

A cynic to a person who, standing beneath the hooded sun, cries out against what he finds in the world. There is so much in life to be enjoyed by those who refuse to weep and cry. Cynics are blind to the sunlight of Hope and Faith.

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## THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

### How Politicians Determine Your Tax Bills

Do you understand how a State or federal government budget is prepared?

The answer is as simple as the amount of cash your household may budget for its monthly or annual expenditures.

For your home, you figure on rent or taxes, insurance, food, clothing, miscellaneous necessities, and whatever luxuries you desire. Add up these items and you get a reasonable total. Then all you need do is to live within those figures to come out with a balanced budget.

The Governor of a State has his budget director, just as the President of the United States has. Prior to the meeting of a new Legislature or a new Congress, the budget director holds conferences with the heads of the various government agencies whose funds come from tax levies.

IF THE BUDGET director is part of an economy-minded administration he will scrutinize very closely each agency's financial requests. If the director is hooked up with an extravagant, politically-minded administration, he will be very liberal-minded with the taxpayer's money.

After many weeks of such meetings with agency heads, the budget director finally comes up with the many items these agencies insist they require money for. He then turns over to his boss, the Governor or President, the completed budget.

IT IS THIS budget that a Governor presents to the Legislature or a President to Congress, for approval, the guide to the next tax bill, and a step in the process of extracting money from you, the taxpayers.

Just as basically simple as your household budget. The difference, of course, is as opposite as house and sky. The governmental extravagance dictates.

In the case of the federal budget, however, the figures get astronomical because Uncle Sam is mixed up in so many projects and his centralized base of operations is so far away from you that you appear unable to do anything constructive about it.

IN A WAY, the American people may be likened to a theater audience that is alarmed because somebody should be shouting at everybody makes a hasty and frenzied rush to the exits. People jump against people, and if there happens to be a few expert pickpockets in the crowd, they can get away with plenty, too.

That's what your federal tax collectors, guided by the politician's power, do with your annual wages. — and the business of shouting "emergency" in their hearts' desire.

Whether you be an hour old or a hundred years old, you are an American citizen who will never lose less than 247 of the 100 cents of the budget of 71 million dollars (71% thousand more) presented to Congress.

This is exclusive of the existing Federal debt, which is several billion dollars.

That portion of it necessary to prepare for defense, plus accumulated government obligations, plus the remainder, amounting to heaven-knows-how-much-billions, may be charged to "practical politics."

(And the tolerance of "practical politics" may be charged only to public indifference and irresponsibility to the real duties of free citizenship.)

Councilmen of several British villages recently passed a resolution for the dismissal of Gen. MacArthur. They also called for a Big Four meeting to prevent war. Thank God they didn't put in another call for money from American taxpayers!

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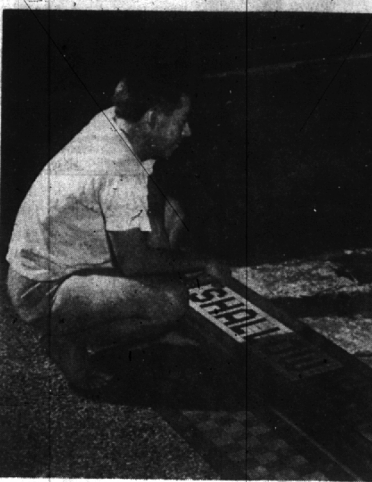
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Instructor Jay Myers gives some pointers to these small youngsters at the Saturday morning swimming program for beginners at the Barnum pool. The Birmingham Recreation board sponsors this "Learn to Swim Better" program. Expert instruction in the fundamentals is stressed at these sessions which begin at 9 each Saturday morning. Spectators are welcomed to view all swimming activities at the pool.

## City's Residential Character Needs Firm Economic Base

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

Attractive residences may make Birmingham a desirable place to live, but these assets must be supported by a firm economic base.

If Birmingham is to plan carefully for its future, consideration must be given to secure a balanced amount of industry, commerce and residences.

