It is refreshing to drive over the older streets of some village or city, and thrill to the beauty of flower-laden trellises that obscure front porches of homes weather-beaten and tarnished. There is something homey about any old dwelling that wears beautiful flowers on its breast.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

The average person is a strange admixture of good and bad impulses, the good coming from the idealistic side of his nature, the bad from his coarser, earthly yearnings. To those who, by self-discipline, by conscientious pursuit of a worthy objective, by an actual prayerful dependence upon some Higher Authority—to those who gain high places of vision in the vast scheme of human relationships, much real happiness and a sort of calm contentment comes. Riches of gold and jewels, of all earthly possessions, fade into insignificant value when contrasted with the riches that come from intellectual and spiritual adventuring. Personally, I would rather have an enlarged Vision and Soul, to wait out life's cycle on some little plot of ground, than a narrowed and shriveled viewpoint, a selfishly acquired competance on some vast estate. One has to live through a period of years to learn a few of life's realities, to comprehend meanings wholly incapable of explanation by copy book maxims.

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An Atlanta, Ga., woman, on trial for slaying her infant daughter, pleads that "I gave her life and have the right to take it from her." This woman, very poor, also tried to do away with herself by poison. Her belief that she "gave her daughter life" is a statement that she, unable to prove the origin of her own creation, or her forbears, will find hard to substantiate. How strange that human beings, so far from knowing their "whence" and "whither", get so upset and serious about remaking the world!

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It is, indeed, gratifying to observe that once again Joe J. Jackrabbit, the notorious kangaroo politician, has jumped into the political arena in a valiant effort to save his state from ruin himself. Mr. Jackrabbit, whose stand on every important topic is waited for by a trusting world, may become a bit satirical at times, but when he isn't that way you may rest assured that he reveals that other of his many sides, i. e.: he busts right out laughing! It is nearly two years since Joe was a candidate for a public office. During that time he has had a chance to study the ills of the votes more and more, and he feels, during these hot days, that he will be able to poll more votes than ever. I hope that you will follow Joe's campaign religiously; any suggestions or criticisms regarding his platforms—with or without blueprints—will be received gratefully by Mr. Jackrabbit, peerless crusader against all iniquities and other forms of whatswrongwithsociety..

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One hundred and fifty young Americans are going to Washington to study "government" under the Brain Trust, also under various other forms of mentality. President Roosevelt approves the idea, too. Years ago The Eccentric suggested that some day this nation would encourage the training of minds for responsible places in government. We hope the 159 youths learn something—and with all their wisdom, may they get understanding. What government need more than more specialists is a type of sincere honesty by those serving in high places. We've plenty of "brains" in the world; what we need are more intellects leavened with personal honesty, self-sacrificing service.

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You who love and work in your gardens will never know how much joy you bring to the lives of others. Perhaps it is well that you never can know. Regardless of size, the garden that you make is a co-operative partnership with Mother Nature to decorate some corner of this other-wise scraggly and weed-infested world. Gardens cheer those who love them—and even the most hardened, callous man or woman must get some inward thrill in passing a garden. And, after all, things you grow in your garden are like unto children that you raise in your home, fitting reward for the toil and effort you put forth to raise them to flower.

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Will it be Comstock, Lacy, or Stack? That is a question that seems to be bothering the Democrats of Michigan right now when they ponder who will represent them in the general election in November. Our own feeling is that, whichever one of the trio wins the party nomination, he'll only be defeated when the great majority of voters have a chance again "to go Republican."

HAVE YOU MET?—

Mr. and Mrs. Hans B. Hubatsch, who moved to Birmingham Saturday immediately following their marriage in Detroit, and are living at 455 West Frank street. Mr. Hubatsch is a mechanical engineer for the General Motors Corporation.

$192,048 SCHOOL TAX PROPOSED IN NEW BUDGET

Board Studies Schedule Calling For $22,000 Expense Increase

RATE WOULD BE $14.90

A tax levy of $192,048.99 for the year 1934-35 is called for in a proposed budget for the Birmingham school district as submitted to the Board of Education last Thursday night. The Board went over the budget item by item last week, and may take action on it at another meeting tonight.

The proposed budget lists expenditures for the year at $240,811.99, of which $164,906.99 is for operating expenses and $75,905 for debt service. Anticipated revenues are placed at $48,763, which includes $30,000 in state primary funds and $12,000 in supplementary primary funds. The remaining would come from tuition and miscellaneous sources.

