

There is no such thing as a good job in this world as far as my feet. We can find a veritable treasure in our own cities, in our own friends, and we will focus our vision through the spectacles of kindness, gentleness, tolerance, and love.

FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR—NO. 12

THE SINK RAY OF AND THAT

By G. R. A. Some very interesting and wise observations are contained in the motto for the state of Michigan: "If you seek a delightful peninsula, look about you." In our opinion, if there is anything of an official nature in the state that is accurate and true beyond question, that motto is. For complete and unshakable evidence of this, your eyes will shine like stars when you see the beautiful weather in the wrinkles of satisfaction and your heart will pulsate in the conviction that this western section of Michigan is a most desirable place to live. If you accept the motto's suggestion to look over the roads that skirt your state's boundary, you will be particularly for a short trip, you will not fail to include that most beautiful of roads, the one between Muskegon and Ludington and the Straits of Mackinac.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week the Michigan Automobile Association held its annual summer picnic at Frankfort, Mich., that most delightful and picturesque little town of 600 souls north of Ludington. Under the guidance and driving of the association's secretary, J. Biggs, editor and publisher of the Benzie County Patriot, the newspaperman and his family spent the week in the most interesting days they ever inhaled. The good folks of Frankfort proved that the west coast is not a depression in a community, it is for everybody to live. To them and work hard together, to make it livable and enjoyable. That's what they do in Frankfort. A member of the scenic people of human beings in the setting of Lake Michigan and the surrounding hills and woods. They bend in the "lake" and go to another in the picturesque scenery that some of us find so lovely. To enter the employ of the Ford Motor Company, with which he has been associated ever since he was in charge of the company's parcel post department, and more recently was engaged in special work in the shipping and mailing department. He lived in Detroit seven years before coming to Birmingham.

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Mr. Byrne's appointment brings to an end a period of controversy and speculation which has lasted more than two years and which has cost the Birmingham Postmaster some \$10,000. Early in 1931, shortly after his last term expired, Mr. Cobb was recommended for re-appointment by Grant M. Hudson, then congressman, and the recommendation was sent to the Senate, but not confirmed, and Mr. Cobb continued to hold office until when Seymour V. Person succeeded Mr. Hudson in Congress in March, 1931, he called for an extension of his term until July 1, 1932. Mr. Cobb, about 15 candidates took the examination, when three received notice they had been successful.

The three were Latta W. Porter, Hal M. Schlaack and Mr. Cobb. Mr. Schlaack was the youngest, however, and nearly two years after the examination was taken, the list of successful candidates was revised, with the name of Julius Wenz being substituted for that of Mr. Porter. Mr. Person publicly stated that he had nothing to do with the delay in the revision of the list to the Civil Service Commission's desire for "play" in the office.

Meanwhile, Mr. Wenz was nominated for the postmastership in February, and the appointment was sent to the Senate. He died last Saturday, with some 2,000 others, it was lost in the rush of business attending the retirement of the Hoover administration, and when the Democratic administration took office, suddenly a new list of candidates became a political digress for the postmastership race.

JOSEPH BYRNE, New and Retiring Postoffice Heads NAMED ACTING POSTMASTER

Democrat, Succeeding Cobb, Plans No Changes In Office Staff

WAS EMPLOYE OF FORD

Joseph A. Byrne, 1171 Smith avenue, is considering no changes in the personnel of the staff of the Birmingham postoffice when he takes office July 1, he will begin his duties as acting postmaster.

Mr. Byrne will succeed James W. Cobb, who has been Birmingham's postmaster since February, 1932. The post has been technically vacant since 1931, when Mr. Cobb's last term expired.

Mr. Byrne has been a resident of Birmingham for 10 years, and a prominent Democrat. He has been chairman of the Birmingham Democratic Committee since its organization last February, and has been a member of the Oakland County Democratic Committee also since its formation.

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LOWER POSTAL RATE EFFECTIVE SATURDAY

Effective Saturday, July 1, the postal rate for first class letters mailed to any local address will be reduced from 2 to 2 cents, in accordance with a new federal regulation. Letters sent from the Birmingham postoffice will be delivered to any Birmingham address, whether on a carrier or rural route, for 2 cents. It was explained by T. C. Heiding, assistant postmaster. The rate for sending letters out of town will remain the same.

LONG SESSION, BUT NO APPOINTMENTS

The City Commission discussed the retirement of the postmaster's office, and the various projects for more than two hours Monday night, although it did not make any appointment of city officials which has been hanging fire since last April. The meeting was the longest in recent years, starting shortly after 8 P. M. and ending at 12:20 A. M. Tuesday. For the past several weeks, the city has been in session an hour or two longer than usual, but none of them has reached this one in duration.

Public Works Program For City Begins To Take Shape

Commission Studies Plans For Sewage Plant, Eton Drain Positions Circulated

Several developments this week served to draw the city closer to the act of launching the long-delayed program of public works construction, providing federal aid can be secured under the terms of the National Recovery Act. The developments were: 1. Consideration by the City Commission last night of five different proposals for a sewage disposal system for the River town drainage district, varying in estimated cost from \$327,000 to \$523,000. 2. Circulation of petitions asking the Oakland County Drain Commission for re-approval of the assessment rolls for the Eton road sewer district.

2 NAMED FOR SCHOOL POST

Petitions For E. S. Clark; Others Circulated For John S. Black

Two candidates are definitely in the running today for a seat on the Board of Education in the annual election July 10. They are E. S. Clark, 622 Oak street, who is nominated in petitions already on file in the Board of Education office, and John S. Black, 691 Oak street, for whom petitions are being circulated, though not yet filed.

