAS, the newspapers of the state under the most trying conditions, have preserved the detached impartiality of their recent columns at a time when much of the news has been decidedly unpleasant, and

WHEREAS, the publication of recent unpleasant facts brought a general realization of the necessity of drastic remedies, and

WHEREAS, the newspapers of the state have not allowed themselves to become the victims of hysteria, but have maintained the high traditions of journalism, refraining from disseminating alarming sensational rumors and falsehood, and using their power to safeguard the interest of their community from such attacks by individuals and organizations that were essentially un-American.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Bankers Association hereby expresses its appreciation of the state for their major contribution in steadying the social, economic, industrial and business structure of our communities they serve, the State of Michigan and the country as a whole.

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A few days ago four citizens of Wyoming Township, adjoining Grand Rapids, called on me to aid them in obtaining information upon the subject of township government. They were taken over to the Eccentric office, where under the helpful guidance of Lloyd Reid, assistant supervisor, much needed information was imparted to them. Each of them was loud in his praise of Reid, agreeing that "he certainly is an accommodating chap." The four citizens referred to were George F. Tillma, Jr., of the Township of Wyoming Township; Al J. Elder, clerk; Jacob Vrodevorgd, highway commissioner, and J. John Pope, publisher of the Grandville Star. Wyoming Township is in Kent County, contains nearly 20,000 people, has an assessed valuation of $12,000,000, and has the one village, Grandville, within its borders. Its officials, aided by Pope, are seeking to formulate a type of governmental machinery adapted to Wyoming Township's needs—and in their find what they want they will seek state legislation at Lansing to make their plan possible. Tilma, the supervisor, was formerly mayor of Grand Rapids. "I recognize the loose manner in which laws have

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HILLS CHARTER VOTE WILL BE HELD SEPT. 10

City Constitution Ready For Approval; Commission To Be Named

MANAGER IS OPTIONAL

Bloomfield Hills voters will go to the polls Saturday, Sept. 10, to approve or reject the charter under which it proposes to incorporate as a city, and to elect its first City Commission.

The date for the election was set by the charter commission at its final meeting Friday night, when it applied the finishing touches to the proposed new charter.

As drafted, the charter calls for a five-man Commission, one member of which would be elected mayor by the other members. It leaves the hiring of a city manager to the judgement of the City Commission, and provides for a City Court to be presided over by a municipal judge who must not necessarily be an attorney. The charter will be published in full in next week's issue of The Eccentric.

Candidates for the City Commission will be nominated by petitions which must be filed with the clerk on or before Saturday Aug. 20.

According to Clerk William M. Story, no candidates have yet expressed their intentions of running, although Harry L. Wallace and John Endicott, members of the present Village Commission, have announced definitely that they will not consent to enter the race. and Village President Luther D. Allen, who has held that position since Bloomfield Hills was first incorporated five years ago, has also said he does not intend to be a candidate. Commissioner M. B. Whittlesey plans to move to Bloomfield Hills before the election and will therefore be ineligible.

The proposed new charter was framed in a series of meetings by an elected commission of nine men, including W. T. Barbour, W. Tallaferro, George E. Roehm, Laurence F. Smith, A. R. Glancy, E. S. Nichols, Joseph H. Hunter, M. Allen and Mr. Story.

Despite the early date of the charter election, Bloomfield Hills will nevertheless be forced to pay its share of the township tax levy this winter, according to Supervisor Perry A. Vaughan.

RESUME WORK ON WIDER WOODWARD

State Awards Paving Contract For East Lane Gap North Of Oak Street

Completion of the new Wider Woodward avenue except for the strip immediately through Birmingham had been begun today with the commencement of work on the 1.438 mile stretch from Oak street north to the cross-over at Bloomfield Hills.

The contract for the work—a 40-foot concrete pavement to constitute the last lane of the double highway—was awarded by the highway committee of the State Administrative Board Friday to the Taylor Brothers Construction Company of Birmingham which bid for the job at $64,27.78.

Preliminary work on sewers and curbs was begun Monday. Grading for the pavement was done last spring. The completed job is expected to be finished within a month or five weeks.

