The art of politics is, to all practical purposes, no art at all. It is merely a system of skullduggery and double-crossing wherein some people vest empty titulations and glories, (many of them gold rewards) at the expense of the mass of dumbly-driven taxpayers. Politics always needs cleansing.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

One of the sweetest of scenes, accompanied by the sort of tender music that thrills the very soul of man and woman, flashed before me on the silver screen of Birmingham's theatre the other night. It was "Lullaby Land," a color picture made by Walter Disney. That chap wins my vote for immortal fame. To me he is the Polar Star of all Hollywood. The picture, you may recall, opened with the strains of "Rock-a-bye Baby, on the Tree-top . . ." and closed, after the little fellow and his friendly little dog had stumbled, adventure-like, through "Forbidden-Land," and were finally put to sleep by the "Sand Man" and his beautiful lullaby-song. Just as the picture started, and the words of "Rock-a-bye Baby . . ." burst forth from the screen, I was caused to arise in my aisle seat as two women and a man sought their places. One of the women, perhaps a grandmother now—but SURELY a mother—spontaneously sang in a soft, clear voice an accompaniment to the song that, sometime or other, has been sung to you and to me by our mothers. Her voice was, to me, a lovely wholesomeness in a world that, alas! too often is sordid and unlovely. I've often criticized the movies for their unloveliness, their ghastly portrayal of the seamy and the salacious sides of human existence. But those few moments of "Lullaby-Land" on the screen, inadvertently aided by a feminine soul of understanding who happened to be in the aisle, (symbol of the universality of tender, protecting motherhood) were like a beautiful flower on a barren desert, or a cup of clear, cold water on a hot day. Thank God, I say, for little children, lullabyes, the crooning love of women for babies—and Walt Disney.

Professor Raymond Moley, head man in President Roosevelt's so-called "brain trust," has resigned his job in the administration in order that he may head a new national magazine, to be financed by Vincent Astor, Averill Harriman and Mrs. Mary Harriman Rumsey. Because of Astor's great personal friendship for the President, it appears to us that the movement of Moley bears great political significance. We'll wager that the magazine will strongly support Democrats, and thus seek to put over a sort of propaganda that Moley, as a progressive, could not do as well as by resigning. Devious and roundabout are the ways of politics. (Mr. Harriman is Mrs. Rumsey, son and daughter of the famous E. H. Harriman, railroad magnate of a previous generation, are third cousins of mine. Their mother was Mary Averill, a first cousin of my father's).

America's "playing cards" since Mar. 4 have been trade-marked "New Deal." Well, while we have no objection to a temporary and mild dictorship, we most certainly will join all others who oppose the use of "duces" will.

Newspaper Dictionary

Dense Smoke—What the firemen fight their way through.

Nearby Drug Store—Where the injured man is always carried.

Undetermined Origin—What starts fires.

Our Esteemed Contemporary—The dirty, lying, opposition paper.

Modishly Garbed—What the female defendant in a murder trial is.

Tiger Girl—Any female crook under 46 years of age.

Shots—Something that rings out. (See still night).

Traffic—Something that is paralyzed. (See blizzard.)

Trusted Employee—The man for whom the police are looking.—Peter Rabid in Grand Rapids Chronicle.

A soldier went to his colonel and asked for leave to go home to help his wife with the spring housecleaning.

"I don't like to refuse you," said the colonel, "but I've just received a letter from your wife saying that you are no use around the house."

The soldier saluted and turned to go. At the door he stopped:

"Colonel, there are two persons in this regiment who handle the truth loosely, and I'm one of them, I'm not married."—Nebraska Awgwan.

When you have a NEWS ITEM which you think will interest others, just call for a reporter at The Eccentric—telephone: 11, 12 or 13. This service is free.

R. M. A. SOUNDS CALL TO 'BUY IN BIRMINGHAM'

Merit Of Local Stores To Be Told In 13-Weeks' Campaign

TRADE GAINS EXPECTED

The "Buy In Birmingham" campaign sponsored by the Retail Merchants Association opened today with the city's retail trade stores offering an united front in their effort to attract the co-operation of local consumers on the basis of merit alone. The campaign will continue for 13 weeks.

Based solely on the theory that the quality of merchandise and service offered in Birmingham stores is worthy of increased consideration on the part of Birmingham buyers, and especially housewives, the campaign is expected by officials of the R. M. A. to double the gross sales of its members within a month.

