Each of us is required to live quite a span of years before the intrinsic values of life are revealed to us. We vainly live in an ocean of infinite goodness and our little crafts are capable of being supported through life's storms by the buoyancy of LOVE that we manifest.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

How a government may abruptly close hundreds of banks, and then refuse to take a vigorous lead in aiding their stricken depositors, is manifest not only in the case of Michigan's banks, have been treated, but in other states as well. But for the purpose of my brief discussion of This & That this issue, I'm going to prove to you that what Alex J. Grosebeck said about the Detroit banks is absolutely true—true in that the United States Government can, and is so minded, cut out all the banks and get down to a real solution of Detroit's (and that means dozens of other Michigan banks) banking problems. For what I will relate in a simple way is the concerning part of the damfoolishness and asininity that attended the opening of Birmingham's own new National Bank.

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Following at least three months of jockeying back and forth, with trips to Chicago and Washington, persons interested in getting a new National Bank for Birmingham had finally reached a point where a definite date for the bank's opening, June 15, could be announced. While other directors of the bank did do much to assist, the real brunt of the task was born by Fred W. Johnson and Charles E. Jones, president and executive vice-president, respectively, of the new bank. My own part in the affair, outside of heading the committee on reorganization, consisted chiefly of high spots in the performance, one of which I will now give you. I am writing this near Ludington, and reading of Grosebeck's statement, the substance of which was that "if a responsible federal official were sent to Detroit, with full authority to act, he could open our banks within 24 hours."

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Understand, please, that the work preparatory to opening the new bank took weeks to accomplish. From time to time what appeared live insurmountable bureaucratic barriers were set up, each of which was hurdled. There were, in the governmental agencies to deal with, the U. S. Comptroller, the R. F. C., and the Federal Reserve System. Johnson, James, and their committees received many demand made upon them; dozens of detailed blanks were filled out, concerning the bank's assets; at least two separate investigators visited Birmingham, each sounding out local sentiment, each making his own report to his own boss. The R. F. C. sent men in to appraise the bank's collateral—and incidentally revealed just how far the U. S. subordinates were willing to "sell America short." And all the while the men who sought to open the new bank were spurred by the hope that by so doing the depositors in the old bank would be able to realize a greater amount of their funds than would otherwise be possible.

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Please don't overlook this fact, folks: the men who were active in seeking to help with a "government that had closed the old bank were not, in the literal sense, old and moss-grown bankers at all; they were careful, successful business men, some of them having a brief connection with the old institution. So they went to their task with open mind, willing hands, and learned something of the red tape of bureaucracy. But let me take you to a very recent morning when . . .

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Tuesday morning, June 13, was but two days before the scheduled opening of the new bank. As you know, the interior of the bank building had been repainted, workmen having been sent in outside of banking hours so that everything would be spick and span for Thursday, June 15. At 9 o'clock that Tuesday morning I was requested by Johnson to "come over to the bank, we've run up against another snag." And this is what I was told by both Johnson and James: "Last night we were called by the Detroit office of the R. F. C. and told that we would have to contribute a little more red tape before they would put up their $60,000 of the new bank's capital structure. The detail connected with inspecting their new dimasids will take some more endless days to accomplish. As things look this morning we will not be able to open Thursday, and if we don't open Thursday we are not going to quit trying to open a bank for a stricken people, and what is more we'll tell the world just why." I listened to their eloquence and their vehemence, and was glad for the latter. So I encouraged them to get madder and madder—and then offered to get them a soap box upon which Johnson might make his preachment to the world on Thursday morning—provided, of course, that the R. F. C. had not come through with its share, making the opening possible. I realized that both Johnson and James had weathered a great deal of the government's red tape, and that each was worn to a frazzle, trying to meet the

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BLACK CLARK VIE FOR SCHOOL BOARD POST

Hutchinson Withdraws In Annual District Election Monday

LIGHT VOTE EXPECTED

A comparatively light vote is expected in the annual Birmingham school district election Monday when one member is to be chosen to the Board of Education to succeed Dr. W. G. Hutchinson, whose term is expiring and who will not be a candidate for re-election.

The candidates are John S. Black and E. S. Clark, two men who have been close friends since 1919, the year when each came to Birmingham, and whose houses face one another on Oak street. Mr. Black lives at 691 Oak street and Mr. Clark at 692.

