

THS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Big Taxes, Like Defeat in War, Cause Collapse of a Nation

It is an old saying "that many a man has been committed in the name of education." It is also true, and can become more so today, that many a man is committed in the name of the military defense of one's country.

There is a definite limit to which a free economy can be pushed. There is a definite limit to which the sacrifice of excessive taxation, whether peace or danger of war faces it.

A FREE ECONOMY, like the physical laws that operate a deep well pump, must not lose its "action"—or else all that comes from the pump will be air, not desired liquid.

And a free economy, unless it be left sufficient funds with which to pay for the normal costs of doing business, can dry up.

In the conscription of manpower, our government has always used these means to provide our military, with the weapons of war. Not everybody should be a soldier.

The same rule applies to taxation. To be sure, prevent war profiteering; impose excess profits taxes.

But Congress and State Legislatures should not be so exacting that the last pound of tax flesh... unless they want to bring about the collapse of our economy... with the attendant danger of changing the form of government.

Eisenhower Could Win!

What may be the best news for ALL the people of the United States, we believe, came early last week in Gov. Dewey's announcement that he will NOT be a Presidential candidate for the 1952 election.

Eisenhower, as commander-in-chief of Allied Forces in Europe during World War II, proved his ability to mount a campaign for many nations into a single fighting team.

He revealed tremendous organizing ability; patience as a virtue was exemplified in his attitude; humility when victory came was expressed in his utterances.

As president of Columbia University, "Ike" has revealed a practical intellectual ability and initiative. His recent public statements mark him as a man of independent thinking... but working along practical liberal lines.

EISENHOWER would not be beholden to the tricks of practical politics. It appears, were he to respond to a popular demand as a Republican candidate for President in 1952, he would be out of a deep sense of patriotism, of a willingness to serve his country.

As the months proceed, it will become more apparent as to what will be the result. We are sure his suggestion may be.

If he is nominated, most objective political observers think he will be elected by a majority of American voters... so many of whom are weary and tired of being the dupes of power-hungry, despoiling politicians.

It is estimated that President Truman's two-hour conversation with Gen. McArthur has cost American taxpayers several hundred thousand dollars. A two-hour trans-Pacific telephone conversation could have been made for less than one dollar.

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National Safety Council Issues Annual Analysis Of City's Traffic Needs

Two traffic deaths recorded here during 1949 earned Birmingham a rating of 15.7 deaths per 100,000 population or 2.0 deaths per 10,000 vehicles in the report of the annual inventory of traffic safety activities.

Retires Oct. 31



PERRY A. VAUGHAN

Vaughan Resigns As Supervisor of Bloomfield Twp.

After serving as supervisor of Bloomfield township since 1931, Perry A. Vaughan announced his resignation Friday, because of ill health. David E. Anderson, who has been township treasurer since 1932, will serve out Vaughan's term, which expires next spring.

Vaughan was born on Lathrop road, Bloomfield Hills, and has lived in the township all his life. He plans to spend his winter in Florida.

Anderson Has Lived in Bloomfield Township for 36 Years

Anderson has lived in Bloomfield township since 1914, when he was 16 years old. He has been township treasurer since 1932, and has served in that position for 18 years.

He became a member of the board of education of the Bloomfield school district in 1928 and has been on that body ever since. He said this week that he also is resigning from the school board and has sent in a letter announcing his resignation.

Before becoming supervisor, Vaughan farmed and was in the real estate business. He now lives on Stoneleigh drive, Bloomfield township, on property which has been in his family since 1828.

An open house in honor of Vaughan will be held Saturday from 2 to 4 in the township hall on Telegraph road. Township residents and members of the Oakland county board of supervisors have been invited.

The statement was based on facts compiled by the National Safety Council which also showed Birmingham to have one of the smallest police departments for a city of its size in the country.

In spite of this, however, the analysis stated that Birmingham had exceeded the set standards in man-days spent in traffic studies. The city was nine days short of standards for study of high accident locations.

The report strongly urged better parking facilities for the city, pointing out that in 1948 one lot, handling 18 cars, was completed but that none were shown on the 1949 report.