Association Meets

Details of the plan were discussed at a meeting of the Association in the Community House Tuesday evening, when it was pointed out that every available means must be taken by local business men to attract home trade if they are to be able to withstand the profit losses involved through the increase in wages and shortening of hours of employes demanded by the NRA.

Aims of the R. M. A. received the high commendation of Charles E. Boyd, secretary of the Detroit Retail Merchants' Association, who declared that business organization and co-operation is absolutely imperative if business is to receive the full benefits of the NRA, and that without this organization and co-operation, the NRA may actually prevent its survival.

"It is absolutely futile to go ahead in business from day to day without a co-operative and common understanding among yourselves," he said.

Co-operation Demanded

"I see the value of the NRA to the retailing trades as one of the most important developments in business history. I grant you that the higher wages and shorter hours will hurt—if they do not, in fact, actually bankrupt you—but if you can absorb these, you will gain in an almost unlimited degree from the elimination of unfair business practices and cut-throat competition.

"In this you will be given all the co-operation in the world by the Federal Government and the fair practice code. But you won't be able to take full advantage of either one unless you organize among yourselves.

"If you don't grasp every opportunity you have—if you don't get every business man in town working together within your Retail Merchants Association—believe me you'll be missing the opportunity of your generation to get where you want to be as far as your business and your community are concerned."

Control Of Fund Solicitations Set Up By R. M. A.

Hereafter, Birmingham business men promise not to be constantly approached by solicitors for funds to various causes, some of which are worthy but most of which are practically unknown.

In an attempt to place a systematic control over the stream of solicitors who file into Birmingham business houses day after day, C. J. Brahmse, secretary of the Retail Merchants Association, announced at the meeting Tuesday night that a sanction committee has been organized by the Association to pass on applications of organizations to solicit funds in the business district.

If an application is approved by the sanction committee, the solicitors will be given cards bearing the endorsement of the R. M. A. Without such cards, solicitors may simply be referred to the sanction committee by members of the R. M. A. without embarrassment, Mr. Brasmse pointed out.

Presentation of a sanction card does not mean that the person approached must contribute to the cause, whatever it may be, but only that the cause the solicitor represents has been investigated by the R. M. A., and found to be a worthy one.

Mr. Braamse will serve as a permanent member of the committee, but the names of the other members will not be revealed, he said, adding that "you can be assured that not many of these sanction cards will be issued."

PARRY ATTENDS CITY MANAGER CONVENTION

City Manager James W. Parry was expected to return today from Chicago where he has been attending the annual convention of the International City Manager's Association. Last week, Mr. Parry attended a three-day meeting of the Michigan Municipal League, held at Traverse City.

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Judges Announce Winners In Flower Garden Contest

Prize Awards In Children's Division Also Listed As Competition Closes

The winners of 25 prizes and special citations for flower gardens in Birmingham's second annual Yard and Garden Contest were announced Wednesday by the committee in charge, including W. Whiting Raymond, general chairman, Mrs. Theodore F. W. Meyer, and Mrs. L. E. Holton.

At the same time, the winners of the eight prizes and two honorable mentions offered in the children's garden division, a new branch of the contest this year, were announced by Mrs. William McCallum, who served as chairman of the division, assisted by Mrs. H. D. Harris.

Gardens in the adult group were divided into two classes, Class I for those on which all of the work was done by the owner or members of his family, and Class II for gardens on which some of the work was done by hired labor. Each of these two classes was subdivided into three groups according to size.

Bauman Is Winner

Only one prize was awarded for a large-sized garden in Class I. This prize went to E. F. Bauman, 708 Shirley drive.

Mrs. H. E. Brelsford, 212 Pilgrim road, won first prize for medium-sized gardens in this class. Second prize went to Mrs. Shelton Wright, 243 Aspen road; third to R. C. Diserens, 619 Rivenoak road; fourth to Mrs. D. I. Clemmer, 357 Waddington road; and honorable mention to E. C. Atherton, 449 Baldwin avenue.

Among the owners of small gardens in the first class, Mrs. Charles S. Kinnison, 348 Hawthorne road, won first prize. Mrs. Helen Wagner Neff was awarded second prize in this group; Allen C. Staley, Amberly road, third; Louis Wegener, 863 Chester street, fourth; and Mrs. C. Kenneth Bell, 759 Greenwood avenue, honorable mention.

The judges also voted three special awards in this class. One went to Mrs. G. Potts, 1363 East Ruffner street, for improvement of her home grounds in spite of serious difficulties, and another to Carl J. Moergeli, for the variety and quality of flowers in a very small garden.

