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INSTALLMENT VII

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Have you thought about giving a billfold for Christmas?

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Old Spice toiletries for men are on our shelves again.

Reptile skins are favorite Buxton wallets and key cases.

Also for the feminine gender are the beautiful perfume bottles and mirror trays.

PAY INCREASE

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all work a swing shift of 7 1/2 hours one week and 9 1/2 the next.

"One of our salaries will have to pay for our own uniforms—which means we have to have both dress clothes and presentable working clothes."

While women pay for their uniforms they are furnished with their own sleeping quarters at the station.

Pay For Own Uniforms

From the policeman's angle, it is a little different. On an average salary comparable to that of the firemen they must maintain a home, either for themselves or for their wives and families, and also pay for their own uniforms.

Patrolman Merlin L. Holmgvist, who lives with his wife and two children on Berkshire road, said that he certainly did not feel that the salary was adequate to cover increased living costs.

"Mainly, what's costing me more is my rent," Holmgvist said. "Everyone knows how much they have gone up. Rent, too, has gone up and maybe the price of uniforms for myself, but clothing for my wife and two children. The rent would certainly be put to good use by me."

Will Cost \$10,000 Annually

Other firemen and policemen chimed in vociferously in support of Fireman Reynolds' and Patrolman Holmgvist's remarks.

The requested raises of the 14 men on the police force and the 14 men in the fire department would cost the city an additional \$10,000 annually.

No decision has yet been made by the city council on the proposals presented to them Monday night for their preliminary consideration. It is believed that the matter will be taken up at next Monday's meeting.

MAILING

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town mail by tying in separate boxes and depositing them in the office boxes instead of the street letter boxes.

Advertising mail should be in the office no later than Saturday, Dec. 14, as that class of mail cannot be handled during the winter months.

Place business letters in long envelopes so they may be readily spotted and segregated at the post office.

It is imperative that all parcels be securely wrapped and properly labeled with the proper number to insure proper and speedy delivery.

Use Stamps Early

It is requested that patrons by their supply of stamps for mailing Christmas cards now to avoid last minute rushes.

For patrons' convenience, the office hours will be extended Dec. 19, 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., or as long as business requires, and the post office will be open Sunday, Dec. 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Use air mail for Christmas cards to distant points. The Christmas card can be sent by the new air mail stamp.

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Commission Turns

Down Petition for Change in Zoning

Although neighbors did not object to Mrs. Mary G. Latham's proposal to send her residence to permit an additional family to live there, they vigorously protested her petition to have the three-acre parcel of land at the southeast corner of Southfield and West Lincoln changed from a single residence to a multiple dwelling classification.

Mrs. Latham charged before the City Commission Monday evening to learn what action commissioners would take concerning her request.

Commissioners indicated in their discussion that Mrs. Latham did not propose to change the outward appearance of her home. She would not want to change the zoning classification because it would be to the detriment of surrounding properties.

Suggests Board of Appeals

Commissioner Carl Allee pointed out that maybe the Zoning Board of Appeals would have the power to extend a present non-conforming use in the property, include Mrs. Latham's present residence.

He pointed out that at the present time there is a two-family dwelling on her property which was erected and occupied prior to the adoption of the present zoning ordinance.

In denying her petition, the commission suggested she appear before the board of appeals to see if she could get a special license conforming use to another part of her property.

TAX QUERIES

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school debt. An additional 2.50 mills was voted by the district four years ago to aid in school operation expenses.

This year, however, board figures show that school operation expenses will be required to pay \$9,899 mills for school operation expenses for the year ending Dec. 31, 1945, but that the school debt levy has been reduced to 1.046 mills.

Therefore, total school tax in 1945 was 12.40 mills, but has jumped to 14.899 mills in 1946.

County Taxes Up, Too

County taxes also rose from 3.43 mills in 1945 to 4.91 mills in 1946. Haack explained, "For the year, the assessed value of the Birmingham property tax in the Birmingham school district which is in the city of Birmingham was \$17,226,800. The assessed valuation was \$24,479,540.81."

"The ratio of equalized value to assessed value is 1.42. Applying this ratio to the assessed value, the necessary makes it appear that the rates have been increased when that is not the case."

"Had the assessment level for the city been lower, it would have simply resulted in a higher millage rate. Had the assessment level been higher, there would have been a lower tax rate. The same amount of tax would be spread on the rolls in either case," Haack concluded.

TURNABOUT

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December, and Saturday Night," words and music of the latter written by Steve Campbell; and "The Bubble," a modern dance group.

"Do Something to Me," starring Nancy Keyes and Janice Thomas; "An Evening on the Radio" and "Sunset Serenade" followed by "Hubba-Hubba," and original dance by Ann St. Dennis.

A Cappella Choir

Proceeding intermission were "Night and Day," "Chiquita Banana," "Somebody Loves Me," "Away," "Dark Eyes," and "My Hero," by Victor Ullrich's a cappella choir.

The audience was entertained by orchestra selections during intermission. The second half of the program opened with "Doine' What Comes Naturally," "Small Fry," and "La Peterenas," by Elizabeth La Belle.