Mr. Black is secretary-treasurer of Nelson Baker and Company, Detroit, manufacturers of pharmaceutical products and supplies.

SCHOOL ELECTION FACTS

Qualification of voters—All voters must be residents of the Birmingham school district. They must also be taxpayers in the district or the parents of children listed on the 1933 school census.

Voting place—There is only one voting booth. That is in the library of Baldwin High School.

Time of voting—The polls will be open from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M.

He is also chairman of the Property Owners Association of the Birmingham Area and one of Birmingham's four representatives on the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., he lived there and in Ohio for several years before coming to Detroit about 30 years ago. He is married and has one son attending the Birmingham schools.

Mr. Clark is president of the Hazelton-Clark Company, Detroit building and contractors. He came to Birmingham from Detroit after living their nine years following his graduation from the University of Michigan, where he received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

Mr. Clark also is married, and has five children, two of whom completed their elementary education in the Birmingham schools, and three of whom are now attending school here.

The polls will be open from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M. The successful candidate will serve three years on the Board.

BEER DECISION UP TO SUPREME COURT

Attorneys To Await Ruling In Similar Case Appealed From Another Circuit

A decision to be handed down by the Michigan Supreme Court will determine whether beer is to be sold for consumption in Birmingham restaurants.

Judge Glenn C. Gillespie of Oakland County Circuit Court announced yesterday that attorneys for both sides in the Birmingham beer suit had agreed to a halt in the action pending the Supreme Court's decision in a similar case brought before it on an appeal from another circuit. It is understood that parties to the Birmingham suit will consider as binding in this case the Supreme Court's decision in the other action. It had appeared likely that either side in the Birmingham case would take an appeal if defeated in the lower court.

The plaintiff in the Birmingham suit is Gus Pappas, proprietor of the Pure Food Restaurant, 116 North Woodward avenue, who filed a petition in Circuit Court asking for a writ of mandamus to compel the City Commission to approve his application for a license to sell beer for consumption in his restaurant. The Commission has prohibited the sale of beer for consumption off the premises since the advent of 3.2 several weeks ago.

A hearing was held on the petition June 14, but Judge Gillespie had reserved his decision, pending the filing of a brief by James H. Lynch, Frank's attorney. A brief was filed for the city by John E. Martz.

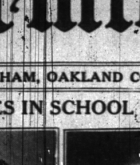
HAVE YOU MET?

Mr. and Mrs. Merle C. Hale, who moved to Birmingham recently from Highland Park, and are living at 392 Lakeside drive. They have a daughter, Jane, 12 years old.

Mr. Hale is assistant to the vice-president of the General Motors Corporation, in charge of industrial relations, his office is in the General Motors Building, Detroit.

CANDIDATES IN SCHOOL ELECTION

John S. Black



E. S. Clark

VARIABLE TAX LAW STUDIED

School Board Alloted 10.7 Mill Rate For City Of Birmingham

Whether to take advantage of the variable tax rate law which makes it possible for school districts lying in parts of two or more townships to levy different school tax rates on the various sections of the district is one of the principal questions to be decided by the Birmingham Board of Education within the next few weeks.

Before passage of the variable tax law, which was signed recently by Governor Comstock, the tax rate for any school district was determined by the lowest rate alloted to any township in that district under the 15-mill limitation.

Uniform Rate Was 6.5

In the Birmingham district, for instance, the uniform rate first alloted by the Oakland County Tax Commission was 6.5 mills for school operating purposes. Because of the comparatively high township rate alloted to Troy Township, this was the highest school rate that could be assessed in that part of Troy Township which lies within the Birmingham school district without forcing the total of state, county, school and township rates in that area above 15 mills, and the 6.5 school rate became uniform for the entire Birmingham school district.

The new variable rate law, however, makes it possible for the Board of Education to levy higher rates on sections of the district outside Troy Township, or where the allotments for other purposes under the 15-mill limitation are lower.

Birmingham city taxes, for instance, do not fall within the limitation at all, so that the school district is empowered to assess for school purposes here the difference between the sum of rates alloted for state and county purposes and a total rate of 15 mills.

Thus the school rate in Birmingham could be as high as 10.7 mills—a figure already alloted by the County Tax Commission. The alloted rate in those parts of the City of Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township which lie within the Birmingham school district is 7 mills, and in Southfield Township 6.8 mills.

