

Spring will, on June 21, slip into its summer clothes, and are long and colorful robes of autumn. Then, preparing for the long winter, the slender stems will spread over the earth's bosom, while slender trees, flowers, vines, and shrubs, through their

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COMMISSION ON PRIGGINS '34-'35 BUDGET STUDY

Proposed Wage Bond Provides Main Interest At First Meeting

TO MEET AGAIN FRIDAY

The City Commission began its work of framing a budget for 1934-35 at its meeting Monday, and will resume it at a special meeting Friday night.

It had been hoped the budget would be ready for a public hearing next Monday, but so little progress had been made that Mayor Harry Allen said the hearing would probably be delayed a week. The budget which will determine the city tax levy for 1934, will go into effect July 1.

At its study Monday night on an estimate of operating expenses submitted two weeks before, City Manager J. M. Parry, the Commission appeared to be chiefly interested in salary increases. Mr. Parry has recommended a 10 per cent increase for city employees.

Payroll Up 10 Per Cent

The estimated expenditures for the year at \$184,270, as compared with \$169,810 for the 18 months from July 1, 1933, to the present, includes a payroll increase of approximately 10 per cent.

The total wage item is placed in the estimate at \$93,470, whereas in last year's budget it was \$85,200. Mr. Parry told the Commission, includes contract labor, such as preparation of an audit, and hourly wages for laborers, as well as the regular payroll. The regular payroll now is approximately \$60,000, he said, and is increased in the estimate about \$6,000. The 10 per cent increase would not be applied uniformly, however.

"I did not set up a specific wage scale," Mr. Parry told the Commission, "I proposed to the Commission in accordance with what the different agencies are doing. There isn't a sensible way to allow the present payroll to continue."

Each Item Studied

Each item was studied through most of the estimate item by item, asked several questions, especially in regard to salaries, but no definite move either to reduce or increase any of the proposed appropriations.

In answer to a question from Commissioner Clarence Vliet, Mr. Parry said that he had provided the estimate for no increase in his own salary. "Inasmuch as I'm an agent of the Commission, I don't believe that would be the thing to do," he said. An increase of \$250 would be made in the "manager's department," he explained, was meant for extra clerical help that will be needed.

Mr. Parry refused to commit himself on what he thought would be a "reasonable" increase for City Engineer Harold Corson, who is "earning the wage policy of the Commission in general." "I will not discuss that," he said. "It is a treasurer doing the work our treasurer should do."

Would Add Engineer

In answer to other questions, Mr. Parry said that \$300 had been added in the engineering department as the salary of one man to the Board of Education. It was neglected since Mr. Corson, who is also city engineer, took over the treasurer's duties, and that since the police department still has a "short" was the chief reason for his increasing the appropriation for engineering to \$3,000, the addition of one full-time and one part-time officer.

The estimate also contemplates the addition of one part-time man in the fire department, and additional help in the treasurer's and assessor's departments. Mr. Parry recommended also that the city employ one person for the welfare department, even though welfare continues to be administered by the court.

The Commission agreed, tentatively, at least, that no appropriation be made in the new budget for an attorney and the Justice Forbes S. Hascall would continue to serve in that capacity as he has done in the past.

\$10,000 SCHOOL LOAN IS APPROVED BY STATE

The State Debt Commission has approved a loan of \$10,000 from the Birmingham National Bank to the Board of Education. It was announced this week by Louis M. Randall, business manager of the board. The loan, which had been previously approved by the bank, will be used for operating expenses during the summer and the board's present cash supply will be exhausted.

HAVE YOU MET?

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thomas, formerly of Niles, O., who are residing at 1200 Bunker Hill street, have three children, Jane Eleanor, 13 years old; David, 11, and Charles, 9. Mr. Thomas is Detroit district manager of the Mahoning Valley Steel Company of Niles.

School Board Candidates Unopposed

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Earl G. Potter

Mr. Potter, 188 Oakland avenue, is secretary of the present board. Mr. Hardin, 1297 Yosemite drive, manager of the Parks Coal Company, is a candidate to succeed F. F. McKinney, trustee, who will not seek re-election.

