*As I pursue my way about on this planet earth, mixing and mingling with human beings, I observe more times spoiled by worry than by cheerfulness. Some sort of fear seems to dominate so much of life, when by closer understanding of God's abundance and protection, we can be happy.*

# The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

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## 6.5-Mill Tax Allotment Perils Schools, Board Says

The Board of Education has informed the Oakland County Tax Commission that the Birmingham Schools will be able to operate not more than six or seven months in 1933-34 unless the district is permitted to levy at least a nine-mill tax for operating expenses.

The Tax Commission, which apportions to the county, townships and school districts their share of the 15 mills allowed under the tax limitation amendment, has allotted 6.5 mills to the Birmingham school district.

**Complaint In Writing**

Tam G. Potter, treasurer of the Board, Superintendent Charles W. Crandell, and Louis M. Randall, business manager, appeared before the Tax Commission in Pontiac Friday morning and presented their complaint in writing.

The complaint contends "that the millage allotted this district will be insufficient to operate our schools, for the next year, and we appeal to you for an increased allotment.

"Unless we are permitted to levy at least nine mills for operation, our schools will be forced to run only a six or seven month's basis."

At a School Board meeting last Thursday night, members estimated that under the allotment of 6.5 mills, the Birmingham schools would receive in total income next year not more than $92,000, even should 50 per cent of all school taxes be collected.

Decreased property values will bring the assessed valuation of the district down to about $15,000,000. A 6.5 mill levy on this amount would total $104,000, bringing an income of $52,000 if 50 per cent were collected. Other revenues will include about $36,000 in primary money and $4,000 in tuition. During the 1932-33 school year of 8½ months, $145,000 was actually spent for operating costs, despite curtailments in curriculum and reduced salaries.

**Variable Rate Would Help**

Considerable measure of relief would come to the Birmingham district, members of the Board pointed out, under the terms of the variable tax rate bill which has been passed by the Legislature and enrolled for the Governor's signature.

This bill would allow different tax rates to be spread in the various sections of school districts which lie in two or more townships, and would permit the School Board to levy a higher school tax in Birmingham than in other sections of the district.

The City of Birmingham does not fall within the 15-mill tax limitation as do townships, so that this law would enable the School Board to levy for school purposes up to 15 mills hereafter the state and county portions of the 15 mills had been deducted.

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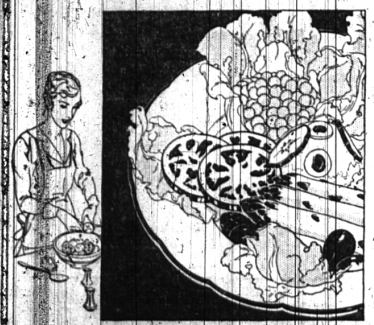

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| 1. Prefatory is classed as a noun in the English language | |
| 2. The primary colors are red, yellow and black | |
| 3. The nape or back of the neck is called the scruff | |
| 4. There are four quarts to the peek in the dry measure | |
| 5. Washington has an area of 69,127 square miles | |
| 6. James Monroe was the fourth president of the United States | |
| 7. "Ut infra" is Latin for "as below" | |
| 8. Xeno is a prefix meaning a stranger | |
| 9. Vertu means artistic skill | |
| 10. The tympanum is the membranous wall which separates the internal from the external ear | |
| | TOTAL |

Here's how to get your Intelligence score: If you think a statement is true, place a check beside it in the column headed, "True." If you think it false, place a check beside it in the column headed "False." After you have completed the questions look up the correct answers and put down in the "Score" column every time you are correct. A perfect score is 100.

*Answers will be found on page three, this section.*

## Services Held For Mrs. Burnette Heck

**Wife Of District Manager Of Investment Company Dies After Long Illness**

Services were held at the S. O. Wylie Bell Home for Funerals here Tuesday and in Springfield, O., Wednesday for Mrs. Burnette Heck, 52 years old, wife of the district manager of the Associates Investment Company, who died Sunday morning at her home, 864 Ridgedale avenue. She had suffered from chronic heart trouble for several years, and had been seriously ill since last fall.

Mrs. Heck was born in St. Marys, O.; and came to Birmingham from Detroit a year ago last May. She came to Detroit, where she lived for three years, from South Bend, Ind.

Surviving are the husband; two sons, Kenneth I. of South Bend, and Burnette, Jr., at home; a daughter, Miss Elizabeth, at home; the mother, Mrs. Gustave Boesel of Springfield, O.; four brothers, Dr. I. H. Boesel of Springfield, Allen B. Boesel of Indianapolis, Ind., Waldo Boesel of Chicago, Ill., and Emmett J. Boesel of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two sisters, Miss Meta Boesel of Indianapolis, and Mrs. F. T. Bahr of Springfield.

Rev. Edgar DeWitt Jones, pastor of the Central Woodward Christian Church of Detroit, of which Mrs. Heck was a member, officiated at the services here, assisted by Rev. W. Clarence Wright of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Mrs. Heck was also a member of the South Bend Eastern Star.

Burial yesterday was in Fernlicliff Cemetery, Springfield.

## TRAFFIC DIRECTORS PLAN MEETING HERE

Between 25 and 30 police officers, automobile club officials and others interested in traffic problems are expected to attend a meeting of the Southeastern Michigan Safety and Traffic Directors' Association to be held Monday noon at Oakland Hills Country Club. Arrangements for the meeting are being made by Chief of Police Hancock of River Rouge, secretary of the district association.

## Teachers Receive $1,500 On Back Pay

**Board Of Education Apportions Sum Equally To All School District Employes**

Teachers and other employes of the Birmingham public schools have received checks totalling $1,500 during the past week to apply against their unpaid salary balances.

