

BOARD SHOWS SCHOOL SAVING

Expenses Held To \$119,000 Under 1931-32 Budget, Statement Reveals

The Board of Education effected actual savings of \$119,918.05 in its 1931-32 budget, ending with the close of the fiscal year on July 1, according to a statement on the financial condition of the Birmingham school system, distributed to members of the annual school district election Monday. The savings includes bond and interest charges which were refunded, totaling \$81,732.20.

Besides the actual savings, the budget itself was \$36,377.67 below that of the 1930-31 budget in operating expenses. Fixed charges were \$60,158.76 greater, principally because of a \$50,000 item set up as a reserve against delinquent taxes. Serial bonds falling due necessitated an increased appropriation of \$22,000.

Operation Drove \$16,400. The budgetary savings included, however, the \$97,322.20 refunding from \$44,644.95 for instruction, \$6,224.69 for supplies, \$16,023.63 for operation, \$2,704.41 for maintenance, \$6,020.43 for auxiliary agencies, and \$1,751.94 for capital outlay.

A comparison between the 1931-

32 budget and that of the previous year showed a decrease of \$6,255 in the appropriation for administration, \$32,936 for instruction, \$8,100 for supplies, \$12,775 for operation, \$3,650 for maintenance, \$700 for libraries, \$140 for books, and \$32,977.67 for capital outlay.

As compared with the \$119,918.05 actual having under the budget in 1931-32 the statement showed savings of \$63,772.76 were realized under the 1930-31 budget. In this year, however, the savings represented by refunding operations amounted to only \$36,972.25.

Delinquency Increases. The tax levy on the district in 1931 was \$389,237.75, as compared with a levy of \$398,238.75 in 1930. In 1931, \$181,730.77 was collected and \$205,506.98 retained by the district treasurer as delinquent; while in 1930, \$229,419.91 was collected and \$166,819.88 was retained.

The budget appropriation for instruction in 1931-32 was \$210,400. This was reduced in 1931-32 to \$177,480, a reduction of \$32,920 or 15.6 percent, according to the statement.

"The appropriation for instruction for 1932-33 is \$182,835," the statement read, "a further reduction of \$25,246 or 12.2 percent. In other words, the appropriation for instruction has been reduced by \$58,215 or 27.6 percent since 1930-31. This decrease in the appropriation is significant when the increase in the number of pupils is considered."

A New Age Of Literature Dawns In Doctors' Offices

That part of Birmingham's medical profession which has a penchant for literature—either verbal or pictorial—need have no fears that its tastes no matter how widely they may vary, will not be completely satisfied while waiting for a physician to treat their case, or for a dentist to extract that second molar.

For the literature-consuming magazines and periodicals—on the stand in the waiting room of the general Birmingham doctor and dentist is large in amount, high in quality and, yes, even quite recent in date.

No More Old Jobs. Gone, it seems, are the days when the doctor's waiting room was the depository for the family's reading matter, including magazines in which you could still find the job advertisement. It has been two other years and the picture of Walter Eckersall boogieing a drop kick from the 45-yard line of Chicago back in the 1910's.

No longer does the ubiquitous "read a magazine" associate itself with such readiness to the physician and dentist as it did not so many years ago. For the doctor today provides his waiting patients with a good variety of this month's magazines and picture papers, and reads fairly explicit instructions with his office girl to see that they don't accumulate too far back.

At just this was the impression gained from an informal tour of doctors' offices in Birmingham the other day, when it was discovered that magazines of the July vintage were much more numerous than those of, say, last December or even last March.

Vary in Number. The number of different magazines varies with each office. Some in Birmingham display only two or three; others have as many as eight or ten. One or two favorites can be found in almost every office without exception, although practically every taste is represented in the lot as a whole. From *Balloon* to the *Journal of Higher Education*.

Pictorial and movie magazines are especially popular. This was explained by several doctors as due to the fact that the average waiting time in their offices is so short that their patients prefer to look at pictures, rather than begin a long story or article.

Most magazines are purchased with the chief view of providing entertainment for the patient, although one dentist declared that he had decided to give up the attempt to cater to every taste, and

VILLAGE COLLECTS \$23,000 IN '32 TAX

Payments To Date Nearly Equal Those Of Last Year, Plumstead Says

Approximately \$23,000 in 1932 village taxes had been collected up to yesterday, according to Village Treasurer Charles R. Plumstead. The total was composed of about \$21,400 in general taxes, and about \$2,000 in special assessments.

Collections to date this year are approximately the same in amount as those of 1931, Mr. Plumstead said. During the first 13 days of July last year \$22,500 had collected in general taxes and \$2,470 in special assessments. Last year's levy was \$216,000, however, as compared with the 1932 roll of \$270,000.

Tax payments will be received without penalty up to Aug. 1, when a 1 percent fee will be added as in the past.

It was known of no reason that his father should commit suicide, although he intimated that he had lost several thousand dollars in business during the depression.

He had been in the habit of carrying a gun almost continuously, the son said, since he often had large sums of money about his person.

Kidnap Victim. The son also revealed that his father had been kidnaped and carried away from home for two days about seven months ago. He appeared reluctant to talk about the incident, and said he was unacquainted with the details.

Kuzin, who was a director in the Jewish Free Burial Association, Detroit, is survived by his widow and by six children between the ages of 4 and 29.

