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FIFTY-SEVENTH YEAR NO. 32

COUNTY SETS \$1,303,479 '34 BUDGET

DEBT SERVICE ITEM UP

Total Appropriation Is 35 Per Cent Higher Than In 1933

Oakland County's tax levy this December will be \$1,303,479.51, or approximately 35 per cent higher than it was last year.

The figure was set by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, when it adopted the 1934 budget, and then adjourned until January.

The levy includes \$765,954.76 for debt service, and \$537,524.75 for operating expenses, making a total which is \$235,839.44 higher than last year's levy, and nearly as high as that of any other county in Michigan.

The largest increase was made in the debt service portion of the budget. Bearing taxes which it did not include in the 1933 budget, the supervisors attached a one-half mill levy totalling \$212,573.78, to apply on the bonds of the county in 1931, but which was withheld and used for general county expenses.

Leaves on Bloomfield Hills, which is phrasing a suit similar to Birmingham's and which has already instructed the assessor not to spread the county and state levies on the county books, are \$15,000. The county also has \$291,831 for general county purposes and \$21,790.34 for county debt service.

The Board of Supervisors also voted Tuesday for a complete audit of the county books, and the formation of a new accounting system. Members of the County Road Commission, the County Board of Health and the Ways and Means Committee of the Board of Supervisors are alleged to have occurred between Aug. 1 and Sept. 25.

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SCORES LEAVE CITY FOR DEER COUNTRY

A veritable infantry, dressed in hunting gear, converged on the outskirts of Birmingham yesterday, bound for the wilds of northern Michigan in preparation for the opening of the deer season today.

As usual, one of the largest groups headed for the Birmingham Hunt Club, near where most of them will remain one or two weeks. Other groups will do their hunting at camps in various other sections all over the northern section of the state.

That this year's contingent is one of the largest in years is indicated by the fact that McArthur's Hardware Company, local agent for the sale of deer-banding licenses, reported yesterday that the supply of 100 licenses had been exhausted, and a new supply was being awaited.

The resolution was recommended by Commissioner Frank W. Atkinson, and is being prepared to file for the city in preparation for the county equalization report.

The Bloomfield Hills suit is similar to the one filed by Atkinson for the City of Birmingham, and a similar resolution to instruct the Birmingham assessor not to spread state and county taxes on the present valuations will be introduced to the Birmingham Commission next Monday night, Mr. Atkinson said.

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HILLS NOT TO SPREAD STATE, COUNTY TAXES

Birmingham Expected To Protest in Like Manner Against Equalization

SCHOOLS UNAFFECTED

A resolution instructing Harry S. Starr, city assessor of Bloomfield Hills, not to spread the 1934 state and county taxes in that city on the county's equalized valuations was adopted by the Bloomfield Hills Commission Tuesday night.

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THREE GRAND PRIZES IN GOODWILL CAMPAIGN



Hundreds of envious eyes are being cast these days in the direction of this window display, which contains the three grand prizes being offered by the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association in their Good Will Campaign. The prizes—the Pontiac, the Tudor Sedan, a Sparton All-Wave Radio and a Cesare N. B. Gas Range—are now being displayed at the Oliver Motor Sales Company. After giving them they will be transferred to the lobby of the Birmingham Theater, where they will remain until they are given away on Christmas Eve.

Frank J. Mulholland, president of the Retail Merchants Association, which is in charge of the Good Will Campaign, said today that the prizes were being given away on Christmas Eve.

Encouraged by results the first time, the merchants are redoubling their efforts to insure the success of the campaign to the end. One more set of them have already been taken to stimulate further interest in that of offering store prizes in addition to the three grand prizes. The Pontiac, the Tudor Sedan, the Sparton All-Wave Radio and the Cesare N. B. Gas Range.

Patrons of all stores participating in the campaign are eligible for prizes, and the store prizes are being given to customers as additional attractions to members of individual shops.