Boy Scout Troops To Hold Field Day, Honor Court

Honor Court, Parents, friends and scout leaders are expected to swell the total attendance to more than 200. The program will begin at 2:30 P. M. with a general assembly and inspection of troops by members of the District Committee. A list of contests open to members of all troops will include pacing, a dress relay, signaling from across the lake, and a tug-o-war. These will be followed by competitive athletic events, including running, jumping, baseball throwing and other contests. The field day activities will be in charge of Joseph Stroup, Jr.

STUDENTS TO GET VOCATIONAL HELP

Ninth Grade Students To Interview Business, Professional Men; Adv. And Women

Birmingham boys and girls who are students in the ninth grades of the three public junior high schools, will receive assistance in vocational guidance from local and out-of-town business and professional men and women in a series of group interviews at Baldwin High School.

The meetings are being sponsored by the Birmingham Community Council for Guidance, organized by availing themselves of the services of local civic and social organizations for the purpose of aiding local young people in equipping themselves for suitable life occupations.

Because of the lateness of the season, the Council will probably be unable to sponsor further meetings this spring, but intends to arrange for conferences on different subjects and for older students next fall.

The groups for the ninth grade students meeting today, and the adults who will lead the discussion, are: Commercial subjects, A. F. Tull, president of the Detroit Business Bureau; Harry Corson, city engineer; dean emeritus of the University of Michigan college of engineering; law, H. H. Hallett, research engineer; nursing, Miss Blanche Breakey, medical director of the Detroit law firm of Warren, Hill and Hamblin; medicine, Dr. O. C. Beck, Birmingham physician; costume design, Miss Doris Cox; and education, F. Morse Cooke, principal of Adams School.

FOR RENT—3-room lower duplicate, heated, on shaded corner, 325 S. Duane street, near 21st. J. B. HOWARTH & SON, Real Estate and Insurance, 1000 First National Bank Building, Tel. 321.

Bits O' Birmingham

By THE WANDERER
"Dead" municipal bonds have a funeral ceremony all their own. Part of such a ceremony, given Monday night when it authorized the treasurer to cremate bonds which have been retired and audited, and further ordered "that a crematorium be built for the disposal of the securities thus destroyed by fire." May they (the bonds and corpses) rest in peace!

Frederick A. Protheroe will direct the Schubert Choir of Ferndale in a concert at the First M. E. Church in Ferndale at 8:15 M. Tuesday.

The origin of Memorial Day and some of the facts concerning its observance in this country were traced for members of the Rotary Club at their meeting in the Com-

ACCIDENTS AVOIDED BY Holiday Traffic

Despite the typically heavy holiday traffic, Memorial Day passed in Birmingham without serious accident and almost without disorder of any kind.

Start Move For Observance Of Time Limit On Woodward, Maple

Two petitions, both designed to muster co-operation for Chief of Police John P. Hackett and his department in enforcing parking and other traffic regulations, and especially to improve parking conditions in the congested areas of Woodward and Maple avenues, were being circulated today by local merchants.

The day went by without any arrests for drunk driving or drunkenness. A Detroit car collapsed from a heart attack Wednesday afternoon at the corner of Woodward and Maple avenues, but was revived by Dr. C. F. Lawler and removed to his home.

BARNSWELL POOL TO BE OPENED

The Birmingham Lions Club is making plans for this spring to raise funds with which to operate the Barnswell School swimming pool for six weeks of free swimming this summer.

Last year the major activities of the Lions club have been to lead a group of representatives which, through solicitations and benefits of various kinds, was able to keep the pool open for two months, with daily afternoon swimming periods for both children and adults.

During the summer, the police have waged a vigorous campaign against overtime parking in various areas in the business district for shoppers and to make the flow of traffic more free.

It will also see the awarding of the Peck Brothers Trophy to the troop which has won the most points for advancement during the past six months. This will be the first time the trophy has been awarded since 1932, when it was won by Troop 1.

Following is a list of the Scout leaders who are candidates for merit badges and other awards:
Bob Watt, Troop B-3; Jim Martindale, B-3.
Star Scouts: David, George, George, George, Jr., B-3; Bill Biggers, B-3; William Martindale, B-3; Arthur Gibson, B-3; Duane Roy, B-3.

Property Owners To Meet Tonight
Petitions which have been circulating in Birmingham during the past few weeks, calling on the State Legislature to devise new means of taxation to further the city's public health, are to be presented at a meeting of the Birmingham Real Estate Board of Property Owners Association to be held in the Community House at 8 o'clock tonight.