The proposed budget is slightly higher than that for 1933-34, when expenditures were placed at $224,761.44 and the tax levy was $174,560.47. A total of $147,703.44 was budgeted for operated expenses last year, and $71,058 for debt service.

Rate Would Be About $14.90

On the district's new valuation of $15,485,943, the proposed budget would call for a tax rate of about $14.90 per thousand. Last year, with a valuation of $15,759,540, the school tax rate was $10.96. Of the new rate, $7.50 would be for operating expenses and the remainder for debt service.

The County Tax Allocation Commission has assigned a basic rate of $7.50 for operating purposes to the Birmingham school district under the 15 mill tax limitation, and allowed an additional variable rate of 3.2 mills for that part of the district which lies in the Cities of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. Unless the School Board decides to increase the budget, which is considered unlikely, it will not be forced to avail itself of this additional variable rate. Last year the Board did not make use of the variable rate, but spread the basic rate of $6.50 for operating expenses over the entire district.

Of the $75,905 item in the proposed budget for debt service, $61,805 is for interest on bonds, $3,000 for principal payment on a refunding bond, $10,000 for scrip, and the remainder for short term obligations. Principal payments on all regular bonds of first issue are omitted, as was done last year.

Provides For Alterations

The operating expense portion of the proposed budget includes an item of $5,096.19 for supervision and material costs on a school building repair and alterations project which was begun under the CWA and is being continued under the work-wage program. The project includes the moving of administrative offices, manual training and domestic science departments from Baldwin High School to the old Hill School, and the fitting up of new class rooms in the former to care for an expected increase in enrollment in the next few years. There was some discussion as to whether this item should be left in the budget, but no decision was made.

The Board also discussed the possibility of making a slight raise in the wages of janitors, most of whom are now receiving $90 a month. Janitors were not included when the Board, several weeks ago, equalized teachers' salaries and set the teacher salary appropriation for the year at $101,252, or $4,682 higher than that for the year before.

Bits O' Birmingham

By THE WANDERER

Now that the city is offering prizes for the best suggestions for renaming Bloomfield Township Park, it is only fair to suggest a name that positively won't be used—and it isn't a bad one, either. Commisioner Clarence Vliet offered it at the Commission meeting Monday night.

"Why not call it 'Mae West Park'—come up and see it some time?" Mr. Vliet suggested. But business at the park so far this summer has been pretty good—even without any name at all—and the city really isn't interested in overcrowding the place—so it will *not* be named after the most famous movie star of the moment.

Stamp collectors will be interested in one issue of stamps now on sale at the Birmingham postoffice, and two others which Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne expects will be available there within the next few days. The issue already on sale is that of the new Wisconsin 3-cent stamp, while the National Park commemorative stamp, in denominations of from 1 to 10 cents, and the Grand Canyon 1 and 2 cent stamps, will be available as soon as they arrive from Washington, Mr. Byrne said.

The Birmingham public schools had an average membership of 2,513.7 students in 1933-34 as compared with 2,543 for the preceding year, it is shown in the attendance report for the year, as submitted to the Board of Education by Superintendent Charles W. Crandell.

Registration for 1934 was 2,668, while for 1933 it was 2,675, the report shows. Membership at the close of 1934 was 2,486, and at the close of 1933 it was 2,506. The percentage of attendance was 92 for 1934 and 90.2 for 1933.

The 1934 census report of the attendance officer, also included in Mr. Crandell's report, shows that 502 boys and girls between the ages of five and 20 have entered the Birmingham school district during the past year, and 336 have withdrawn. The number of 20-year-olds living in the district at the present time is 124, as compared with 148 at the corresponding date last year. Similarly, there are 173 five-year-olds in the district now, as compared with 184 last year.

The number of blind children in the district is placed at seven, an increase of one over last year, and the number of deaf children at four. There were no deaf children in the district at this time last year.

There are 16 crippled children in the district now, as compared with 22 at the same time last year, the report shows.

The census gives a total of 3,021 children now residing in the district between 5 and 20 years of

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Birmingham, Bloomfield May Fight New Valuation

Levinson To Ask Commission To Prepare Protest Against County Equalization

That Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills will repeat their action of last year in joining in a law suit protesting against the county's 1934 property equalization report appeared as a strong probability last night, as supervisors from the two municipalities expressed their disapproval of the report, adopted yesterday by a 42 to 7 vote of the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor David Levinson of Birmingham said he would recommend to the Board of Supervisors Monday night that action be taken against the report. Both he and Harry S. Starr, Bloomfield Hills assessor, said they would favor a legal protest even though it might tie up the collection of 1934 state, county and school taxes throughout the entire county.