Is Law Constitutional?

The constitutionality of the variable rate law has been questioned repeatedly, since it would call for some persons to pay higher taxes than others for the same service, but it has not yet been put to a test in court.

The Board of Education discussed the matter briefly at its meeting Friday night, but left until a later date its decision as to whether it will take advantage of the law. The decision must be made

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BARNUM POOL FUND TOPS $600

Drive Nears $750 Quota; 1,628 Swimmers Use Pool In First Week

A total of more than $600 has been given or subscribed to Barnum swimming pool fund, it was announced last night by Raymond H. Peek, chairman of the sponsoring committee. A meeting of the committee has been called for next Wednesday night in Baldwin High School.

A total of $750 is needed to keep the pool open for the full 10-week period planned by the committee which is composed of representatives of more than a score of civic and social organizations.

Last week, the first during which the pool was open, the attendance was 1,628 from Monday through Friday, according to Ernest Engel, director of athletics in the Birmingham schools, who is supervising the swimming. The pool was closed Monday and Tuesday for the holiday, but opened with a good attendance again yesterday, and will remain open the first five days of each week for as many weeks as can be financed from the fund.

Several changes in the schedule of classes at the pool have been made since it was opened. An extra class for boy swimmers has been added from 1:30 to 2:30 P. M. on Fridays, and classes for girl swimmers, originally scheduled for 4:30 to 5:30 P. M. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, have been abandoned.

Attendance at the pool during hours set aside for members of Birmingham service clubs, which are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 P. M., has been so disappointing that boy swimmers may also be allowed to use the pool during those hours unless the attendance of service club members increases, Mr. Engel said. From 4 to 5 p. m. Mondays and Wednesdays for men swimmers, and at the same hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays for women.

Preparations are being made, Mr. Engel said, for a series of day night swimming meets, which a small admission charge will be made and the proceeds turned over to the pool fund. A local team will be formed from ex-Baldwin High School stars and any others who wish to try out. Tryouts are being held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4:30 P. M. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 P. M.

Competition will probably be drawn from Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Detroit, with the first meet tentatively scheduled for Friday night, July 21, Mr. Engel said. It is planned to hold one meet weekly there after as long as the pool is open with diving and swimming exhibitions accompanying each meet.

Auto Club Attacks Angle Parking, Triple Speed Law

Angle parking on Woodward avenue in the business district and the resultant triple variation in the speed limit are attacked in a letter addressed to Mayor Harry Allen by H. O. Rounds, director of the safety and traffic division of the Automobile Club of Michigan.

Lack of time prevented consideration of the letter by the Commission at its last meeting, but it is expected to be discussed next Monday.

Cites Inconvenience

Mr. Rounds cites the inconvenience to drivers caused by the three different speed limits, one of which is 20 miles an hour between Oakland avenue and Brown street in the section where angle parking is permitted. He recommends that the 20 mile signs be placed at Oak street and Lincoln avenues, the points where the 30 mile limit begins under the present arrangement. In this way, one limit would be eliminated. A 40 mile limit would continue to prevail north of Oak street and south of Lincoln.

"The reason for this suggestion is that it will obviate any adverse criticism of Birmingham which has always had a splendid conservative record of traffic enforcement and has always stood out as a community in the city among the other municipalities in the state," the letter says.

"I understand, of course," Mr. Rounds continues, "that the speed of 20 m. p. h. is thought necessary on account of changing the parking on Woodward avenue from parallel to angle, and without having made any survey of your community, but judging it by the experience of similar municipalities, I believe that possibly there may be some misunderstanding as to the benefits to be derived from angle parking to the business houses fronting on Woodward avenue."

Whose Cars Are They?

The letter asks "whose cars are being parked on Woodward avenue? Is it the merchant and the employee who drives down early in the morning and selects the choice spot in front of his store in which to store, leaving it there all day to the detriment of each of the neighboring business because those desiring to do business at his store are unable to park there? And is it not possible that the complaint made by the merchants on Woodward avenue

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CITY'S BUDGET BALANCED BY CUTS OF $8,444

Commission Allopts Parry's Recommendations For Meeting Deficit

LEVY TO BE $226,367

The city's budget for the 18-month period from Jan. 1, 1933, to July 1, 1934, stands balanced today, following the Commission's adoption of revisions recommended Monday night by City Manager James W. Parry.