The contract was one of several let by the State Friday for projects all over Michigan, representing an expenditure of $500,000.

1932 TAX PAYMENTS GAIN $5,000 IN WEEK

Collections of 1932 village taxes rose about $5,000 during the past week according to Village Treasurer Charles E. Plumstead. A total of $85,633 had been paid up to yesterday, he said. This is nearly 32 percent of the total levy, and only a fraction of percent behind the collection at the same time last year.

Special assessment taxes paid in up to Wednesday amounted to $3,738, or nearly 4 percent of the total.

Only 13 MORE DAYS TO REGISTER!

All voters in Birmingham and Bloomfield Township must re-register in accordance with the new state permanent registration law before Aug. 24 to be eligible to vote in the next national and state elections.

Where to register—Office of village or township clerks in the Municipal Building. Residents of Troy Township may register at the Troy Town Hall. Bloomfield Hills residents register in the Barbour Building.

The Municipal Building will be open every morning and afternoon, including Saturday, until Aug. 24.

Township Budget Promised Before Village-City Ballot

Advocates Of City Form Question Tentative Figures, So Board Will Act

By ALLEN TENNY

The Bloomfield Township Board, in the words of Supervisor Perry A. Vaughan himself, "will stay up all night if necessary" to adopt a budget before Birmingham's election on the village-city issue Sept. 6.

Not that any of the members are at all desirous of staying up all night for a detail even as important as a budget. But township officials are agreed that the amount of money they propose to spend between now and April 1 is likely to have an important bearing on the election, and they are willing—yes, eager—to get information to the voters before they go to the polls.

Estimate Questioned

All of which is introductory to the fact that an apparently innocent figure of $40,000, set forth of late week as a tentative township budget, is troubling some of the strategists in the village-city problem.

They are joined with Walter E. Connelly, member of the Village Commission as well as of the committee of the Property Owners' Division which submitted its own report on the question several months ago and recommended changes, in open questioning whether the depression has instilled into Bloomfield Township the ideal of economy in the extent that it can long keep up its operating expenses for next year, which is what a comparison of last year's $63,000 budget and the current proposal tends to show. Some have expressed the fear, in spite of official action by the Township Board.

The point is, that the lower are Bloomfield Township expenses the lower go Birmingham's township taxes, and, consequently, the less does the village gain by becoming a city. Just now, the estimate of $40,000, given particularly from figures furnished by Lloyd R. Reid, assistant supervisor, and Justice of the Peace David Levinson, is an important factor in the mass of data being assimilated by the Village Commission in its independent investigation of the village-city issue.

Shows Less To Village

The small total of $40,000 is to show that Birmingham would actually stand to lose about $6,000 next year by becoming a city. Mr. Connelly and other proponents, however, are prone to believe that when the proposed budget figure is revised in accordance with official action, and when some of the other data in the hands of the tabulated, the result will show Birmingham a loser by remaining a village.

"That budget estimate is not correct," declared Mr. Connelly, who was chiefly responsible for the figures which appeared in the Property Owners' report showing that Birmingham would be at considerable advantage in joining itself from the township, "and neither are the figures on poor relief!"

The poor relief estimates also under scrutiny by the Village Commission, are based on the assumption that Oakland County will return its welfare problem to individual townships Sept. 1 or Jan. 1. Under this arrangement, according to the figures Birmingham would be the loser by $2,600 if the township incorporates as a city. No one disputes the claim if the Board of Supervisors reverses its stand in October and keeps the present County Com-

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FIRST GARDEN AWARDS MADE

E. T. Atherton Wins Top Prize In Vegetable Division

Edward T. Atherton, 444 Baldwin avenue, was declared first prize winner in the vegetable garden division of Birmingham's First Yard and Garden Contest at prize awarding ceremonies held in the Birmingham Theater Friday night.

Second prize was won by Lloyd S. Nash, 1492 Birmingham boulevard, third prize by Mrs. R. W. Chissus, 1447 Dorchester road, and fourth prize by W. L. Winborn, 551 Chester street.

