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\$1,500,000 Sewer Project to Start

The Federal Works Agency has allocated \$662,000 for the project while a bond issue of \$935,000 will be floated to cover the local share of the cost, with sewer users repaying the bonds over a 50-year period.

A friendly lawsuit had been filed to make certain the bonds would have the same force as a Circuit Court decision appointing the project lawyer.

Two of the four contracts have been let and the work is under way, according to Drain Commissioner Earl I. Clark. The sewer will halt long-time pollution of the Red River, Clinton River system and will connect with the Detroit sewerage system.

Bits of Birmingham

Well, how's your surtax net income?

Did you deduct dental expenses?

This Wanderer takes solace in the fact that all the complicated deductions and exemptions are for the taxpayer's benefit. In other words, the Government has tried to take care of various expenses as the total tax takes into consideration the ability to pay.

Most economists think the United States is not raising enough of the war costs out of taxes. About two thirds of the total is being borrowed, while in Canada and Britain, about half of the war budget is met from taxation.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Klaus has filed suit for divorce from Ralph Klaus.

On seeing the published list of February's War bond quotas and sales, this Wanderer phoned L. H. Jelen, the county taxman, and told him that the figures are not accurate and are an unjust reflection on the people of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. For example, our quota was \$124,000, but we are credited with \$152,919—the amount sold by the banks and post office. Bloomfield has only \$24,000 more in its quota, about the worst showing in the county.

The list ignores the great amount invested by all, those who work in Detroit and Pontiac, and buy their bonds on a payroll deduction plan. This Wanderer is positive that Birmingham and vicinity takes a back seat to no one on this bond business, but how can we prove it?

Mr. Green agreed that the figures were not much good, but a little could be done about it. He suggested that all who buy bonds at their work, their employers to send their checks to Birmingham.

Turning to another subject, this Wanderer notes that grass fires look quite an upturn last week. You are supposed to get a permit from the fire department before you start a grass fire, we are told.

More on the bonds: A friend happened along who mentioned that the Post Office delivers about 115 bonds a DAY, sent in from out of town, which would total over \$2,000 a day, figuring that each bond is worth the minimum, \$18.75. This does not cover the bonds which men bring home themselves from their places of employment.

Vernon Keener, who worked 12 years at Virginia Market, is now with Tom Reinhold.

H. Earl Corveant, former principal of Pierce School, will address the P. T. A. meeting at the school tonight. He now works at Lansing as chief of vocational rehabilitation.

A reader found a skein of yarn such as the Red Cross uses for sweaters, in the Hilly Acres parking lot last Tuesday. The owner may phone her 8724.

James H. Barrett, of 220 Kenesaw avenue, was elected last week secretary and treasurer of the Murray Corporation of America.

Now they say that ready-rolled bread is coming back. Because women could not handle cut the small slices, baked moist bread than ever, the story goes. However, only one thickness of waxed paper will be allowed. Thus, Waxed Paper saves on waxed paper but forgets the fact that millions of these slices of stale bread will probably be discarded. That's efficiency.

The Caravan Publishing Co. of New York writes that **Bessie Elliott** (farlinger has had poetry included in a book "The United Song of America").

Don Nimmo, who has been a real estate man here for several years, has gone to Syracuse, N. Y. where he will edit an employee publication put out by a factory there, the Brown-Lipe-Chapin Co.

Our representative in the legislature, George N. Higgins of Farmdale, has introduced a bill which would tax cigars and liquor to raise money for soldiers' bonuses.

One of our readers thinks that the Government ought to treat tin cans like toothpaste tubes: when you buy a can, you should bring it in an empty.

Hero-Editor



John D. Dun, Former Toledo, O., newspaper editor now attached to the American Field Service as an ambulance driver, is back in the U. S. with three citations. While under fire he saved the lives of 10 soldiers. The French awarded him two medals and the English one.

Fear Short Circuit; Vote New Wiring

Fearing that fuses may start popping on a wholesale scale, Louis M. Randall, public school business manager, told the Board of Education, recently, that a new electric service was needed for Baldwin High School. The present power, lead-in lines for the school is rusting and may give trouble at any time, he said. He plans to install an overhead line at the rear of the building which will cost \$287.92, and a contract was awarded to Robert McKee, low bidder. Randall must now get a priority, but he feels it can be accomplished because some 500 pounds of copper will be salvaged from the old service, more than enough for the new one.

