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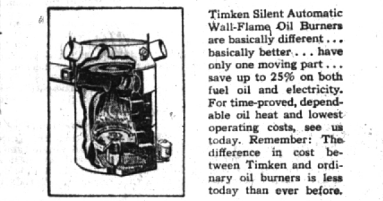
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# This & That

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to process these taxes, too, so it can be certain the government is getting the revenue. This adds to the unnecessary cost of government.

If the state or federal government were to cancel an income tax for the necessary revenue, these savings would result:

1. Lower costs of government by having the state or federal treasury departments collect the taxes only with the collection and enforcement of the income tax law, rather than the myriad other "hidden" revenue-producing methods.
2. Lower consumer costs because the tax collection responsibility would be removed from business, enabling it to eliminate this item from overhead.

### Bismarck Learns Why

Bismarck, at a big dinner party for 50 of his top administrators, once asked a wise old general, "General, we've passed many more taxes in the past few years, yet I don't seem to be getting any more money in the treasury. Can you tell me why?"

"Yes, I can," replied the general, who went to the kitchen for a 20-pound cake of sugar.

He gave the cake to the man at Bismarck's left, and asked that it be passed around the table. When it passed the man at Bismarck's right, he melted until it weighed only 25 pounds.

"There is your answer, Sir," said the man who handled it, "explained the old general.

Too many people are handling our tax dollar today and each one takes through many another few pennies added to the bookkeeping charge, pennies which subtract from the value of the original dollar.

### A Direct Approach Is Desirable

HIDDEN TAXES are deceptive, deceitful, and too costly a method of obtaining revenue.

State and federal governments should adopt a direct, more straightforward manner of getting necessary revenue. Let the government ASK for what is needed, not slip their hands into the taxpayers' pockets when they aren't looking.

But a politician or bureaucrat won't adopt this direct method unless the taxpayers make him. He'll continue to keep his financial operations HIDDEN as much as possible. It's to his advantage, and your disadvantage.

—GEORGE WM. AVERILL.

### New Traffic Lights at Woodward, Brown Installed Last Week

New overhead traffic lights were installed last week at the intersection of Woodward avenue and Brown street.

The new lights are visible for greater distances from all approaches, compared with those at the street corners.

In the past, police have had several drivers, involved in accidents, say buildings and parked vehicles, obstruct their view so they did not see the light until too late to avoid an accident. This was particularly true of those traveling east or west on Brown street.

The corner lights will remain an asset to pedestrians.

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# Accessory Seeker Takes Local Auto to Outfit His Own

A Pontiac youth ran into trouble with police officers when he decided to acquire accessories for his car. He was arrested after he took the car away from Tom McLennan, Jr., of 501 Larchlea drive, because it matched his car and that he intended to strip the accessories from it.

Officers also said he admitted taking another car in Pontiac for this purpose, but found the color made the accessories unsuitable.

Daly said he took his 1950 car into a garage there for a 1,000-mile check and started to Birmingham by bus. Here he spotted the McLennan car parked in front of the McLennan saloon.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said the theft was reported to the local department in November after it was broadcast. He was notified by Pontiac officers that Daly had taken the car away from McLennan's in a parking lot there.

Daly waived examination in justice court and was bound over to the Oakland county circuit court on \$1,000 bond.

# Miners

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attempts to intimidate the miners. At one time the authorities were ordered to stop the strike for the traditional "Gluck ark" (Good luck) greeting to the oncoming coal train.

"That never caught on," said Weber.

### Safe Food Deliveries

Just after the war, with the mines shut down, conditions were deplorable for the miners.

"We were told that the Americans wouldn't let us starve," Weber said. "But naturally, deliveries of food weren't always on time. Sometimes we didn't have as much as a potato in the house."

Even after the mines began operations, output and morale remained low. In the autumn of 1947, a Communist front organization was established for the Ruhr mines, with CARE packages as incentives.

In order to receive a package, each breaker-leader team had to average a ton per man per day for the month.