Dorothy McCormick, 1793 Pleasant avenue, and Robert Fisher, 269 Wimbleton drive, were given prizes for individual effort in the school children's vegetable garden project.

Mr. Atherton's first prize garden contained 24 different kinds of vegetables in 41 different varieties, arranged attractively in plots bordered with shrubs and flowers, threaded with walks, and dotted with arbors, fences and other ornaments.

The prizes were all donated by Birmingham merchants. First prize consisted of $5 in cash from Howard Bell, florist, and a $15 hooked rug from the Taylor Antique Shop.

Mr. Nash, as winner of second prize, received $3 in cash from Mr. Bell, and a bread box and canister set from the Huston Hardware Company. Mrs. Chissus was awarded an electric clock from Shain's Drug Store, and Mr. Winborn received $2 in cash from Mr. Bell and 100 pounds of Vigoro from the McClellan Feed and Salt Company.

Prizes in the school children's division included an order for a large cake from the Margery Allen Pastry Shop, and a pound of mixed nuts from Barr's House of Nuts.

The awards were made from the stage of the theater by Mrs. Craig H. Richey, vice-president of the Birmingham Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association which sponsored the contest in conjunction with other organizations, and George R. Averill, publisher of The Eccentric.

The awards were preceded by a few brief remarks from W. Whiting Raymond, general chairman, who explained how the contest originated, how its results the first year exceeded expectations and what the plans are that have already been made for continuing it as an annual event in the future. Final judging and awarding of prizes in the flower garden division will be made next month, he said.

Judges in the vegetable garden division were David H. Ladd, L. M. Baker and Harry D. Wise. Awards were made on the basis of the number of kinds of vegetables, general attractiveness, neatness, cultivation, health of plants, garden features and individual effort.

SERVICE CLUBS TO VISIT CRANBROOK

Members of the Birmingham Rotary, Exchange and Lions Clubs will join next Monday in an inspection tour of Cranbrook Foundation, at the invitation of James Lee Oliver, foundation secretary.

The tour will serve in the place of the regular luncheon meetings of all three clubs next week.

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Rotary Club Golf Team Gets Revenge

Trims Exchangites By 32 Strokes To Win Second Tournament Leg

Birmingham Rotary Club golfers squared matters with their Exchange Club rivals in the second round of the annual three-man inter-club tournament at Glen Oaks yesterday, winning by a score of 702 to 734 and thus offsetting the Exchangites victory in the first match last month. The Rotarians now hold a 32-stroke lead for the tourney, the final match of which will be played next month.

Members of the winning team and their scores were: Dr. Warren Gibson, 84; Chad M. Ritchie, 84; Charles E. James, 85; Louis Hall, 85; George Baldwin, 85; Charles O'Connor, 86; Harry Blasett, 94, and Elmer Hudson, 99.

The best eight scores turned in by Exchange Club golfers included Dr. Otto Beck, 86; E. W. Osborne, 89; Oscar Peterson, 90; David E. Anderson, 90; Oliver H. Kirk, 93; Harry S. Starr, 92; Rice A. Howell, 95, and Ralph Wilson, 99.

CONCORD ON LIGHTS NEAR

Vaughan Says Township Will Not Ask To Cancel All Contracts

Bloomfield Township will not attempt to turn off all its road lights, but will probably leave some lights burning on Woodward avenue and at the intersections, curves and hills of other highways, it was announced by Supervisor Perry A. Vaughan yesterday following a conference with officials of the Detroit Edison Company.

Mr. Vaughan conferred with the officials in regard to an act of the 1931 State Legislature, discovered by the township recently, which forbids townships from spending more than $3,000 annually for road lighting purposes. Bloomfield Township at present has contracts calling for an expenditure of about $12,000 per year.

Although it has already spent about $4,000 since the beginning of the fiscal year on April 1, it does not propose to ask the Edison Company to cancel all existing contracts for the remainder of this year, Mr. Vaughan said.

