Youth is the time o' life when human consciousness is preparing itself for the tasks of adult life. If youth were only taught and shown examples of what is RIGHT, it could almost re-make this old world in a single generation. What a heritage to adults is YOUTH!

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THIS and THAT

By C. R. A.

That you, as a state of consciousness, were not placed in the primitive environment of a Fiji Islander is and probably will always remain a mystery to you—for a time. When we did sort of take up to the world in which we live, and discovered that our personal lives were hemmed in by rules and regulations of a herded-up society, we were shocked from our childhood impressions of life into the cold realities of a so-called civilized world. And so, because we have been projected into a complex society, where the rights of the other fellow are as necessary to consider as the gathering and spending of taxes, we have been compelled to set up the thing we call "Government." It is, perhaps, fitting penance for willingness to discard a simple skin cloth for a garb that requires expensive tailors and dressmakers, plus laundries and privately operated washing machines. But that is one of the tragedies of progress. The more society-lized you become, the more industrialized you advance, the more overhead you add to Government.

In Glenn Frank's "Thunder and Dawn," (a good bobk to read these days), he summarizes some of the "fears" that your modern scientists are obsessed with as the downfall of the human race. In a chapter devoted to the "political fear" of observers who weep for the decline of our ability to govern ourselves properly, you are given a vivid picture of the variance in operation of practical politics in a democracy, as compared to the scientist's approach and answer to the problems of Government. As you follow Mr. Frank's recital you are amazed at the manner in which you, as a civilized being, are manipulated in the name of that "civilization."

"The student of statecraft is doubtful that science and democracy will co-operate in the creation of a viable and valid social order because their motives and their methods have seemed at such wide variance," writes Mr. Frank. "In his moments of deepest disillusionment with the current politics of the West, there is the picture that the competing forces of science and democracy have presented to the student of statecraft. He thinks in terms of the laboratory. Democracy thinks in terms of the Legislature. Science is on the hunt for verities. Democracy is on the hunt for votes. Science rests its case on experimentation. Democracy rests its case on exhortation. Science works from facts to policies. Democracy works from policies to facts. Science tests its conclusions by their precision. Democracy tests its conclusions by their popularity. Science trusts the expert. Democracy distrusts the expert."

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"Science is in the business of creating power. Democracy is in the business of distributing power. Science is interested in the advance of intelligence. Democracy is interested in the accumulation of influence. Science is emancipated from catch-words and labels. Democracy is enslaved by catch-words and labels. Science bases its social philosophy on the biological inequality of men. Democracy bases its social philosophy on the political equality of men. Science exalts the exceptional man. Democracy exalts the average man. . . ."

So pondering Mr. Frank's word picture, compare yourself with the average, democratic Fiji Islander who knows nothing of high taxes, elevated railways, or complex Government, but who, like yourself, is always concerned with filling the family stew-pot.)

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A few weeks ago I enjoyed the annual summer outing of the Michigan Press Association, held at Frankfort this year. The first evening's affair, in the nature of a banquet, was given by the people of Frankfort, was presided over by Schuyler L. Marshall, St. John's publisher. Before introducing Democratic State Senator Leon Case and Republican Representative Vernon J. Brown, "Ski" uttered this utter truth: "Folks, a few moments ago Messrs. Case and Brown were discussing state affairs, especially recent happenings. Mr. Brown, in reply to a statement by Case, admitted that (chuckle) the state is broke. To which Case replied, 'Well, Wilbur smoke it.' (Snicker.) Then Case began to brag about the Democratic rule in Lansing, and jubilantly exclaimed, 'Already our party is showing a profit.' To which the usually witty Brown answered, 'Yes, and your prophet's name is Isaiah (Leebove).'"

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Incidentally, while at that banquet outing Miss Marion E. Carter, capable young woman secretary for the Crystal Falls Diamond Drill, was able to secure exclusive pictures and facts about the airplane tragedy in which three Traverse City men lost their lives with only

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'Q' TO 'Z' NAMES COME IN WEEK'S BANK PAYOFFS

James Pleads With Depositors To Get Dividends When Due

FORCE TOILS OVERTIME

Depositors whose surnames begin with letters from Q to Z inclusive will receive their 25 per cent dividends in the First National Bank payoff during the period from tomorrow through next Thursday, July 20, it was announced yesterday by Conservator Charles E. James. The schedule follows:

Q, R—Friday
S—Saturday and Monday
T, U, V—Tuesday
W, X, Y, Z—Wednesday and Thursday

An earnest plea to depositors to cooperate when their payments are due and collect the 25 per cent of their accounts due them was voiced by the conservator.