The report puts the county's valuation at $212,000, as compared with the 1933 valuation of $217,403,515. Both Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills are equalized at figures somewhat smaller than those of last year, and the percentage of the total county tax they would be forced to pay is also slightly lower, but the decrease is insignificant in comparison with the increase placed on the two units last year.

Pontiac Boosted

Birmingham, with an equalized valuation of $15,790,478.62, would be forced to pay 7.44 per cent of the total county tax, whereas last year it was assessed for 7.55 per cent, Birmingham's assessed valuation this year is $12,649,653.

Bloomfield Hills, whose assessed valuation of $4,271,460 is raised to $6,031,107.02 in the equalization report, would be forced to pay 2.84 per cent of the total. Last year it was assessed for 2.96 per cent.

One of the chief points made in the suit filed by Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills against last year's equalization was that the City of Pontiac was assessed far too low in proportion to the complaining units. The 1934 report increases Pontiac's assessed valuation of $55,770,685 to $66,856,168. On that figure, Pontiac would be forced to pay 31.5559 per cent of the total, as compared with 30.7696 per cent last year.

Supervisors Levinson and John S. Black voted against the report, as did Supervisor Donald D. James of Bloomfield Hills. Supervisor Charles J. Shain was absent, but Supervisor Clarence Vliet, who was one of the leaders in the protest movement last year, not only voted for the report, but signed it as one of the members of the equalization committee. The other members were C. E. Hamilton, chairman; H. I. Curtis, Duncan McRae, Lee O. Brooks, W. R. Ransom and Arthur J. Cox.

Vliet Opposes Suit

Despite the fact he signed and voted for the report, Mr. Vliet admitted he thought the new equalization favored the City of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

"We didn't get the deal we should have gotten because the shadow of the State Tax Commission, which is loathe to change the valuations it set last year, is still hovering over the county", he said. "But I thought the best thing to do would be to accept the somewhat lower valuation and the slightly lower percentage figure allowed in the 1934 report, and wait until next year, when these valuations can

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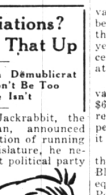
Party Affiliations? Joe Clears That Up

He May Run On Demublicrat Ticket, But Don't Be Too Sure—He Isn't

When Joe J. Jackrabbit, the kangaroo politician, announced last week his intention of running for the State Legislature, he neglected to say what political party he was connected with this year. Joe, it will be remembered, ran two years ago on the Fabor-Larcyte ticket (he thought)—but that was two years ago, and two years, for Joe, is a long time to stick with any one bunch.



Joe

It wasn't surprising, therefore, that Joe himself wasn't able to answer right away when somebody asked him a few days ago what ticket he was listed on.

"Why," Joe why-ed, "I'm a—I'm a—say, what the hell difference does it make, anyway?"

"Well, you gotta be something," Joe was told. "You can't just run all alone, like a—like a—kangaroo!"

"All right, then," Joe replied, "I'm a Republican!"

"You mean you're a Republican, don't you? There isn't any Republocrat party," Joe's questioner told him.

"Oh, there isn't, isn't there?" fired Joe, who wasn't feeling very good, anyway. "Who said there isn't? Who's running for office, anyway, you or me? I tell you I AM a Demublican!"

By this time, Joe was talking pretty loud, and a crowd was beginning to gather around. Constable Jack Jitters came running up, reaching for his blackjack.

"Oh, so you're a Demublican, are you?" somebody hollered. "Well, you certainly look like one, you great big—"

His last word—or words—were lost in the general roar, as more scores of people began rushing up to the scene. But Joe had heard enough. He just shut his eyes and began to swing. His kangaroo punch had flattened out two or three unfortunate men, who happened to be in the front line, before Constable Jitters could get control of the situation and load Joe into the paddy wagon.

At police headquarters, where Joe was booked for assault and battery with intent to do great bodily harm, he registered himself as "Joe J. Jackrabbit, Demublicrat." He wrote the last word in extra large letters, so apparently there won't be any more questions about THAT.

