

Have you tried to regenerate yourself this week by reading something of an upright and inspiring nature, especially reading the columns of words; when the mood is unhappy, pessimistic, unkind, ... a good way to get back to a subjective yourself is to read the thoughts of others.

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# City Budget of \$740,704 Is Approved

## Will Require \$20 Tax Rate, Same As Last Year

A 1949-50 city budget of \$740,704.80 was approved Monday night by Birmingham city commissioners. This is \$15,394.80 more than was tentatively approved at the budget hearing held on May 16.

It will require a tax rate of \$20 per \$1,000 valuation, the same as last year. City Commissioner Ralph A. Main voted "no" on the budget, the only commissioner to do so. There was no discussion on the budget, the commission evidently having discussed it during an executive session sometime during the week.

**Gives His Reasons** Main explained to a reporter from the Eclectic, "I voted against approval because of two reasons: I believe it is bad public relations, and also that this is no time to be raising the budget. I feel we should live within our means, and I think a budget increase of \$125,000 is too much in the capital improvement program which will have to meet its current obligations and services and still do it better than this new budget reflects."

**Because Memorial Day Falls on a Monday**, the city commission will hold next week's regular meeting on Tuesday evening, May 31.

The 1949-50 budget is \$125,120.20 more than the \$615,584.60 required. It is \$15,394.80 over last week's hearing.

The new budget will require a levy of \$551,644.80. City revenues of various kinds will fund the remaining \$189,060. Items in the new budget account for most of the increase: \$109,170.15 for the tentative budget of accumulated special assessment districts, a \$34,000 increase in the fire hydrant rental, a \$10,000 increase in the cost of the city's share of accumulated special assessment districts, a \$34,000 increase in the fire hydrant rental, a \$10,000 increase in the cost of the city's share of accumulated special assessment districts, a \$34,000 increase in the fire hydrant rental, a \$10,000 increase in the cost of the city's share of accumulated special assessment districts.

**Three Items** Monday night, the 1949-50 budget reflected three main changes from the previous year's proposal. The first was an improvement account was boosted from \$35,250 to \$45,250.

# Bloomfield Hills to Vote on School Expansion May 31

Perry A. Vaughan, president of the Bloomfield Hills school district, announced that letters and forms have been mailed to voters in the district to be held May 31. Voters will be asked to vote on Proposition 1, which would acquire funds for the erection and furnishing of an addition to the present school building.

**As a consequence**, many applications for gas service have not been accepted and acted upon. Local police arrested Fred P. Krause last week, charging him with driving while under the influence of liquor. Then it was discovered that he had no driver's license on his person.

# Man Loses License He Didn't Have To Lose, Plus \$75 Fine

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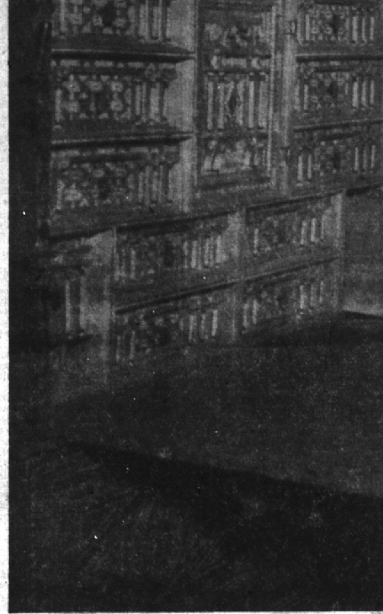
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### Consumers Power Seeks to Lift Gas Restrictions

Consumers Power Company is seeking to relax its ban on the use of gas for heating customers. In a petition filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission Monday, the company said its gas supply has improved to the extent that it can safely take on 12,000 additional space heating customers of household or similar size.

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### Bell Switchboard Here Has Reached Working Capacity

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company this week reached the working capacity of its local switchboard causing a temporary delay in installation of new service. The company is now installing a new switchboard which will increase the capacity of the central office switching facilities.

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