

The Closer to Pay-As-You-Go, the Better

We don't expect to see the day when Birmingham's municipal operations, from then on, will be on a pay-as-you-go basis.

From Our Point of View

One of the modern wonders of America is the fact, alleged by Harry S. Truman, that everybody in his administration is clean and wholesome.

Just how old will Milton Berle be when he completes his recently signed 30-year television contract with NBC?

The best way to maintain freedom and integrity in American public school education is to pay the teachers enough to prevent some of them from falling into the company of alien radicals.

In some nations, governments are changed by an exchange of bullets. In the U.S.A. we depend only upon ballots.

President Truman recently declared that "greed can tear up our nation". Why, dear Harry, every school boy knows that!

It will be very interesting, during the 1952 political campaign, to listen to Harry S. Truman try to explain away all the skullduggery that's been going on in Washington (and other places), some of it exposed by Senators Kefauver and Fulbright.

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sible to finance by pay-as-you-go, all other current matters should be paid for out of each year's tax levy.

Of course, the levy undoubtedly would shift up or down, little or considerable, depending on what citizens want and are willing to finance through their next year's taxes.

OTHER CITIES ARE paying as they go. The only obstacle to Birmingham's accomplishing it is the acceptance of this type of economic philosophy on the part of city officials and citizens.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert already has indicated he would like Birmingham to follow this practice. In two reports, totaling 21 pages, on financing of capital improvements and future problems of the city, last week he recommended to the city commission the financing on a pay-as-you-go plan of as many city improvements as possible.

We believe the city commission should endorse his program.

Opponents may argue that future generations should help to pay for such projects as roads, sewers, water, bridges, etc., etc.

BUT FUTURE GENERATIONS will have city financial problems of their own - new bridges, more streets, bigger sewers, larger water mains.

The world has yet to reach the point where yet unborn generations will have to spend taxes because there are no more municipal improvements to be made or demanded.

Incidentally, Egbert's report is one of the best analyses we've seen of Birmingham's financial picture, past and present. He and the other city employees who worked up the facts and the interpretation are to be highly commended.

The city commission has instructed Mayor Chad Ritchie to investigate the possibilities of having Egbert's report printed and distributed to all Birmingham residents.

We agree the report should be read by every homeowner. Although past experience indicates comparatively few will read through to the end of the report, at least they should all be given the opportunity of reading it.

"Political Banditry"

In a democracy, it is fitting and proper that a legitimate amount of taxes be levied and collected, so that necessary governmental services may be carried on. Control of such taxation is much easier in each local community, where the taxpayers live closer to those who tax and spend.

But when the federal government (so far removed from our individual homes) steps in for its "tax take", it shows very little conscience. Indeed, in recent years it has far exceeded the taking of necessary taxes... for it takes so much of your money (for political and predatory purposes) of its state system that it is nothing short of banditry!

THE BOYS AND GIRLS in control of the federal administration are playing the American taxpayers for suckers. For their motto for years has been: "Tax and tax, spend and spend, elect and elect!"

In a literal sense, insofar as the taking of unnecessary taxes is concerned, it is merely "organized political crime."

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

MACARTHUR'S STORY STILL TO COME

President Harry S. Truman has taken a long lead off first base. It is my belief that the pitcher and he could hit the enemy wherever and whenever he found them, he would be a general.

MacArthur is egotistical, non-fraternizing, but he is an excellent general. His entire military career proves that.

That he is an extremely capable statesman is proven by his quiet, enterprising and successful occupation of Japan.

MacArthur has never been free to fight the Korean war to his conclusion. He has been permitted to go only so far, in a war, that is unhumanly imposed upon him.

For Truman, or Acheson, or others, to confine MacArthur's fighting to the Korean peninsula can be considered as illegal a war as any other.

I BELIEVE MacArthur will tell the American people that because of the present political administration.



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Birmingham Post-Herald, The News That Made Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO

April 19, 1901 A six pound monkey wrench fell 20 feet at the power house Friday last week. This means nothing to you or me, but it means a great deal to Myrner Fred Rosenberg of Royal Oak who was working directly beneath it and caught the wrench full on the "kopt".

There was a lively runaway on Pierce street Monday last but fortunately no one was hurt or very much damaged.

A fire on the land near the race track one day last week went unnoticed and got into the fence before being discovered and several rods of rails were consumed before the flames were extinguished.

Mrs. Johnson was struck on the main street by a baseball last week. Fortunately she was not seriously injured but she had to spend several hours at the home of a friend before she was able to get on her way.

The E. E. Daniels brick yard is in general shape for the coming week. New machinery is to be added, quite a force will be employed and the output of the yard this season will be much higher than usual.

20 YEARS AGO

April 23, 1931 Miles G. Robinson has accepted the position of football coach at Eastview high school for the coming season. Robinson coached the line last year after two years of coaching at the high school in Alma.

The Williams knot shop bowlers, with an average of .500, won the Monday night league championship for the Birmingham alley. One of the closest seasons ever recorded in local bowling circles, they played with the champions holding only a 10-pin lead.

Three local residents are slated to receive their diplomas from the University of Michigan at the coming graduation. Miss Margaret L. Poole, Miss Elizabeth

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE \$4,450.00 TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWEST OAKLAND, MICHIGAN BIRWOOD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SEWER BONDS

Sold bonds for the purchase of Birwood Special Assessment Sewer Bonds to be issued by the Township of Southwest, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, for an amount of \$4,450.00 will be received by the undersigned at the Township Hall at 26100 Berg Road, Southwest Township, Route No. 8, Birmingham, Michigan, on the first day of March, 1951, at 10 o'clock P. M. Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday, March 27, 1951.

Table with columns: No., Maturity, Value, Amount. Lists bond details for various dates from 1951 to 1958.

Births, anniversaries, guests, birthdays, anniversaries, guests, birthdays, parties are all news--call the society editor about them.

Someone has suggested that the commissioners make a study of the more or less utility concerns around town and have them cleaned up. Vacant lots are mentioned as particular eye sores.

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