The revisions served to offset the remainder of a $44,000 deficit the Commission had anticipated after establishing the tax rate last week at 17.5 mills and placing the tax levy at $226,367.75. The Commission itself had met most of the deficit by cutting the welfare appropriation by $13,000, adding $12,000 it expected to receive as a dividend on its deposit in the old First National Bank to its anticipated revenue, and cutting the appropriation for Baldwin Public Library by $2,864.20.

Interest Added

The budget, originally set at $248,300 with a tax levy of $222,010.09, was re-opened principally to allow the addition of $39,086.50 in interest payments as a lien demanded in suits filed in Circuit Court by bondholders and noteholders. With re-adoption of the budget, full interest payments for the 18 months included, the suits will be withdrawn as soon as the new figures are checked and found to be accurate, it was announced yesterday by Claude H. Stevens, attorney for the plaintiffs.

With these changes, the budget still exceeded the anticipated income from taxes and other sources by $8,444, but was this part of the deficit which revisions recommended by Mr. Parry served to offset. The revisions included:

Additional $900 to the anticipated deficit derived from the First National Bank; elimination of the annual audit at a saving of $600; reduction of $1,200 in the appropriation for compensation insurance; reduction of $300 in the appropriation for extra help in the treasurer's department for preparing tax statements; elimination of one officer's salary in the police department, the salary being $1,470, and reduction of the appropriation for supplementary labor in the street department by $1,300.

In addition, Mr. Parry said, a re-

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COMMITTEE WILL STUDY REFUNDING

City Would Amortize Its $1,428,015 Bonded Debt, Partly In Default

Mayor Harry Allen has appointed City Commissioners Clarence Vliet and A. J. Brandt to serve with him on a committee for studying and recommending a plan for refunding the city's bonded debt.

In default now to the extent of several thousand dollars, and with no provisions in its new budget meeting principal payments on bonds or tax notes during the coming year, the city's only apparent solution to its debt problem is a refunding program. It is expected the committee will attempt to provide for refunding the entire debt, including both special and general bonds.

The city has outstanding $1,428,015 in bonds, and $250,000 in tax anticipation notes. The bonds include $785,640 in general obligations, $189,275 in water department bonds, and $453,100 in special assessment and special-general bonds.

The city is in default on $775,000 in general bonds, $2,000 in refunding bonds, $40,000 in water department bonds, $100,000 in tax notes and several thousand dollars in special assessment bonds.

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City Nearly Ready To Act On Public Works Program

Commission Studies Problem Of Issuing Bonds Under National Recovery Act

The City Commission may take definite action next Monday night on approving one of the several construction projects included in the public works program which has been under consideration for the past several weeks.

Mayor Harry Allen volunteered at the last meeting to study provisions of the National Recovery Act and relating measures "to determine what authority" the Commission has for proceeding on one of the projects, and to report back at the next meeting.

Vote on Bonds?

One of the principal questions to be decided in relation to any project, whether or not a bond issue will have to be submitted to a popular referendum. Under the Recovery Act, the Federal Government has offered to donate 30 per cent of the cost of worthwhile projects, and to loan the remaining 70 per cent on bonds issued by the municipality. Whether the Commission could authorize issuance of bonds without a vote of the people is not definitely known, although that is not likely, Mayor Allen said.

Stimulus was given during the past week to two projects, a sewage disposal plant and completion of Wider Woodward along the old Grand Trunk right-of-way through Birmingham.

Four members of the city's special committee on public works submitted a report Monday night to the Commission, in which they declared the construction of a sewage disposal plant at this time appeared to be "entirely opportune," although not recommending the project "over other possibilities which the Commission may have in mind."

The four members—John F. Martz, chairman, Guy Lunn, Charles W. Crandell and Frank S. Packard—attended a meeting last Thursday night at which five different new proposals for a sewage plant were considered. Their report, in which doubt was expressed "whether any meeting of a majority of the committee could be held at this season of the year," was submitted in order not to "delay any plans which the City Commission may have under way."

