

Voters Can Aid School Districts

School Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland states that when school district taxpayers pay their tax bills this fall, collectively they will include \$120,000 which will enable the school board to fully pay for the new Pierce school addition.

Ireland and the board are to be commended for establishing a tax schedule that, while not overburdening the taxpayer, does pay for in two years a school addition that cost about \$240,000 to construct and equip.

However, in a few years the school district faces the task of building a new high school to properly care for the educational needs of this rapidly growing community.

But there is another way a school district will be enabled to accomplish this. It is through modification of the state constitution's 15-mile limitation to permit increase of the limitation for a period of not to exceed 20 years.

In 20 years, the Birmingham school board could pay for the several million dollar high school, need for which is fast approaching.

This modification will appear on the November 2 ballot as State Constitutional Amendment, Proposal No. 5.

Be fire-sighted about fire hazards! Be fire-sighted! Cooler weather brings a hotter time in many an American home.

Burning leaves is one autumn practice that keeps the Birmingham fire department on the jump. Just to make sure firemen won't arrive too late at your home, never burn leaves when it's windy.

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"Human Insects"

Much of the destroying insects that have made inroads on the agricultural and forest resources of the United States came from foreign countries. A couple of Japanese beetles are enough to begin the population of that harmful bug's destruction of fruits, shade trees, shrubbery and garden crops.

The current problem of Communistic infiltration is comparable to the harmful bugs; the bug of Communism seeks to destroy the American ideal of individual freedom. Every patriotic American must, if he wishes to retain his freedom, fight Communism with the insecticides of honesty, self-reliance, hard work, and other qualities of high ideals.

Plenty of Gold

The United States has a gold reserve of \$23,660,752,355. The glittering yellow bars in the vaults at Fort Knox, Kentucky, increased more than \$2,000,000,000 during the last year.

On a dollar-for-dollar basis, the gold hoard almost equals the amount of paper money in circulation. Thus, the Treasury, according to some experts, would seem to be in good shape to handle any "run for gold" but there is little likelihood that Congress will pass a bill to make paper money freely convertible into gold coins.

If Birmingham continues to be hit by these thefts of building materials, it looks to us like builders will again have to raise the price of their local products, this time to meet the cost of the stolen materials.

However critical one might wish to be of Henry Agard Wallace, the latter should not be accused of increasing the cost of living simply because he became a tomato and egg target while in the south, making campaign speeches.

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No. 24: Forestry & Parks Department

City's Shade Trees Are Worth Nearly 1,300,000 Dollars

By George Wm. Averill

Lining Birmingham's 80-odd miles of streets are approximately 13,000 trees, all ages, sizes, and of many types. The job of removing dangerous trees and the replanting of new ones, trimming, spraying, feeding and repairing of existing ones comprises the main responsibility of the city's Forestry and Parks Department.

At the same time, the department must maintain and care for Spragueville Park and golf course, Howarth and St. James playground parks, Baldwin Park, Greenwood Cemetery, and the city's seven well sites and two water tank storage sites.

The mowing of weeds on public properties and on parkways adjacent to vacant homes and lots is a third responsibility of the department.

FALL: Tree removals and some planting, which takes up about two months.

WINTER: Tree trimming, primarily, for five months; maintaining neighborhood lawns in dry rinks when the weather is cold enough.

SPRING: Tree planting and preparation for summer activities.

SUMMER: Park maintenance, park construction, weed and grass mowing, maintenance of city ball fields and tree trimming on request.

Each year sees the removal of between 75 and 100 old or damaged trees, the planting of close to 500 young ones.

Report Abnormal Conditions: This department is greatly dependent on those "tree-minded" citizens who phone in storm or automobile damage to trees, gas leaks or any other abnormal condition that may come to their attention.

While the department can and does inspect trees, it is impossible to catch most of the gas checks around town in regard to tree conditions. It is impossible to catch most of the gas checks around town in regard to tree conditions.

Unseasonal defoliation or yellowing of leaves immediately following rain.

Because the uncared for would eventually lead to the death, or removal prior to death, of your shade tree. In no many cases, new bark can be grown in a matter of weeks if the Forestry Dept. is called WITHIN 24 HOURS after the bark injury occurs.

of sale, and in pursuance of the statute, each such mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises there described at public auction to the highest bidder.

A part of the northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 33 S., Range 10 E., is described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of said Section 21, seconds 45 degrees 19' 15" east from the north-south line of Section 20, thence south 89 degrees 14' minutes 10 seconds east 435 feet, thence south 29 degrees 37' minutes 30 seconds east, 119.44 feet; thence south 2 degrees 54' minutes 50 seconds west, 41.57 feet; thence south 89 degrees 37' minutes 34 seconds west, 146.16 feet; thence south 2 degrees 54' minutes 50 seconds west, 115.82 feet to the point of beginning, containing 18.24 acres, Town of Birmingham, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan.

