Only a few weeks ago winter's cold was still upon the area, and the good earth was bare and brown, the trees and bushes without foliage; now all is different due to the magic of Nature in the springtime. Have you resolved to get every moment of joy you can from things that grow in your yard and garden?

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

When "Nick" Mooney Quit Birmingham's Police Dept.

The passing, two weeks ago, of 78-year-old Nicholas Mooney, brought back to me a flood of 20-year memories of Birmingham—days when this city was just a "village," with few paved streets, a Woodward avenue that was lined with old and stately elms and maples, (which came down in the name of "civic progress"), when most local people had a greater proportion of their brighbors than they now do, when the paved highway between Detroit and Pontiac was only 16 feet wide, and along its east edge ran the fast-moving D. U. R. interurban, and, when . . .

But what I really started out to talk about was "Nick" Mooney, who was for several years practically the entire Birmingham police department. "Those were the good old days!"

"Nick" was a staunch, though unique character here in those days. He knew everybody, and everybody, of course, knew him. In the winter time he wore a thick, fur overcoat; his lumbering figure, for "Nick" was always a bit stoutish), was an familiar on the downtown streets as were the public lounging seats at the four corners of Woodward and Maple avenues. There wasn't much real "police business" here in those days; rare were the burglaries and similar items that now occupy a law enforcing officer's attention.

Much of the traffic to Oakland County's lake region was over the Orchard Lake highway, west of the village.

Then, along about 1922, Birmingham began to "boom," as did the regions north of here, and traffic began to speed up. Then "Nick's" troubles began.

Such things as automatic electric traffic signals in Birmingham were unheard of in those days. Indeed, even in Detroit many of the important street intersections were presided over by policemen who operated hand-somehow traffic signals. Birmingham had only one of them—operated by the right and left arms of "Nick."

As I recall it, "Nick" took a leave of absence from Birmingham for a year or two in the early Twenties, and then came back as an assistant to Jim Anderson, for several years the only other half of Birmingham's police department, and also its "chief."

It was on a week-end that "Nick" re-introduced himself to his former "beat," to handle traffic at Birmingham's "four corners." The Saturday traffic strung along with increased velocity and quantity, but somehow "Nick" managed to keep from being run down. Then came Sunday late afternoon and evening, when the usual returning motorists from the north began to clog Woodward avenue again. There holding to his post, was "Nick," whirling and twirling the old hand semaphore so often that it almost needed oil and a better cooling system to keep it from burning up with friction.

Somehow, "Nick" managed to maintain his watch through until late in the evening. But it was a terrific job, and "Nick" was fairly worn out by the ordeal.

The next day "Nick" resigned. All can see him yet, as he related his problem. He was a great chewer of tobacco; the corner of his mouth drooled a bit of yellow-brownish saliva as he lamented: "Boy! but this town sure has grown since I left it a year or so ago. I don't mind handling normal traffic—but I guess I'll have to take a cue from Old Dobbin and remove myself from these modern highways, where so many of these gasoline buggies are now bent on racing."

Yes Sir! "Nick" was a fine symbol of the friendly rural police officer. His passing leaves another old "landmark" from Birmingham.

Solving the problem of paying for the nation's defense program is to be plain-spoken, a simple matter of arithmetic. You determine how much people earn in this country, then figure out how much of their respective earnings they can get along on; then you assess them for the difference. Congress will better solve this problem if Congress will forget "politics" and includes everybody in the taxes needed to pay for it.

Who among you Birmingham parents, with sons who may or may not become cannon fodder in this European war, will set forth your opinions in letters we shall be happy to print, without charge, in this newspaper? In a city of 6,000 people surely there must be some parents who have convictions upon this important subject. (Funny how your average parent would die for his offspring, if need be—yet upon the all-important subject of human cannon-fodder, he or she is quite silent.)

BICYCLE DEADLINE

May 15 is the deadline for purchase of the 25-cent bicycle license, according to the City Clerk. After that date police have the power to seize the unlicensed bicycles.

Victor and Bluebird Records. New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 182 W. Maple. adv.—tf.

New $45,000 Church Edifice Planned

Bills to Aid Street Repair Urged by City

Seek Legislative Action to Secure Larger Tax Share

By JOHN H. HARWOOD

Many dusty sections of Birmingham now painfully conscious of the City's restricted street maintenance program will be interested in two bills introduced in the legislature by Rep. George N. Higgins of Ferndale, and Rep. Clark J. Adams, Pontiac, which would bring Birmingham an estimated $7,900 from gas and weight tax monies.