$393,000 Plant Recommended

Of the five plans studied, the report recommended as most feasible a $393,000 project which would serve the modified sewage district, eliminating the northwest branch of the Rouge north of Quarton road. Plans for all five projects, varying in cost from $327,000 to $523,000, were presented to the Commission last week by engineers who made the original survey of the district three years ago.

Most of the proposals would call for the participation of Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township. City Manager James W. Parry told the Commission Monday night that the Bloomfield Hills Commission did not appear to be disposed favorably to the project at this time, and that Bloomfield Township would require further details regarding cost before giving its answer.

Completion of Wider Woodward through Birmingham was urged in a letter addressed this week by Mr. Parry to Murray D. Van Wagoner, new state highway commissioner. The letter cites the "bufeting around, delay, and uncertainty" which the project has been subjected to for the past eight years, and urges an immediate start on the highway, together with a grade separation at East Maple avenue, under the Federal Recovery Act.

Mr. Parry's letter follows:

"The City Commission of the City of Birmingham desires to nominate as a project for highway construction under the National Industrial Recovery Act, the completion of Woodward Avenue Super Highway on the old Grand Trunk right-of-way between Lincoln and Lincoln avenue in the City of Birmingham.

Cites Harm To City

"It would be difficult to find a project which has been subject to more bufeting around, delay, and uncertainty than this one. For a matter of eight years, this project has been crippling along, much to the detriment not only of the vast number of motorists who use Woodward avenue, but to the ruination of this particular part of the city and the building up of all city public works such as crossings and viaducts age which have been in any way dependent upon it.

"We believe that the merit of the project speaks for itself and we know that it is familiar with Washington. Birmingham has been the bottle neck for this project for a number of years, and we are right now in serious difficulty through the effects of the traffic through on old Woodward avenue.

"In connection with the acquisition of the right-of-way and construction of the super-highway itself, the city planning commission studied some three years ago the feasibility of a grade separation on the highway at its crossing at Maple avenue. Unless a grade separation is constructed, the city would be cut into two pieces, similar to the situation that exists in Ferndale, which would not only seriously impede the ready flow of traffic on

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BOND-FOR-TAX PLAN OKAYED

Commission Prepares For Exchange Of Municipal Obligations

The City Commission is prepared to pass next Monday night a resolution authorizing the acceptance of city bonds in payment of delinquent city taxes for all years prior to 1933.

The procedure was made possible in a law adopted in the recent session of the State Legislature, and members of the Commission agreed informally last Monday they would act favorably on a resolution as soon as it could be offered.

Monopoly Refused

Much of the work of buying up the bonds will probably be done by the Detroit firm of Cutler, Moeller and Hubble, managers of estates, although from the discussion Monday night it did not appear likely that the Commission will grant exclusive privileges to any group or individual.

One of the members of the firm, R. Y. Cutler, who lives at 551 Pilgrim road, Birmingham, and who attended the meeting, said a monopoly "would be highly desirable" as a means of more easily controlling the price of the bonds, but did not insist upon a monopoly being granted.

Mr. Cutler said he had last heard Birmingham bonds quoted at 38, but predicted a noticeable strengthening of the market when the Commission authorized the acceptance of bonds for taxes.

The resolution, it was indicated, will provide for the acceptance of general tax bonds in payment of general taxes, and of special assessment bonds in payment of special assessment taxes in the assessment district for which the bonds have been issued.

The committee or committees dealing in the bonds will operate on a commission basis. In Royal Oak, which has been following the bond-for-taxes procedure for several months, the committee receives a commission of 8 points on each bond transferred.

Delinquents Listed

Members of Mr. Cutler's firm are already engaged in preparing a delinquent tax list from the city's rolls in anticipation of the work which will begin after the actual closing in Birmingham bonds, it was indicated, will be done by George B. Boutwell, former extension manager of the First National Bank.

Mr. Cutler told the Commission he intended to urge the Birmingham Board of Education to adopt the bonds-for-taxes plan with school district bonds. The matter will probably be discussed at a meeting of the Board tonight.

COMMITTEE NAMED ON TOWNSHIP SETTLEMENT

City Commissioners Frank S. Packard and E. W. Osborne have been appointed by Mayor Harry Allen to comprise a committee to confer with officials of Bloomfield 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 the assets are the township park, gravel pit, garage and delinquent tax credits.