Board Recommends Valuation Changes
The Board of Review has adjourned indefinitely to await the approval of the State Tax Commission on several changes in property valuation it has recommended for assessment of 1934.

Two Boys Arrested In Key Shop Theft
A 14-year-old Birmingham boy and a 15-year-old Clawson boy were turned over to Oakland county police Wednesday for investigation in connection with a break-in at a key shop at 650 South Woodward avenue. When the boys were arrested early Wednesday morning, they had in their possession a number of keys in his possession, police said.

40 TURKEYS STOLEN FROM HILLS ESTATE
Bloomfield Hills police are investigating the theft Tuesday night of 40 turkeys from a pen on the estate of E. P. Hammond on East Long Lake road. The turkeys had been guarded only a short time before they were stolen.

At Memorial Day Ceremonies Here

Soldiers Who Fought And Lived Parade For Those Who Died, But Ranks Of Civil War Veterans Are Empty

KINNISS SCORES WAR IN ADDRESS

The men who gave their lives in their country's wars, the causes for which they died, and those other men who fought and lived were paid just homage, again at Memorial Day ceremonies here yesterday.

The men who gave their lives in their country's wars, the causes for which they died, and those other men who fought and lived, as they marched in memory of the men who fought and died. For what is probably the first time in the history of the community, a Memorial Day parade filed by what is not a single veteran of the Civil War in line. It was a Memorial Day parade that gave mute proof that the Grand Army of the Republic is now itself almost a thing of memory.

CONFERENCE OPENS JUNE 24

Leaders Of Michigan Diocese To Conduct Cranbrook Sessions
An imposing array of leaders and speakers, including some of the most outstanding religious educators of the Episcopal diocese of Michigan, will conduct courses and address the delegates at the third diocesan conference in Cranbrook, Michigan, to be held June 24-30.

Prays For Peace
The ceremony was not entirely uninteresting to the members of the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument in Greenwood cemetery, where the parade ended, the prayer of the Rev. L. Earl Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist church, was most of all a prayer for peace, and Charles S. Kinnison, Birmingham poet and advertising executive, who gave the Memorial Day address, asked his listeners to remember above all else the "hellish insanity of war."

Headed by the parade on horseback were Col. Joseph C. Sumner, director of the National Service Officers Association and Donald S. Bell. They were followed by the Baldwin High School American Legion, Birmingham Scouts in uniform, a truck and several members of the Birmingham fire department who carried the World War veterans and bugle corps, and dignitaries in automobile.

Special courses for youth will be given by the Rev. Herman P. Page of St. Paul's Church, Dayton, O., son of the Michigan bishop, and by Van Francis Garrett, director of the National Service Officers Association and Donald S. Bell. They were followed by the Baldwin High School American Legion, Birmingham Scouts in uniform, a truck and several members of the Birmingham fire department who carried the World War veterans and bugle corps, and dignitaries in automobile.

Sign Ordinance In Effect Friday
15 To 20 Signs Still Violate City Regulation, Bureaucratic Inspector Says
Extended three days for periods of six months each, the deadline for compliance with the city ordinance prohibiting signs from protruding into the sidewalk in front of stores and office buildings, falls Friday.

Other Anniversaries
"We celebrate the fourth day in July to commemorate the declaration of our individual right to personal liberty and freedom—on the third Thursday in each November, the nation annually bows its head in grateful remembrance of the bounty and mercy of God which we would not forget."

Special speakers will include Rabbi Leo Franklin of Temple Bethel, Detroit, who will address the delegates at Cranbrook, June 26, and the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, assistant rector of St. Paul's Church Cranbrook, who will speak the following evening.

Plan Demonstration School
Charles T. Loughton, of St. Paul's Church, Detroit, is acting as dean of women for the conference, and the Rev. George Rathbun, rector of St. Barnabas Church, Detroit, will be the dean of men. Mrs. William L. Torrance of St. Ann's church will serve as conference hostess.

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Whether through sickness, out-of-town trips or other engagements, the former has missed 10 Commission meetings reveals these facts:
Since Jan. 1, there has been a perfect attendance at only four out of 21 meetings; and since May 1, 1933, there has been perfect attendance at only 13 meetings in all, although they are held every week or two in the year, with more than enough special meetings to make up for the exceptions.

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