The City Commission, Monday night, discussed the bills and dispatched a telegram to Lansing urging adoption of the measures. At the present time, the City-at-large spends only about $8,000 on street work, and the result is that many streets are in poor condition. About $4,000 more is spent by residents of certain streets to alleviate dust. Many cities, either because it is their policy or because they may have the money, oil and maintain all streets from the general budget. Thus it is obvious how welcome an extra $7,900 would be.

Entitled to Money

City officials feel they are entitled to the money, for Birmingham automobile owners pay a great sum in gas and weight taxes but their city does not get back one cent for maintenance of the streets. On the other hand, all township roads—all roads in the nearby subdivisions—are maintained entirely by the County Road Commission from State funds. Few townships levy taxes any more for roads since the Mc-

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How Birmingham's Tax Rates Compare With Other Cities

Municipality	Operation	City Debt	Total	School Operation	School Debt	Total
Birmingham	$19.00	—	$ 19.00	$ 7.70	$ 6.65	$ 14.35
Alpena	12.70	$1.84	14.54	6.74	1.11	7.85
Ecorse	9.48	6.52	16.00	13.50	6.07	19.57
Ferndale	12.06	7.64	19.70	10.90	7.10	18.00
Grosse Pointe	16.60	None	16.60	7.51	3.99	11.50
Hazel Park	4.46	1.34	5.80	6.90	11.00	17.90
Royal Oak	13.61	6.35	19.96	11.00	6.00	17.00
Ironwood	18.96	5.67	24.63	13.67	—	13.67
Niles	10.91	2.09	13.00	6.00	3.00	9.00
Owosso	20.27	—	20.27	6.10	4.00	10.10
River Rouge	10.90	5.10	16.00	7.85	4.15	12.00
Traverse City	15.00	—	15.00	7.28	3.35	10.63
Sault Ste. Marie	14.42	2.60	17.02	6.90	1.78	8.68
Wyandotte	11.48	2.82	14.30	7.935	1.589	9.52
Highland Park	14.40	—	14.40	9.35	2.25	11.60
Jackson	5.40	3.82	9.22	8.27	—	8.27
East Lansing	9.20	—	9.20	7.40	2.20	9.60
Lansing	11.20	1.36	13.16	10.00	—	10.00
Port Huron	14.94	—	14.94	7.50	1.64	9.14
Pontiac	5.50	6.87	12.37	5.00	3.57	8.57
Muskegon—						
1941	5.15	3.25	8.40	4.75	5.20	9.95
1940	5.80	3.84	9.64	5.00	4.63	9.63

NOTES—
¹Includes $2.79 for highways.
²Data for 1939-40. Information indicates rate will remain the same for the current year.
³Rates not available in this office. (Calculated from current assessed valuation and current budget appropriations.
⁴Figures for 1939-40; current rates not yet available.
⁵Rate not broken down as to amounts for operating and debt service, separately.

Municipal Rate Over the Average

Birmingham's municipal tax rate is considerably higher than the average, it is shown in the table above, presented to the Board of Education at its meeting last week. The school rate, for operating only, is at about a middle point; while the school debt is higher than the average because of considerable new school construction here during recent years.

The school board received the figures with little comment, members having expressed themselves as being anxious to avoid an "argument" over comparison of the municipal and school tax rates. The figures were secured from the Michigan Public Expenditure Surveys.

Happier

The charge has been made that the municipal rate is above average, and that if it were lowered, the taxpayers would feel happier about voting a larger sum to the schools, which are subject to the 15-mill restriction, while the city is not.

The tax rates shown in the table are NOT absolute comparison of public expenditures because assessing practices differ—in some communities property is valued higher and its others, lower. For example a rate of $15 a thousand assessed against a house valued at $2,000 yields the same amount of money as when the rate is $10 and the same house is valued at $3,000.

Higher Than County

However, it can be inferred that Birmingham's values are higher than the Oakland County average for example because the Board of

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Twenty-Eight Go For Army Training

Twenty-eight young men left by bus at 6:30 a. m. today for their year's training with the Army.

