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BOARD STUDIES TAX PROPOSAL

Two Men Ask To Pay Current School Levy With Bonds

Two requests that it accept school bonds and interest coupons in payment of current school taxes are under consideration of the Board of Education.

One of the requests was made at the Board's meeting last Thursday night by John Endicott of Chesterfield road, Bloomfield Hills. Mr. Endicott said he owes this year \$1,178 in taxes to the Birmingham school district, and asked that he be allowed to pay this with a portion of the bonds he owns, or at least that he be allowed to apply \$475 worth of interest coupons against the tax indebtedness.

The interest coupons are in default, but the bonds are not due. Mr. Endicott pointed out that the Board is accepting bonds in payment of delinquent school taxes, and that any taxpayer might therefor simply allow his taxes to go delinquent for a year and then pay them in bonds at 50 cents on the dollar or less, providing he was certain the bonds-for-taxes scheme would be in effect next year.

He added, however, that he had

Crull Is Again Appointed Boy Scout Commissioner

Named At District Committee's Annual Meeting To Serve 5th Straight Year

For the fifth consecutive year, the activities of Birmingham Boy Scouts in 1934 will be in charge of Howard D. Crull, principal of Barum School.

Appointment of Mr. Crull to serve again as Boy Scout commissioner was announced by Shelton Wright, president of the Boy Scout District Committee, at the annual meeting Friday evening in the Community House when officers were installed and a review of scouting in Birmingham during 1933 was given in annual reports. All of the 1933 officers were re-installed for another year. They are: Leslies Mr. Wright, James J. Martindale, vice-president, and Charles S. Kinnison, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Wright announced his committee appointments for the year as follows:

Harold Webster and Leo Billings, deputy commissioners; Frederick Cox, publicity; E. J. Meirrow, Paul Neal and Mr. Martindale, finance; Lawrence Hubert, camping; Julius F. Wenzel, court of honor; Clarence Cummings, scoutmaster; C. D. Richardson and George Rounds, field work.

Members of the District Committee, in addition to the officers, commissioner, deputy commissioners and committee members, are as follows:

Otto Beler, T. W. Eustis, Col. Edwin S. George, George Hetrick, Robert Hubert, Dale Wetzel, William G. Olsen, Lawrence Clark, Ralph Norton, R. D. Peebles, R. H. Mann, Fred W. Johnson, William A. Dale, William C. Allet, Thomas Schooley, Leo Gibbons, Alfred Schalm, Donald Mann, Bonar Sherman, F. W. DuBois, and H. H. Richardson.

Commissioner Crull's annual report pointed out that the progress of scouting in Birmingham during 1933 has been impeded by leadership turnover and lack of interest on the part of the parents, but predicted an upward trend and renewal of growth in 1934.

The report of awards made to individual scouts during the past year showed the following advancements recorded:

Eagle Palm Awards—Robert Peckham, Thos. Navin, Jr., and David Robinson.
Life Award—William Hosick.
Star Awards—Dean Smith, Robert Watt, William Graves.
Psalm Award—Tom Schooley.
First Class—James Schooley, William Bigger, William Martindale, William Lord, Arthur Moss and Bill Phett.

Second Class—Robert Porter, Julian Rochelle, Erwin Parker, George W. Rounds, David Peebles, Charles Wilson, Walter Stecker, Glenn Hoover, Junior Forester, Charles Pearce, Gerald Lentz, William Price, Charles Hallett.

In addition, 24 different scouts shared in winning 45 merit badges.

Clarence McQuater Dies In Southfield

Services were held Monday afternoon at the S. O. Wyllie Bell Funeral Home for Clarence S. McQuater, 51 years old, who died Saturday evening at his home on Thirteenth Mile road near Franklin road.

Burial was in Southfield Township. The Rev. Clarence Wright, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated.

Death was caused by complications developing from asthma, from which he had been a sufferer for several years.

Mr. McQuater, who was born in Southfield Township, is survived by his wife, Luella; two sons, Floyd of Southfield, and Milton, at home; a daughter, Harriet, at home; a sister, Mrs. J. L. Campbell, and a brother, E. C. McQuater, both of Birmingham.

ECONOMIES HIT LIBRARY IN '33

Reduction In Staff, Hours, New Books Bring Loss Of Circulation

By MRS. NANCY B. THOMAS (Librarian, Baldwin Public Library)

Jan. 1, 1933, saw drastic changes in Baldwin Public Library. Due to financial conditions, it was necessary to drop the full-time assistants from the staff and reduce the number of library hours from 66 to 30 a week. This reduction of the staff and hours was a great inconvenience to the borrowers, who were forced to serve themselves in the new hours, and high school students learned to find reference material with much less help than formerly.

Volunteer help was a real factor in making it possible to accomplish as much work as was done. An average of about an hour a day was given by the girls of the Birmingham Service League, and others. The Present Day Club took over the work at Pierce School and distributed books to the children there one afternoon a week during the school term. Mrs. F. W. Nidenfuer told stories to the children at Thanksgiving and during the year. The book collection suffered materially. Only 45 new books were purchased during the year. However, gifts numbering 267 were added to the shelves, as well as 47 books transferred from the rental collection.