"We got our packages," Weber laughed, "but we never saw them. What a celebration we had at home. My five daughters hadn't seen chocolate or anything like that for years."

### Duty of a Father

"When it was all over, I had the cigarettes and the package and that's all. But that's a father's duty. I guess any father in America would do the same thing."

"Morale is much better since the currency reform," Weber stated. "We have more money now. We can buy a new air compressor and new conveyor belts—and better food. A piece of meat once a week and a little butter make a lot of difference."

"But, we don't worry so much now about the Russians. We trust the United States."

Weber is satisfied with the work of the miner's union. He scoffed at Communist influence among the miners.

"Not for us," he claimed, "I wish you could get to know some of the other miners. We have some really smart men down here in the pits. The Communists don't make any more headway with us than the Nazis."

### Satisfied With Management

Weber is also satisfied with the lower echelon management.

"Our mine manager is an old miner," he remarked. "He's been here 25 years and he understands us. He has a tough job."

"You see, our mine is a bad-luck mine. There's no strike over the veins so you have to be careful. But the people up above keep speeding us up setting the quotas higher, and it's up to him to see that we meet them. But we don't hold it against him. He can't help it."

I asked him if he thought the quotas demanded too much from the miners.

"Bah," Weber answered. "We've never known anything but hard work all our lives. We can take it. Anyway, the new machines make it easier. By the way, it is true that American miners have to break the coal out with picks."

### Want Lower Prices

I assured Weber that U. S. mines were at least as mechanized as German ones and put down my pen.

"Wait a minute," Weber said. "There's something I want you to put in the newspaper. We miners know that it's our coal that's putting Germany back on her feet, but we don't care about wage raises any more."

"We've had those before and afterwards prices go up and everything is the same. What we want is for prices to go down, so we can buy more with what we have. We work eight hours a day, six days a week."

"We get miners' lungs" from the dust and hands whose joints are paralyzed from holding the compressed-air drill. I know that lots of people think we're like animals because we work underground, but they don't know us."

"We read the newspapers and we go to church, and we raise our children to be good citizens, just like other people. We deserve better than what we have."

### Zoning Request Sent to Plan Commission

A petition for the rezoning of several hundred feet of W. Maple property from multiple family to business classification has been referred to the city plan commission by the city commission.

Five lot owners have asked for a downzoning of property on the south side of W. Maple, between the high school and Southland, and on the north side from Chester to 556 W. Maple.

# Kass

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### Ranch Room Activities

Mrs. Cecil Charlton, head of the Housewives League, invited the audience with the fact that there were 7,000 applicants for work during the last year. One of whom was personally interviewed. With an average of 45 applicants per job, 251 in permanent positions. Mrs. Charlton emphasized the fact that this number, there were only 10 legitimate complaints.

Mrs. Shelly Ingalls, director of youth and adult education, stated nearly 25,000 attended 378 meetings in the Ranch Room last year, the age group ranging from 7th graders to the Ranchers, 21-35.

She reviewed the cooperation of the teen-age group in redecorating the Ranch Room and pooling their pennies to buy their own television set. She gave a resume of the 12 leisure time classes, and the noon-time luncheon which serve about 70 high school youngsters each day.

# Roll Call Plans Outlined

Kass, who with Mrs. Cassius Miller, last year's Roll Call chairman, had prepared a complete analysis of last year's Roll Call, gave a summary of the analysis.

Harold Turner, Roll Call chairman this year, outlined promotional plans for the drive, and introduced Mrs. Richard T. Hatch, co-chairman.

Six new board members were elected by unanimous vote. They are: Mrs. Gilbert Goodie, Mrs. Berenice C. Ketchum, Mrs. Harris Machus, Mrs. Ewald Schaffer, Turner, and Kass. Mrs. Schaffer was elected for one year to fill an unexpired term.

The meeting ended on a light note with a humorous monologue written by Mrs. Livanora and presented by William Milligan, depicting a cross section of a day at the Community House. Mrs. Milligan presented the monologue before groups which regularly use the House, to show the scope of its activities.

