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By G. E. A.
Did you know that Jimmy Walker, New York's mayor, is a professional writer of songs? That he has written some of the most popular songs in America? You will love me in December as you did in May? Well, he is, and he is not a distant or a foreigner. This 41-year-old kid will stop singing in the future, but he has his greatest song hit, "The Ebony Day of New York."

There are no less than seven million radios in the United States, and about four million in Germany. A funny proposition in life suggests that the Germans must find it difficult to have their stoves of the type of so many of their own radios—to which I am inclined to reply that it is not so difficult as you are beginning to bother us Americans, too.

One of the reasons why I dislike to buy one of those expensive automobiles is that it is so hard to get it out of the hub caps.

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HOUSEWIVES HERE INVITED TO FREE COOKING SCHOOL

Birmingham and vicinity is going to have a free cooking school next week at the Community House.

It was assured early this week when The Eclectic found it possible to obtain the services of Miss Julia, Red Phillips, a nationally famous cooking author, who will be here Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Every woman, whether a bride of today or 20 or more years ago, is welcome to attend Miss Phillips' cooking school, to be held on the stage where a model kitchen will be erected.

It must be plain to even the most casual reader long before this time that the fault for waste and extravagance in public affairs is not the fault for the lack of money, but the lack of the proper use of money.

Each group contains a proportion of the radicals, conservatives; each its capitalists and its workmen; each its farmers and its financiers; each its idealists and cynics.

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GRADUATION PLANS MADE

Baccalaureate Service To Begin Baldwin Commencement Season

Complete programs for the graduation season were announced yesterday at Baldwin, Cranbrook and the Birmingham Ministers' Association.

Commencement ceremonies for the Baldwin graduating class of 27 students will begin Thursday night with the annual baccalaureate service in the Baptist Church.

At Cranbrook the past several years the service has been held in the Baldwin Auditorium, which this year's class accepted the invitation of the Birmingham Ministers' Association.

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HILLS VALUATION SET AT \$5,446,960

Blomfield Hills Village's assessed valuation for 1932 is \$5,446,960, or \$33,310 higher than last year, was revealed this week following Village Engineer Harry S. Starr's final check-up of the tax roll.

The tax rate is expected to be established by the Blomfield Hills Commission next Tuesday night. Indications are that the rate will be slightly higher than the \$7.125 of last year because of a reduction in anticipated revenue which will be made in the 1932 budget.

GIRL, 22, KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Whether an inquest will be held on the death of a 22-year-old girl who was killed in an auto crash at the corner of Quanton and Clarendon roads in which Miss Margaret Mauren, 22 years of age, was killed, depends on a statement to be made to the county prothonotary by coroner G. D. Blackbar.

Blackbar, who was painfully though not seriously injured in the crash, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, but was too ill to be seen by prothonotary.

The accident, which marred an otherwise happy holiday in Birmingham and the Hills, occurred when Blackbar, a Pleasant Hill resident, was driving a car traveling south on Cranbrook road, driven by Miss Margaret Mauren.

Mauren died of a basal skull fracture, which caused a hemorrhage in the brain, and she died two hours later. Her mother and sister, Josephine, also passenger in the car, were uninjured, as was Mr. Mauren.

Two children riding with Blackbar, Miss Harriet Mauren, 10, and Ann Parker, nine, children of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Parker, 960 Lakeside drive, Birmingham, were also injured.

Blackbar, car, none of whom was hurt, included Blackbar's two sons, Leonard, 11 years old, and a daughter, a daughter, Nandy, 10. Mrs. Blackbar and Mr. and Mrs. Parker were riding in the back seat, and Blackbar's machine home from a picnic the two families had attended.

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1932 TAX RATE SET AT \$12.00 LOWER VALUE

Commission Carries Out Original Plan Despite \$594,000 Drop

LEVY TO RAISE \$273,800

Conforming to its original intention despite an unexpected reduction in the assessed valuation, the village commission Tuesday night established the 1932 village tax rate at \$12 per thousand.

The rate was set following confirmation of the tax roll as submitted by the Board of Review, which assessed the village at \$22,816,440, or \$594,620 below that of last year. Real estate is valued on the roll at \$12,020,000 and personal property at \$860,420.

When it approved the 1932 budget in April, the Commission indicated the tax rate would be \$12, but the change in assessed valuation materialized in assessed valuation. Member were unanimous in the opinion, however, that further savings in operating expenses should be effected in preference to the establishment of a higher rate.

Confirmation of the tax roll and establishment of the rate was postponed until the village commission met on the merits of a system of tax payments on the installment plan.

Both Village President Harry A. Ewart and Councilman Lawrence J. Hubler objected to the plan, which could be worked out in conjunction with a change in the former village law, which conform to the period of tax collections.

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Wage To-City Change Argued In Open Hearing

Old Objections Raised As Civic Leaders Debate Live Issue

2ND MEETING SET FOR WEDNESDAY

The same arguments which four years ago were instrumental in defeating the proposition of changing the form of Birmingham's government to that of a city appeared again last night at a public hearing in the Commission Building.

Although the meeting was attended by only about 40 citizens, most of them were leaders in the public and civic life of the community, and intensely interested in the issue at hand.

At the very close of the meeting, the commission has declared definitely both in the opinion of its own members and in the opinion of the public that the proposed change would make no difference in the amount of tax levied on the school district, attendants at the hearing, still remembering an opinion expressed in a report of the committee which studied the question in 1928, in which it was stated that the change would be given further study.

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LIST 40 ENTRIES IN HORSE SHOW

Large Field Brings Earlier Start to the Hunt Event

With 40 entries listed, including a record number of entries in the hunt event, the Birmingham Hunt Club Saturday will be one of the largest and most successful in the club's history.

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GLASPIE NOMINATING PETITIONS CIRCULATED

Petitions nominating A. Bird Glaspie for Congress were being circulated in the 17th district on Tuesday.

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PLANS FOR INFORMAL PUBLIC RECEPTION FOR CLARENCE VIET NEAR COMPLETION

Plans were virtually complete today for the informal public reception for Clarence Viet, superintendent of Birmingham schools for the past 17 years, who is retiring on Friday.

The reception is being sponsored by the Rotary Club, of which Mr. Viet is a member, and a past-president.

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ALL-SCRIP PAY FACES TEACHERS

Birmingham school teachers will receive their salaries in the form of a half-trip, half-cash payroll Friday and emphatic decision of the School Board at a meeting Tuesday night to cut the \$29,000 interest obligation, part of which fell due yesterday.

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