Bring a good and intelligent citizen to a great job so that of being able in one's business or profession. The problems contained within the structure of self-government are very many, not all easy of solution, either. Self-government is a difficult system to use and keep.

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Proposed City Budget Up 5½ Per Cent

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

It is a far and wailing cry from those warring days when all fighting was on the ground, to the advent of today's faster-than-sound jet airplanes.

An Air Force officer reports that "when you first spot a MIG it's just a speck in the sky. You have about six seconds between the time you see him and the time he goes past you." Ah, science how wonderful you are when in the hands of the as-yet-human-barbarian!

Gen. Douglas MacArthur is reported to have said that, should Gen. Eisenhower become President, "it would be easier for the ideology of the 'Military State' to take over the United States."

Coming from so important an American, those words, if true, will become a stormy focal point in the coming political campaign. (And don't believe that the Democrats will not use that statement!)

Declares Secretary of the U. S. Navy Dan A. Kimball: "There's not going to be an all-out war in the immediate future. Russia is doing all right without one."

When a man of Kimball's stature in our nation's life says those words, should the rest of us slump back more comfortably in our chairs and feel happy simply because no blood will be shed "in the immediate future?" When Kimball says that "Russia is doing all right without one", should that alarm all freedom-loving nations? If not, why not?

(Or is the answer to this the same one that all along has revealed how weak our foreign policy is: Secretary of State Dean Acheson?)

Senator Estes Kefauver declares that "we need new faces in both the Democratic and Republican parties . . . new vigor in carrying out the ambitions that all of us have." Quite right, Senator, that's what this nation needs . . . plus some of the old-fashioned virtues that are necessary to make either an individual or a nation secure.

Do you suppose that the UN will be able to call off the "police action" in Korea, and bring about real peace? Or do you think that the trouble in Korea, or in some other spot or spots on this earth, will continue to plague mankind—something like an endless Kentucky feud of the former days?

It is good, of course, to assume that by bringing to backward nations the modern tools of technology and agriculture, the living standards of those countries may be improved. No doubt they will be, but that alone does not insure them happiness and peace. Why? Well, does the United States (greatest of all nations in wealth) have happiness and peace?

To be sure, the latter is better off than other nations insofar as living standard goes; but do we go to sleep at night with less dread of a hostile air attack than do other and backward nations?

Mankind certainly knows how to produce things, both in the factories and on the farms. Its biggest problem is to learn how to distribute more of such wealth to more people . . . without destroying human freedom and the desire to work.

Two High Schools Exchange Talents

Troy high school and Rochester high school are exchanging talent shows.

This week the Rochester high school students performed for Troy students at an assembly. Vocal selections, instrumental solos, dances and a play were included in the program.

Troy high will return the entertainment sometime in the near future.

94 Calls

This, reports Mrs. Anna Smith of 604 Watkins street, Birmingham, was the wonderful result of running the following house for rent ad.

"7 room house, 2 bedrooms, centrally located, Midwest 4-5218"

That's right—

94 Calls

Ph. MIdwest 4-1100

Ask for the Want Ad Desk

MRS. BRENT HOGSHEAD WATCHES ACTION AT PIERCE FIELD

Panthers and Polar Bears have adult arbitrator at all games

Pierce Ball Players Dislike Wasted Time

By ALICE E. MORGAN

The third grade boys at Pierce school really love baseball. In fact they like it so much they have invited Mrs. Brent K. Hogshead, 1519 Henrietta, to take the field with them every Monday and Friday afternoon for the sole purpose of settling arguments!

DR. H. H. HATCHER

In March they placed their request before her, explaining they spent so much time arguing that there wasn't enough time left to play their beloved game.

Her first appearance on the field was in the middle of a late snowstorm, and while she shivered and shook, her young charges made like big league players.

On her invitation we attended a game Friday afternoon—and those youngsters really are big league players. No team was ever more serious about the game—even the final in the world series.

WHILE THE captains are choosing their teams, batters and pitchers stand around making wild swings and imaginary throws. When the kids trot to their positions, there's an air of tension over the field.