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But That's a Kid's Natural Reaction

KEEP YOUR EYES OFF THAT CAPITALIST



Happenings of Long Ago

SEVENTY YEARS AGO (October 4, 1928) An urgent need for a post office in Bloomfield Hills Village is seen by the commissioners today.

FIFTY YEARS AGO (September 30, 1900) We notice that the interior of Ed. O'Neill's store is very much improved by the addition of a new harness case.

John Wilkinson has an apple tree in full bloom. Don't know whether it is too early or behind time.

My! Won't the boarders at the Elmore restaurant put on metropolitan airs when they are dining over in the Ford block?

Op! genial marcher over the way is counting the hours from day to day when he will remove to his quarters a little further east, in the Ford block, where his well equipped business house will be spoken of as M. H. Levinson, Woodward and Maple Aves.

When a town of the size of Birmingham attempts to support six churches there is little need to ask why ministers resign.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Shades of coming winter! Brrr! The other day we saw a lady carrying a pair of snow shoes across Woodward avenue. Can it be that

On Purchasing a Camera

One of the questions frequently asked me is: "What camera should I buy?" And it's hard to answer. Hard to answer for the reason that the choice of a camera must depend on the use to which the buyer plans to put that camera.

Second, what type of camera do you wish? A big camera, simple to operation? A folding camera with 3 1/2 handy compactness? The reflex type, in which you see through full size before you take it? Or do you wish a miniature camera, press camera, or view camera?

Third, and probably most important, is how much scope do you wish in your camera? Do you wish to take pictures under all sorts of weather conditions, action pictures, or other shots which call for "fast"

lenses, lenses admitting a great deal of light in a very brief time? This is of major importance since the speed of the lens and aperture paying shutter is the chief factor in determining how much your camera costs. And price itself must be a consideration for every one of us.

Remember, too, almost any camera is suitable for indoor work or for color pictures. Even the simplest box camera turns out dandy snaps indoors, or at night, when coupled with a handy flash attachment. And any camera becomes a color camera when loaded with color film. Only when slides are wanted for projection, do you need a special type, and here a choice of miniature cameras is available.

John Van Guilder

People's Column

For the information of those who have not yet had occasion to find out the editorial offices of The Eccentric have been moved from the Strand Building, right beside the business offices. So, if you have any news which should come to the attention of the writers, bring it here, instead of the business offices. That applies to church news, too. Thanks.

Now I don't know the answer. My new friends from New Orleans said, "Too many Negroes are not able to be educated. They don't want it; they won't take it. The colored people change their names so frequently no registration of them ever is possible."

But I persisted. "If you made them pay taxes—which they don't do in Louisiana—and persisted in treating them as responsible persons, wouldn't you think in time they would respond?" An incredulous shake of the head was my only answer.

Then, someone from Mississippi will say the answer is not in good housing conditions—for that helps very little. The Negroes in our city want the answer to the colored problem in the U.S.A. In a quiet drawl he responded, "Yes, of the white people."

The gentleman from North Carolina was disturbed. He came from a quiet drawl in a manner where three blacks to every white. If the vote were given to the colored there, it would mean more than three blacks to every white.

He was concerned over the old resentments of the Negroes and what that might occasion. "All the white counties might take a walk and perhaps even the state," he maintained with a worried look. I outlined for him the possibility of the state.

At the end of my vacation I found myself wishing that government officials might take a walk and squint at the Southern Negro and his personality.

Students of Baldwin High School bought over \$7,000 worth of war bonds and stamps at the War Bond Assembly in the auditorium last Friday, nearly five times the quota of \$1,500 assigned the school and nearly six times the amount sold in the War Bond Assembly last spring.

Victory Garden registrations for 1947 will commence Friday at the Defense Service Center. The Eccentric is publishing a registration blank in this issue and it will appear again next week.

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W. A. ANDERSON, Secretary, P. J. HOFFMASTER, Director of Conservation, 26-27-28

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MORTGAGE SALE WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of certain mortgage dated September 19, 1947, executed by Earl W. Parish and Edna Frances Parish, his wife, to Michigan National Bank of Commerce and Trust Co., of the City of Detroit, Michigan, which said mortgage is duly recorded in the Register of Deeds for Oakland County, Michigan, in Liber 2116 of Mortgages at Pages 419-421, on October 5, 1948.

WABEEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT BIRMINGHAM OFFICE—WABEEK BUILDING

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner A shot of this type calls for a camera having a fast shutter speed. Choice of a camera should be based on what type of pictures you hope to take with your new equipment.

Fox and Hounds Inn Woodward at Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills SERVING DINNERS Cocktails SELECTED FOODS RESTAURANT OPERATION SCHEDULE CORNING'S EL PATIO SEA-SHORE DINNERS