(Third in a series of articles to familiarize citizens with the proposed Master Land Use Plan for the city, now under consideration.)

The economic base is an important consideration before the Birmingham plan commission in its study of a master land use pattern under which Birmingham's future will be charted for many years to come.

Birmingham had a balance between industry, commerce and residences in its early history, but today its economic base is composed primarily of residential and commercial properties supported by money earned in other communities.

THERE IS NO REASON to believe this condition will change radically unless Birmingham extends its boundaries to the east. Within the city today the amount of land available for industrial expansion is distinctly limited. There is a lack of large unused parcels of land suitably located for industrial uses.

However, Birmingham's location in reference to major highways and large urban centers is one of its major assets for certain types of commercial enterprise.

Any business concern that desires its representatives to contact firms in the large cities of southeastern Michigan will find Birmingham convenient for its headquarters.

To widen its economic base, Birmingham should endeavor to attract field or regional sales offices for various types of equipment companies, insurance agencies, advertising and engineering departments, and commercial consulting agencies.

PERSONNEL OF such concerns would be happy with the residential environment of Birmingham, and the city would benefit by the expanded economic base.

Also an attraction to these types of commercial concerns is Birmingham's convenient location on major highways. This location provides easy access to many cities in all directions and eliminates bucking the heavy traffic in Detroit.

The new schedule will form the basis for preparation of 1961-62 city budget estimates.

EGBERT TOLD the commission that he was making an additional proposal to make the new salary increases effective Jan. 29.

The new schedule also would make provision for a review of the salaries every six months on the basis of job performance until the maximum salary limit was reached.

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Two local women, Mrs. A. J. Brandt, 812 Kensington, and Mrs. E. A. Hannum, 1228 Washington, suffered minor injuries Tuesday afternoon when their car struck a truck in Birmingham.

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## Navy Bomber Pilot Home on Leave from Korean War Zone

Ensign William C. Sproull, Jr., arrived home Saturday evening to spend a couple of weeks leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sproull, 811 Shirley.

Ensign Sproull has just completed four years as a naval bomber pilot with the Pacific Fleet.

Reporting to his squadron in Japan early in July, he served seven months in the Korean area for which he received the Air Medal with two clusters. More recently he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

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## Special Executive Session on Off-Street Parking; Public Hearing Monday

### Long Wait Likely Before Southfield Incorporation Proposals Are Settled

By RAY DENNIS

If residents of Southfield township are to vote on the proposed incorporation issue, they won't be able to do so for several months at least. This matter was made clear last week at the county board of supervisors meeting.

Petitions have been filed by three different groups in the township, requesting incorporation. Residents in the area bounded by Elm Mile on the south; Nine and one-half mile road on the north; Greenfield on the east; and Plum Hollow golf club on the west, with the exception of Magnolia and Westhampton subdivisions, were the first to file incorporation petitions.

THIS FIRST GROUP wants its area called the City of Southfield Park. Next to file were Magnolia subdivision residents who ask that the whole township be incorporated.

The same day, Mrs. Louise Lathrup Kelley filed a petition asking for incorporation of Lathrup Village.

Lynn D. Allen said that all the petitions were in order, but they must be held until the second week in April, when the board holds its regular meeting.

Corporation Counsel Harry J. Merritt ruled the petitions couldn't be considered at the January session because it was a continuation of the September-October annual meeting.

Merritt said the law provides that the petitions be submitted 30 days preceding the convening of an annual session.

COUNTY SUPERVISORS state that the board of supervisors shall hold annual sessions the Tuesday following the first Monday in April; on the fourth Monday of June and the third Monday of September, in addition, a regular session may be held in January of each year by the adjournment of the September session to a certain date in January.

Allen pointed out that when the board convenes in April, the petitions will be referred to the group and they then will be referred to study to the committee on boundaries of cities and villages. Members of the committee are Lloyd Clawson of Royal Oak, Roy Goodspeed of Ferndale and Oscar Eckman of Pontiac.

