

P T A LEADERS GIVE OPINIONS ON SCHOOL LEVY

(Continued from Page One) Mrs. H. Conroy, president of the Baldwin high school P. T. A., said she was "so disappointed and so mad" over the results of the election that she did not wish to say anything she could make would be vehement enough.

"We seem to expect the government to do everything for us, even though we are perfectly capable of helping ourselves," she said. "It isn't right to shirk a grave community responsibility when we can so well afford to support it in Birmingham. Teachers are compelled to have a degree if they teach here, but they do not assert themselves enough to get what is rightfully theirs."

"It isn't Communism or Fascism from the outside which will undermine our American youth; it's the appalling indifference of the American thomson which will cause bigger reform schools and jails, and we hold all these youth conferences, and when it comes right down to cold facts, we don't bother to make sure that our instruction will be given to the children they need and deserve. And Birmingham isn't the only offender in this issue. A visit to any city except Toledo Business Manager L. M. Randall that in some measure to increase school taxes enough to permit schools to run the ball time without going into debt or issuing scrip) was voted down in almost every Chicago suburb towns like our own."

And that is what some of the leading figures in parent-teachers child education think of the defeat of the movement to increase the school tax.

ASK MORE FUNDS TO AID PROGRAM

(Continued from Page One) work in wood, metal and leather. This instruction is offered in any phase of these three media, but it is left up to the student as to how far he wants to go in any one.

THIS AND THAT

(Continued from Page One) of our home in Birmingham which he would visit Detroit. I mentioned the art program of Cranbrook and Kingswood Schools, and he was a bit surprised to learn that she knew about them. She promised to write me a note at which (which we will reach about June 30), and it may be that by her family will write to Birmingham to be shown that city by her, should her arrangements in England make it possible.

GROUP HEARS VICE CONSUL

(Continued from Page One) in coastal cities. In charge of each is a Consul or Consul General, the latter serving in the larger cities although having no more authority than the Consul.

Since the war, the political aspects of consular service have been shed, Mr. Stone declared. Today, he said, consuls are chiefly interested in looking after and promoting the exports of British companies in this country and in furnishing them with information relative to public demands, and marketing conditions in certain localities.

Mr. Stone claimed that at present British manufacturers are selling a large number of orders in this vicinity despite the competition offered by Japanese concerns. He said that despite tariff restrictions a steady demand for certain types of British products is maintained in the country. As an example, he cited the market for the Scottish wools and other woolen merchandise.

The Vice-Consul brought out the interesting point that few persons are aware of the consular offices. He said that an individual traveling abroad should apply to the Consul in any country and obtain detailed information on trips, interesting points, and localities of any other general subject.

Model Early American Dwelling offers Latest in Electrical Equipment

One of the most charming and efficiently planned of Birmingham's new homes is the Early American brick and frame residence located at 278 1/2 Park fax. Equipped throughout with the latest in electrical devices, this dwelling has been shown to the public daily during the past two weeks by Snyder, Buck and Bennett, local real estate dealers.

The house practically provides automatic living so completely equipped with the latest innovations and devices electrical. In addition to an oil-burning, air-conditioning heating plant which filters air at any time of the fan capacity of the entire house can be thrown into the bedrooms.

The kitchen includes an eight-point annunciator which enables one to call the maid to almost any place in the house including the terrace porch.

The electric stove has a clock and timer arrangement by which meals may be cooked automatically. In addition to the electric refrigerator, there is a covered automatic dishwasher.

With the exception of the kitchen, the sink has an automatic garbage-disposal unit which grinds and reduces vegetable and food scraps to pulp and washes it away through the drains.

The first floor includes a spacious living room, the entrance interior work of knotty pine, stained and waxed, with a dull finish. The main bedroom is a dual-purpose library which usually can be transformed into an emergency bedroom.

The screened-in porch is accessible from the dining room and living room. A lavatory and closet also are provided. These master bedrooms are found upon the second floor. The maid's room includes bath and closet with a private hallway opening from the main upper hall.

night. Imagine my further surprise, then, to learn that I had been mixed up in my dates, (also I had checked it while in Rome, as I had written the article) found that the family had already arrived—in fact, the Empress of Britain had come in twelve hours ahead of schedule, in a gale (a fantastic weather), and the family had been in Cherbourg for 26 hours, waiting for their wandering husband and father. Well, of course we had a fine reunion, and I was quite naturally happy to see them. It seemed good, too, to get behind the wheel of the family car, which they had brought with them, and I looked forward with eagerness to the next morning when I would take a trip to our motor trip through France, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Holland, Belgium, England, and Scotland.

As I write this, my automobile had had, as the result of previous observations of Paris street traffic, that I would find a hotel on the outskirts of the city, but our first stop was to visit the famous Mt. Sainte Michel, an isolated island of 1,000 inhabitants, located in the Bay of Mont-Saint-Eloi. I should guess, about 500 acres. Upon it has stood, for more than a thousand years, a great church, well fortified, which once was a Benedictine Abbey, and is now a Benedictine priory, and is a very quaint, with narrow, winding streets, and on one of them you can buy and see the famous omelette originated by Madame Fouillard. We climbed up close to the walls of the abbey, and would have gone further except that, when we were about half way up, we rushed out to inform me that from now on I must pay a French franc for every step I take up the hill. The commercialism of the affair, you folks back home won't see picture, but I might have taken of the place. I don't know, but I think, since they do depend upon tourists for much income.

