

Most of us rise each morning, facing a world that is vast and confused. If we start the day's work with cheerfulness, with optimism and hope, with an inner conviction that, individually, need not be caught in the underflow of pessimism... these are those words.

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H.S. and THAT

By G. R. A.

Governmental and Household Budgets

Several weeks ago in this column, I sought to present to you information on how governmental budgets are arrived at. In an effort to simplify the subject, I compared governmental budgets with household budgets.

Reading that comment, an old friend—and constructive critic—wrote himself: "I am sure that authority on governmental matters, has dropped me a note."

Writes Mr. Miller: "In your issue of Jan. 22, you compared household and governmental budgeting. It seemed to me that you made the two processes sound too similar. In fact they are radically and diametrically opposite."

"A HOUSEHOLD budget starts with income and allocates it among the needs. Governmental budgeting starts with needs, and then levies taxes to cover the total. Household income is relatively fixed any one time, so that the total is 'how shall it be allocated'."

"Governmental incomes (taxes) is limitless. There is no limit on the 'needs' to be met, other than the total wealth of the people. That's the real reason why taxes always go up. It's so easy to think always to spend it. Or, still better, ways to spend other people's money."

In other words, dear reader, while the family budget must be arrived at by practicing the idea of "living within one's fixed income," a governmental budget is arrived at through the political idea of "living in excess against what the traffic will bear."

"Reconstruction Finance Corporation" is the name it has been given for now for these men. But under that name, Senator Fulbright's bill shows that it has been operating for some time. "Re-Destructive Finance Corporation."

President Truman recently told some of his Senatorial friends that some day he'd like to return to the White House. He has a net worth of millions and million of Americans hope you'll get your wish...

We don't pretend to know all about the political maneuvers of Rex C. Jacobs, Detroit manufacturer who is mixed up in R.C. matters. But we do know something about one of his former washing machine products...

Philip A. Hart, placed in charge of the Price Stabilization program in Michigan. He is a clerk or investigator to help him in his rigorous procedures. He's like a freeman in Michigan, he's like the house burns down. That's the bureaucratic planning, though, Phil.

"I've seen some of those T.V. shows, are keeping abreast of things," said a new T.V. fan remarked yesterday. "I don't see anything wrong about it, either. It's little enough compensation for having to see and listen through some of the commercials."

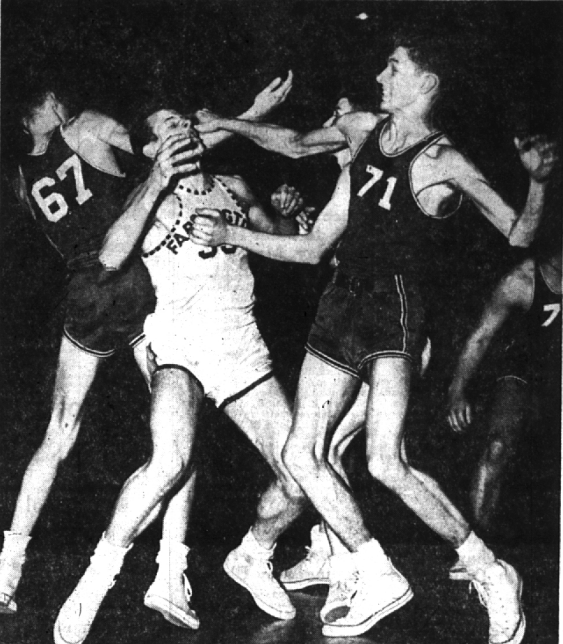
"Taxes," said Philo Homo, local observer of the Scene of Life, "are what you pay for two things: first, to keep government going, second, to create conditions that will make it possible for any one man to carry the rewards of our labors, who are we that's all right. But griping—sure, and moaning, and having a griped, we seldom do anything to disturb the peace and security of the lawful politician. This is the best, an ornament (?) to democracy."

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UNDER THE BASKET ACTION
Art Fairbanks (67) and Barry Wall (71) scramble for ball. (Pontiac Daily Press Photo)

Maple Cagers Ousted In Regional Tourney

By BILL AIKENS

Birmingham hopes for a crack at the state class B basketball crown this Friday night when the Maples were handed a 62-18 defeat by Farmington in the regional tournament at Pontiac.

Although coming in the second round of tourney play, the game was actually the first for Birmingham, since the Maples won the district championship at Berkley. They drew a bye for the first night of play in the Pontiac eliminations.

A DARK HORSE in the tournament, Farmington turned in an excellent performance in defeating the Maples. Sporting an aggressive attack, the Falcons held all important key to victory by controlling the blackboards during most of the game.

Farmington opened action in the first quarter by scoring twice in rapid succession. Snatching an early advantage at the end of the period the Falcons managed to put away four points, to lead the Maples 12-0.

In the initial part of the second stanza, Farmington began dropping in long shots from all over the court and before Farmington moved out to stop them, the Falcons had pushed ahead to a secure 27-12 margin.

