

It has been said truly that "If America ever loses its Constitutional liberties it will not be because of the efforts of an organized minority, but because of the indifference of the great majority of our people." This "indifference" is being shown now and we are losing our liberties, folks.

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The Birmingham Board of Education was to have held a special meeting Tuesday night at the Hill School to look over the tentative 1946-47 school budget which Dr. Dwight B. Irwin, superintendent, must submit to the Oakland County Tax Allocation Board by the first of next week. But the meeting was postponed till tonight, so The Eccentric will present the budget highlights in a story which will appear next week.

Some Birmingham merchants, especially those who have their wholesale buying headquarters in Detroit, report already feeling the weight of the demand of the Detroit Teamsters Union that they join them through the special store agreement plan. Some have told this Wanderer that union workers in Detroit have refused to load their trucks while others have given some new merchants a time limit for complying with the union demands.

Birmingham property owners will soon know the total of their city taxes for the coming fiscal year for work is now being pushed on preparation for the annual city budget. City Manager D. C. Egbert reports that compilation of the figures is about completed and that the City Commission has already started its preliminary survey. He believed the budget will be ready for presentation at the Commission meeting next Monday night. The public hearing date will then be set and copies of the budget will be made available to the public.

There are at least 50 Birmingham business and professional men who admit today that they have a better understanding of atomic energy and the atomic bomb than they did before they attended Monday noon's Rotary luncheon at the Community House. Many have told this Wanderer that the talk at the club meeting is about completed and on the subject they had overheard. This should not make William Schmitz of Cranbrook feel too badly, for the Cranbrook instructor in science and physics really did do a great job. He used a two-hour lecture in an even 30 minutes and made every minute of his time count. He used a small set of charts to explain the main parts of his talk. The guest speaker admitted that since first preparing his talk only about a month ago he has been called upon eight times for such talks. And from what this Wanderer has heard he is going to have more calls for he appears to have right down to the minute answer to the control of the atomic bomb and atomic energy rested largely on the question of international relations.

Fire Chief Vernon Griffith says he and the Birmingham city fire department are happy for the rains of the past few days which have halted, at least for a time, the spring grass fires. One such fire

last week was reported on Hunter boulevard, near what is known as the Old Northrop Lumber Yard. Not much damage was done. Home owners, the city parks department, gardeners and farm owners out on the edge of the city also are thankful for the rain for the land, pastures and lawns had become very dry. Out away from Birmingham a short distance quite some dust storms have been noted, especially late last week. Dust seemed to be blowing in every direction in more sandy areas and it appeared to this Wanderer that all the top soil was being blown off gardens and farms.

Ever in search of teachers to fill positions in Birmingham public schools, Dr. Dwight B. Irwin, superintendent of schools, spent a day last week in Toledo interviewing several prospects. Am very interested in five of those whom I contacted," he informed this Wanderer. It's a perpetual search, these days, for good teachers.

The matter of a sewer for the west end of the uptown section of West Maple avenue has been started on its way. The City Commission took the matter Monday night, passing a resolution calling for a study and estimate of costs. It seems there is no sewer to carry for surface water in parts of this section and some of the City Commissioners have expressed their interest to this Wanderer that maybe the area is one of those "forgotten" areas forgotten by the city commissions or property owners, or someone way back in those good old days. And this "forgotten" business recalls that a resident of Holland avenue asked the City Commission Monday evening his street was in the forgotten list. It appears a special assessment district was approved for that street improvement and that much of the money paid in. But before the contract could be let, costs mounted so rapidly and so fast that the estimate was way below the contract cost. So the improvement has waited for some future action—either a new assessment for next year or some new and much better bids on the work.

The matter of not paying one's assessments for special assessment district improvements appears to be a common one. City Treasurer Russell T. Berger in commenting on such nonpayments said the interest rate was six percent per year, together with a penalty of something like ten percent, and then some more interest when the item is returned to the delinquent rolls. He reported that for the past year a total of \$1,156,35 had been returned delinquent. This covers, he said, several special assessment districts.

Mayor Milton F. Maloney said Monday night that there was further delay in final decision on the matter of temporary bonding for war veterans. It seems two things are holding up further progress. One is a list of veterans who can qualify for such housing and who are willing to rent such houses and the other is the delay in receiving further word from the federal housing authority on certain items in the proposed contract. "As soon as we get these we will be in position to make a final decision," he said.

A movie camera fast enough to photograph the movement of sound waves is said to have been invented in Japan. This machine is declared capable of making 60,000 exposures a second.

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Ralph Manuel In New Position With Real Estate Firm

Ralph Manuel, formerly a resident here and previously associated with Snyder Buck & Bennett, has been appointed vice-president



Ralph Manuel

and sales manager of that firm. Before the war Mr. Manuel was for a time identified with retail merchandising in Detroit and in May, 1942, entered the service of the United States Army.

As a lieutenant colonel in the special services division of the Army, he was charged with the

operation of numerous P-X stores, the handling of a monthly volume of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and employing hundreds of civilians. While with the Army he was responsible for the operation of the war department theatres, service clubs, guest houses, libraries, also, recreational and athletic programs.

Starts His New Job

Mr. Manuel left the Army in March, 1946, and after a brief holiday in the South, has taken up his new position with Snyder Buck & Bennett, headquarters in their office in the Birmingham Theatre Building.

Returning to the real estate business Mr. Manuel said, "I am extremely enthusiastic about the opportunity it affords me to renew many pleasant acquaintances with my friends here. It will give me proper scope for some creative ideas. I am interested in the future development possibilities. I am sure are certainly in store for this excellent residential section during the next ten years."

Annual Cranbrook Art Exhibition To Open On Saturday

The Annual Cranbrook Art Academy exhibition of student work will be on view at the museum of the Academy, beginning May 11th.

Departments represented are drawing, painting, modeling, sculpture, pottery, ceramics, weaving, textiles, architecture and photography.

The exhibition will remain until May 22 and museum hours are from 2 to 5 o'clock daily except Monday.

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