MACHINE TO START SEWER JOB TODAY

Hoe To Finish Digging Two Trenches; Terminable Contract Agreement Approved

Machine work was scheduled to begin today on the city's Adams and Woodward sewer construction jobs begun under the CWA and being completed with the help of work-wage labor. The Waterway Construction Company's hoe, for which the city has contracted to finish digging the trenches, was moved in Wednesday.

City Manager James W. Parry said yesterday he still had hopes that arrangements could be made for having a crew of 20 men on the project six days a week until it is completed. About six weeks is expected to be required to finish the job. Hand labor will be used to lay the pipe and do the back-fill, while the hoe digs the trenches.

An agreement covering compensation for the contractor in the event the work has to be halted before it is finished because of any unexpected cessation of work-wage activities was approved by the City Commission Monday night.

The Waterway Construction Company was awarded the work on a bid of $1,389. The agreement provides that if the entire job is not completed, payment will be made on the basis of the number of cubic yards of earth excavated in proportion to the whole. In addition, $50 will be paid the contractor for moving his equipment if less than one-third of the job is completed, and $25 if less than two-thirds is finished. There will be no additional compensation if more than two-thirds of the work is done.

DEPOSITORS SLOW TO FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM

Not more than 35 or 40 per cent of the 7,000 depositors of the First National Bank have filed proofs of claim for their deposits, according to Thad D. Seeley, the receiver. Notarized claims must be filed before the depositors are eligible to receive further dividends. Claims filed when the bank was in the hands of a federal conservator are no longer valid.

Person Who Names Park To Play Free

A free playing permit for the remainder of the season, entitling the holder to shoot all the golf he wants to at Bloomfield Township Park, awaits the person who can name the park.

Now that the park is under the control of the City of Birmingham, which will come into possession of the property under the terms of the agreement for dividing the joint assets and liabilities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township, the name "Bloomfield Township Park" is, of course, a misnomer, but city officials haven't been able to think of a new one that would be satisfactory.

Monday night the Commission asked City Manager James W. Parry to do something about it, and he immediately made the offer of a free playing permit for the season to any representative of the general public who can suggest an acceptable title. Free playing privileges for 30 days will go to the person who submits the second best name.

Suggestions should be turned into the Municipal Building, either by telephone or in writing or to The Eccentric office in writing. The contest will close at noon Saturday, July 28, and the members of the Commission will act as judges in selecting the winning title. Any person, regardless of age or sex, is eligible to enter the competition. Should two or more persons submit the same name, and that name be selected as the winner, the prize will go to the person who entered it first.

STAMP SALES UP 24 PER CENT

Postoffice Almost Certain To Keep First Class Rating This Year

Receipts from stamp sales at the Birmingham postoffice this year are running approximately 24 per cent higher than those of last year, and unless an unexpected slump occurs in the next six months, the office is certain to retain its first class rating.

These facts are established by a report for the first six months of 1934 business, released by Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne. The report shows that total stamp sales for this period were $24,398, as compared with $18,140.49 for the corresponding period last year.

"July and August are generally, of course, the poorest months," Mr. Byrne said, "but this year, July sales are also holding up well, and if this continues, we should have little trouble in making our year's quota."

The quota this year will be probably $44,000, or about $3,000 less than that of last year, Mr. Byrne said. In December of last year, the office was so far short of this requirement that a campaign was sponsored to encourage residents whose places of business are out-of-town to buy their stamps here rather than in postoffices in Detroit, Pontiac and other cities. The end of the year found the local postoffice about $1,000 ahead of the quota.

Stamp sales for the first quarter of this year totalled $12,398, and for the second quarter, exactly $12,000, Mr. Byrne said. Last year, the total for the first quarter was $8,765.11, and for the second quarter, $9,425.18. The postmaster said he believed a total of $35,000 by Sept. 1 would assure the filling of the $44,000 requirement for the year, providing fall and Christmas business is normal.

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4 Drugstores Here Begin Sale Of Bottled Liquor

Sales were reported from fair to brisk yesterday at four of the Birmingham drug stores whose proprietors have been appointed specially designated merchants for the sale of bottled liquor, and which have already received the go-ahead sign from the State Liquor Control Commission.

A fifth drug store—Cunningham's—which has also been approved as a liquor dispensary, will start its trade as soon as a suitable stock of liquor can be procured.