Gas Station Cited

The third special award went to the Quarton Lakes Service Station, which the judges decided had made a creditable effort, despite the fact there was no stated competition for business places.

First prize for large gardens in Class II, on which some of the work was done by hired labor, was won by Thomas Jefferies, Morningview Terrace. The remarkable thing about this garden, the judges pointed out, was that it was entirely new this year, a garden never having been raised on the property before.

Second prize in this group went to Mrs. R. D. Baker, Southfield road; third to E. R. Harrell, Waddington road; fourth to Mrs. Louis Schoenhaagen, 1 Bird avenue; and honorable mention to Mrs. Ida Morris, Hazelhurst road.

Mrs. Charles E. Lewis, 272 Hawthorne road, was awarded first prize among the contestants entering medium-sized gardens in Class II. Second prize was won by Mrs. L. M. Woolson, Wadding ton road; third by Mrs. W. E. Moody, 252 Chesterfield road; fourth by Mrs. C. J. MacDonald, Lake Park drive; and honorable mention by Mrs. C. W. MacGregor, 151 Waddington road.

Mrs. Snyder Wins

Only one prize was awarded for small gardens in this class. It was won by Mrs. Vinal J. Snyder, 628 Woodland avenue.

Exactly 101 entrants competed in the children's division of the contest, which was grouped into two sections, one for flower gardens and one for vegetable gardens. First prize in both groups was won by Frances Rubeck, 12-years old, of 450 West Brown street.

Second prize in the flower division went to Joseph B. Hetler, 505 Townsend street; third to Betty Ann Baumann, 708 Shirley drive; fourth to Margaret Kelly, 707 Ann street; and honorable mention to Robert Noyes, Woodale road.

William Paulus, 608 Bennaville avenue, won second prize in the vegetable division. Third prize was awarded to Eric M. Meyer, 1020 Midland drive; fourth to Andrew Watson, 1207 Bird avenue; and honorable mention to David and Donald Van Pelt, Morningview Terrace.

Photographs of some of the

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HOUSE PLANS FUND DRIVE

Re-opening Of Thrift Shop, Two Staff Additions Also Announced

Announcements of the re-opening of the Thrift Shop at the Community House, of the appointment of two new members to the House staff, and of arrangements being prepared for a maintenance fund drive this fall have been made by Mrs. L. N. Pyle, president of the Community House Association.

The maintenance drive will be held this fall to replace this year's annual spring roll call which was called off because of the banking holiday. It will probably begin the second week in October, Mrs. Pyle said.

With the opening of the Thrift Shop, the Community House has made arrangements to call for donations of clothing, and also to deliver packages, Mrs. Pyle said, adding that any contributions will be greatly appreciated by the Community House Association.

Opening about Oct 1, the shop will be operated Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays by women volunteers who have donated their services, Mrs. Pyle said.

The two new members to be added to the House staff are Mrs. S. F. Trumbull, who will be in charge of the employment office, and Mrs. Charles E. Plumstead, who will serve as assistant hostess under Mrs. Edith Van Tuyl Deuel. Mrs. Trumbull conducted the employment office from the time the Community House was first organized until about three years ago.

DAIRYMAN DENIES ASSAULT CHARGE

Quarrel In Pierce Street Business Place Gives Taylor First Local Case

A quarrel between two rival dairyman ended in Municipal Court Wednesday and gave Associate Justice James W. Taylor, substituting for Justice Forbes S. Hascall, his first Birmingham case.

The defendant in the case, George King, 33 years old, R. D. 4, Pontiac, pleaded not guilty to an assault and battery charge brought against him by William Button, 536 Hanna street. King was released on

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Bits O' Birmingham

By THE WANDERER

Despite repeated notification, patrons of Baldwin Public Library are still not all acquainted with the Library's new schedule of hours, says Mrs. Nancy B. Thomas, librarian. For their benefit the Wanderer is glad to remind them that the Library is open every afternoon from 2 to 6 P. M. and on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 9 P. M. In addition, it is open, primarily for the benefit of school children, from 10 A. M. to noon on Saturdays, re-opening at 2 P. M. for the regular afternoon period.

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Sanford Toothacker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Toothacker of Merrill street, is one of the officers of the Reserve Army recently called to active duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps. At present, Toothacker, who is a second-lieutenant in the Reserve Army, is in training at Fort Wayne, Detroit, where he expects to remain for two or three weeks. Following his training period he will be commissioned to one of the many reforestation camps in the country.