The payment was voted by the Board of Education last Thursday night, to be apportioned equally among all teachers and employes. Up to that time, the Board owed about $11,000 in unpaid salaries, having paid only $5 per week to teachers from the time of the banking holiday until the end of the school year when it negotiated a loan to be able to meet salaries in full for the last two weeks of the term.

On motion of F. F. McKinney, trustee, the Birmingham National Bank and Wabeek State Savings Bank were both designated as depositories for Birmingham school district funds.

## Tests Reveal Eight Tuberculosis Cases

Positive evidence of tuberculosis was found in only eight of the 738 students in the Birmingham schools to whom tuberculin tests were given last month, according to reports submitted on the tests by Dr. William Lloyd Kemp, city health officer, to the Commission and Board of Education.

Only 38 students reacted positively to the tests, Dr. Kemp said. These were all X-rayed and the eight in whom positive findings were disclosed were referred to their family physicians or to the Oakland County Tuberculosis Clinic.

Students of junior and senior high school age were all given the tests. The undertaking was substituted in place of the usual May Day clinic for pre-school children.

Measles, with 26 cases reported, led the list of contagious diseases in the city during May, according to Dr. Kemp's regular monthly report. Nineteen cases of mumps were reported, eight of whooping cough, seven of chicken pox and four of scarlet fever.

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## CITY ASKS CUT IN LIGHT BILL

**Would Darken 86 More Lamps For $4,900 Yearly Saving**

Removal of 86 more street lights, including lamps on Woodward and Maple avenues, around the Civic Center and in residential districts, has been requested by the Commission in a letter sent officials of the Detroit Edison Company by City Manager James W. Parry.

The letter points out that only $12,000 has been included in the new budget for street lighting costs for the year beginning July 1, and that removal of the 86 lights referred to will reduce the present annual lighting bill of $16,950 to the $12,000 figure.

The letter asks that the following lights be turned off:

Six 1,500 candle-power lamps on Woodward avenue, leaving 34 in service; two 600-candle power lamps at the East Maple grade separation; nine 600-candle power lamps on Maple avenue east and west; 14 ornamental lamps around the Civic Center; 47 600-candle-power lamps on streets in residential areas and five on Woodward avenue between Lincoln and Clawson roads; and three 100-candle-power bracket lamps.

About one-fifth of the lamps now in service in residential areas are asked to be darkened, Mr. Parry said.

## Thieves Loot Home In Owner's Absence

Police are awaiting the return from Chicago of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic B. Cortis, 505 Bryn Mawr drive, to learn what articles, if any, were taken by thieves who broke into the home in their absence some time during the week-end.

A screen on the sun porch had been broken and entrance gained through a window after the sash had been shattered. Evidence of the breaking and entering were first noticed by residential police guards who reported them to Birmingham police Sunday night.

Apparently only one upstairs bedroom had been ransacked, according to Detective Earl Moody, who told Mr. Cortis informed him in a long distance telephone conversation Monday that nothing of great value had been left in the house. The family left for Chicago Friday, expecting to return next Sunday.

## The World At A Glance

**New Hero**
**Wall Street Fooled**
**Outspoken Judge**

By LESLIE EICHEL
*Central Press Staff Writer*

NEW YORK.—The new hero of the building materials' men is General Hugh Johnson, administrator under the national industrial recovery act. Public works are to be begun at the rate of 20 a day for a while. This is expected to make the construction business hum. It hasn't hummed for three years and had not shared in the recent recovery.

Gen. Hugh Johnson

Public works projects can be either direct federal undertakings or undertakings under the auspices of other governmental subdivisions with federal assistance.

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**FOOLED**

Passage of the Glass-Steagall bank deposit insurance bill disturbed and fooled Wall Street. Wall Street thought that bill had been "laid aside."

One Wall Street writer soothed the disturbed feelings by declaring it wasn't insurance after all.

"The use of the word 'insurance' in this connection is somewhat out of the ordinary because, according to the usual rules, the risks involved are not common and calculable and are therefore not 'insurable,'" said Bernard Kilgore in the Wall Street Journal.

"However, Congress says it is 'insurance'—and apparently that is what it is going to be called. Possibly it sounds better than a 'mutual partial guarantee with government assistance,' which is really more accurately descriptive of the arrangement."

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**PRESSURE**

At the last minute, New York bankers used strong pressure on President Roosevelt to veto the bank deposit insurance act.

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**OUTSPOKEN JUDGE**

Depositors in closed banks are beginning to rise up against doing nothing state and Federal Government officials.

In Akron, O., where more than 100,000 depositors have been left in the lurch for nearly three months, Judge Walter B. Wanamaker, ordered a grand jury investigation, scored the Governor of Ohio, the State superintendent of banks, the Legislature and the attorney general for failure to act.

The situation, Judge Wanamaker said, probably was unsurpassed in any other community in the United States in its severity and cruelty.

Protestors from many other communities believe they are suffering equally as much. For example, there are Cleveland, Baltimore, Atlantic City, New Orleans—and Detroit.

In Detroit, where irregularities have been spread all over the public prints, there hasn't been a single indictment. And outspoken indignation seems to arouse no interest in public places.

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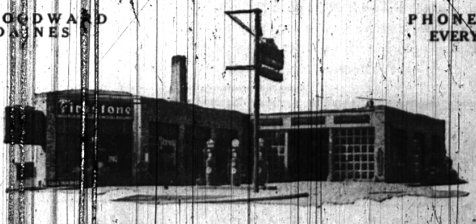


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