Two enlistments have changed the list announced in The Eccentric two weeks ago. Albert G. Schultz, formerly of Walnut Lake but now of Detroit, enlisted in the Navy, and Laurence B. Lackey, Jr., a student at Cranbrook Academy of Art, has enlisted in the Naval Air Service at Grosse Ile.

The June quota has not yet been announced; it is expected to be about the same as May's. Sending of questionnaires has been speeded up to 32 a day, but medical examinations will continue at a pace which is just ahead of the quotas.

Selectees scheduled to go this morning were Donald W. Disbrow (whose registration was sent here from Penn Yan, N. Y.), Richard B. Spade, Kenneth E. Knight, William J. Bickford, George V. Koss, John L. Irvine, William G. Lerchen, Jr., Elgin Robert Cisney, Laurent H. Rondeau, Joe Zutant, James J. Roberts, Donald L. Edwards, Harold T. Edmunds, Albert Silva, Norman A. Anderson, Prescott M. Little, Edwin R. Erickson, Leo Lewis Coe, Howard W. Whalen, Maurice C. Freng, Norman E. Clark, Walter E. Randall, Milton S. Hobbs, John S. Burkham and Wasco Warren.

Two who registered here are being inducted elsewhere. They are Berthold Schwetz, going at Cuero, Texa., and James L. Henson, also at Fort Smith, Ark.

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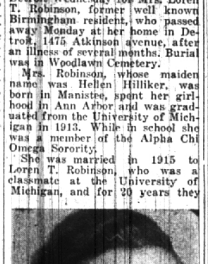

Mrs. Robinson

Mrs. L. T. Robinson Taken By Death

Funeral services were held in Detroit Wednesday for Mrs. Loren T. Robinson, former well known Birmingham resident, who passed away Monday at her home in Detroit, 1475 Atkinson avenue, after an illness of several months. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Robinson, whose maiden name was Hellen Hilliker, was born in Manistee, spent her girlhood in Ann Arbor and was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1913. While in school she was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

She was married in 1915 to Loren T. Robinson, who was a classmate at the University of Michigan, and for 19 years they lived in Birmingham, moving to Detroit two years ago.

Mrs. Robinson was active in civic and school affairs in Birmingham and was also active in the Birmingham chapter of the American Association of University Women and the University of Michigan League. She was also an active member of the Village Players of Birmingham.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Andrew W. Orr of Detroit, and two sons, William G. and Loren T., Jr., students at the University of Michigan.

Child, 5, Injured By Automobile

Karen Schreiber, 5 years old, of 1259 Bird street, was hit by the automobile of Paul L. Bachman, 1259 Bird, at 4:45 p. m. Wednesday, in front of the child's home. Bachman told police the child darted out from behind a parked car. She received leg bruises and minor head injuries and was treated at her home by Dr. J. B. Hassberger. The mother, Mrs. Hazel Schreiber, saw the mishap.

Guy Smith Heads Advertising Group

Guy C. Smith, of Vaughan road, Bloomfield Hills, was elected chairman of the American Association of Advertising Agencies in the annual meeting of the organization held at Hot Springs, Va.

Smith, member of the firm of Brooke, Smith, French & Dorrance, Inc., succeeded as chairman of the

Mr. Smith

board Atherton W. Hobler, president of Benton & Bowles, Inc.

In his acceptance message, Smith declared that expansion of production facilities resulting from the defense program will place advertising the most tremendous task in its history.

"The end of the war," he said, "will find America with a productive capacity far beyond anything previously dreamed of. And it is my belief that if this capacity is to be constructively used for the benefit of the people as a whole it will be because the production, flow and use of consumer goods is stimulated by advertising in volume and power far beyond anything seen in this country before."

The A. A. A. A. numbers in its membership the front rank advertising agencies of the country, accounting for a lion's share of all national advertising in America. Smith has served as both secretary and vice president of the A. A. A. A.—and, with Bruce Barton of New York, acted as co-chairman of the Hot Springs convention.

Large Crowd At British Relief Dinner; Prediction of War Soon Gets Applause

Three hundred men and women from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and vicinity gathered at a dinner Monday night in the Community House, their objective being to stimulate local enthusiasm for the relief of Britain. The meeting was sponsored by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills unit of the British War Relief Society. Speeches were made and motion pictures were given as part of the program.