Some reductions will be asked to bring the township's outlay to about $250 a month for the remainder of this year, he declared, and this schedule, continued into next year would bring the township under the $3,000 limit for the future.

He said he believed Edison officials would be willing to agree to this proposal, and that the lights which will be continued will be indicated in a schedule which will probably be submitted at the next meeting of the Township Board.

RAPID BUSINESS UPTURN FORESEEN

Economist Student Predicts Unrivalled Prosperity By Next Spring In Club Speech

Prosperity has again inspected at the door of the United States, and by Aug. 15 every sector of the business world that can set in motion an unprecedented crop of good times will have been started. By next spring there will be such a demand for goods and materials that, for instance, if you want to buy a truck load of raw materials you will have to get ahead of the factory with your trucks and borrow it back—or else the strong demands of other buyers will sidetrack the stuff. Boom days such as prevailed in war years will be in land—and once again it will be fine for men to get rich, and their willingness to so easily forget, will govern the economic world, resulting in another period of prosperity.

That is the golden picture painted to Birmingham Exchangites Tuesday noon at the Community House by Frederick Stater, a Detroit architect, who for the past six months has made an extensive study of the business trends of the world, and the United States especially, since 1906.

Mr. Stater started out to investigate these cyclic business conditions that make for periods of prosperity and periods of depressions just for his own information; his research led him through many volumes of books and reams of statistics, placed him in touch with many other students and organizations, and in general revealed to him the fact that business trends are predictable in advance, and that they can avoid the evils of speculation if they but forget the records of the past.

"For the past 60 days the signs

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DID YOU KNOW

That J. M. Hardin was appointed superintendent of the Pine Knob Scout Camp five years ago?

That Sam Brant was born in Cosenza, Italy?

That Grover E. Cook passed the State Board of Pharmacy examination even before he was old enough to receive his papers?

ONLY HALF OF VOTERS HERE RE-REGISTER

Less Than 2,000 Comply With New Law As Deadline Nears

AUG. 24 IS LAST DAY

Less than 2,000 persons had registered in Bloomfield Township up to yesterday in accordance with the new permanent registration law, and unless the numbers show a decided increase within the next few days, hundreds of voters in the township will find themselves without the right to a ballot in the Sept. 13 primaries, clerks in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills Townships and Bloomfield Township warned yesterday.

There are approximately 4,000 names on the present election rolls of Bloomfield Township, and with less than half of those not yet re-registered, officials are looking forward to an almost unmanageable rush during the last few days before registrations can be made on Aug. 24.

Troy Is Behind

In Troy Township the situation is even more serious. There, less than 1,000 out of an expected 3,000 names have been registered, according to Clerk Glenn W. Ladd.

A total of 1,389 voters had registered with Miss Irene E. Hanley, Birmingham city clerk, up to yesterday, including 462 new persons in the village whose names were not on the old election rolls.

About 1922 had registered in the Bloomfield Township offices, according to Clerk James V. Bayley, while in Bloomfield Hills slightly more than 150 had complied with the new law.

Although several persons have suggested that members of the Birmingham police department be deputized to receive registrations during the evenings, no action has yet been taken in that regard, and Mr. Bayley believes the present facilities will be sufficient to handle all voters before the deadline.

Where To Register

Registrations are being received at the Municipal Building every morning and afternoon, including Saturday, and on Monday evenings between 7:30 and 8 P. M.

Residents of both Bloomfield Township and the Village of Birmingham may register with either the township or village clerk. Bloomfield Hills voters may register either in the Barbour Building or with the township clerk, while residents of both Troy Township and Birmingham may register either at the Troy Township Hall or the Municipal Building.

NEWTON DEFENDS STATE TAXATION

Large Reductions Would Increase Local Burdens, He Tells School Association

R. Wayne Newton, secretary of the State Commission of Inquiry on Farm Conditions, was the speaker at the first annual meeting of the Oakland County Rural Schools Association held at Bloomfield Township Park yesterday. Presque to Mr. Newton's speech, a tour of the Cranbrook Museum was made by the group and a picnic lunch was served at the park at noon.