"Only a typical town when we should have paid from 350 to 400 depositors," Mr. James said, "we paid only about 75. Our office force has worked at night until 11 P. M. or midnight for the last 60 days and is nearly at the breaking point. We have prepared a machinery which, if complied with, would have permitted the paying of the entire 25 per cent deposited in the bank in rapid order; instead, we have been confronted with Saturday rushes and many depositors have come in on days other than those when they were called. We will be grateful if depositors will call for their dividends when they are due to be paid, if possible. Hundreds of depositors, he said, have failed to apply for their dividends.

Approximately $500,000 is being distributed to about 7,000 depositors in the dividend. A 20 per cent dividend is being paid to depositors who withdrew the five per cent authorized shortly after the bank holiday in February, and a 25 per cent to all others who apply.

All depositors are required to establish proof of claim before receiving their payments. These may consist of savings pass books, certificates of deposit, or the last statements issued for commercial accounts.

Mary Lambie, Parry Win U. of M. Grants

One-Year Tuition Scholarships Go To Two Baldwin Graduates

Miss Mary Lambie, of Euclid avenue, and Donald R. Parry, of Oakland avenue, both recent graduates of Baldwin High School, are the recipients of one-year tuition scholarships to the University of Michigan, they were informed yesterday.

The scholarships, which pay full tuition for one year with renewal if grades during the first year are satisfactory, were offered through the Birmingham branch of the University of Michigan League.

Both Miss Lambie and Parry were prominent in activities during their high school careers. Miss Lambie, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John S. Lambie, was an honor student and was prominent in activities of the Girl Scouts, the Girls' Athletic Association, the Baldwinian, the Baldwin High School orchestra, and the Maroon and White.

Parry, the son of the city manager and Mrs. James W. Parry, was a Boy Scout and member of the staffs of the Maroon and White and Baldwinian. He was a member of and librarian of the high school band and orchestra and managed one of the band for one year, and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Bailey Becomes New Funeral Home Head

Marley R. Bailey is now sole owner of the Kimball-Bailey Funeral Home at 361 North Woodward avenue, it was announced yesterday. The purchase, which was been pending for several months, was completed July 1 and Mr. Bailey assumed sole ownership. G. Dewey Kimball, county coroner, had made application for dissolution of the partnership in May.

Mr. Bailey, a lifelong resident of Birmingham, is a graduate of Baldwin High School and of the Cincinnati College of Embalming.

"The new funeral home, under my direction, will be modern and fully-equipped in every respect," Mr. Bailey said. "I am prepared to furnish instant ambulance service with the latest type of ambulance."

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HAVE YOU MET?

Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Hardman, who moved to Birmingham recently from Fort Wayne, Ind., and are living at 1039 Stanley street. They have a son, Bobbie, who is 3½ years old.

Mr. Hardman is the local manager of Goodyear Service, Inc.

New Board Member

John S. Black

BLACK VICTOR IN SCHOOL RACE

Beats Neighbor By 138 Votes; 1932-33 Officers Re-elected

A 138 vote margin gave John S. Black, of 691 Oak street, a victory in the annual Board of Education election Monday night. Mr. Black polled 448 votes and his lone opponent and neighbor, E. S. Clark, of 692 Oak street, polled 310. Five spoiled ballots brought the total vote to 758, considered an excellent turnout for the summer election. Last year's school election polled a total of more than 1,100 because of the opportunity it afforded for registration for the fall elections.

Considerable heat and last-minute campaigning marked the election. Neither candidate ran on an announced platform, but constructive and destructive criticism of the present school administration were generally understood to be the issues.

The new board member is secretary-treasurer of Nelson Baker and Company of Detroit, manufacturers of pharmaceutical and toilet products. He is chairman of the Property Owner's Association of the Birmingham area and one of the city's four representatives on the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. He is married and has one son attending the Birmingham schools.

At the meeting of the new board after the election the officers for the past year were re-elected. They are Ray A. Palmer, president; Earl G. Potter, vice-president, and John H. Rosso, treasurer.

The annual meeting of the school district, held in Baldwin High School auditorium, was conducted before a handful of citizens of the district. Mrs. Lee A. White of Brookside drive was elected to the board of the Student Loan Fund to succeed Mrs. John H. Rosso. Mrs. White, local commissioner for the Girl Scouts, is active in scholarship work in the Birmingham chapter of the University of Michigan League and is a member of the American Association of University Women.