Present indications are that these five drug stores will be the only ones engaged in the trade. The Birmingham Fruit and Grocery Company applied for a permit, and its application was approved at a preliminary session of the State Liquor Control Commission. The Commission has since indicated it favors limiting the business to drug stores, however, and Sam Bruni, proprietor of the Birmingham Fruit and Grocery Company, admitted yesterday he was skeptical as to whether his license would finally be granted, although he is still attempting to have it approved.

The Wilson Drug Company, which placed its liquor stock on sale Saturday night, reported only a few sales, but business at Van's Pharmacy was said to be up to expectations. The Schettler Drug Company opened its stock to buyers without prescriptions Wednesday afternoon, and Bingman's Drug Company began dispensing the liquid goods Tuesday evening, after receiving many inquiries from prospective customers as to when the sale would commence.

Six special distributors are allowed Birmingham in accordance with the Liquor Commission's ruling on the basis of population. They are required to buy their stocks through the state liquor stores and to sell at liquor store prices.

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MAYOR SENDS HIGHWAY PLEA TO COMSTOCK

Governor's Aid Asked In Getting Wider Woodward Started

TRAFFIC HAZARD CITED

The city's plea that work be commenced this summer on the completion of Wider Woodward avenue through Birmingham—a plea which met with a cool response from Murray D. Van Wagoner, state highway commissioner—was referred directly to Gov. William A. Comstock yesterday in a letter from Mayor Harry Allen.

Mayor Allen declined to make the text of the letter public, but intimated that it contained essentially the same request made in a letter a few weeks ago to Mr. Van Wagoner from City Manager James W. Parry, and that it was written in the hope that the Governor may be willing to bring some pressure to bear on the highway department toward having the work started this season.

Mr. Van Wagoner, in reply to Mr. Parry's letter, said he thought "it would be nice" if the project could be started but declared that other jobs in Oakland County are in need of more immediate attention than this one, and held out no hope for a completed Wider Woodward until "some time in the future."

It was understood that Mayor Allen, in his letter to Governor Comstock, reiterated Mr. Parry's arguments to the highway commissioner that the state could make use of federal funds in financing the work, and that the acquisition of the remaining right-of-way for the highway is no longer an obstacle.

Approximately a mile and a half of the thoroughfare from Oak street to Lincoln avenue, over the old Grand Trunk road bed, remains unfinished. A grade separation at Maple avenue is included in the plans. Two construction seasons will probably be needed to complete the project.

City officials are especially anxious that it be started this summer because of the large increase in automobile traffic, which is estimated as heavy This year as it was in 1928. The 70-foot highway through the center of Birmingham, which serves as a boulevard for the remainder of the highway, is entirely inadequate to care for this traffic safely and efficiently, they maintain.

HIGHER COUNTY TAX RATE SOUGHT

Supervisors Appeal To State Tax Commission For 5 Mill Allocation

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors Wednesday afternoon voted to appeal to the State Tax Commission for an allocation of 5 mills for county purposes, instead of the 3.4 mills allotted by the County Tax Allocation Commission under the 15-mill limitation.

The appeal was approved, 25 to 18, over the protest of Supervisor Clarence Vliet of Birmingham, who argued that a higher county allocation would cripple the operations of schools in the county which would be forced to take lower allocations than those now assigned.

The appeal was made after S. S. Skelton, county relief administrator, had informed the Board that the county will henceforth be forced to spend about $25,000 a month for welfare relief under the present system, and a majority of the supervisors decided a higher allocation would be necessary to meet this expense in addition to the regular county operating costs.

Seeks Re-election As County Coroner

G. Dewey Kimball

G. Dewey Kimball, Birmingham funeral director, Wednesday filed nominating petitions for re-election as county coroner on the Republican ticket. Mr. Kimball is now serving his second term in the office.

CITY VOTES TO CURB HAWKERS

New Ordinance, Now In Effect, Restricts Peddling To Daylight Hours

The city's new ordinance for the regulation and licensing of peddlers and hawkers was in effect today, following its adoption by the Commission Monday night. Containing several changes suggested at last week's meeting, the measure was passed unanimously.

One of the new provisions of the ordinance prohibits peddling and hawking an hour after sunset of each day. The measure requires every peddler to take out a license, unless he is selling goods of his own raising or manufacture, or his own services, or unless he is engaged in inter-state commerce.

The licenses, the measure provides, will be issued by the city clerk. The fee for any period less than a month will be $2 per day; for one month, $10; for three months, $20; for six months, $30, and for a year, $50. Under the old ordinance, a fee of $25 for six months was the only one listed.