Kuzin's suicide has led to the issuance of an order from Chief Hackett to police officers, directing them to relieve all prisoners of belts, ties, handkerchiefs, suspenders and other articles on admittance.

(Concluded 3 from Page 1) The vote in favor of the township might mean a recovery of some of the money paid by the township to the South Point Development Company from whom the gravel pit was purchased on a contract for the sum of \$14,800. The amount still owed by the Township Board is approximately \$48,700.

Payment Withheld. A payment due from the Township Board to the Development Company April 15 was held up when it was learned that the Development Company, which originally purchased the land from the Opdyke estate, had asked that its payments be suspended for three years.

In the event that the Development Company failed to meet its obligations to the Opdyke Estate, the Township Board might be unable to secure a clear title to the property on the completion of its payments, Mr. Blackie pointed out.

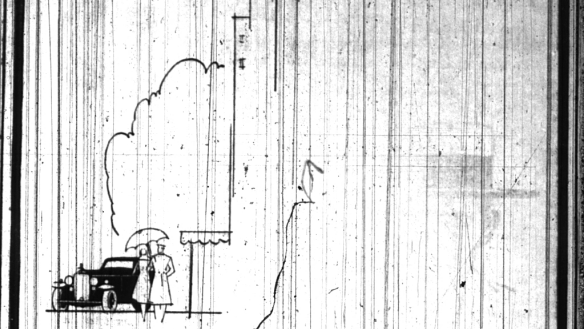
The purchase of the gravel pit by the township was declared illegal in an opinion handed down a year ago by George A. Cran, Oakland County Civil Counsel.

During the panic of 1897 it was said that there were times when the President could not afford his salary when due from the treasury.

Biobio river is the largest river in Chile.

Bisano is the chief port of Portuguese Guinea.

El Terry, born at Windsor, Conn., in 1792, made the first stocks by hand in the United States. The movement was



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Villagers and Village

By THE WANDERER

Friends of Gordon E. Joe Bailey, 404 East Maple street, are still chiding him about the pig which escaped from his basement recently, according to the advertiser's farm and barnyard informant.

Joe, it seems, was much the gift of a young porker, when he placed for temporary keeping in the basement. The next morning Porky was gone.

"So you see he couldn't have been a blind pig," Joe insists, "but he may have found his way out of the basement easily."

Although over a week has elapsed since the new postal law requiring three-cent stamps on first-class mail went into effect, several letters still come into the Birmingham postoffice. Lacking the necessary amount of postage, Postmaster James W. Cobb said yesterday. The amount of such mail has decreased, however, from approximately 600 letters a day for the first two or three days to about 25 at present, he said.

"If a letter lacks the three cents in postage we return it to the sender, providing it bears return address," Mr. Cobb said. "If there is no return address, we forward it to the addressee, who must pay the postage due by receipt of the letter. They soon learn the amount of postage necessary with this procedure."

When Princess Patricia Ann, a pet of Mrs. A. J. yellow-orange cat, belonging to Mrs. Claude A. Bowles of Bates street, was killed by a fire truck, she left four tiny new-born kittens. "Maggie," a two-year-old, long-haired police dog, who had been brought up with the Princess and her first kitten, "King," had shown keen interest in the new kittens and took to them, and when she realized that the mother was gone, she adopted them, and each feeding body she waits and watches as Mrs. Bowles feeds them with a medicine dropper, and each kitten glances, receives it eagerly, and licks it clean, completing its toilet as thoroughly as though it had never had a bath.

The kittens are put in their beds, and during the day they are under her care in the back porch, and at night she devotes to go adventuring. Mag-

gie seizes him fondly by the tail. The scruff of the neck and drags him back. Her old friends among the children and her chum, "King Tut," she does not permit to draw near her charges. "Maggie" has never had children of her own, but she has the maternal instinct and takes her new responsibility seriously.

Mr. Ripley might be interested in an exhibit now on display in the window of the Birmingham Hardware Company store, consisting of a corn stalk measuring 10 feet 6 inches tall—and cut early this month before the real heat of the summer had had opportunity to give it much of a boost!

The stalk is not a Michigan product, however. It was brought to Birmingham by C. W. Martin of Glasgow from a farm near Le Roy in the southern part of Illinois. Mr. Martin's old home. It bore two ears when harvested, and there was another stalk in the field even taller than this one," Mr. Martin declared.

Quits Congress Race To Seek County Job

Royal Oak Storekeeper Will Run For Drain Commissioner Instead Of Representative

Charles E. Hauke, proprietor of a confectionary store at Royal Oak and formerly connected with the Royal Oak city engineering department, has withdrawn from the contest for county commissioner from the 17th district and had become instead, a candidate for county drain commissioner on the Republican ticket.

It is his opinion that the Republicans in Oakland County should concentrate upon some popular and active candidate from our county in a decisive way to secure his nomination," Mr. Hauke said in announcing his change of plans.

"Unless some drastic action is taken along these lines, our party will awake after the primaries on Sept. 13 and realize that Oakland County has scooped the nomination. Never before have the Republicans in Oakland County been permitted a privilege such as this—to name and elect one of its own members to Congress."

FRIDAY CASH SATURDAY

Specials

Phone Orders Given Careful Attention

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