Advancement of the annual school board election to June was passed by unanimous vote. Four years ago this election was held in June, but has been held in July since that time. It was changed to June to permit Birmingham residents of the school district to vote before leaving the city for the summer.

HALF-PRICE PLATES NOT TO BE SOLD HERE

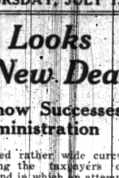
Automobile license plates for 1933 will go on sale at half price this week, Orville Hubbard, secretary of state, has announced. These plates, the sale of which is destined to encourage the sale of new cars and increase the gasoline tax revenues, will not be handled in the Birmingham police station, it was announced yesterday. Birmingham residents who have not yet bought 1933 plates must go to the Royal Oak or Pontiac branch of the secretary of state's office.

Ingham Legislator Looks At Michigan's New Deal

New Series By Brown To Show Successes, Failures Of Comstock Administration

A series of articles dealing with former Gov. Wilbur Brucker's so-called "kitchen cabinet" program, and with the general subject of extravagance and waste in Michigan's state government, won wide recognition when published last year in the Eccentric and other newspapers throughout the state.

V. J. Brown, the author of those articles, has prepared another series, this one dealing with the accomplishments of the Comstock administration to date. The first article of the series is published herewith. Mr. Brown is publisher of the Ingham County News and a member of a special committee pointed by the 1933 Legislature to investigate state government costs, and was the sponsor of numerous economy bills introduced as a result of the committee's findings).



V. J. Brown

By V. J. BROWN

Six months of the new administration has passed into history and Michigan citizens in considerable number are making inquiry concerning what has actually been accomplished and what may be expected of the future. It is now about 15 months since the writer began a series of articles which gained rather wide circulation among the taxpayers of Michigan, and in which an attempt was made to evaluate the stewardship of that day and to point out to the taxpayers of Michigan where their tax dollars were being spent and for what purpose.

Incidentally an attempt was made at that time to discover on behalf of the people, from whom the taxes were being collected, just what was benefiting, whether in fact the tax money was being used for the people of the state or just those whose names appeared on the payrolls. Some rather disconcerting discoveries were then made.

Appeals for Information

During recent weeks many appeals have come to this writer asking him to review the session of the Legislature just closed and to point out some of the influences which have worked against the

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LADIES STILL HAVE LAST WORDS HERE

The sound of crockery striking walls and other objects and of flatirons sailing through windows won't be the signal for Birmingham residents to take refuge cellarward, it was just be the beginning of a long, long argument between several men and their wives.

For the ladies are to be spectators at a man's game—baseball.

The Eastern Michigan baseball nine and that from the Embury M. E. Church will meet on the Barnum School field at 7 P. M. tonight—and the umpires will be the wives of the players. They are Mrs. Walter Sluiter, Mrs. Arthur Holmes, and Mrs. Walter Rose.

LOCAL CHURCHES JOIN IN SERVICES

Baptist, Methodist Pastors Plan Joint Sessions For Summer Months

Union morning services for the next eight Sundays were announced yesterday by the pastors of the First Baptist and First Methodist churches.

The first four of these services, which will be held at 10:45 A. M., will be held in the Methodist Church, while the evening services for the same period will be held in the Presbyterian Church. The last four union services will be held in the Baptist Church.

These are in addition to the church union evening services being held at the Methodist, and Presbyterian churches. Presbyterian morning services will continue as at present. The Methodist Sunday School will meet at 9:45 A. M. instead of at 10, according to the Rev. Ralph Hopkins, minister. Children at both churches will gather at 10:40 A. M. for the children's session. Upon retiring after the children's sermon, the Baptist Church children will go in a body to their own building for the junior Church, remaining for regular school session from 12 to 12:30 P. M., the Rev. L. Earl Jackson, pastor of the church, announced. The union young people's service of the two churches will be held at 6:30 P. M. in the Baptist Church, Mr. Jackson announced. For the first of the adult services he has chosen as his topic "Forgetting God." The combined choirs

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Bits O' Birmingham

By THE WANDERER

The old mill School is now a "trading post" and its alumni-will not meet this year, for reasons considered, otherwise, according to Mrs. William Blumberg. The annual reunion of the old-timers has been a feature of every summer in Birmingham, but it was decided that a better attendance would be gained by waiting until next year, Mrs. Blumberg said.