In the Public Service FOR Victory Gardens!

MANY families are now considering for the first time the possibilities of that vacant plot next door—or the lot behind, or perhaps the one across the street. This year your vegetable garden may well be one of the family's prime essentials as well as a "prized possession".

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OF COURSE, THE SERVICE IS YOURS FOR THE ASKING AND WITHOUT OBLIGATION!

Supply of Autos Is Diminishing

"Before this year is out, Michigan's passenger cars will be dangerously near the point where they will be inadequate for essential transportation," according to Harold B. Kuder, local administrator of war-time production. Local people who plan to raise poultry (if any) should attend this meeting.

Speaking of poultry, a reader sends us a note, suggesting that the restrictions on chickens be lifted for the duration. (See Page 1 for a story on this subject.)

Thomas J. Danne, 1327 Cole, has reported the theft of two small other \$1, taken from his home, banks, one containing \$5 and the other one on the trail.

Some one left a Kodak at the RB shop. Whoozzit?

A mysterious voice phoned us (it sounded like it might be an amateur from the Princeton Inn or the Fox and Dawg) and exclaimed: "You want to help us sell bonds?" "Sure," was the reply. "Well, just run an article saying that, and that'll make everybody rush to buy. G'bye!"

Frederick A. Protheroe said "the whole house shook" Monday night.

Congratulations to Ralph A. Wilson on his 20th year as a druggist in Birmingham!

Georgia, the famous Wilson store cat, has provided a suitably memorial for the occasion by bringing forth four new kittens.

F. M. Roach is the new manager at Oakland Hills Country Club.

Paul Baugh is setting up a bicycle repair shop at 347 South Woodward.

Police Sgt. Bill Green is minus his vermiform appendix, as of Monday night.

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Tax Collections Hit High Level

With the closing of the rolls this week the entire tax levy for schools and county is at the highest point in many years.

State taxes were sent out Dec. 10, and as of March 1, taxpayers had paid \$20,175,84, or a little more than 21 per cent of the total. Last year at this time, the total paid was \$7.5 per cent.

This money will be split between the schools and the county. Persons who want to pay this tax now must get a certificate from the City Treasurer before taking their money to the County Treasurer at Pontiac.

City taxes, levied last July 1, are now 92.23 per cent paid, compared with 91.6 per cent on the corresponding date last year. This amounts to \$246,377.50.

Coffee Extenders

There are more than ten types of coffee extender already available in retail food stores or which will be within a few weeks. One of these is a product of California figs and prunes plus soybeans.

Remember Your COAL DEALER IS DOING HIS BEST

to cooperate with Uncle Sam and still give YOU service!

Uncle Sam needs and deserves all available transportation facilities. He needs men for the armed forces and for war industries. He also needs a tremendous amount of coal to win this war. . . . All of these factors are making it difficult for us to be as prompt with coal orders as we were in normal times. . . . However, we promise you—service to the best of our ability, in spite of the pinch of manpower and materials which we are experiencing. . . . Place your coal order well in advance of the time you need coal and we will do our best. . . .

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An Aid for Sales Tax Deduction

This year for the first time, Michigan income taxpayers will be allowed to make a deduction for the amount paid to the State in sales taxes. Because few persons have any record of the amount they paid in sales taxes, the Detroit Retail Merchants' Association has prepared the following table which is estimated to be an average for the income groups listed. It actually will vary with the individual, depending on the portion of his income devoted to retail purchases.

Estimate of Sales Tax Paid in Year

Income	Single	Married	Married, with Child	Married, with Two Children
\$1,000	\$ 8.00	\$17.00	\$22.00	\$25.00
1,500	12.00	23.00	29.00	33.00
2,000	16.00	28.00	34.00	38.00
2,500	20.00	32.00	40.00	44.00
3,000	24.00	37.00	45.00	50.00
3,500	28.00	42.00	50.00	56.00
4,000	32.00	47.00	55.00	61.00
4,500	36.00	52.00	60.00	66.00
5,000	40.00	57.00	65.00	71.00
5,500	44.00	62.00	70.00	76.00
6,000	48.00	67.00	75.00	81.00