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Birmingham Exchangites Tuesday noon were given a word picture of the anthracite coal industry, its history and its progress as an aid to American industrial growth and home comfort. The speaker, a representative of the anthracite coal industry, was introduced by Charles Groves, manager of the Lawson-Erb Lumber Company here.

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Robert C. Hargreaves of Cranbrook road, who helps make the traffic laws for Bloomfield Hills as a member of the City Commission, received a practical demonstration in the workings of municipal traffic regulations this week when he was arrested by Birmingham police for driving 45 miles an hour in a 30-mile zone on Woodward avenue. The arrest occurred Saturday evening, and Mr. Hargreaves appeared at the Traffic Violations Bureau Monday evening to pay a $5 fine.

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Mrs. George R. Averill, of Rivenoak road, and her three children returned home last Saturday from their summer cottage at Epworth Heights, near Ludington, where they had been since May 27. (Society Editor's Note: Mr. Averill, who publishes this newspaper, and who spent a portion of the summer with his family at Epworth, wishes to thank his friends for their sympathy during the past summer when he was "bachin'" it, for their generous contributions to his gastronomical pursuits while he remained here on the job.)

2,464 STUDENTS REGISTERED AS SCHOOLS OPEN

Early Enrollment Figure Is 48 Less Than Last Year's

BALDWIN HAS INCREASE

A total of 2,464 students were registered in the Birmingham schools at the close of the second day of the term which opened Monday, it was announced yesterday by Superintendent Charles W. Crandell.

This figure is 48 less than the number of registrations recorded on the same comparative date last year, when the total was 2,512, Mr. Crandell said.

Although this is believed to be the first year in which the enrollment has shown a decrease from the previous year's registration, the new enrollment is still considerably above those for all years except last year. The enrollment at the end of the first two days of the 1931-32 term was 2,406, which was a marked increase over that for 1930-31.

Despite the decrease in this year's total enrollment, the registration at Baldwin High School reached a new high figure of 672 students, or 34 more than were enrolled there on the corresponding date last year. Quarton School had an increase of 10 students, and Pierce School of the St. Adams School the enrollment yesterday was 661, or 32 less than last year, and at Barnum School the registration dropped 29.

Despite the unexpectedly large increase at Baldwin, Mr. Crandell said he did not anticipate it would be necessary to transfer any students to other buildings. Late registrations are continuing to be received at the buildings, he said, although it is not probable that these late enrollments at either Adams or Barnum will be sufficient to offset the present decreases.

As compared with the enrollment yesterday of 2,464 students, the total membership in the schools at the end of the term last May was 2,484. Following is a summary of the enrollment by buildings at the end of the first two days of school in both 1933 and 1932:

School	1933	1932
Baldwin	672	638
Adams	661	729
Barnum	540	569
Quarton	338	328
Pierce	253	248
Totals	2464	2512

Inquest Uncertain In Fatal Accident

Coroner G. Dewey Kimball said yesterday the county prosecutor's office was still undecided whether an inquest would be held in a traffic accident Tuesday morning at Ten Mile and Dequindre roads in which a man was killed and a Birmingham girl was injured.

The man was Harry Lardner, 145 Central avenue, Centerline, Mich., who was on his way to apply for work in Toledo when his car collided with one driven by Miss Lillian Burnett, 22 years old, of 460 West Maple avenue, Birmingham.

Miss Burnett, a nurse at Dr. Jennings Hospital, Detroit, escaped with head cuts and body bruises, and was removed to her home after being treated at Royal Oak Private Hospital.

DeMolays To Fete Saginaw Chapter

Members of the Saginaw DeMolay chapter will be guests of the Hassberger Chapter of Birmingham at an initiation ceremony and social program at the Masonic Temple here at 8 P. M. Tuesday, it was announced yesterday by William Spence, secretary of the advisory board of the local chapter.

Members of the Hassberger Chapter will put on the iniatory degree, and members of the Saginaw Chapter the DeMolay degree, Spence said. Refreshments will be served after the ceremonies.

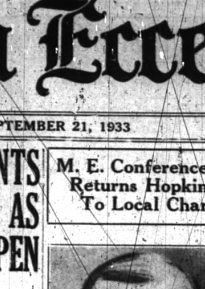
Honored guests will be members of the Board of Representatives of the Metropolitan Detroit DeMolay District, which includes two members from each chapter in the district. Birmingham Masons have also been invited to attend.