Every boy is alert and eager. The pitcher has all the tricks of the big leaguer in his tactics for throwing the batter off form.

Like static electricity, the calls from player to player crackle around the field. The first pitch draws a wild swing, a clean miss and broad grins. The game has started and you can see every boy relax a little, but lose none of his alertness.

Mrs. Hogshead told us that two of the boys have been getting training from their dads, beginning when they were little more than toddlers. They, like the other 18 boys who comprise the two teams, are fountains of baseball lore—names, games and records, they know them all.

SHE ALSO told us that the girls at Pierce want to form a team, but are temporarily held up for lack of adult supervision. Mrs. Hogshead declares that if other mothers could only realize the fun she gets out of her two sessions every week, they would offer their services not only at Pierce but at other Birmingham schools.

She was assisted at the "plan of procedure" by Howard Sumara, Pierce gym teacher.

Modified rules under which the Panthers and Polar Bears play have eliminated "balls" from the game. Mrs. Hogshead said she doesn't know enough about the game to decide which is which, so the players have only strikes and hits — both unquestionable and easily decided to the satisfaction of all!

AT PRESENT she is planning a special post-season award for the teams which must remain a deep dark secret for the time being. It is known to them, however, that a block of tickets are being held for players and their dads when the Detroit-New York game is played at Briggs Stadium on May 17.

All makes of inner spring mattresses renovated. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. PHONE ENterprise 6319.

U of M President To Address AAUW Luncheon Meeting

Dr. Harlan H. Hatcher, president of the University of Michigan, will address a luncheon meeting of the Birmingham AAUW next Wednesday, May 14. The affair will be at the Community House with the luncheon at 12:45 and Dr. Hatcher's address, which will be open to the public, at 1:45.

Dr. Hatcher, who became the eighth U. of M. president last fall, will speak on higher education and his several books on regional literature.

He will be accompanied, on his Birmingham visit, by Mrs. Hatcher, the former Anne Gregory Vance, daughter of the late William Reynolds Vance, law professor at Yale and later dean of law at the University of Minnesota.

HE WILL BE presented to his Birmingham audience by Mrs. Irving MacKenzie, chairman of the day. She has been assisted by Mrs. Edward W. McCaul in planning the program.

A former member of the Ohio State faculty for 19 years, Dr. Hatcher is well known for his books on Ohio and the Northwest Territory and several works on English literature. Many of his books will be on display at the Community House during his appearance.

Dr. Hatcher is a native of Ironton, Ohio, and received his A.B., A.M., and Ph.D., degrees from Ohio State.

Civic, Social Needs To Be Considered At Public Meeting

Civic and social needs of the growing Birmingham area will be discussed at an open meeting of citizens at the Baldwin Public Library auditorium tonight at 8 p.m.

The meeting has been arranged on recommendation of a special study group headed by Paul N. Averill, a member of the United Foundation advisory committee.

Preliminary studies have been made of the advisability of creating a community organization to meet new problems arising out of the rapid growth of the area.

Professor Arthur Dunham, of the University of Michigan, school of social work, will aid in the discussion and act as counsel to the meeting. An effort will be made to give some evaluation to community resources and set up plans for their most effective use.

337 Southfield Children Attend Pierce School

More than a third of the Pierce school student population come from homes outside of the corporate limits of the city, according to a study made after the start of the present school year.

The Birmingham Eccentric this week looked into the makeup of the school student body after city commissioners asked what percentage of the school's enrolment was from homes in Southfield township.

There are 337 pupils out of the total enrollment of 916 who live in the township. The two heaviest sections of concentration are found in the area bounded by Fourteen-Mile road, Pierce, Beverly and Southfield and in Beverly, Greenfield, Thirteen-Mile road and Pierce.

THE QUESTION was raised in connection with the disputed Pierce paving project. The school board told commissioners that it could not pay a special assessment on the school property which amounts to nearly $10,000 for the street paving.