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City Commissioner Clarence Vliet, an ardent dry who invariably votes "no" on all beer applications, gave himself a bad start at the Commission meeting Monday night. An application was received from the Sells Electric Company for renewal of its annual license. The application has been approved and its renewal was recommended to the Commission. On a routine matter like that the commissioners vote yes mechanically. Suddenly after his "yes" had been recorded Mr. Vliet sat up with a startled expression.

"Was that 'Sells Electric' or 'sells liquor'?" he asked. A hearty laugh from his fellow commissioners reassured him that he had inadvertently changed his home dry stand.

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Who said economy isn't being practiced over at the Municipal Building these days? If you think the city officials are taking advantage of their charge you should talk to Miss Irene Hanley, city clerk. Miss Hanley requested one of our applications, and this will take several weeks and is not inconsiderable expense."

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WILLIAM DUST DIES AT HOME

Was Prominent State Official; Helped Frame Detroit Charter

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon for William T. Dust, prominent 79-year-old member of the state political regime, who died at his home at 376 Ferndale avenue Monday evening.

Mr. Dust, who had lived here 16 years, was born in Germany and came to the United States when very young. He would have been 80 years old Sept. 25.

He was for eight years commissioner of parks and boulevards for the city of Detroit and was a member of the common council which framed the present Detroit charter. He had been city clerk of Detroit, a state representative, speaker of the state House of Representatives, and state tax commissioner under Governor Pingree. He was a member of Zion Lodge of Detroit.

His wife, Mrs. Mattie W., survives, as do a daughter, Mrs. A. F. Marks, of Grand Rapids, a brother, Gustave, of Algonac, and seven grandchildren. Services were held from the C. O. Wylie funeral home, with the Rev. Fred W. Abicht, of Clawson English Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery.

Parry Instructed To Study Cost Of Public Works Plan

City Manager James W. Parry was instructed Monday night by the Commission to figure the cost of filing an application with the Federal government asking for aid for a sewage disposal system for Birmingham and parts of Bloomfield and Southfield townships, comprising most of the River Rouge watershed in this vicinity.

Sentiment of the Commission was against filing an application for a Federal loan under the President's gigantic new public works program. When a motion giving City Manager Parry authority to proceed with the application was introduced the question of expense halted it. The manager told the Commission that to answer the detailed Federal questionnaire as to the nature of the project would take three weeks' time and an appropriation of about $300 for draftsmen's, surveyors', and engineers' fees.

Commissioner J. H. McBride objected, saying "the Commission should consider the exact expense of filling this application before appropriating any money for it." The Commissioners also expressed surprise that the work preparatory to filing should require as much as $300.

"This is not something that can be done overnight, however," Mr. Parry declared. "There is considerable surveying, estimating, and drafting to be done. We are required to answer detailed questions and to submit preliminary sketches of the project before the Federal officials will even consider our application, and this will take several weeks and is not inconsiderable expense."

SWIM TEAM WILL PROVIDE POOL SUPPORT

Engel Gathers Old High School Material For Exhibitions

FIRST MEET IS JULY 21

By W. STODDARD WHITE

Formation of a swimming team built around the Baldwin High School swimming team which took third place in the State Class B championships in its first year is well under way, Coach Ernest T. Engel announced yesterday.

The purpose of the swimming team, as well as to stimulate interest, is to hold exhibition meets with picked teams from the Detroit area, charging a small admission fee in order to keep the Barnum pool open for the remainder of the summer. About $200 is necessary for completion of the $750 goal which will keep the pool open until Labor Day.

Meet July 21

The team's first meet is scheduled for Friday, July 21, at 8:30 P. M., in the Barnum Pool. The opponent will be a junior team from the Fisher Y. M. C. A. of Detroit, and an added feature is promised by Coach Engel in his attempt to secure a national known exhibitionist. This will be the first of a series of meets to raise money to keep the pool open, at all of which the opponent will be a team of high school and alumni swimmers in weight and age class of the Birmingham team, which is composed almost entirely of High School students or recent alumni.

Admission charges for the meets will be 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults, Coach Engel says. It is expected that at this price, with a seating capacity of 250 to 300, crowds large enough to support the pool and pay the necessary expenses can be expected.