Store Prizes
The first prize, a Mulholland's silk gown, which will be on display in the window of the P. M. Saturday, will be given away at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The second prize, a Cesare N. B. Gas Range, will be awarded each successive week until the campaign closes.

At Davidson's, one prize of \$10 in merchandise has already been awarded, and similar awards are scheduled for 10 A. M. every Monday.

A box of candy is the store prize at LaBelle's, awarded every Friday, Saturday and Sunday with each purchase of \$1 or more.

The Twin Shop has adopted the method of placing its window coupon for its weekly prize. The coupons used in the awarding of prizes will also be included in the giving away of the three grand prizes on Christmas Eve.

Cunningham's is making a weekly award of \$5 in merchandise 10:30 A. M. every Monday. All the winners of the store prizes will be in the giving away of the three grand prizes on Christmas Eve.

GOODFELLOWS REVISE PLANS

Taylor Succeeded Griffith As Head Of '34 Christmas Charity Campaign

A revamped Goodfellows organization will follow a greatly revised program in distributing cheer to indigent Birmingham children this Christmas season.

Pressure of work caused Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith to decline reelection as president of the Goodfellows Club, a position he has held for several years at a meeting Monday night, and James W. Taylor, local contractor, was chosen to succeed him.

Although Chief Griffith and members of his department will continue to participate as members of the Goodfellows organization, Griffith will not be a part of the campaign. He will continue to participate as a member of the Goodfellows organization, Griffith will not be a part of the campaign.

The center for this activity will be Hill School, where the materials will be supervised by Griffith. The classes in the various school buildings, New Toys, and toys in a good many homes will be collected there. Mr. Taylor has placed this work in charge of Robinson, Melvin C. Hart, Howard D. Crull, F. Morse Cooke and Merrill Smiley.

Mrs. Harry S. Stark, 755 Vine-wood avenue, has again volunteered to supervise the pressing of coats. She has already been offered the assistance of several local women, and has issued a call for more volunteers.

Only new dolls, or dolls not in need of repairs, for boys dressed this year, and contributions for the purchase of new dolls will be doubly welcome.

WORK WAGE OBS HALTED IN COUNTY

Lack Of Funds Forces Cessation Of Nearly All Projects In Oakland

Work Wage projects supervised by the Oakland County Welfare Relief Administration, with few exceptions, were halted yesterday because of lack of funds. The existing projects consist of a few projects which are being maintained.

FEWA workers formerly employed on the projects which have been halted will be transferred to the direct relief rolls, where a smaller cash outlay will be required to support them. S. S. Skelton, county administrator, warned last week that this action would probably be necessary, after it was learned that the state's allotment of FEWA funds to Oakland County for November is only about eight per cent of the \$22,000 short of the estimated need.

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Goodwill Campaign Here Wins Public's Enthusiasm

A spirit of assuring and enthusiastic co-operation from all sides has been the response to the efforts of the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association in organizing the Good Will Campaign, which opens last week, to stimulate further relations between merchant and shopper, seems bound to accomplish its purpose, if the enthusiastic response given the campaign, and from the fact that in the first week, an estimated total of more than 35,000 gift coupons have been distributed by the participating merchants to their customers.

The "enthusiasm elicited by the campaign from the merchants was the response to the success of the public was spontaneous," declared I. E. Davidson, chairman of the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association's committee in charge of the enterprise.

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SEELEY SEEKS R. F. C. AID FOR 1ST NATIONAL

Receiver Applies To Comptroller For Permission To Make New Loan

Thad D. Seeley, receiver for the closed First National Bank of Birmingham, announced yesterday that he has filed a formal application with the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington for a new loan on the bank's assets from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The application was speeded up at this time, he stated, by the waiving of a claim on certain of the receiver's assets by the new Birmingham National Bank, which was taken over as security when the original and only 25 per cent payoff of depositors was made over 15 months ago.

"I should obtain the Comptroller's approval of this petition for a new loan within a week, and I will immediately refer the matter to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation," said Mr. Seeley. "Within a week from the time the application goes to the R. F. C. I should know how much and when I can obtain some more funds to make another pay-off."