Rental Collection
The rental collection, which was started with contributions amounting to \$66, furnished most of the new material. A total of 140 books were purchased for this collection. As soon as a book paid for itself, it was put in the free collection and the money used to buy another book. Books were out very rapidly, and 487 had to be discarded. That left the entire collection poorer by 128 books at the end of the year. The number of books now in the library is 13,393.

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At the beginning of 1933, the total circulation was 11,639, and in 1932 it was 8,485. However, that is an average of almost nine books for each man, woman and child in the city, and 15 books for each person using the library.

Registration increased during the year. At the beginning of 1933, there were 5,188 persons registered, and at the end there were 5,408. The registration fee is kept alive by removing each month the cards which have not been used for a year or more. A total of 488 such cards were removed, but with 708 new registrations, the net gain for the year was 220.

Reading Rooms Popular
The reading rooms were more popular than ever. Leisure time for readers and a shorter period when the library might be enjoyed accounted for the rooms being comfortably filled most of the time, and uncomfortably filled some evenings.

The year ended with receipt of a check for \$100 from the Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women. This money, which was earned by the sale of old books, was given "without strings." To date it has not been spent.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
Charles W. Crandall, superintendent of schools: "I am highly pleased and gratified with the work of the committee of local men and women which prepared the work-relief-in-education program for Birmingham. The wide social and community point of view the committee adopted has uncovered possibilities in the program here which I never knew existed."

Mayor Will Head President's Ball

City Commissioner Is Placed In Charge Of Office On School Building Projects



Mayor Harry Allen has been appointed chairman of Birmingham's Birthday Ball for President Roosevelt, to be held in the Community House Tuesday evening, Jan. 30.

The party here will be one of about 5,000 similar events to be held in various cities all over the country on the same date in honor of President's 52nd birthday. The proceeds to go to the permanent endowment fund for the nation-wide work of the Warm Springs Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Mayor Allen, whose appointment came from Col. Henry L. Doherty, chairman of the national committee, will announce later the names of those who will assist him in arranging for the ball here.

FATHER-SON BANQUET PLANNED BY Y. M. C. A.

A custom which has been discontinued for the past five years will be revived this year by the Birmingham Y. M. C. A., when it will hold a community father-and-son banquet and program in the Community House on the evening of Feb. 22. A speaker from New York has been secured to deliver the address, according to Robert D. Lynd, "Y" secretary.

At the last Y. M. C. A. function of this kind, 710 boys and their fathers were served at the banquet.

VLIET NAMED TO STATE CWA POST

City Commissioner Is Placed In Charge Of Office On School Building Projects

Clarence Vliet, city commissioner and former superintendent of Birmingham schools, has been appointed director of the Michigan Division, CWA School Projects, with offices in Lansing.

With a corps of several assistants and clerks, Mr. Vliet's office examines and passes on all applications for CWA funds with which to erect school buildings or finance school repairs in Michigan, as well as giving advice and assistance to Boards of Education in making out their applications and meeting the requirements for eligibility.

Mr. Vliet is assisted by C. R. Gobb, former superintendent of schools at Bessemer, Vincent Lofredo of Traverse City is the clerk and legal adviser; Charles Noble of Detroit, building architect, and Alfred Sargent, Royal Oak, land agent.

The office is under the supervision of Dr. Paul F. Voelker, superintendent of public instruction; Dr. Paul Thompson, assistant superintendent, and H. E. Neuman of the division of rural education of the Department of Public Instruction.

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ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$178,658.17
United States Government Securities	244,777.24
Other Bonds	442,235.81
Loans and Discounts—Secured—(These are secured by adequate listed collateral)	41,248.75
Real Estate Mortgages	78,886.48
Loans and Discounts—Unsecured	70,383.09
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	39,299.81
Redemption Fund	3,300.00
Accrued Interest	2,000.00
Other Assets	634.69
	704.08
	\$619,692.75

LIABILITIES

Preferred Capital (Reconstruction Finance Corporation)	\$ 60,000.00
Common Capital	40,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits	4,388.98
Circulation—(Secured by Government Bonds)	40,000.00
Deposits—	
United States Government and other public deposits secured by pledges of United States Bonds and other securities	\$141,304.05
Other Deposits	355,365.28
Certified, Cashier's and Other Checks outstanding	8,634.44
Total Deposits	105,303.77
	\$619,692.75

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SEZ YOU

1. A hippogriff is a fabulous winged monster, half horse and half griffin.
2. Homalo is a prefix meaning uneven.
3. Gaberulnia is another name for a baggar.
4. A circle having a diameter of 2 inches, has a circumference of 6.28318 inches.
5. The koku is a Chinese unit of weight.
6. One cylindrical foot of water weighs 100 pounds.
7. Sugar weighs approximately 200 pounds per cubic foot.
8. Interest on \$100 for three days, at five per cent, would be \$0.04.
9. Tungsten has a boiling point of 5,830 degrees C.
10. Lassie is classed as an adjective in the English language.

Answers will be found on page two, this section.