The retiring and new board members with their husbands and wives met for dinner at the House before the meeting. In appreciation of her efforts as board president, Mrs. Livanora was presented with two sterling silver bowls.

# Den IV, Pierce Cubs, Field Trip Saturday; Circus Head Named

Edward A. Barclay, 608 Stanley, has been named executive chairman for the annual Pierce Cub circus. Assistants have not yet been appointed in full, although plans are going forward for the affair.

Cubs report that several acts are shaping up, but refuse to divulge any details of the program.

Den IV took a field trip Saturday morning which taught them the inner workings of the police and fire departments of the city. Stephen Smith, who reached his eighth birthday Saturday, became a Cub and took the trip with the rest of the den.

It was announced that Johnny Barclay has been named honorary denier. All members of the Pierce Cub are working toward the award which will be presented at a big meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 21.

# Building Inspector Issues 53 Permits

B. G. Omans, acting building inspector, said 53 building permits were issued here during January.

In the past, permits for full dwellings were highest, with 32 for this purpose, representing an outlay of \$321,000. Other permits include one new business building, four private garages, alterations of six dwellings, one business establishment and two multiple unit dwellings.

There were four permits for moving, one for wrecking and two permits were renewed.

Alterations amounted to \$22,400, with new buildings \$837,240. The total permits issued were 10 under those of January, 1949.

# Radios, Tire Stolen Here Saturday Night

Birmingham police are investigating thefts from two cars in the northeast section of the city sometime Saturday night. Both were reported Sunday morning, and it is believed they were the work of the same person or persons.

Daniel Fierz, 967 Madison, reported his car had been taken from his car, while Anthony D'Agostino, 984 Riveoak, had the radio and spare tire taken from his car in garages at the time of the theft.

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# Police Records Show 28 Motor Accidents in City Last Month

The 28 automobile accidents in Birmingham during the month of January resulted in property damage totaling \$6,520, according to the monthly police report issued by Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley. Twenty-four of the accidents were caused by violation of city traffic laws.

Excessive speed for prevailing conditions and disregarding stop signs and signals led the field, with reckless driving and failure to stop in the assured clear distance at close seconds.

Other causes were failure to yield right of way, improper starting from a parked position, excessive speed, prohibited U-turns, defective brakes, failure to provide proper lighting on a blocked street, cutting traffic and drunk driving.

Moxley said the report shows a slight decrease, compared to December figures. He added that the major cause, driving too fast for existing conditions, was still a hazard.

"Winter conditions are by no means over," Moxley said. "Every driver should think enough of his own welfare to use common sense on roads that are covered with snow and ice, and when driving in storms or fog."

# Royal Oak Man Joins Local Police Force

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley has announced the appointment of Ralph Edgar Kelly, 23, of the Birch Hills school in Wilmington, Del., to a resident of Royal Oak, Turley was graduated from high school there in 1944.

He entered the merchant marine service and studied at their academy in Kingspoint, N. Y., in marine engineering. After completion of the course there, he transferred to the regular navy, receiving his discharge in December 1949, after being stationed at Pensacola, Fla.

# Cranbrook Head Tenders Resignation

The Rev. Dr. W. Brooke Stabler has announced his resignation as headmaster of Cranbrook school in Cranbrook for the past six years.

Stabler said his resignation was made in order that he might accept similar position at the Tower Hills school in Wilmington, Del., his former place of residence. Dr. Stabler has been headmaster at Cranbrook for the past six years.

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# Candidates

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involving assessment on their property. And even then it is usually only the objectors who appear.

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"This, unfortunately, does not give the commission a true picture of public opinion on the questions under consideration.

"It is with some regret that I

reach the end of my term—and that I remove myself and family from the local scene after 22 years of residence in Birmingham. It is my hope that a fine slate of candidates will appear on the spring ballot.

"It should be remembered that good government begins at home and that there are many problems in our rapidly growing community which merit the attention of able citizens."

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