It looked like a hopeless defeat for the Maples, suddenly started clicking, and by halftime they were able to reduce Farmington's margin to seven points. Sparked by forward Art Fairbanks and center Barry Wall, the Maples pulled within striking distance with the score 35 to 30.

THE BIRMINGHAM rally was severely hurt when the Maples muffed two easy scoring opportunities, and forward Jim Bates of Farmington struck the crushing blow by racking up four points in rapid succession.

In the final period, the Falcons scored 19 points while holding the game Maples to 14 markers. The buzzer sounded with Birmingham trailing 63-24.

Scoring honors for the Maples were shared by Art Fairbanks, who scored 15 points, and Barry Wall, who scored 12 points.

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Gas Study Report Ready in 30 Days, Estes Discloses

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

Final report on the eight-month investigation into gas transmission lines and safety factors will be presented to the state legislature within the next 30 days, Rep. Howard R. Estes, chairman of the special investigating committee, revealed Monday.

"We have an other hearing scheduled so we can get a little more data, then we will be ready to report," he explained.

This special committee, established by the legislature in 1949, has examined the gas industry from the explosion and fire here on Woodward in which five persons were killed and one seriously injured.

The state legislature approved the study in April 1950, the committee was named the last of June, and it met for the first time July 20.

All makes of inner spring mattresses are being inspected by the state health department. PANY. PHONE Enterprise 6319.

What is the story behind the new W. Maple bridge? Is it a "high pressure sales job" on the part of some city officials elected or appointed?

It is, as some people currently believe, the "down payment" on a much larger project, for which the bridge was merely the opening wedge?

Are the voters, at the forthcoming April 2 election, being forced to "bail out" a project which was not properly planned?

No, it is none of these. It simply boils down to this: The city commission, prior to the April 1948 election at which the city commission who had participated since 1946 in the Maple bridge discussions (the other is Ralph A. Main), had this to say Monday night:

"The excerpts from city records I asked Miss Irene Lanley (city clerk) for, clearly show that the April bond issue was for the bridge and nothing else."

Creation of Board Outlines Needed Park Improvements

Roll Call Hits \$31,000; More Returns Due

Second Time in 22 Years Goal Has Been Exceeded

As donations continued to be reported in the Community House Roll Call, which officially ended March 5, the total rose to \$31,000 Tuesday morning, the second time the 22 fund campaigns that the goal has been exceeded.

Goal set for this year's drive was \$30,000. Chairman Charles N. Blunt expressed gratitude to the 3,484 contributors who thus far have sent in donations.

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U.S. Can Continue to Check Russia's World Grab-Harsch

"We have checked Russia's attempt to gain world domination and can continue to do so," stated Joseph C. Harsch, chief of the Washington News Bureau of the Christian Science Monitor, in a speech at the Birmingham Community House Wednesday evening, March 7, under the auspices of the Birmingham League of Women Voters.

"The world security depends upon maintaining an equilibrium in the balance of power," declared Harsch.

He said that in 1949 when an announcement was made that Russia had the A-bomb, the balance of power was tipping against the U. S. because at that time there was a whole series of other factors that were working against us and vigorous activity among the countries under her control. The Chinese communists moved into victory in China and were planning to get into Formosa.

"We have checked this outward movement and we have the potential power to secure world peace," Harsch said. "The war in Korea is taking such a terrific toll of the Communist forces in China that we helped France in this battle by providing them with equipment which they needed badly and which they used to the best advantage."

"The proposed suggestions in the order of their priority are: 1. Poppleton field—Construction of an area for multiple use of field sports. These include two baseball and softball diamonds; football field; a skating rink; and facilities for volleyball, badminton, croquet, basketball, tennis, tennis, tennis, field hockey, bait casting, kite flying, archery and model flying."

2. ST. JAMES PARK—Layout of area for multiple use of such field sports as two baseball and softball diamonds, football field, and facilities for volleyball, badminton, croquet, basketball, tennis, tennis, tennis, field hockey, bait casting, kite flying, archery and model flying."

3. PONTIAC PARK—Construction of an area for multiple use of field sports. This would include a baseball field, two softball diamonds, football field, volleyball, badminton, croquet, basketball, tennis, tennis, tennis, field hockey, bait casting, kite flying, archery and model flying."

4. HARMON PARK—Construction of an area for multiple use of field sports. This would include a baseball field, two softball diamonds, football field, volleyball, badminton, croquet, basketball, tennis, tennis, tennis, field hockey, bait casting, kite flying, archery and model flying."

5. PEMBERCO PARK—Installation and equipping children's playground and a drinking fountain.

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8. NEW SOUTHWEST PARK—Installation and equipping children's playground, work-craft, quiet game area, small parking lot, toilet facilities and landscaping.

9. HARMON PARK—Construction of an area for multiple use of field sports. This would include a baseball field, two softball diamonds, football field, volleyball, badminton, croquet, basketball, tennis, tennis, tennis, field hockey, bait casting, kite flying, archery and model flying."

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