From St. Michel we kept on driving and that evening arrived at Tours, which boasts of a population of 72,000, and is the center of France's silk-wool breeding and silk industry. Of course, on the trip we passed through many towns, all of them quite quaint and different from what we were used to in North America.

Fairly early the next morning, Sunday, we started out for France's famous Chateau country, most of which is along the Loire River, and is the numerous Chateaux, or ancient Castles. We did not get into any of them, but the reason was that they being closed until after the 15th of August. During the day, they were closed until late in the afternoon. But an appraisal of them was made by the people who are in charge of the day of old of the feudal lords pecking their homes high up, overlooking the surrounding country, so that they and their benches might withstand the effects of enemies to overcome them. Practically all of these Chateaux are now in the hands of the French government, or in the hands of the Church, or of the local community in which they are located. But they are still to be seen, and their architectural design is massive, like a fort, and their towers are built to last.

I had previously sent, from Nice, three pieces of baggage to Paris, which I had added to immediately went there for the

used by France's rulers until 1789. Versailles, as you know, has since often been used by the world's leaders for important international conferences; it was here that Woodrow Wilson, as president of the United States, came with the leaders of other nations to adjust affairs following the close of the famous Napoleonic wars. The metropolitan area (Commune) making great roads in Europe, the real reason Mussolini and Hitler are interested in it, and are sending armed troops and supplies there, is to prevent the spread of Communism, which they despise, and which, while honestly despising dictatorship, can thank both Italy and Germany for its origin.

But enough of distress news of Europe. Let me tell you of a lovely evening out I had enjoyed at the Academie Nationale de Musique, or better known as the Grand Opera House of Paris, which I had seats in one of the second tier boxes, where you don't have to wear evening clothes, and you can go to the week before they were offering grand opera; the evening I attended it was halted with three operas: David the Triumphant, Alexander the Great, and La Gris, (The Don Juan).

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SUMMARY OF CITY AFFAIRS

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Wider Woodward

The completion of the cut-off through Birmingham is a state-of-the-art project. The new boulevard has no jurisdiction. We do enjoy a friendly and cooperative spirit among the city's residents. Murray Van Wagoner and department heads. We now have information available that grading and paving will start before long, but in fairness to the department we feel that definite announcements should come from the Commissioner.

Another Well

To insure a reserve supply of good water for the city, the new reservoir has been successfully sunk not far from the Lincoln Well. Its cost is met from the city's water fund. We now have four deep wells capable of pumping far in excess of the most extraordinary requirements.

Water Department

This important branch of the city's services is undergoing some change in personnel and policy. Delinquent charges for water bills are being collected. The department has adopted a reasonable and uniform policy out of which it is hoped that the water supply will be maintained.

Streets and Sewers

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Parks and Trees

The City of Birmingham is fortunate in having secured a large percentage of the Rouge Valley in Birmingham, the Civic Center, and the city's parks. Trees lining the streets of Birmingham are a heritage of the past and a source of pride for the present and future citizens of Birmingham.

Visit the Municipal Building

Many local people have never been inside this fine building. You are invited to come and see how your city is run. Meet the Mayor and City Clerk and see the work of the many departments which they are responsible. The assessor's records and the property tax records are available to the public. See the many accounting functions performed by the City.

Spingdale Park

A few seasonal circumstances resulted in Birmingham owning a golf course with a club house and park. That is, it pays it the cost of necessary improvements, is due solely to good management. The city's parks are a source of pride and pleasure to all who visit them.

Police and Fire Departments

An additional patrolman has been assigned to the Police Department. The fire department has added a great deal to the city's safety and protection. The city's fire department is one of the best in the country.

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of the people in charge of this Department.

Traffic We are a city over ten thousand population situated on both sides of Woodward Avenue, which is the main artery of the nation's nearby fourth city to the industrial cities and vast residential areas.

It is a daily question. The cut-off, when ready, will help solve traffic conditions on the present Woodward Avenue.

Speaking in residential districts is over with in spite of all that has been done to solve the problem. It can do less and return regularly and young folks and old folks alike. The placing of additional stop signs has helped to solve the problem.

The age and condition of this road is the cause of frequent accidents. It has been lowered and widened and has been discussed several times with the State Highway Department. The State Road has reason to believe that the department is interested in taking it over and improving it at the earliest possible time.

The City's contribution of money and of water for the Barometer is a source of pride. It can do nothing finer with a little of the people's money than invest it in the improvement of the city's streets and parks.

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Dr. F. D. Whisenand, affiliated with the Northern Baptist Seminary at Chicago, Ill., will occupy the pulpit at the First Baptist Church here Sunday morning, July 25.

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