C. C. C. TO TAKE TWO MORE LOCAL YOUTHS

Two more Birmingham youths will be selected for the Civilian Conservation Corps either late this week or early next week, according to Gordon Van Camp, welfare investigator. The two from Birmingham are included in a new quota of 106 alloted to Oakland County, and which is scheduled to leave for Camp Custer about Oct. 1, following preliminary examinations in Pontiac.

In addition to the two new recruits from here, many of the 19 selected from Birmingham in May are planning to re-enlist at the close of their first six months in the camps, Mr. Van Camp said.

The new quota is being divided among the cities and townships of the county on the basis of welfare load, rather than on a population basis as before.



M. E. Conference Returns Hopkins To Local Charge

Dr. Hopkins

The Rev. R. D. Hopkins will serve as pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Birmingham for at least another year, it was announced Sunday at the close of the 78th annual Detroit M. E. Conference, held at Ypsilanti, when the assignments of charges were revealed.

The assignments were announced by Bishop Edgar Blake, head of the Detroit M. E. Area. Dr. Hopkins was first assigned to the Birmingham charge last year, succeeding the Rev. R. M. Atkins, who was made pastor of the Central Methodist Church of Pontiac.

The Rev. J. E. Marvin, pastor of the Embury Methodist Church here, was also re-appointed, Bishop Blake's announcements revealed.

The only change made in the Birmingham area was the assignment of the Rev. E. E. Robinson, formerly of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Detroit, to churches in Southfield, Berkley and Franklin.

In Berkley, Mr. Robinson succeeds the Rev. Leigh Hagle, formerly pastor of the Embury Church here, who was transferred to Newport Church, Iron Mountain. In Franklin, he succeeds the Rev. R. D. Richards.

The First M. E. Church here was transferred at the conference from the Detroit to the Ann Arbor district. The only difference this will make, according to Dr. Hopkins, is that it will bring the church under the supervision of Dr. J. A. Halmhuber as district superintendent. Dr. Walter R. Fruit is superintendent of the Detroit District.

SERVICES TODAY FOR PETER REID

Life-long Resident Of County Dies At Home In Beverly Hills

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 P. M. today for Peter Reid, 77 years old, who died Tuesday morning after a brief illness at his home, Birwood road and South Woodward avenue, Beverly Hills.

Mr. Reid was born on a farm at Nine Mile and Southfield roads, Southfield Township, on Dec. 22, 1858, and had lived in Oakland County all his life.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Margaret Reid; two daughters, Estell M., at home, and Mrs. Jessie M. Martin of Sioux City, Ia.; a granddaughter, Margaret Ann, and a brother, Stewart Reid, of South Adams road, Birmingham.

The services today will be held from S. O. Wylie Bell Home for Funerals, with burial in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery. The Rev. Charles Wellington Jones, formerly pastor of the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak, will officiate. He will be assisted by the Rev. Dr. John C. Young, present pastor of the church.

Non-Compliance Charged Here In NRA Complaints

Compliance Board Awaits Instructions From Washington Before Hearing Cases Of Alleged Violations Of Codes

EMPLOYES' GRIEVANCES REPORTED

More than a score of complaints of alleged violation of the NRA by Birmingham employers have been received during the past week, J. Don Jordan, general chairman of the local recovery committee, announced yesterday.

Most of the complaints have been turned over to the recently appointed NRA Compliance Board, which is awaiting detailed instructions from Washington before holding its first meeting, Mr. Jordan said.

"For the most part," he said, "the complaints are from employes who feel they have been unjustly treated or who believe their employers are not living up to the President's re-employment agreement in one way or another."

No Complaints From Employers

No complaints have been received from one employer against another, even among rival concerns, Mr. Jordan said.

The Compliance Board which will hear the complaints when its method of procedure is more fully

COMMISSION READY TO ACT

Mayor Says Smith's Vacancy Will Be Filled Monday Night

Mayor Harry Allen said yesterday that the vacancy on the City Commission caused by the death on Aug. 26 of T. H. Smith would be filled at the next meeting of the Commission Monday night.

"We have been in no great hurry to fill the vacancy," the Mayor said, "but the Commission has been considering it, and it will have to be done next week."

The charter provides that vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by appointment of the remaining members within 30 days after the vacancy occurs. Since Mr. Smith died Aug. 25, the 30 days in this case will expire Sunday.