However, Merritt said that a special session could be called in the township between 40 and 90 days after the board of supervisors has acted upon the petitions.

When the committee has completed its study, a recommendation will be given to the board of supervisors. The next annual meeting of the board is set for the first Monday in April; on the fourth Monday of June and the third Monday of September, in addition, a regular session may be held in January of each year by the adjournment of the September session to a certain date in January.

Allen said that if the resolution on boundaries is incorporated, the board of supervisors can call a special session. He said he doubted if an election could be held before September. Considerable time after the April session comes during the approval of the incorporation of several publications on the matter, he said.

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## Rites Held for Melvin C. Hart, Former Principal

Melvin C. Hart, 55, former principal of Baldwin high school and current manager of the Pontiac office of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission,

was buried Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Woodlawn cemetery. He was 55 years old.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Hart, 1208 Villa road, Saturday evening of a heart attack.

The body was taken from the Mary Bailey funeral home Tuesday afternoon for services in the First Methodist church. Internment was in White Chapel cemetery.

Mr. Hart, a graduate of Michigan State college, began his educational career in Bad Axe, and came to Birmingham in 1921 after a year there. He served as principal at Baldwin until 1937.

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## Bloomfield Hills Schools to Close All Day Friday

Bloomfield Hills schools will be closed Friday, Jan. 26, according to Superintendent John Jacobs.

He said schools will be closed during this last day of the first term so teachers may evaluate parent-teacher conferences, get records in order and make plans for the second semester which starts Monday, Jan. 29.

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## Basil Rathbone to Speak at Cranbrook

Famed stage, radio, screen and television star Basil Rathbone will speak at Cranbrook auditorium Tuesday evening.

He will speak on the subject, "Magic of the Theatre."

A limited number of tickets are available to the public.

## Final Mid-Year Class To Graduate Tonight

The Rev. Edgar DeWitt Jones, D.D., Litt.D., and for 26 years pastor of the Central Woodward Christian church in Detroit will be the commencement speaker tonight when 20 Baldwin high school seniors receive their diplomas.

Dr. Jones, now minister emeritus of the church, served as pastor of the First Christian church of Bloomington, Ill., before coming to Detroit.

A member of the Detroit News staff for many years he served as foreign correspondent in 1923 and again in 1935. His column, "Success in Living," has appeared daily in that paper for the past 10 years, becoming known to many in the area.

## Old Axiom Revised: 'Don't Cross Your Bridges - - If You Can't Get to Them'

Getting the cart before the horse, obtaining a cart before engaging the horsepower, is probably to be a source of embarrassment to the city officials.

They all shake their heads, even though many of them have nothing to do with "The Bridge of Why's," as some residents now refer to it.

At the River Rouge at the foot of the West Maple hill, and because most bridges are exposed to traffic as soon as they are built, many citizens are beginning to wonder about this one.

City employees belonging to local service clubs and attend the weekly luncheons, are happy to talk through the maze of the usual bill sessions without having to listen to a number of wisecracks concerning the bridge.

THE VERBAL HARPOONING takes on quite a humorous aspect, but city officials don't believe any more than a whale does the real meaning.

It is evident that the bridge is a whale of a tough subject in Birmingham government circles.

"Few cities can afford to place engineering masterpieces like that which the town purely for exhibition purposes," quipped one joker the other day at a service club luncheon.

"And such ideal surroundings—the nice pine trees, Quanton lake and the dam in the background," added another.

"EMBRONCO ARCHITECTS will have a model of the bridge to make field trips to study its design," said one else.

"Where do you think it will be placed?" pointed out someone. "Why it doesn't even interfere with the present road one bit!"

HARRY McBRIDE, former village president and owner of Pierce street business property, argued against any special assessment on business property for off-street parking.

He stated that he knows of several properties whose owners could not pay even the first installment (See PARKING, Page 2)

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