Frank Couzens, former Detroit mayor, and chairman for metropolitan Detroit in the Society's activities, called the meeting to order at the conclusion of the dinner period. He welcomed those present, and then turned the program over to Arthur E. Bull, chairman for this area of the society. Mr. Bull, who resides here on Linden road, pointed out the fact that local efforts to aid Britain have resulted in considerable financial and material success, introduced a number of people at the speaker's table, and then called for the showing of motion pictures. Up to a special motion picture about war-time life in England today. Devastation of Nazi bombing to homes and business property, the miraculous evacuation of British troops at Dunkerque a year ago, together with action views of war-planes made and motion pictures were given as part of the program.

"We Will Be in This War"

L. A. Marshall, military critic of The Detroit News and radio station WWJ, happened to be present at the meeting, and he obliged with a ten-minute talk on the European war situation, although he was not originally scheduled to be on the program.

"There is a great darkness closing in upon Europe, and we in the United States cannot escape that darkness," declared Mr. Marshall, himself a veteran of the first

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Building Pace for Year Far Ahead of 1940

14 New Homes Valued at $100,000 Started in April

Building in Birmingham for the month of April totaled $112,290, bringing the year's total to $336,377, contrasted to $182,578 a year ago during the same period. One month saw start of construction on 14 new homes, valued at $100,000.

The total for April was less than March, when a peak of $150,450 was attained; however, the decline appears to be normal for the time of year, occurred last year.

Permits were issued for one two-family house; for five home alterations, for five garage alterations; for one store alteration; and for three garages. The new building value totaled $109,565; the alterations $2,725.

Following are the permits issued:

At 1330 Northlawn, 1½-story frame and brick, 26,000 cubic feet, for A. W. Farrell, 18025 Northlawn, Detroit.

At 1460 Cole, 1½-story brick, 9,000 cubic feet, for James J. Waldson, 42 Manchester, Highland Park.

At 463 Hanna, B. P. Kness, addition of porch.

At 1478 Webster, one-story frame, 14,000 cubic feet, for Rocco Salvetti, Hazel Park.

At 545 Manhoff, 2-story house, 9,000 cubic feet, for Milton Wilson, 290 Berwyn.

At 1232 Baldwin, H. W. Bogas.

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Defense Bonds Sale Is Started

Sale of the new national defense bonds and stamps got under way on Thursday, and reports West Bloomfield indicated that sales are not lagging.

Bonds and savings stamps may be obtained at two places; at the Post Office and at the Birmingham National Bank, which is handling the bonds and stamps as a service to the public. At the Post Office on Thursday, George Leslie, of Bloomfield Hills, purchased the first bond, while Leslie Rouse, 19 years old, of 1103 Mary street, a Western Union messenger, bought the first stamp.

Postmaster Joseph F. Byrne reported Monday that his office had 1,104 stamps valued at $716, and 26 bonds valued at $2,762.50.

The stamps come in denominations of 10 cents, 25, 50, $1 and $2. Bonds draw 2.9 interest over a period of 10 years, although the funds may be turned in for cash at any time.

Economists look on government borrowing of this sort and taxation as the only sound ways of financing war expenditures.

FREE MAPS

Need a map of Michigan? The Eccentric has a quantity of official State Highway Department maps on hand for free distribution—the very latest edition. Information includes a list of all state parks and information about them; schedule of the Mackinac ferry; mileage table between cities; a map of Detroit and vicinity, with index of lakes, golf and country clubs; and even a plan showing construction of Michigan's famed rustic roadside tables.

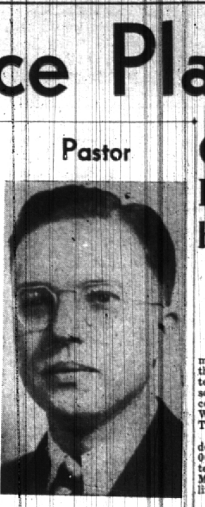
Real Total Defense Discussed Today By Civic Leaders

With several of the nation's political leaders calling for war, Birmingham took its first semi-official step this morning for total defense. But it was for a new kind of defense—it was for rearmament which will be of value whether or not the nation goes to war.

Called by Major John E. Martz, the City Commission and a small group of civic leaders met at the Commission room to hear Howard Blake, who was present in Finland before and during the war with Russia, and where he saw what wonders were worked with the people's spirit of cooperation.