Dr. W. G. Hutchinson, who terms of the Board is expiring whose place is the only one not filled this year, was still undecided as to whether he would stand for re-election.

Both Mr. Clark and Mr. Black are well known in the city as building contractors. Mr. Black is chairman of the Property Owners Association of the Birmingham Area and one of the four members representing Birmingham on the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

EXTENSION DENIED IN TAX PAYMENTS

Penalties, Interest Must Be Paid After July 1 Sparks Declares

Tomorrow, June 30, is the day on which delinquent taxes will be collected in Oakland County without penalties or interest. County Treasurer Charles A. Sparks has announced that he will not grant an extension of the original district where the delinquency is less than 15 days, some 10 years, other 15 and still others 20. The cost at that time was figured at \$655,000, but the delinquency has increased the cost of the last three years would bring the cost now to about \$223,000. Mr. Drury said the \$223,000.

Mr. Drury also presented new plans for the Birmingham area, which would eliminate one of the original districts where the delinquency is less than 15 days, some 10 years, other 15 and still others 20. The cost at that time was figured at \$655,000, but the delinquency has increased the cost of the last three years would bring the cost now to about \$223,000. Mr. Drury said the \$223,000.

SMALLER PLANTS

The cost of a system to care for Birmingham's needs only was set at \$327,000. Two other plans included one for the reduced rate of the whole district with construction of sewer only as far as the present disposal plant and another for seven years old, and branches of the Rouge eliminated at a cost of \$343,000, and another for the Northwest area, estimated at \$27,000. (Turn to Page 2, No. 1)

Bits O' Birmingham

By THE WANDERER Many Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills music lovers are looking forward eagerly to the opening concert Saturday night in the summer series to be played by the Symphony Orchestra in the post-synphony garden at Westwood Inn, on Michigan avenue near Downtown. Beginning Saturday and continuing through the week, the orchestra will play there every night except Monday, and will also play on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. In front of the shell, in which the orchestra will play there will be a dance floor 125 feet long and 65 feet wide. A dance orchestra of 10 was 40 members during intermissions and after each concert.

CITY TAX LEVY SET AT \$226,000; RATES \$17.50

Commission Reopens Budget To Provide Interest Payments In Full

Birmingham's tax rate for the 1933-34 period from Jan. 1, 1933, to July 1, 1934, will be \$17.50 per thousand on an assessed valuation of \$226,000. The Commission set the rate Monday night after making several major revisions in its budget, including a reduction of \$100,000 for interest payments on general obligation bonds and tax anticipation notes.

Depositors In First National To Share \$500,000 Dividend

Payment of a 25 percent dividend to depositors in the First National Bank will begin Friday morning, it was announced last yesterday by Charles E. James, conservator of the bank and executive vice-president of the new Birmingham National.

The payment, which will release approximately \$500,000 to about 6,000 individual depositors, includes the 25 per cent dividend which was declared last February, but which some depositors failed to obtain.

Details Of Bank Payoff Explained By Conservator

The following statement explaining details of the dividend to depositors in the First National Bank was issued yesterday by Charles E. James, conservator.

"In order to facilitate the pay-off, it is necessary that we proceed on the basis of certain rules, which are as follows: 'Friday, we shall pay all depositors whose last names start with A, Saturday and Sunday we shall pay all depositors whose names start with B, Wednesday we shall pay all depositors whose names start with C, Thursday we shall pay all depositors whose names start with D and E, Friday we shall pay all depositors whose names start with F and G, Saturday we shall pay all depositors whose names start with H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, and those whose names start with numbers 1 through 9, and those whose names start with 0, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 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CITY WILL SEND TAX BILLS ABOUT JULY 12

City tax statements will probably be sent out between July 12 and 15, or possibly a few days earlier, according to Harold H. Corson, city treasurer. Although July 1 is normally the date for the beginning of collections, the city machinery was held up this month by the decision of the Board of Revision of the valuations.

Copies of the bills have been submitted to the State Tax Commission, and are expected momentarily to be returned with approval of the commission's approval. The statements have been reviewed by the Board of Revision of the valuations, and several days will be needed to complete the bills. Mr. Corson said.

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Claude H. Stevens, counsel for the plaintiffs, informed the Commission that he would not sue the city until the additional interest required was reduced. The suits have not yet been withdrawn, but a hearing scheduled for Friday has been postponed, and it is expected the action will be dropped after next Monday when the commission is expected to complete its revision of the budget.

The total amount of \$85,456 now still being eliminated from the budget before the tax levy will be reduced to the figure provided by the \$17.50 rate. City Manager James W. Parry has been instructed to recommitment to the Commission which should be reduced to \$85,456.

Library Appropriation Cut

The budget was increased by addition of the item for interest payments, and by elimination of an item of \$1,500 which the city had included for its share of the revenue.

Barnum Swimming Pool Draws 1,300 In 3 Days

A welcome breaker to the intense heat of the first part of the week, the Barnum School swimming pool has attracted a near-capacity attendance almost since the moment it was opened Monday morning, according to Ernest T. Engel, director of athletics in the Birmingham public schools, who is supervising the pool. A total of 310 persons, including both children and adults, used the pool on the opening day. On Tuesday, Mr. Engel said, the attendance figure passed 500, and on Wednesday it reached 1,300. The pool is believed to be the best of its kind in the city. The periods for adults have not been so well attended, although the attendance showed a steady increase from day to day. Mr. Engel said.

Opening of the pool was made possible by the generous contribution of more than 20 organizations in the community, headed by the major activities conservator, the Birmingham Lions Club, to raise funds with which to defray the operating expenses of \$25 per day. The fund to date has reached \$500. The fund to date has reached \$500. The fund to date has reached \$500.

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