No Election

According to Mayor Allen, there is no probability that the vacancy would be filled at a special election. This question was raised in a report to the Commission Monday night by City Manager James W. Parry in connection with the possibility that an election will be called for the issuance of bonds for public works projects the city is considering under the National Recovery Act, but Mayor Allen said he believed the charter would not provide for that procedure. If made by the Commission, the appointment will be only until the next regular election in April.

Meanwhile, Commissioner J. Harry McBride has not submitted his resignation, although he left last week for Texas, where he plans to spend the winter. He has said, however, that his plans may be altered, causing him to return to Birmingham within a few weeks. Mayor Allen said yesterday he did not know what course would be followed in this case.

Conjecture still abounds as to the Commission's choice to fill Mr. Smith's vacancy. The name most frequently mentioned in discussions of the subject in various quarters of the city during the past week has been that of Lawrence Hulbert, who served on the Commission for six years before failing to be re-elected last spring.

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Close followers of city affairs point out that Mr. Hulbert was always in close harmony with Mayor Allen and Commissioners Frank S. Packard and E. W. Osborne, who served with him last year and who will have a voice in filling the vacancy.

Other possibilities for the office include Luther Heacock, David Levinson, Harlow P. Dawck, Arthur J. Kane, Wesley A. Gibbons, Walter L. Connelly, Scott A. Hersey and Harold T. Ellerby.

250 JOBLESS LISTED BY NRA COMMITTEE

More than 250 names are now listed by the Birmingham NRA Committee as being unemployed and in need of work, J. Don Jordan, general chairman, announced yesterday. As against this number, less than 20 have been found only permanent jobs, he said.

The list of unemployed includes scores of persons trained to do specialized work and skilled labor, as well as several common workmen. Secretaries, clerks, salesmen, draughtsmen, plasterers, painters, trained nurses and others are listed, Mr. Jordan said.

"We are anxious to find jobs for these people as soon as possible, for the relief of unemployment, the primary purpose, the whole aim of the NRA," Mr. Jordan said. "If employers in need of new employees will notify me, I am sure we will be able to find some one for the job, no matter what it is."

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known is headed by J. B. Howarth. Other members are Floyd Swayze, John Leger, Charles J. Shain, George R. Averill, Mrs. E. M. Mann and Forbes S. Hascall. The committee will attempt to settle complaints by voluntary compliance, and will report cases of persistent non-compliance to Washington.

Mr. Jordan was awaiting response from Washington yesterday to a suggestion he has advanced that junior NRA committees be organized among high school students of any community. The committees would be modeled after the adult NRA groups, with a general and other officers, according to Mr. Jordan's plan.

Would Sponsor Contests

He believes their services could be made to be invaluable in spurring the recovery program through the effect on parents of buying contests and other competitions to be sponsored by the students. The plan has been submitted to Boss Long, chief of the recovery boards section of the Blue Eagle division, NRA.

The survey of local business houses to determine how many new employes have been added since the beginnng of the Blue Eagle drive and how much weekly payrolls have been increased—a survey which was to have started this week—has been delayed until other phases of the drive can be completed, but it will probably begin next week, Mr. Jordan said.

State To Cut Bloomfield, Birmingham Valuations

The State Tax Commission will reduce property valuations in both Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, according to information reported to the Birmingham Commission Monday night by Commissioner Clarence Vliet.

Mr. Vliet, who is also a member of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, said that Melville B. McPherson, chairman of the State Tax Commission, had told him and other supervisors at a conference Monday that valuations in this section would be reduced, and that those in Pontiac, Royal Oak, Farmington and possibly other areas would probably be raised.

Following the conference, Mr. McPherson appeared before the Board of Supervisors and said that petitions filed by Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills for a re-equalization of the county would be granted, and hinted at reductions here and boosts in other units. Work on the re-equalization has already begun.

"Mr. McPherson seemed to be willing to grant reductions to Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills because those two cities got the approval of the Tax Commission before reducing their own valuations, whereas other units went ahead with reductions without consulting the state," Mr. Vliet said.

As equalized by the County Board of Equalization, the valuation as it now stands would force Birmingham to pay 17.8 per cent of the total county tax levy, as compared with 5.696 per cent paid last year, and would force Bloomfield Hills to pay 2.968 per cent as compared with 2.03 per cent last year.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned after its meeting Monday, to be recalled when the re-equalization report is ready. It was expected to be completed within 10 days.

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