This "moral re-armament" has been endorsed by General John J. Pershing and many other national leaders, and will be discussed more fully in Managing Editor John H. Harwood's column on the editorial page next week.

Pastor



Mr. Wuggazer

Jack Likes The Navy

But Does the Navy Like Jack? That's More Important.

(Editor's Note—Jack Dunn, of the good ship, U. S. S. Dubuque, now of Boston Harbor, but late of the Detroit River, was asked by the editor, "Well, Jack, how do you like the Navy?" This is his answer.)

By JACK DUNN

Some day when I have a lot of time, I am going to think up a snappy answer to the question, "How do you like the Navy?" I wish I had a good one, because soon, now, it will have been asked me by at least the entire voting population of Birmingham.

This answer, when found, must emphasize the fact that I do like the Navy very much, and as soon as the Navy learns to like me to the same extent everything will be jake. Note that she Navy dislikes me is understood; it just doesn't sow that I exist. Probably it could find out by wracking its memory and perusing its files, but what percentage would there be in it for me? Powers-That-Be? Seamen Second Class (me) are lower than whale's hips, and any Seaman First Class will tell you that their collective value is only about 10 cents per doz. We (the S2cs) like us a lot.

But even our collective opinion counts for little (or less).

Dear Old Paintwork

One thing we are good for is scrubbing paintwork. Ah, dear old paintwork! First it must be scrubbed, then chipped off, wirebrushed, red-leaded, repainted, and then repainted so it can be scrubbed and chipped again. In between times there are decks to be scrubbed, brightwork to be polished, infantry and small-arms drills to be drilled, watches and inspections to be stood, clothing and self to be scrubbed, paintwork to be cleaned and chipped, brightwork to be polished, and so on and so on and so on.

It begins at promptly six o'clock every single morning. Often it is suggested that 7:30 is a more civilized time to arise, but the Navy never lets itself be hindered by civilization. Personally, I would settle for either five minutes, but no, following the bugler with his "Cathgettemup" come a million or so petty officers who blow vigorously and ear-splittingly on a type of whistle known as a "boatswain's pipe" shouting "Hit the deck, you unprintables;" "Up all hammocks;" "Dunn, do you want me to write you a formal invitation?" and similar unpleasantries until it simply isn't any fun sleeping much more. Then comes the daily battle of the Iron Cow (canned milk to landlubbers). Morning coffee is required by the sacrosanct Naval Regulations, but they say nothing about milk and sugar with it. The powers-that-be think that "cow and sand" are not necessary in a beverage that is supposed to be a pick-up rather than a social mainstay. The men who have to drink it say otherwise. (The test for Navy coffee is to see if it will dissolve a half-dollar; when it does, it is ready.)

Then, Breakfast

Then comes breakfast, for which mess-cook me has to set down the messtables, place thereon redlead (catsup), flypecks (pepper), dust (salt), grease (butter), and of course, sand and cow. (Modest

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Resident Loses Life As Car Hits Tree

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Hubbard Woods, Ill., for George N. Goodnow, 793 Pleasant avenue, who lost his life in an automobile crash Saturday night near Jackson. He had been a resident of Birmingham the past seven years.

After the mishap, he was taken to the Mercy Hospital in Jackson but he lived only two hours. Mr. Goodnow was returning from Chicago and the police reports stated that he was travelling at a high speed on the through road. It was about 11 p. m. and the car slipped off the pavement and hit a tree.

Mr. Goodnow was born in Waukegan, Ill., 43 years ago. His preparatory school was Lake Forest Academy. He graduated from Cornell University, both the schools of arts and the engineering school. He was a World War Veteran, a sergeant in the 149th Field Artillery in the Rainbow Division. He kept up his interest in the army and was first lieutenant in the Reserve.

For some years he had been a member of Orchard Lake Country Club. Until recently he was active in the Village Players.

Mr. Goodnow is survived by his daughter Ann, 12 years old, living in Sidney, Australia.

Burial was at the family plot in Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, Ill.

21-Year-Olds Here Seem Not Interested In Citizenship Day

Sunday, May 18, is Citizenship Day, but it appeared Wednesday that as far as Birmingham's youth is concerned, interest in the program is exactly zero.

Exercises on the 16th at Pontiac are to honor the new 21-year-olds on their accession to the voting franchise, and right now several hundred Oakland County youths are studying some aspect of the meaning of citizenship.