With one exception, all of the members of the Baldwin High School team that, in March, 1951, first began training—took third place in the state finals at East Lansing, are members of the new team, which will be known as the Birmingham Athletic Club. In addition to several other Baldwin High and Junior High students and two or three graduates of other schools, will be the following:

"We have had more entries for this team than we ever had when the swimming season was on during school," Mr. Engel says. "And it looks as if we have selected enough—and good enough material—to develop a team that should make a name for itself and the city it plays in, for entertainment for the spectators. We aren't asking for charity on this matter of keeping the pool open we're going to give a good show."

Daniel "Red" Robertson, a Baldwin alumnus, and John Blackmore, a Birmingham youth who graduated from Central High School, Detroit, and is now a sophmore at Michigan State College, will lead the divers. Others will probably be William Gail and Vincent McMahon, both Baldwin High students.

Jack Hogan, John Botting, Alex McDiarmid, Dean Smith, Thomas Martindale, Jim Kinnison, Ed Zimmer, Manley Botting, and Robert Gillespie will be the Baldwin veterans who will swim in the free-style events. John Botting, Martindale, Kinnison, Zimmer, and Gillespie are alumni. Blackmore will also swim in the free-style, it is expected, as will Jerry Hiltz, Alex Anderson, Maurice Thompson, Bruce Scott, and none of whom have meet experience.

In the breast stroke events the well-known team of red-headed brothers Miller, Tom and Charles,

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A Deserving Scout Has No Cash—Help Him To Camp?

In Birmingham there is a Boy Scout whose father is dead and whose mother, though working, is on the welfare lists. A sister is staying home and washing dishes and helping the mother, and the Scout is working in the yard, washing windows, and chopping wood. It is not altogether promising summer, and the Scout wants very badly to go to camp.

Money won't permit, of course. Will you help?

With the co-operation of The Eccentric, the Birmingham District Committee of the Boy Scouts of America is endeavoring to raise enough money to send eight or ten needy Scouts to a Scout camp this summer. Camp George, the Birmingham camp on Lower Long Lake, is open to these Scouts and to their brothers who have already registered, from Aug. 1 to 15. It will cost $12 to send each boy to camp for two weeks. Members of The Eccentric staff and of the Scout organization here are seeking funds to send this group to camp.

The camp is an excellent one, and it has been greatly improved in the past months. Approaches and the hill in front of the cabin have been graded; the barn has been floored, and the barn and cabin have been screened. A competent adult director, probably Harold Webster, deputy district commissioner and Scoutmaster of Troop 2—will be in charge. Other officials of Birmingham Scouting, among them Alfred C. Schalm, Barnum School instructor and Scoutmaster of Troop 3, and a group of older Scouts, will be the other leaders. The activities will comprise swimming, handicraft, advancement study, nature study, hikes, canoeing and boating and lots of good food.

It is a summer period that boys need to build themselves up. The Scout movement, planned to train boy leaders, knows it can do this if it can get the assistance for these boys. It is counting on you avid. You may call Julius F. Wenzi at 511 Hanna Street—his phone is 471—or leave your contributions at The Eccentric office.

In addition, there are still a few vacancies left for other boys who wish to register, at $12 each, for the two-week period. Eccentric's interest in this campaign is as a standstill until the township audit arrives.

COUNTY, STATE OFFICES CLASH

Sparks, Auditor-General Disagree On Procedure For Accepting Taxes

Despite the protests of County Treasurer Charles A. Sparks and other treasurers of other Michigan counties, John K. Stack, Jr., state auditor-general, is continuing his policy of receiving payments of delinquent taxes without penalty and interest where the county treasurers refuse to accept them on that basis.

Under the law taxes may be paid either to a county treasurer or to the state treasurer, all taxes in that regard going through the auditor-general's hands. Just how many Oakland County residents have made payment through the state agency will not be known until the quarterly return Oct. 1 from Lansing to the county offices in Pontiac.

Mr. Sparks sees a legal tangle in the auditor-general's methods.

"If the taxpayer receives a receipt from the auditor-general for his taxes, I do not see how he can be held liable; on the other hand, I do not see how we can mark any tax paid on our books until the law is complied with in relation to penalties and interest. Oakland County would have a claim against the state department for the amount of penalties and interest required by the statutes."

Certificate of tax payment is required at the office of the register of deeds when warranty deeds are recorded. "We could not issue such a certificate until the tax was paid with penalty and interest according to the statutes," Mr. Sparks says.

"The law, however, provides that tax certificates may be issued either by a county treasurer or the auditor-general. "Warranty deeds will be accepted for recordings if accompanied by tax certificates from the auditor-general," says Register of Deeds Henry T. McGaughan.