Lloyd B. Reid, former Bloomfield Township engineer, who was hired, beginning April 1, to represent Birmingham's interest in the settlement, will continue in the negotiations until they are completed, City Manager James W. Parry said yesterday.

Bits O' Birmingham

By THE WANDERER

And speaking of quiet holidays, had it not been that stores and offices were closed and that seemingly endless thousands of cars streamed past on Woodward avenue, Birmingham might not have known that Tuesday was the Fourth of July. With the weather virtually perfect, almost nobody stayed at home, and there was little here to attract the attention of those who did. Despite the heavy holiday traffic, only two minor accidents were reported, in neither of which was anyone injured. And fireworks?—A firecracker in Birmingham Tuesday was as much of a rarity as a fish on the front lawn.

Through the co-operation of many of its members, and at considerable expense, the Birmingham District Boy Scout Committee has made it possible for boys between the ages of 10 and 12 years to spend the two weeks from July 17 to 31 this summer at an authorized boy scout camp, under competent leadership. Camp Georgé, on Lower Long Lake, has

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'D' TO 'P' NAMES SCHEDULED FOR BANK DIVIDEND

2,900 Depositors To Be Called From Today To July 13

PAYOFF PACE SPEEDED

Depositors whose last names begin with the letters from D to P inclusive will be paid their 25 per cent dividend from the First National Bank during the period from today through next Thursday, July 13, it was announced yesterday by Charles E. Jones, conservator. The schedule follows:

Thursday—D and E names.
Friday—F and G names.
Saturday—H names.
Monday—I and J names.
Tuesday—K and L names.
Wednesday—M names.
Thursday, July 13—N, O and P names.

The names of approximately 2,900 depositors are represented in this schedule, Mr. James said, pointing out that it calls for a slight acceleration in the speed of the payoff.

Payment Began Friday

Payment of the dividend began last Friday, when A names were called. B names were paid Saturday and Monday, and C names Wednesday. About 1,600 names were represented by these three letters, and after next Thursday only about 1,500 names will remain to be called, Mr. James said, indicating that the payoff will be completed within less than a week from next Thursday.

The speed of the payoff has been hampered considerably to date by failure of hundreds of depositors to apply for their dividend on the day on which their names were called. Of the 1,600 A, B and C names called up to today, only about half have applied, Mr. James said.

"We will be grateful if depositors will ask for their dividend on the date their names are called, if it is convenient," Mr. Jones said. "Failure to do so creates a back-log which hampers completion of the payoff considerably."

$500,000 In Dividend

Approximately $500,000 is being distributed to about 6,000 depositors in the dividend. A 20 per cent dividend is being paid to depositors who withdrew the 5 per cent authorized payment after the banking holiday last February, and 25 per cent is being paid to those who failed to do so.

All depositors are required to establish proof of claim before receiving their payments.

Payoff At Bank Releases $6'000 For City Aides

Unpaid salary balances for three pay-days will be received by city employes Friday as the result of the dividend being distributed to depositors in the First National Bank.

Approximately $6,000 of the city's dividend of $12,907.91, which was collected Wednesday, will be paid out in wages, and the remainder on bills for materials, according to City Treasurer Harold H. Corson.

City employes have been receiving 30 per cent of their pay since the banking holiday last February. This has been the unpaid balance for one pay-day has been made up, and the dividend will make it possible for the unpaid balances on three more pay-days to be met, so that employes will be paid in full up to April 1, Mr. Corson said.

In cases where employes have assigned part of their back pay to local business men for goods or services, not yet assigned in full to the city for welfare grocery orders or water bills, the city and business men will be paid first, and the balance, if any, will be given to the employes in cash, Mr. Corson said.

WRIGHT TO PREACH AT UNION SERVICE

Rev. W. Clarence Wright, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will deliver the sermon at next Sunday evening's union service in the summer series being sponsored by the First Baptist, First Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. The service will be held in the Methodist Church, beginning at 7:45 P. M. Frederick Bretheroe will be in charge of the music.

HILLS BEGINS MAILING CITY TAX STATEMENTS

The first of the statements for 1933 of Bloomfield Hills city taxes were mailed Wednesday, according to Harry S. Starr, city assessor, who said the statements would probably all be in the mail by the end of this week. The levy in Bloomfield Hills this year is $29,475. The rate is 6.22 mills on an assessed valuation of $4,260,200.

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