

That 110 billion dollar budget recently presented to Congress by F.D.R. hasn't brought forth many criticisms from the people—at least not criticisms registered with Congress. The sum is so huge that it bewildered, almost stupified the average person. Paying for it, though, may bring plenty of kicks.

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Bits of Birmingham

Tuesday was groundhog day, and he saw his shadow.
A. M. Kolstad, of 22450 Hillview Lane, was pretty sure Mr. Groundhog would show up for Monday, he (the groundhog) came onto the back porch of the Kolstad home and got into the garbage pail. "I went out to look at him and he sat there almost unconcerned," Mr. Kolstad said. "He was eating a bit of bread. It was pretty dry, so he reached for a grapefruit skin and got some juice to help him swallow the bread. Finally, he waddled off."

First robin of 1943 reported to The Enterprise was spied by Mrs. Henry Hart, 243 Lake Park drive.
We have had so much winter this year that spring seems to come early, by rights. In this Wanderer's mind, the advent of February turns his thoughts away from snow and toboggans and such, toward the garden rake and shovel, even though spring is a long way off. February is the month of enjoyment. After having enjoyed January's wintery blasts, we no longer care for snow and zero temperatures.

Turning to the week's mail, this Wanderer reads this note from F. S. E.: "This Wanderer wonders more about you 'two the snow shovels' of the many citizens of our town, judging by the condition of so many of our walks. Goes double for the City itself!" (Last week, you will remember, there was an item about a stolen snow shovel.)

Yes, 'tis true enough: there was an awful lot of icy sidewalks which could have been made safer with a few ashes or rock salt. If you have no furnace ashes, fire-place ashes will serve as well.

As he picked his way across a slippery stretch, Ray Peck commented: "You have to C sharp or you'll B flat."

Thomas L. Pemberton has filed suit for divorce from Marj A. Pemberton.

Keep your tires up and your speed down.

Charles Haywood, 1446 Webster, packed his winter wardrobe in the old Winningham lot—to his regret. Some one broke headlights and taillight for no good reason.

Also, some one tossed a piece of cement through a window in McKee's South Woodward gasoline station, but the would-be thief did not follow through and enter the place.

A small clock was lifted from the shop of Bleazby's last week.

"Vehicle City Maple Crest Pabst," is the name of a registered Holstein-Friesian bull recently purchased by E. C. Coll, of 755 Kinwood, according to a report from the national Holstein headquarters at Brattleboro, Vt. Didn't know Mr. Coll owned a farm.

Included in the list drawn for jury service at Post office in February, are Mrs. Miffiam Ashbaugh, Mrs. Glen Davis, William Bowman, H. B. Wilkinson, and Virginia Wilkinson of Bloomfield Hills.

Do you hear fire sirens wailing at the end of the week? Berkeley, Detroit and Royal Oak had sirens on Friday; Bloomfield Hills and Pontiac on Saturday; and Birmingham on Monday.

A is for Auto, no longer new.
B is for Banana—it's gone, too.
C is for Coffee—just one cup.
D is for Dog Food—poor old pup.
E is for Electrical things—bye-bye.
F is for canned Fish scarce and high.
G is for Gasoline—if you can get it.
H is for Hoisery—better pet it.
I is for Ice Cream—to hard it is wrong.
J is for Jackets—they mustn't be.
K is for Knives—restricted in type.
L is for Lawnmowers and Lead Pipe.
M is for Metal, Matches and Meat.
N is for Nylon, gone from our feet.
O is for Oil, but not enough heat.
P is for Pambulators, Plastics and Paint.

The "mystery of the unseasonal caterpillar" mystifies Mrs. Agnes M. Crane, 872 Southfield. Last week, she spied a caterpillar frozen stiff on a pile of snow outside her home, and when she brought it inside, it thawed out. Why should any self-respecting caterpillar emerge from its cocoon at this time of year?

Mrs. Crane possesses a prize pinneria plant. After it spent the summer in her garden, she brought it inside and since Thanksgiving, it has had six times its blossoms.

A resident in the south central portion of the city requested this column to make this request: "There is a flock of pigeons whose owners avoid the needed feeding. At least, they certainly act hungry when they come to my feeding station, driving away all the catbirds, nuthatches and other wild birds who would like to eat the food I put out. I would appreciate it if the owners of the pigeons would feed them." Said pigeons were reported to inhabit a barn on Pierce street.

Another reader phoned: "I have a new flag. Should I take it up and pull down the flag daily, or because of the war, should I fly the flag all the time?" This Wanderer got hold of J. B. Austin, Boy Scout field man for this area, who said that the flag today should get the same courtesies as in times of peace.

Another subscriber wanted to know the date of Easter (April 25), all of which adds up to the fact that we run a veritable information bureau. If our phone is busy, call the library.

Your dog license is now due.

Willard Barget, 24, the bus driver who married twice without getting a divorce from the first wife's now spending a year in jail, is attempting to untangle the marital mess into which he got mixed up. He has filed suit for divorce from his first wife, Viola, whom he married in 1937. His second wife, Margaret, has filed suit for an annulment of their marriage, which occurred April 5, 1942. The third wife, 19-year-old Pontiac girl, has announced no steps regarding her marriage which occurred Dec. 24, 1942.

From one angle, wouldn't it be wonderful to have a conscience which without a twist permitted one to marry two or three times, desert from the Army or swindle the United States for money, and then have and never lose a night's sleep over it? Others worry about a traffic ticket.

Wonder if Oakland County will go on Central War Time? Our representatives in the Legislature voted for it.

There is talk of reappointment, which would give Oakland County its proper representation in the Legislature. Now, we have two House members and share a Senate seat with Wadsworth County. The Manushaw plan would give Oakland five House members and two Senators.

Miss Alice Upward has been appointed Deputy City Treasurer for another year.