"I am sympathetic to the endeavor to aid distressed property

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Moore Installed As Rotary Club's 1933-34 President

Dr. Moore

Dr. Herbert E. Moore, 383 Harmon avenue, was installed as president of the Birmingham Rotary Club for the ensuing year at a meeting in the Community House Monday noon. He succeeds Harry E. Bissett. J. B. Howarth, secretary, and Charles B. Randall, treasurer, were both continued in office.

The new Board of Directors is composed of Dr. Moore, Mr. Bissett, George R. Averill, George E.

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DEFER ACTION ON PLANS OF BOND-FOR-TAX

Osborne Resolution Tables Matter; Vliet, McBride Demand Action

FEAR SCRIP VALUE DROP

Overriding the "no" votes of Commissioners Clarence Vliet and J. H. McBride, who demanded immediate action, the City Commission Monday night voted to table for one week any action on the proposed bond-for-tax plan. The tabling resolution was introduced by Commissioner E. W. Osborne.

The resolution, which would authorize acceptance of city bonds in payment of delinquent taxes for all years prior to 1933, was discussed at length, no definite action was taken. J. D. Stanley, of the Michigan Tax Adjustment Bureau of Detroit, appeared and presented a plan whereby his organization would do the work of buying up the bonds.

No Privileges

The firm of Cutler, Moeller and Hobbie, managers of estates, represented in Birmingham by one of the partners, R. Y. Cutler, has also presented plans for buying up the bonds. Discussion at the Monday night meeting, however, did not indicate that any one firm would be given exclusive privileges.

The plan calls for the payment of delinquent general taxes for years prior to 1933 by general city bonds, and for payment of delinquent special assessments with bonds of the district for which the assessments were levied. Some objection to this plan was voiced by Henry Hart, 283 Lake Park drive, who said that the taxpayers might wait to become delinquent and then meet their obligations with bonds. The city would redeem the bonds at their face value when presented in payment of delinquent taxes before this year. The procedure was made possible in a law adopted recently by the State Legislature.

The Stanley bond-for-tax bureau's plan, Mr. Stanley said, was to "let the small man participate as well as the man with $1,000 and more in taxes." The advantage of the tax-credit plan under which a bond is deposited with the city treasurer and a credit for the taxpayer is then established, is that "participation" statement is given in receipt. This method, Mr. Stanley asserted, would permit the smaller taxpayer to clean up his tax indebtedness as a whole, not the special assessments alone.

Bonds needed for the project, he told the Commission, would include those for schools, the city, township, drain, sewer, county, and special purposes.

Board Warned

Mr. Cutler had told the Board of Education at its meeting last Thursday that it should not fail to recognize one feature of the plan as far as it affects the school district—that is soon as school bonds are made payable on school taxes under present conditions the value of school scrip would decline. Birmingham school bonds are quoted on the market, he had told the board, and said that a decline in scrip value would hurt tax collection, as scrip is also acceptable on school taxes. Thus the city, citizens who could pay their taxes at about 35 cents on the dollar by buying up bonds would not be interested in paying their taxes with scrip at 100 cents on the dollar, he pointed out.

Much of Mr. Cutler's firm's dealing in Birmingham bonds, it was said, will be handled by George B. Boutwell, former extension manager of the First National Bank. Mr. Boutwell attended the school board meeting with Mr. Cutler to explain the bond-for-tax system to the board.

No action was taken by the Board of Education either, as members said they preferred to study the plan, which includes John S. Black—elected Monday night—take act discuss the matter.

Township Settlement Problem At Impasse

Action on the settlement with Bloomfield Township and the city of Bloomfield Hills still is at a halt because of the continued failure of township officials to submit an audit, City Manager James W. Parry said yesterday.

City Commissioners, among them Packard and E. W. Osborne have been appointed by Mayor Harry Allen to confer with officials of the township and Bloomfield Hills over the division of joint assets and liabilities held by the township before the other two municipalities incorporated as cities. Chief among these assets is the township park, gravel pit, garage, and delinquent tax credits.

The work of Lloyd B. Reid, former township engineer, retained to represent Birmingham's interest in the settlement, has progressed as far as it can until an audit is submitted, Mr. Parry said. Six weeks ago township officials promised an audit as of Feb. 14, the date when Birmingham became incorporated as a city, and, according to Mr. Parry, the conference's work is at a standstill until the township audit arrives.