

"Possession of an ideal, or set of ideals, is in the practical side of man or woman what water is to the fish. The spirit, a great ideal, once imaged in the mind, provides an ever-present beacon towards which one can struggle; one is never completely lost, for the mass of earth's travels if he has a goal—even an apparently unattainable one—do not fail."

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## The Economic Superintendence of the World

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Wants Help in Making Michigan Self-Governing

Perspective always lends an added value to the view. Things close at hand, too often, fail to appear as they do in retrospect. The vision appears equally, but in the historical past and the contemporary present.

For example, we all recall how our history books explained the problems of the early Colonists; how they came to these shores for religious freedom; how they struggled through bitter winters, but, summer, fought off the Indians, established the backbone of this nation.

We recall that a chief reason for the Colonists' rebellion against England was that they refused to be taxed without some representation in the English government. We recall the Boston Tea Party, an ancient "mob scene" of the importance of the war.

"Those were the good old days," we would like to have lived, and added our vigor and enthusiasm as the Colonists there, of the yoke of British tyranny. Many as they thought, in memory, we travel back several centuries through our history.

No Sir! Nobody for very long could say us without representation.

It Makes Me Laugh!

Ha! Ha! Ha! and a couple hundred more. Ha! Ha! Ha! You ask me why? Then keep your eyes on the remainder of this column.

You who live in Birmingham, for example, know that you pay taxes in your own State of Michigan, and live under an emergency law by a Legislature in which you have about one-sixth the representation that certain out-State areas have.

Does that make your blood boil? Does that fact irritate within you a feeling of kinship with your Pilgrim Fathers, who established the basis of the American democracy when they rebelled against King George III? Does that fact suggest to you that it is right to have a problem on our hands of restoring more representative government?

Does it seem more romantic thought? Last Saturday morning, over in the Capital City of Lansing, I gathered with about 100 other citizens from the Michigan peninsula, to start a campaign of education and political action that seeks to change the dominant control of Michigan's Legislature from the rural area. Not that I am very fond of it. They will know that my part in this campaign is strictly impersonal; merely a desire to maintain on these shores something that looks like self-government in the representative type.

The folks who assembled in the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing last week were motivated by a sincere and patriotic desire to reorganize this State. They want to campaign for a Constitutional Amendment, to be on the ballot next year, which will make it impossible for 27 per cent of the citizens of Michigan to control the Legislature.

For example, Oakland County has a population of 254,068 people, but in the 1940 federal census this population now provides Oakland County with two members in the State Legislature. A certain combination of out-State counties, whose total population is several thousand fewer than Oakland County, has 12 representatives in the Legislature; that is six times as many as Oakland County has.

Isn't that insofar as "taxation without representation" is concerned, "taxation without representation" may be found in other sections of this State.

There is a job to be done about restoring representative government in Michigan. Do you want to aid in it?

Birmingham has, according to a recent survey made by the Economic Council of the Nation, one of the largest groups within its borders; they exist for many reasons, except the program of accomplishing some good, but have enough of them to make it possible to get them to assist public interest and support for the work that lies ahead.

If you are interested, folks, call me up on a line and I'll tell you how you can help. George the Third has been dead for centuries, but the problem of maintaining a government doesn't seem to have changed.

That's your challenge in a totalitarian democracy? Wants help?

### Ask County to Act on W. Maple Ave.

There were several developments in the Birmingham traffic situation this week summarized as follows: Better handling of juvenile traffic offenders is planned. A study will be made to see whether more stop signs are needed in the vicinity of the Municipal Building, on Henrietta street. A resolution was adopted calling on the County Road Commission to improve West Maple avenue. Further work will be made to get action from the State Highway Department in reducing hazards on Hunter boulevard. Also, a second meeting of citizens will be held Monday night in regard to the possible organization of a Safety Council here.

### Tells of Crashes Near City Hall

A letter to the City Commission from Carlin Bromberg, insurance man, related that his company had paid several losses for crashes on Henrietta street in the vicinity of the Municipal Building, and he suggested that this street be made a one-way street by the addition of signs on the Martin, Merrill and Woodward streets.

