

Usually, newspapers use a space like this to advertise their wares, to tell about the weather, or merely to suggest to you that you should fill these spaces with various kinds of advertisements. But do you like them, or do you like to see them?

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By G. R. A. The way, speaking of foreign debts—the bookkeeper here in The Eccentric office suggests that I do not think I can pay up their subscription renewals properly. So day I'm going to act on her suggestion, too.

If you want to help bring about some pressing business, engage in speculation, play the stock market; buy up huge chunks of stock, land a hand at stretching the nation's credit—that's the surest way I know of to bring about an eventual revolution in America.

When you go out of your way to help a boy or girl to something better, you are playing the part of a Good Samaritan. And to each of us, every day, is that their opportunity to help some boy or some girl?

Birmingham's new Mayor, John Martz, is seriously concerned with the city's operating on its city with greater economy. At the end of the year, what a fine achievement it would be for the present City Commission to point to savings they have made in current operating costs.

I met Wilbur M. Brucker, Republican candidate for U. S. Senator, the other day over in Ann Arbor. As I greeted him he smiled and said, "Well, I suppose you'll take the title off my newspaper next week, eh?" To which I answered, "No, Wilbur, I don't want to get under your skin at all. I like you to well for that—even though I am convinced that you should have no more 'anewers' to problems that confront us today."

We'd like to tell you right now just how the election will come out. We really don't want to spoil your fun, and make them seem unnecessary, so we won't say anything.

Would you say that the best way to get the government to do what you don't want is to get the best way to attain disarmament? The best way to get the government to do what you don't want is to get the best way to attain disarmament?

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BUDGET PLAN SUBMITTED TO CITY COUNCIL

Estimate Provides \$179,508 For The Forthcoming Fiscal Year

A proposed estimate of probable expenditures for city operation for the fiscal year July 1, 1936 to June 30, 1937, prepared in three divisions, one of operating departments, another for the contingent fund and the third for debt service requirements, was submitted to Birmingham city commissioners at their regular meeting Monday night in the Municipal Building by City Manager James W. Parry. Mayor John E. Martz presided at the session, which was attended by all members.

Under the operating departments, all figures, such as compared on the basis of each unit continuing its activity as it now constituted, with an exception for wage changes or expansions in activity. Of the 33 subdivisions in that department, 13 showed a change from last year's probable expense, 13 show an increase in cost while only three record a decrease.

According to Mr. Parry's report, provision must be made for the expenditure of \$179,508 for the forthcoming fiscal year. This figure represents an increase of \$720 over the 1935-36 budget. However, the city manager points out that the additional expenditures during the coming fiscal year will be \$6,553 less than the amount required to provide for the report.

One Mill Tax Levy No allowance is made in the estimate for a special tax collection work, as the circumstances which justified additional collection effort in the past no longer exist. Also, no estimate is included for the cost of maintaining a police department, as the estimate contemplates a continuance of the one mill tax levy for the present year and an additional appropriation of approximately \$100,000 for the next year, which is charged to those expenses due to welfare work which do not qualify for the present year.

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Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne announced that Birmingham is in need of a new post office as the volume of mail far exceeds the local facilities. The city and citizens here will have to cooperate if this community was over 100,000 people. Mr. Byrne pointed out, "It would take governmental agencies approximately 18 months to complete arrangements and erect the structure, should approval be granted for a new building in Birmingham."

Local civic clubs and other groups are ready to help in the construction of a new post office, not only because of present crowded conditions which are intolerable, but also because this city, growing at a rapid rate, will have a new post office within a short time, anyhow.

J. B. HOWARTH & SON Real Estate and Insurance Building - Adv. 221

For as little as 25 cents you may own a CLASSIFIED ad in the columns of The Eccentric. Try one when you want to get the most for your money. For bringing a mail, telephone 11 before Wednesday noon each week. (Adv. 1)

CONSTRUCTION CODE PROVISION QUESTIONED

Birmingham's city commission, Monday night discussed plans for amendment to that phase of the present building code which is concerned with the proper inclusion of heating equipment in new houses, when a provision from the Air Conditioning Institute was introduced. The provision would require that the city manager be instructed to require all local construction jobs built up to the code after July 1, 1936 to conform to the amendment. The commission members at the next session in order that the amendment may be passed, if deemed advisable, which would not prevent contractors from installing heating plants of the newer types at the lowest possible cost. The motion was carried without a dissenting vote.

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WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED IN WORD CONTEST

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State Mindfulness in Tax Matters will be Mr. Smith's subject when he addresses the local real estate board at a dinner meeting Tuesday night, May 5, at the Community House. He is publisher of The Ingham County News, a weekly paper at Mason, Michigan.

WORKERS ARE PREPARED FOR ANNUAL DRIVE

Community House Goal Set At \$10,000; Over 250 Will Participate

Over 250 workers, representing the Community House, have been marshaled together awaiting the start of the annual subscription drive Monday morning at the direction of General Chairman Draper Allen. Every home in the city will be visited during the campaign which extends until May 16.

A list of captains organizing a women's committee that will canvass door to door under the direction of Mrs. Donald G. Eide and Mrs. H. G. Hood was announced at a meeting of the operating board for the year plus a few necessary repairs and painting of the building.

It was announced that a scroll listing the names of all subscribers to the red cap work, will be posted in the lobby of the Community House. Approximately 250 names will appear on the list.

Special Gifts Committee A special men's gift committee has been organized to solicit local citizens who have been placed in the \$25.00 and above bracket. The members of the committee are: Mr. Charles H. B. Howarth, Mr. G. E. Botsford, J. B. Howarth, Mr. W. E. Baker, Donald Stinson, Harold Thompson, H. S. Foley, Oscar Peterson, Charles Randall and G. A. Ziegler. Charles Randall was elected chairman, who will contact John Lamb, Kent Martin, Melvin Hart, L. W. Porter and L. N. Pyle. Kenneth Peterson was elected secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox are natives of Texas, moving to Detroit two years ago from Houston. "Do you all like Birmingham?" was asked, and Mrs. Cox replied, "We surely do like it here, even though it's a bit cold in Winter."

Local Citizens Express Approval Of The Municipal Economy Resolution

With the objective being the eventual retirement of the bonded indebtedness of the city, Birmingham citizens have expressed their approval of a resolution Monday night at a week ago, definitely committing itself to a present and future policy of strict economy in the administration of municipal affairs. In an attempt to resolve the bonded indebtedness of the city, the resolution had gained the approval of citizens of this community. The Eccentric's editorial expressions on the matter from several local people. Here are their statements.

Mr. Draper Allen, 528 Westwood Drive—"I certainly do favor the present and future policy of strict economy in the administration of municipal affairs. I believe that members of the commission will make a sincere effort to address the problem throughout their term of office."