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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Taxpayers to Feel Pinch Next Year

To the Editor:
In "Bits of Birmingham" last week, your reporter vaguely attempts to explain the rise in school taxes as "perhaps increased assessed valuation, increased equalization ratio," etc.

If he had lived in Birmingham two years ago, he would have remembered the school bond issue which was passed at that time raising school taxes substantially. Recently a small number of people (less than 10 per cent of the registered voters in the Birmingham school district) pushed through another increase amounting to \$3,200,000, which includes authorization for the school board to purchase five lots on which no doubt it is intended to build five more schools, or "country clubs" as they are derisively called by many.

Yes, if the "elderly gentleman" thinks that taxes are high now, thanks to the school bond issue of two years ago, he will find that they will soar to new heights come next December, thanks to the recently approved school bond issue.

HOWEVER, this trend is typical of our times, when the fetish of "child worship" is dominant. In the Orient and Europe old people are venerated and highly honored here in Birmingham the child is king and hence to be honored with opulence.

All our new schools must be designed by the most expensive architects in the city. The most expensive type of construction, the sprawling Tarry school type, must be used, where operating costs, heating, etc., are bound to be high. Costly hand-loomed draperies, made in the most luxurious studios in the world, are a necessary adjunct to proper education.

To my old-fashioned way of thinking, it must be rather difficult for the children to concentrate on their ABC's in the midst of such splendor as our newest school on Cranbrook road. Some of them must feel they are going slumming when they return to the comparatively modest homes where a goodly proportion of them eat and sleep.

NOW THAT THERE are so many new families in Birmingham, new schools and facilities are necessary but must they all be flamboyant and so blatantly luxurious?

For reasons best known to itself, the school board has taken in territory quite remote from Birmingham proper, i.e. Walnut Lake, parts of Southfield township, etc. These people must be accommodated. If it is quantity that the school board wants, why not take in the industrial section out East, Maple in Troy township? Then the purely residential taxpayers would have the financial help of industry which, since it is responsible for bringing hundreds of families here, should also assume some financial burden for its educational support. The City of Birmingham now has an obligation to these many new residents to our area. But how about its moral obligation to those long-time residents of Birmingham who have raised children here, paid taxes all their lives and who have looked forward to an old age of peace and financial security?

Commendation Ribbon To Warrant Officer

WITH THE 3RD INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA—The Commendation Ribbon has been awarded to Army Warrant Officer Junior Grade John H. Melotte, whose wife, June, lives at 2701 Southfield rd., Birmingham, Mich., for meritorious service in Korea.

He was cited for his service from March 12 to Sept. 15 of this year as assistant adjutant of the 3rd Infantry Division's 7th Regiment.

Leads Discussion Group

Elmer Haack, city assessor of Birmingham, will lead the discussion during the Wednesday afternoon session of the seventh annual meeting of the assessing officers at the University of Michigan Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 10-12.

Birmingham's recent expansion and the average person who lives Birmingham would do well to analyze them before it is too late.

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MESC Report Shows Worker Shortage

Michigan's Employment Security commission has a thousand job openings listed and no workers to fill them, according to Luther C. Olson, manager of the Pontiac branch.

"For the first time since the era of war-peak production the commission is hearing the lullies to find workers," Olson said. "Failure of workers to call at the commission office is indicative of a shortage of manpower which is becoming more severe each day."

"We feel that there are many unemployed men in the area which which can be put to use. Of course many of the job openings are in highly skilled and professional categories and the skilled clerical and stenographic trades."

"However, there are many jobs open as break-ins in factory work to which young men and many older men are attracted," Olson urged, that unemployed persons visit commission offices where every attempt will be made to find a position for them.

City Transfers Funds

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night approved the recommendations of William J. Johnson, director of finance, that the contingent fund of the city be made a reserve item in the general fund budget instead of keeping the money intermingled with surplus city funds. Commissioners instructed Johnson to transfer \$100,000 now in the contingent fund to the contingent reserve fund.

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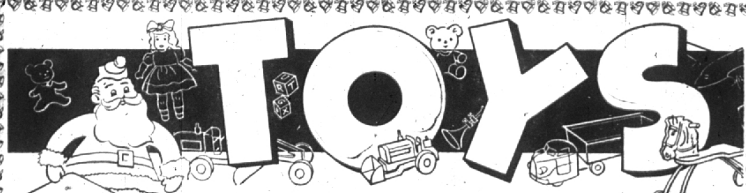
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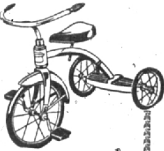
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