Chorus numbers included "White Christmas" with soloist Joan Gove; "Board Walk in Atlantic City"; and "The House of Blue Lights" the latter starring Gerry Hughes.

Comedy Featured

Comedy acts, "The Science of Kissing," featuring Austin Jones; and "Let's Have a Little Doggie" featured "Maggie" and "Five Minutes More," a dance by Doree Stever.

PRICES

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self when he saw the Franklin Mills and all its property, including the items run for four, for sale at \$8,500! A conservative estimate on the way home today would have been \$10,000.

Properly aghast at the home prices in those days, Fluvius turned to clothing.

"I'd plumb fergo," he said, "that we could buy a suit for a \$10 bill in those days!"

Men's suits—and what man today would be looking for a good one in these days for \$10 to \$12. And that was in those days.

Worsted, an imported fancy blue serge or a good domestic wool suit with hand tailored details! Boy's suits were from \$3 to \$8.

No man might be able to get a fair good suit for \$40, if he's fortunate and the store has his size, but imported materials at anywhere near West prices are almost lutely out of the question.

"I Paid Grandmaw to Sew—Pluvius said, "I'm looking for a good one, but, doggone it, they just seem to come up with a new one every day. I'd plumb fergo if you compare them now. You know how clothes are high, but, brother, does she know how high!"

Yard goods, another item that was scarce during the war, and same back in those days. Wool fabrics, prices, were advertised in the good old days at unbelievably low prices. Cashmere wool (Kivindaw) was to be handy with a fanel.

Fancy plaid wool flannel, for example, was on sale at \$1.00 a yard at 15 cents a yard—and believe it or not, was cut from a high of 25 cents. Cashmere wool (Kivindaw), in checking says that no cashmere is yet available) was also on sale at 35 cents a yard. Wool flannel (Kivindaw), can now be had for from \$2 to \$15 a yard.

As if that weren't enough, Pluvius then brought out the comparison on gingham which went as high as \$2 during those years. Fine dress gingham, suitable for slay affairs, was \$1.00 a yard. Pluvius says, were advertised for one nickel a yard.

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Funny part of the VOID's investigation is this—Pluvius did notice that the school board was not as conservative as it was, and that's a bicycle. Yes, sir, in those days a good bicycle cost 90¢, not 10¢, and in any man's language, and today, in this modern age, you can get a bike for \$40!

IRELAND

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"Some students," he pointed out, "just do not have the necessary intelligence required to do good work, no matter how hard they try. These students obviously could not make college entrance requirements, so ordinarily they apply for work."

The merchant who employs him, like most employers, will probably not take the trouble to call the school counselling service and find out what they can expect from the prospective employee.

"If the student does not measure up to the employer's standards, he is only too apt to judge all the school's graduates on one employer's record at work."

Check Student's Record

The Irish would check the student's record, as every college does before they allow him entrance, and find out what the school records reflect on the student's general intelligence, integrity and general intelligence.

"While Birmingham's students are receiving a good fundamental education," a good fundamental education, a good fundamental education, a good fundamental education.

This subject is one of such importance, Dr. Ireland said, that he is writing a brochure on it, to be published in several weeks and distributed to Birmingham parents.

City, Schools to

Decide How Costs Will Be Levied

So far as the city is concerned, the main problem to the vacation of Oakland avenue between Worth street and Adams avenue is the question of financing a by-pass street. City Commissioners agreed Monday evening.

The Birmingham School Board, quite some time ago, requested the city to close the portion of Oakland avenue because it lies between Adams Elementary School to the north and the school playground to the south.

The city's engineering department has formed the committee to close the portion of Oakland avenue because it lies between Adams Elementary School to the north and the school playground to the south.

"Under normal special assessment procedures, the city would pay 10 per cent of the cost plus excess costs for high type of pavement, rather than the cost of a normal residential street," Egbert pointed out.

In view of the fact that the city does not levy special assessments against property owned by the school district, the city and the school board would be required to finance approximately 60 per cent of this project, for over 30 per cent of the assessable frontage in school board property.

During the discussion it was suggested that the school board be requested to share in some portion of the cost of the pavement required, and that it also assume the cost of removing the pavement and other structures in that portion of Oakland avenue which is vacated.

Egbert stated that after cost estimates are prepared and presented to the City Commission for their consideration, further negotiations would begin with the school board to determine their proper share of the cost of the total improvement.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bingham? Now living at 1888 Holland avenue, the Bingham came here from Berkeley, Mich. There is one child in the family, 4 months old. Mr. Bingham is with the Detroit Edition Company.

PRACTICE

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the first semester with three regulars from a team that won the regional finals last year.

"However, four members of the squad graduate in January. We will point for each team in turn and go as far as we can. If the State championship were determined by spirit, we would be a strong contender."

There will be great difficulty in getting enough practices in the first semester due to the fact that there are many other activities that require the use of the gymnasium.

As in many communities, basketball is fast developing into the favorite with the Birmingham sports enthusiasts.

A program has been designed by Frank Whitney, athletic director of the Baldwin gym so that more people can comfortably enjoy this thrilling sport.

There are six scheduled home games in January. The success of this squad depends not only on the skill and performance of each player, but also upon the outside support given him by the moms and dads and friends of the team.

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