THEY SUGGESTED the elimination of angle parking completely as one of the city's traffic hazards. Special pedestrian signals at signalized intersections and better street lighting are two other suggested, corrective measures.

The report pointed out that revenue from parking meters should be used only for improvement of traffic conditions and not for other material benefit in keeping the city safe.

Regarding traffic law enforcement, the analysis stated Birmingham was in need of three additional police officers. Officers assigned to traffic duty, to meet the standards set by the NSC should have two weeks or more of specialized training each year. It recommends a minimum of 20 hours formal training in traffic for all recruits.

THE ANALYSIS commented favorably on Birmingham's safety program as carried on in the public schools. It is the council standard to have a traffic safety committee among faculty members of each school. Training in pedestrian safety is considered necessary for each school year.

The local program of public information was considered below council standards for a city of this size. It suggests a broader program in this field as another means of building up a stronger safety element.

The analysis showed that most cities the size of Birmingham have one person employed by the board of education who devotes 25 per cent of his time to safety instruction. See SAFETY Page 2

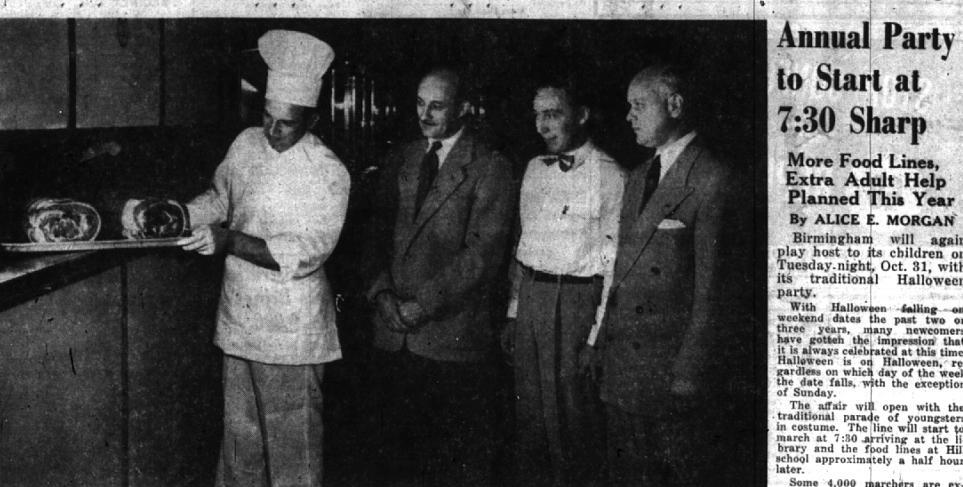
Frightened Drivers Breathe Easier As Police Hold Par

Police are holding two dummies charged with being accessories in a plot to upset, disturb, scare and annoy motorists traveling on Southfield road.

The local department last week received several reports that drivers were suffering from shaky nerves and frazzled tempers and bear pretty hard thoughts about what will happen if they ever get their hands on the youngsters.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley says he believes some motorists should drive more carefully but favors less drastic measures to persuade them.

4,000 Children Are Expected to March In Annual Halloween Parade Tuesday



Thousands of beef barbecues, plus trimmings, will be handed out to Birmingham children Tuesday night as the city stages its annual Halloween party. Getting a preview from Chef Ray Eason on how the meat will be cooked are (left to right) Roland Reese, Harris Machus and Elliott S. Kinney. Kinney's real estate firm, as for several years past, is donating the beef. Reese cuts it to best cooking size, and it is baked in Machus' bakery ovens.

Halloween Parade Instructions, Route:

For the benefit of the many new residents unfamiliar with the Birmingham Halloween party, The Eccentric is cooperating with the recreation board and committee members by publishing the parade program in full.

Clip this item for handy reference when the excitement of getting the youngsters to the proper place on time gets you going in circles next Tuesday night.

Lines will form and preliminary judging take place near the Baldwin public library. The parade will move promptly at 7:30.

Frank Whitney, recreational program director, stresses the importance of being on time.