The purpose of the organization is the betterment of conditions in rural schools in the county.

Mr. Newton, who was formerly a member of the Michigan State Farm Bureau and of a committee studying rural tax conditions under the Federal Department of

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200 At Oakland Hills Stag Day

Nearly 200 golfers took part in the annual Stag Day at Oakland Hills Country Club yesterday, foursome play began in the morning and continued until near sundown. In addition to the tournament, the players enjoyed a dinner in the evening with special entertainment.

A feature of the day was a match between Al Watrous, pro at Oakland Hills, and Tommy Armour, former American and British champion. They played the north course, with Eddie Good fellow, Detroit hockey star, teaming it with Watrous, and Lee Coleman teaming with Armour. In medal play Watrous won with a 64 to Armour's 65. The Armour-Coleman partnership won the foursome match, 1 up. Goodfellow had a 79 and Coleman a 76.

Starlings' Return Awaited By Sulphur And Brimstone

Genuine sulphur and brimstone odors are the not very pleasant greetings that await the return of a flock of starlings to their old roosting places in trees at the corner of Poppleton and Knox avenues—if they care, that is, about returning at all.

It isn't very likely that they will, for Tuesday night the second dousing of a week from the nozzle of a fire hose sounded up to full pitch, must have left at least a moist inking with the birds that they aren't wanted.

The starlings, thousands strong, first came to roost in the trees about two weeks ago. They would settle nightly at about dusk and fly away again early in the morning, chattering insistently for hours both on their arrival and departure.

Complaints of residents in the district brought out the fire department for the first time about 10 days ago. The first aquatic application was believed to have been successful, for the birds fled the watery salute at once, and failed to return the next day, or the next, or the next.

Monday night, however, neighbors clenched their teeth again as they saw the clouds of chattering pests return and settle once more on their favorite branches.

The birds were apparent for its second appearance Tuesday night and followed the second rout of the birds. Both Fire Chief Vernon Griffith and Village Manager James W. Parry are inclined to believe a third siege will not be necessary. They remember the same occurrence happened last year and that the second removal by the water method was permanent.

However, there's some research work being done these days for some different methods of causing starlings to leave homes. One already uncovered, Chief Griffith revealed yesterday, is sulphur and brimstone.

BARGAIN RENTALS
6-room cottage, $25. Half double house, $30. Another $25. 4 room house in Terrace, $35. Another, $25. Also HEATED lower duplex 4 rooms, $30. 7 room house, delightful location, modern. 3-car garage, $50. 6 room house, excellent location, fine shade, $40. Also finely FURNISHED home, 2 rooms, 2 baths, $75, if unfurnished, $65.
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Joe's Speech Stirs Picnickers To Riot

Kangaroo Candidate's Challenge To Clean Up Becomes A Boomerang

Joe J. Jackrabbit, the kangaroo politician who is a candidate for county dog commissioner in the Sept. 13 primary, caused a major riot among 3,000 party leaders, candidates and political henchmen gathered at Candidates' Park yesterday afternoon for the annual Larmer - Faberite picnic and rally.

The trouble began when a pair of hecklers in the back of the crowd started booing Joe when the latter was in the midst of an address dealing with the approaching elections.

It was learned later that the men had become angered when they discovered Joe had promised them each the same job if they would vote for him, and took to jeering his speech as a means of expressing their disapproval.

"I see he's a clean up the county, let's clean up this whole dirty political mess," Joe was saying.

"Yes, and let's clean up on the speaker, too!" shouted one of hecklers, and the pair started taking off their coats and rolling up their sleeves.

They had advanced only about two steps toward the speaker's platform when two burly policemen grabbed them by the collars and began pulling them back.

About half the crowd was for lynching the men and the other half for lynching the cops. Within 10 seconds the whole park was a seething mass of half-crazed riots, pulling hair, biting, kicking, screaming and punching.

There were no casualties, although Hank Hoopydoopy, Joe's campaign manager, who is pretty generally on hand whenever there's a fight in the offing, took two healthy wallops on the head with a baseball bat and was unconscious for 10 minutes before police reserves, called in from five nearby cities, could quiet the mob.