### Asks For Action On West Maple

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### Juvenile Offenders Get Attention

Heightened interest by police and the City Manager in juvenile traffic offenders was shown in a recommendation made by Eugene B. Bessett, City Commissioner, to attempt to discipline offenders by working with the judges of the juvenile court.

### Lions Club Goes 100% for Bonds

Individual members of the Lions Club pledged themselves at their meeting Wednesday to subscribe to a National Defense Savings bond, each pledging \$10 and worth \$25 at maturity in ten years.

### Safety Group Plans Meeting Monday

A second meeting of the group which will organize a safety council here interested in the welfare of the community will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock in room 102, Herald High.

### MacManus Car Overturns

An automobile belonging to John R. MacManus, Gulfport road, overturned near his home Wednesday, he and Mrs. MacManus were given first aid at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.

### State-Purdue Tie Game Prevents Perfect Score

After much effort during last week's football season, the Birmingham football team, which had a perfect score of 101 points, finally crashed this week and scored 100 points.

### Where's Our Mural?

Somewhere—Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne hopes an artist is looking over his canvas, preparing a mural for the Birmingham Post Office.

### Here Tonight Teachers Ask Aid to Offset Rising Prices

Board Promises Bonus if and When Cash is Available

Birmingham teachers Tuesday night asked the Board of Education for aid to offset rising prices. The teachers' club, at about 25 members, met with Dr. Counts at dinner.

### Claim Is Filed For Bike Injury

Carlus L. Miller, of 2931 Fifth road, notified the City Manager Tuesday that he claims damages for injuries which he suffered when he was hit by a car on Woodward street.

### Men's Club Party

The Men's Club of Holy Name Church will hold its annual party tonight at Northwood Inn, starting at 8 o'clock.

### Name Selectees For Next Induction

Names of the 16 young men who will be inducted into the American Legion post No. 72, at the next induction ceremony, were announced Tuesday by Local Post No. 72.

### Armistice Day Observed Again

The 23rd anniversary of Armistice Day was observed at Birmingham Tuesday, with brief exercises at the Municipal High school, at the Detroit Diesel, and at the VFW Auxiliary.

### Fire Destroys Garage Of C. E. Price

Fire completely destroyed a garage at 1015 E. Price, on Monday night. The building contained a car and a motorcycle.

### End of Willis St. May Be Widened

Plans are under way to widen the Woodward-Willis corner in connection with the new building which is to be erected north of the Cadillac-Pontiac intersection.

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### Keys Lost to Car

Many people who are interested in the Birmingham Police Department, Robert Foy, a Birmingham resident, reported to police officers that he had lost a set of keys to his car.

### School Head Ohio Man Engaged; Starts Work Dec.

An Ohio educator, Dr. Herman L. Shihler, was announced Wednesday by the Board of Education as the new superintendent of schools. He is a former superintendent of several Ohio districts and is a principal of Euclid Central High School, a city of 23,000, suburban to Cleveland.

### Lions Club Party Will Be Held Monday Evening

The 11th annual Lions Club public party, which has become an institution in Birmingham, will be held Monday night at the Birmingham roller rink, starting at 8 o'clock.

### Careening Truck Hits Gas Station

A wild ride in his truck, which went out of control following a collision with a gas station, resulted in a gas station being damaged Tuesday evening by William J. Shihler.

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### In Plane Research

He retained his position as principal and executive head of the Birmingham Central School, in 1936, which comprises all grades from kindergarten to twelfth grade.

### Rotarian Group Goes to Windsor

Birmingham Rotarians last Monday divided their attendance between the regular Community House meeting and a special Armistice Day annual celebration held by the Windsor Rotary Club.

### Royal Oak Starts Game Festivities

Opening affair leading up to the traditional Thanksgiving Day football game between Royal Oak and Birmingham will be a luncheon at Royal Oak, set for Tuesday afternoon.

### Birmingham Lord Mayor Greets American Cousins

Architects who draw plans for Birmingham's municipal buildings, a group of 21 Birmingham architects, met with the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, England, to greet the Birmingham group.

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