"A lot of these youngsters aren't much more than babies," he said. "They get tired quickly and cold easily. It's not fair to cheat them of their fun by holding things up. We march at the designated time."

Lines will form as follows: Children from Adams school on Chester, facing Merrill from South; Barnum, on Martin, facing Chester from east; Holy Name on Martin, facing Chester from west; Pierce on Merrill, facing Chester from west; Quanton on west side of Chester, facing Martin from north; Vaughan on east side of Chester, facing Martin from north; other schools on Chester, north end of block, opposite Hill school, facing south.

Marchers should be formed in four files and lined up in the street. This is important for the convenience of judges. Encourage marchers to keep about three paces apart.

Instruct them that in passing the reviewing stand each should be sure to pass within the white line marked on the pavement. This is the only way the judges will see each costume.

School Employees To Be Given \$100 Wage Adjustment

A \$100 cost of living adjustment will go to every Birmingham school district teacher and employee, Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland revealed Wednesday morning.

This will result in a net increase of \$200 in this year's salary when figured with the regular \$100 yearly increase on the normal salary schedule, Ireland pointed out.

He said the method of payment has not been worked out yet, but might be made in one of two ways: in two payments, one after the first of the year, and one after Easter vacation; or by spreading it over salary checks between January and June.

The board of education has also accepted the bid of the Birmingham National Bank for a \$175,000 tax anticipation note at 14 per cent interest. It was the only bid received.

Off-Street Parking Meeting Thursday

Proposed off-street parking plans will be discussed Thursday night by plan commission members in a public meeting starting at 8 p.m. at the Community House.

Sponsored by the city commission, it will be the first of several such public discussions on the establishment of municipal parking facilities. A question-and-answer period will follow the formal presentation. It has been announced.

Annual Party to Start at 7:30 Sharp

More Food Lines, Extra Adult Help Planned This Year

By ALICE E. MORGAN
Birmingham will again play host to its children on Tuesday night, Oct. 31, with its traditional Halloween party.

With Halloween falling on a weekend dates the past two or three years, many newcomers have gotten the impression that it is always celebrated at this time. It is always celebrated at this time, regardless on which day of the week the fall falls, with the exception of Sunday.

The affair will open with the traditional parade of youngsters in costume. The line will start to march at 7:30 arriving at the library and the food lines at Hill school approximately a half hour later.

Some 4,000 marchers are expected to take part this year. To meet the demand, extra food lines have been set up and additional adult help secured to handle serving.

REFRESHMENTS will be in the time-honored custom—barbecued beef sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee. Members of PTA groups and service organizations will supervise the food lines, serve the children and help them find their way to the proper places for the evening's entertainment.

The fourth, fifth and sixth grades of all participating schools will see movies in the Baldwin high school gym. Junior high school students will have a performance of Barnum school, while other students will have their costumes "on" at the Community House.

An exact starting time for these post-parade events cannot be determined at this time because of the parade and the uncertainty of the time needed for food lines.

HOWEVER, all will start promptly after the refreshments and prizes have been distributed. Judging is divided into two parts because of the number of children taking part. Since some of it is done at the starting point, it is necessary for children to be in the vicinity of Baldwin library as near 7 o'clock as possible. Final judging will be done at the reviewing stand on Maple avenue.

City Nets \$135,000 During Past Year, Annual Audit Shows

Birmingham went through the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, spending \$135,328.63 less than it received in taxes and realized revenue, the auditor's report revealed this week.

The net amount, \$49,647.62 from general city operation. The remaining \$85,681.01 is being operating profit in the water, sewer and equipment funds.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert explained that a approximately \$50,000 goes to the water department reserve, about \$24,000 into the sewage disposal reserve and the remaining \$13,000 into the city's equipment fund.

Car Rolls Over But Driver Uninjured

Although his car rolled over, James E. Brook of Haver Park escaped injury at 4:59 Sunday morning at the north intersection of Hunter and Woodward.

Brook told Oakland county sheriff's officers he apparently fell asleep and lost control of his car.

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