Mr. Seeley's revelation of his present activity in seeking to release additional depositors' funds came as welcome news to a group of depositors called together Monday night by George R. Averill, publisher of The Eccentric, who had acceded to a popular demand for action in another payoff.

His committee consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Main, James Beresford, the Rev. W. H. Aulenbach, Sanford H. Allen, Frank J. Mulholland, John E. Martin, Harold T. Ellerby, John H. Rosso, representing the local School Board; Lawrence Hulbert, representing the City of Birmingham; Charles E. James, Robert S. Porritt, Fred W. Johnson, Myron E. Snyder, Alfred J. LaBelle and Gustav Ziegler.

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DAIRY CHARGES HE MISAPPROPRIATED \$333 IN COLLECTIONS FROM ROUTE CUSTOMERS

Charged with misappropriating \$333.40 in collections received from customers on his milk route, Larry Dunn, 35-year-old resident of 9109 Grand Boulevard, Detroit, was found guilty of grand larceny yesterday before Justice Forbes S. Hascall.

Dunn was arrested here last month in connection with the case of a woman who had been charged with misappropriating \$50 cash on a milk route. The three were carrying Pontiac police sign standard in their hands.

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Slutz, Nationally Known Educator, To Talk Here

Public Meeting Sponsored By "Y" To Mark Close Of Fund Drive

The 1934-35 community program of the Birmingham Y. M. C. A. will get off to a start at a meeting of the first Baptist church Tuesday evening, with a public talk to be given by a nationally known educator, speaker and author, The address will be particularly interesting to adults, and to boys and girls 15 years old or over.

The speaker will be Dr. Frank D. Slutz, of Dayton, O., who has a wide reputation for his activities in several different fields of work, including those of business, boy's work and education.

The meeting, for which there will be no admission charge, will mark the official close of the Y. M. C. A.'s annual maintenance fund campaign, in which the organization is attempting to raise \$2,000. A total of \$600 has been raised up to this time, according to Raymond H. Peck, Y. president, and campaign workers will be in the city Tuesday before Dr. Slutz's address Tuesday evening.

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HOSPITAL HONORS LOCAL PHYSICIANS

Dr. John H. Gordon of Birmingham was elected vice-president of the staff of St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital at a meeting Tuesday. Dr. Howard B. Barker of Pontiac was chosen chief of staff, and Dr. Aaron Wilkes of Pontiac was named secretary and treasurer.

Announcement was made at the meeting of the election of Dr. Gordon and Dr. George P. Raynolds, also of Birmingham, to fellowships of honor for about eight years ago. A third Birmingham physician, Dr. Ralph G. Ferris, was elected to a fellowship Tuesday. Dr. Ferris is a past president of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

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MRS. BARNES' RITES TODAY

Prominent Birmingham Matron Dies Following Operation

Funeral services for Mrs. Walton J. Barnes, 552 1/2 Hanna street, with the rector, the Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, officiating, will be held in Coldwater, Mich., Mrs. Barnes' birthplace, following a prayer service at the home of her parents.

Mrs. Barnes, who was 42 years old, was a member of the Board of the Barnes Products Company, Inc., Detroit, formerly the Barnes Board; a member of the Ladies' Aid Society in St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, from complications following an operation for appendicitis. She had been in about two weeks, and had been confined in the hospital eight days.

Mrs. Barnes had lived in Birmingham with her family for 4 1/2 years, and was widely known for her church and social activities. She was a member of St. James' Church, the League of St. Ann's Women, St. Margaret's Guild, and of the Coldwater chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She lived in Coldwater until her marriage in 1916, when she moved with Mr. Barnes to Detroit, where they lived until coming to Birmingham in June, 1930.

She leaves besides her husband, a daughter, Carolyn W., 15-year-old student at Baldwin High School, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Walker, of Coldwater, and two brothers, William H. of Coldwater, and William H. of Milwaukee, Wis.

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