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Just a Matter of Arithmetic

When it comes to figuring out whether the local school district's two-and-one-half mill tax levy should be continued...

There are three factors involved. One is the money from the sales tax diversion amendment...

Picture Number One for district electors is the best one: \$76,000 from the sales tax, plus \$95,000 from the local levy...

Picture Number Two would leave the School Board with the extra monies to provide teachers with a salary increase...

Picture Number Three gets voters. Local voters fail to re-vote the 2 1/2 mills, the schools get \$76,000 in sales tax...

Picture Number Four would be ruinous to the local public school system at the present time. This could happen: \$76,000 from sales tax, but the loss of \$76,000 from the local levy...

None of the \$76,000 from the sales tax diversion can be figured on to replace any part of either the local tax levy or the property tax should one or the other, or both, fail to provide money for school operation next year...

mitted already by the School Board for additional, and inadequate, increases for teachers and other school employees...

Which "Picture" do the Birmingham school district's electors want? To insure at least our present status, our "arithmetic problem" says Number One.

"Built for Money" The Twentieth century has not built for men; it has built for money, declares Le Corbusier...

The Frenchman has said something which should attract our attention. At the same time, it is just probable, that despite its building for money, the Twentieth century will likewise produce men who will stand up, by comparison with those of any century.

It is easy for critics to denounce present habits, customs and social trends. This has been the habit of conservative minds throughout the history of the human race.

It should be understood, we think, that by leisure one does not mean what might be considered amusements. Every individual has to have a certain amount of sleep and, if engaged in the process of making money, and the world around them.

It is not necessary for any individual to wait for some smart society to formulate a plan for human living. Every man or woman who reads this article can, of his or her own volition, plan his or her life.

THAT WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION SALE OF nuts and bolts in Detroit, at a huge loss to the taxpayers, is added proof that federal bureaucracy has been, is, and always will be a bit screwy.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO May 7, 1897

The new Birmingham Eccentric starts on its 20th year. This number of the Eccentric we present to our readers with no little pardonable pride...

Pontiac and its Chinese wall—it would seem that our neighbors in the little city on our northern border are determined to hedge themselves in with divinity or something less desirable...

Our item box in the Post Office station for all items that we have any news, no matter what, drop it in the box or hand it to the collector who will be glad of it and obliged to you.

20 YEARS AGO May 5, 1927

Thirty-four rooms have been donated to the new St. Joseph's Hospital on South Saginaw street, Pontiac, by friends prior to the dedication ceremonies...

The adoption of a satisfactory zoning ordinance which will meet with the present conditions and take care of future requirements...

The old water works on West Maple avenue just to the west of the city, has been decided by the village commission...

Police Chief James Anderson will represent the Birmingham police department at the annual national convention of police officers to be held June 7 to 9 at Washington, D. C.

Even from a point about a block away from the Village Players theater one could have told Saturday night that the boys were scoring the biggest hit of the season from the continuous applause...

5 YEARS AGO May 7, 1942

David Fitch, well-known Birmingham real estate man who was called to active duty with the Army several months ago, has been promoted from captain to major...

So the Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith, one-time lieutenant in the political machine of the late Huey P. Long of Louisiana, has announced himself a Republican candidate for U. S. Senator from Michigan...

A last minute rush is anticipated today as registration for sugar ration books will close at the elementary schools.

For the first time in its history, the City of Birmingham is to get a share of State gas and weight tax money, amounting to about \$6,000. It was earmarked for street maintenance here.

The man who brought an old White House whiskey case to the paper salvage warehouse is going to be charged when he reads this. He thought the case was empty when, in fact, there was one quart left untouched, but that was broken in the paper barrel.

Three cheers for Michigan Bell! You will note an advertisement in this issue of the Eccentric for the purchase of new telephone books which were published. You may phone or bring them in.

CLASSIFIED ADS must be at The Eccentric office by five o'clock Tuesday of the week in which they are published. You may phone or bring them in.

STATE OF MICHIGAN In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a hearing held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 24th day of April, A. D. 1947.

All Thumbs

GRANDMA'S BIG 4 QUILTING PARTY



Glee Clubs Plan Combined Concert for This Sunday

Robert Bates, director of music at Cranbrook School, announces a concert at 4:30 p. m. on Sunday at the quadrangle of Cranbrook School. Participating will be the Kingswood and Cranbrook School Glee Clubs, the Cranbrook School orchestra and band.

Featured will be excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers" by the Kingswood and Cranbrook School Glee Clubs, accompanied by the Cranbrook School Orchestra.

The program for the band, under the direction of Axel Magnusson, is as follows: "King Cotton March" by Sousa, "If Thou Be Near" by Bach, "Rose of Seville Overture" by Rossini, "Triumphal March" by Prokofiev, "Goin' Home" by Dvorak, "Finlandia" by Sibelius, "London-derry Air," an Irish folk tune, and "Light Cavalry Overture" by von Suppe.

The Cranbrook Glee Club will also sing Rossini's "Stout Hearted Men" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and Victor Herbert's "Italian Street Song" is the selection of the Kingswood Glee Club.

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be given at the Cranbrook School gymnasium.

New Coal Company Established Here

S. E. Cox made the announcement this week that he has purchased the coal division of the Lawson and Son Lumber and fuel business and in the future it shall be known as the Cox Coal Company.

The Lawson and Son Company will continue to operate their lumber business and the building supply business.

P. S. stands for Prompt Service which you will get by using Eccentric Want Ads.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OAK STREET SEWER

The City Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet Monday, May 5, 1947, in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building.

Certain sections to the construction of certain improvements in Woodland, the creation of a sewerage district, the creation of a sewerage district, the creation of a sewerage district.

The Commission proposes to create a special assessment district with regard to the construction and said assessment district shall consist of the following described property:

Lot 10 to 4 Inc. Birmingham Heights. Lot 10 to 4 Inc. Birmingham Heights.

For one-half acre of land of this project are filed with the City Clerk by the City of Birmingham for impoundment.

HENE E. HANLEY, April 24, 1947, City Clerk.

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Some close-ups like this, in addition to a full view, help capture the individuality and add interest to the picture.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

IN THE last ten years more and more real estate men have turned to photographic selling—presenting pictures of properties listed with them for study by prospective purchasers.

The selection of the best angles from which to take such pictures, of course, is up to Henry. But there are a few suggestions which can help in making pictures of homes.

A second hint which may help Henry is to make his pictures either in the early morning or late afternoon, when the long shadows cast by the sun increase the pictorial effects.

Henry is to frame his picture of his home, showing it set off by an overhanging tree in the foreground. He'll only do this, however, if the tree is far enough away from it so that its shadow will be cast away from it.

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