Joe himself, who ducked under a refreshment stand and ate ice cream cones while the fighting was in progress, came out after it was over and finished his speech in which he advocated, first, repeal of the 18th amendment, then of all the other amendments, and finally of the Constitution itself.

Today Is Children's Day At County Fair

Thursday will be children's day at the 52nd annual Oakland County fair which opened at Milford yesterday, attracting satisfactory crowds despite the threatening weather in the morning.

Free school children will be admitted free today, and the committee has promised special attractions for their entertainment. The exhibition will continue until Saturday evening with ball games, horse racing and platform shows in front of the grandstand every afternoon and evening.

A wide variety of the customary exhibits of livestock, farm produce and handiwork is on display, together with a special exhibit of the work of boys and girls' 4-H Clubs throughout the county. Judging of the exhibits will be done Friday.

HAVE YOU MET?—

Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Giffels, of 535 Kennesaw avenue who moved here recently from Detroit. Mr. Giffels is general manager of the Olympia Sports Arena in Detroit.

They have three children, Nancy, four years old; Peter, three, and Alice Ann, one and one half.

Board Approves 1932 School Tax Levy of $371,500

Budget Remains Unbalanced As McKinney Declares Sum Is "Not Enough"

RENEW EFFORT TO MEET DEFICIT

The Board of Education will meet again tonight to attempt to solve the problem of living within the income it expects to derive from the $871,800 tax levy adopted Tuesday for 1932-33.

The levy, which is $17,735 less than the $389,235 assessment of last year, was approved at the close of another four-hour session by a vote of 6 to 1. F. F. McKinney, who cast the lone dissenting vote, declared frankly, "I do not believe the amount is sufficient to run the schools."

Deficit Still Vexes

Although the tax levy was definitely approved, and the Board is agreed that it cannot hope for more than a 48 percent collection, no decision has yet been reached as to how the deficit in the budget will be met. It was Mr. McKinney's conviction that unless the levy were increased to the amount raised last year, balancing the budget would be an impossible task without putting the schools on half-day sessions.

Even with the levy increased from the previously proposed assessment of $354,000, and even though $111,000 in bonds are refunded, an admitted deficit of at least $86,000 will remain in the budget, to be made up in reductions in operating expenses.

Reductions contemplated in the Board's deliberations to date include drastic cuts in teachers' salaries, shortening of the school term to nine months and curtailment of work offered in art, music, manual training, physical education and domestic science, although the Board has yet failed to agree upon any combination which would be the least detrimental to the students' and teachers' welfare and at the same time effect the required saving.

Contracts Broken

Among the proposals offered Tuesday by members which met considerable favor, but which was found to be still $11,000 short of the $66,000 mark. In any event, the Board is free to make whatever new salary agreements with the teachers is necessary, since the 30-day clause was invoked last week to break all existing contracts before the school term is scheduled to begin on Sept. 6.

Scrip issued by the School Board last year has become a serious factor in the current situation. About $44,000 of that paper is still outstanding, all of which will fall due within the next few months.

This scrip is secured by 38 percent of unpaid 1931 taxes, which are otherwise unencumbered. A Detroit bank which is owed $47,000 by the School Board as part of a loan borrowed in the spring of 1931 and against which, 1930 delinquent taxes were pledged as security, has asked that 40 percent of the 1931 taxes be pledged in addition.

Hope For New Loan

A majority of the Board favored adoption of a resolution authorizing the additional security Tuesday night, hoping that such an action would bring about a recommendation for a loan against anticipated 1932 taxes with which to retire the scrip, obligations and operate the school system until December.

A vote on the resolution was deferred, however, when Mr. McKinney objected on the grounds it would work a hardship against the holders of the scrip. On the basis of last year's collection of taxes, Mr. McKinney pointed out, not more than $60,000 in 1931

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There's Cash In Your Attic!

It's up there . . . in those articles you no longer want or need. Every day people sell you for something . . . through the Want Ads. Just last week The ECCENTRIC contained this ad:

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