The Birmingham City Commission thinks the idea is good, and following last year's precedent $25 was appropriated for the affair.

Mayor John E. Martz enlisted the services of the League of Women Voters as local sponsors

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Colonial Type Building Voted by Lutherans

Spacious Six-Acre Site Acquired On West Maple

A new church structure for Birmingham, the first to be built since the Baptist Church was constructed 13 years ago, will be started soon by the Redeemer Lutheran congregation, it was announced Wednesday by the pastor, the Rev. Theodore Wuggazer, Jr.

The building, to be of Colonial design, will cost an estimated $45,000, and will be built in the center of a spacious lot out West Maple avenue, just at the city limits.

Red Brick

Plans call for a red brick building with a tall white spire, and with four white columns at the front, modeled after the Colonial type, and particularly like the Martha Mary Chapel in Henry Ford's Greenfield Village. An unusual part of the plan is the fact that the church will have extensive grounds. During the recent "Scavenger" land sale, church officials secured the old farm of N. subdivision at an exceedingly low price for the six acres involved. The tract on the north side of West Maple starts 120 feet west of Chesterfield and 562 feet westward 450 feet, and 562 feet deep, northward from Maple.

Present plans call for the use of only the front three acres. The church structure will be built 110 feet back from the street, with a long, semi-circular driveway leading to the front doors, and a one-way leading off to a parking space nearby, large enough for 64 cars.

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Community House Drive Nears Goal

With actual contributions running 40 percent over any previous campaign, the 1941 Birmingham Community House fund drive seemed assured of reaching its $12,500 goal after a final "check-up" meeting last night.

Contributions totaling $10,000 have been reported to Chairman E. H. Fletcher as the campaign officially closed last evening. Last year approximately $8,000 was received at the similar period.

Success is assured, Chairman Fletcher said, because of the large number of donation cards outstanding upon which no action has been taken. To make certain that every source has been contacted, a five day extension period has been designated during which the "Minute Men" led by Fred C. (Fred) Eden will reach all promised contributors and uncontacted persons.

"In other years we have been content to ring down the curtain when the actual expiration date of the drive has been reached," Fletcher said. "This year, however, because of the fine showing made by the workers, we are not going to be satisfied until every available dollar has been brought in.

"The heavy work has been done but the 'mopping up' still remains to put the drive over.

"When this has been accomplished—and accomplished well—I think we can be duly proud of the fact that the 1941 drive will be the first in the history of the Community House to top its quota."

Fletcher declared that a major obstacle to a complete tally last night was the large number of citizens who assured visiting workers that they would mail checks and have so far failed to do so. The success or failure of the drive depends upon the degree with which these persons fulfill their promises, he said.

$5,000 from State Welcome 'Break'

An unexpected windfall from the State Treasury will probably permit the school district to close its fiscal year in the black, according to Business Manager Louis M. Randall.

Randall's latest revision of his original budget estimate of expenditures of $246,230 is not equalled by a similar total in revenue, leaving an anticipated deficit of $3,672.

However, the skies cleared last week when the Superintendent of Public Instruction announced that sales tax revenues had been so good that $2,000,000 more was to be distributed among the schools about June 1. That will mean about $5,000 for Birmingham, almost enough to meet the anticipated deficit. It is hoped to make further small savings by paring here and there on budget items, Randall said.

Economy

Economy was mentioned at the City Commission meeting Monday night.

Commissioner Harris E. Bissett declared: "I don't think most people realize how heavy these new federal taxes are going to be. I think we ought to discourage new projects for special assessments."

City Manager D. C. Egbert agreed that the City should slacken on its capital improvements. However, he pointed out that the new building is exceptionally heavy, and that this had occasioned many improvements.

Bloomfield Hills Taxes Are 95% In

Best tax collection since Bloomfield Hills was incorporated as a city was made in that municipality during the past year, it was learned this week. City taxes were 96.3 per cent collected when the books were turned over to the County Treasurer for further collection; last year, the comparative figure was 93.3 per cent.

Bloomfield Hills levied $35,625.51 for city purposes and collected $33,982.04.

The combined city-county-drain and school taxes levied within Bloomfield Hills amounted to $66,583.27, of which $62,061.75 was collected, or 93.2 per cent. Last year, the comparative figure was 92.3 per cent.

Beauty Rest Mattresses Repaired. Royal Mattress Co., Phone Birm 1-0788