Some one made off with \$15 worth of groceries left outside McKee's main station Monday evening. They belonged to George L. Scott, 172 E. Pine.

Mrs. J. C. Lawson, of Birmingham road, is to be arrested for police the loss of a Swiss watch set with 42 diamonds.

Mrs. Irene Burgess, formerly of Birmingham, has contacted Mrs. A. D. McRay and other friends here seeking the donation of children's books.

The USO serves as a community center for the many newcomers, and they need books for the children. Donors may be left at the Community House of Baldwin Library. A piano, too, is needed.

Monday afternoon, Mrs. John Lothian, of North Woodward avenue, received her final citizenship papers in Pontiac. Mrs. Lothian came here from Ireland in 1926. She has a husband and six brothers serving with the British armed forces. Mrs. Charles S. Kinnison and Mrs. Helen P. Gahn served as witnesses for Mrs. Lothian.

In the mail: "In reply to the Real Estate man in last week's Bits of Birmingham in regard to the rural neighbors living outside the City to avoid City taxes is OK. But to see things as they actually happen sometimes hurts you up whether you live in the city or out."

During recent light snow storms after the wind had been driven over two or three days the snow came along the road and actually went up and down same road some times when not necessary, and on bare pavement which I saw myself, cleaning little snow on side of road, wasting precious tires and gas. Then when the Big Storm comes along, plows are broken down and other wild things for days until hundreds of cars have made road passable.

Remember, E. C. Mann, we are paying taxes too. "Explain this please!"

Matthew, Tailor, Has Branch Office

Announcement was made this week of the opening, last Monday, of Birmingham's first "drive-in" cleaner and dyer's establishment when Matthew's Tailor Shop, 244 East Maple avenue, re-opened the former Goodyear tire and gasoline station, corner of Pierce and Martin streets, in the new City Hall. This new branch, purchased by Matthew Cammarere, proprietor of Matthew's Tailor Shop, will handle only cleaning and dyeing business, while the main store services, and equipment will be maintained in the East Maple avenue premises. Mrs. Cammarere will manage the new branch.

Mr. Cammarere has been in business in Birmingham for the past 18 years. He has been a citizen of the United States for many years and served two years in France in front-line activities during World War I. He is a member of the United States Legion of Foreign Wars, and active in American Legion affairs in Birmingham. Two stepsons, Bernard Tony Freeman, are now in the U. S. armed services. Bob in the Marine, and Tony in the Air Force.

Mr. Cammarere is able to open this new branch office, and look forward to the post-war time when he can move his cleaning and dyeing equipment to the new location, "stated Mr. Cammarere this week. "I have enjoyed my residence and work in Birmingham, and am confident that our city will continue to grow and remain one of Detroit's finest suburban areas."

Ration Coupon Banking Pictured By Elbert Burns

Ration coupon banking began in the Detroit area on Jan. 27, according to Elbert S. Burns, of 1002 Pilgrim, president of the Detroit Clearing House Association.

In an interview with Mrs. Cassius L. Miller, Consumer Interest Chairman of the Birmingham Education Council, Mr. Burns described the system of rationing bank accounts which has been established by the Office of Price Administration.

Operates Live Checking Account
The ration coupon account is operated as follows:
A store deposits coupons received from the public in his coupon account with his local bank. When he needs to replenish his stock of rationing goods he orders in the usual way, but also writes a check against this coupon deposit, making it payable to the manufacturer or other source of supply.

These checks for coupons are cleared through the banking machinery much as an ordinary checking account operates. The only difference between coupon checks and money checks is that the former are not endorsable. Each payer must deposit them in his own account.

Consumers Not Affected
Consumers are not affected by coupon banking. They will continue to use coupons and stamps from their regular rationing boards. The new system serves merely to lighten the clerical work of the O.P.A. The cost of operating the system will be absorbed by the O.P.A., which will reimburse the banks for the cost of clearing the coupons.

Coupon banking will be used by the following commercial establishments:
1. All retailers of rationed food who December, 1942, sales were \$5,000 or more. For those with a smaller volume of business the opening of a ration bank account is optional.
2. Chain stores.
3. All food wholesalers and food distributors back of the retail level.
4. All gasoline wholesalers and distributors except retailers, who are not permitted to open ration bank accounts.

Local Banks Ready
Mrs. Miller also talked with Frank E. Quisenberry, of the Warbeck State Bank, and with Herbert H. Gardner, president of the Birmingham National Bank, and found that both of these local banks are equipped to handle coupon bank accounts. Both banks are associated with Detroit banks, and will clear their coupon checks through the Detroit Clearing House.

What Your City Commission Is Doing --
February 1, 1943
Bills approved in an amount of \$3,057.28.
Communication received from American Federation of City, County and Municipal Employees relative to salary schedules. Referred to City Manager.
Communication received from Piety Hill Chapter Daughters of American Revolution suggesting that action be taken on the City Manager's recommendation that unprocessed bills be not picked up by the city.
Recommendation from Recreation Commission that a Recreation Committee be created under State enabling Act referred to the City Manager with instructions to communicate with the School Board to inquire whether or not they wished to share in such a project.
Communication received from City Manager relative to conservation of taxicab transportation.
Taxicab driver's license issued to Joseph Raymann.
Four deferred payment water services approved.
Public Official bond approved for Genevieve W. Alce Upward's appointment as Deputy Treasurer renewed.
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We find this an excellent time to move some homes which have something to be desired architecturally, and where obscurity and other factors are apparent. Profit by selling now and get yourself prepared for that "tax" for two and room with a view?

The members of this organization will gladly make their services available to property owners at any time to discuss in greater detail any phases of real estate in the community which you may care to inquire about. Such a consultation, of course, is yours without charge or obligation of any sort.

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