Expire Dec. 31

Mayor Harry Allen, who drew up the ordinance, explained that in the case of two or more persons peddling from the same truck or other vehicle, each person will be required to have a license, providing he engages in any actual selling operations. The licenses will expire Dec. 31 of each year.

One section of the ordinance says that "the City Commission may, upon application and good cause shown therefor, by resolution, order any license fees or any part thereof remitted to the licensee." Licenses may be suspended by the city manager "for violation of a city ordinance, violation of the terms of the license or for undesirable business practices," and may be revoked by the manager after a hearing.

Pointing out that the new measure will affect fruit and vegetable peddlers especially, Commissioner Clarence Vliet asked whether it was "intended to raise the price of these articles in Birmingham. It is notorious," he added, "that Birmingham already is the most costly place to live in the whole Detroit area, with the possible exception of Grosse Pointe." Mr. Allen pointed out that the license fee for fruit peddlers in the new ordinance is no higher than the

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3-Year-Old Driver Licenses Expiring

100 Local Motorists Believed Still Using Unrenewed Operators' Permits

More than 100 Birmingham motorists are still using driver's licenses which have expired and which they have neglected to have renewed, it is estimated by Miss Carrie Stoddard, police clerk, who takes applications for new licenses in the Municipal Building.

When the state instituted its new driver's registration program in 1931, it stipulated that each operator's license was to be renewed every three years. Under this program, some licenses expired as early as May 1, 1934, and the others are expiring on the date three years after they were taken out.

Scores of drivers have probably forgotten this provision of the law, and this accounts for their failure to renew their licenses before they expire, Miss Stoddard believes. The expiration date of each license is printed on it.

Applications for new licenses must be mailed to the secretary of state, and each application must be accompanied by $1. Temporary permits are issued at the place where the application is filled out, enabling the motorist to continue driving until his new license arrives.

$300 VOTED TO PLAYGROUNDS FOR SUPPLIES

City Commission And School Board Join In Aiding FERA Project

ATTENDANCE IMPROVES

Assured of all needed playground supplies, the city's FERA recreation program was moving into full swing this week.

The Board of Education last Thursday night voted to appropriate $150 for playground equipment, providing the City Commission would furnish an equal amount, and the Commission voted its share Monday night.

During the first four days of last week, a total of 3,825 persons were attracted by the program, using either the playground facilities or swimming in the Barnum School pool, according to Miss Miriam Brown, general supervisor of the eight-weeks' program. Of this number, 2,178 used the pool alone.

Attendance at the Adams School playground was 428; Quarton School, 206; Baldwin School, 131; Barnum School, 365, and Pierce School, 517.

Adult Attendance Up

The total attendance for the week was more than twice the number of 1,731 who made use of the pool and playfields the previous week, when the program was started, and included a slight increase in the attendance during the periods for adults, Miss Brown said. These periods, which, like the periods for boys and girls, are in charge of trained leaders, are 7 to 8:30 P. M. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at each of the five playgrounds.

A decided increase in adult attendance is anticipated now that money is available for materials. Quoits and archery supplies have already been secured, and volley balls and other equipment needed specially in the adult phase of the program have been ordered, Miss Brown reported.

Special events on last week's program included a treasure hunt Tuesday for boys and girls from the Adams School playground, and two softball games between adult teams organized at Barnum, Baldwin, Adams and Quarton playgrounds.

Equipment To Be Preserved

The Board of Education and City Commission appropriated funds for the equipment with the understanding it would be purchased by Louis M. Randall, business manager of the schools, in co-operation with City Manager James W. Parry, and that at the end of the season it would not become the sole property of either the schools or the city, but would be saved for future community recreation projects.

The Citizens' FERA Committee, which is sponsoring the program this summer, originally applied to the Commission for the entire amount needed for playground equipment, Commissioner Clarence Vliet insisted that the Board of Education should be asked to put up at least part of the funds, and the committee accordingly went to that organization for assistance. The result was that the two bodies agreed to co-operate in the project on a 50-50 basis.

$16,000 PAID TO DATE IN 1934 CITY TAXES

Approximately $16,000 has been collected to date in 1934 city taxes, it was estimated yesterday at the treasurer's office. The actual amount computed totaled $12,224.08, but part of the mail receipts has not been included in the total, attaches said. They estimated the uninclluded amount at $4,000. The total levy is $200,000.

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