Commissioners then wondered why the city should pay the share of the school property for out-of-town residents who use the street to reach the school and yet do not pay city taxes for construction or maintenance of city streets.

The commission is to again tackle the paving petition after sounding out the school board still further on its stand in the issue.

To see how, turn to Page 2, Part 3

Parking Need Survey Finished

By NORMAN DOUGLAS

Gunderson and Dobelek, traffic engineers from Detroit, have come up with four pages of figures concerning Birmingham's parking problem and have laid the report at the feet of the planning board and city commission.

Now it's up to the city to come up with the answers.

The report told the city:

1. Where the critical parking areas are.

2. How many parking spaces there are in a 25-block area in the center of the city.

3. Which of the spaces are metered, which are unrestricted and which are private.

4. What the demand for parking spaces is in every block and the length of parking time sought for each space.

IN A CITY ALREADY harried by a parking space shortage, the planners decided to determine what the demand was before making any further surveys for additional areas.

They employed the engineering firm for this one purpose and asked that no recommendations be made before some time could be devoted to the demand study.

City Commissioner Frank Rising complimented the engineers on their study and said, "This should give us a clear picture of the problems we face. This report is exactly what we asked for."

One aspect of the downtown parking space problem that the figures crystallized was the fact that the city lacks over 200 spaces in the eight-block business area. This figure represents the demands of both short time and long time parkers.

A second part of the same problem explained by the report was that there actually is a greater demand for long time parkers than the short time shopper in the same area.

THE LONG TIME parkers may be both store employees and apartment dwellers in the downtown region.

Actual counts for the survey were taken on a Saturday morning, believed by the engineers to be the time of the greatest shopping need.

The Saturday morning survey admittedly omits the parking demand of the professional offices, theatres and churches closed during these hours.

Total comparative figures of available space and existing demand do not give a clear picture of the needs of downtown shoppers. The area studied is bounded by Southfield, Euclid, Hunter and Brown.

THE FIGURES DO RELATE, however, actual parking spaces available in the general commercial area that could be used by the business men, store employees and those shoppers willing to walk some distance from their cars to the stores.

The survey reveals that there are 2,436 available parking spaces in the 25-block area with a total demand of 1,815.

In the 10 blocks of central commercial development there are only 999 spaces for a demand of 1,295 cars, leaving a parking deficiency of almost 300 spaces.

The city may now make fairly accurate recommendations to ease the parking headache. They may meter larger portions of the downtown area, seek more municipal off-street parking lots or redesign present parking restrictions.

Oscar M. Gunderson, questioned on how he arrived at the figures indicating demand figures by Planning Board chairman Harry Denyes, told the joint meeting that actual parking counts, license plate counts, studies of individual store business and zoning board restrictions on parking were combined to give the expected demand in each city block studied.

NO BIRMINGHAM RESIDENT would have trouble picking out the number one congested block in the city. The block bounded by Willits, Woodward, Maple and Bates came up with a deficiency of 197 parking spaces.

The engineers found there were 248 motorists who demanded short-time parking and 162 who wanted long-time parking out of a total space for 213 cars.

The block bounded by Pierce, Maple, Woodward and Merrill was the second choice of parkers during the survey. There were 207 drivers who sought a place among the 132 spaces available.

Blocks at the periphery of the business section were free enough to park several semi-trailers. The area bounded by Maple, Brownell, Forest and Woodward offered 119 empty spaces to Saturday morning shoppers.

Totals for long and short time parkers revealed that 953 persons wanted to stay awhile once they found a spot to park the family four-wheeler, while only 862 apparently wanted to stop, park and shop.

Special Spring Clean-Up Dates Are Announced

Birmingham's annual spring cleanup will be observed may 12-16, when special city rubbish pick-ups will be provided in addition to the regular collections.

As in the past, any material placed at the curb on regular collection days will be taken by city trucks.

Norman Knapp, DPW superintendent, cautioned householders again that articles must be of a size which one man can load safely.

"WE MAKE a special effort each spring," he said, "to remove winter's accumulation of 'junk' for householders. Yard rakings and shrub prunings can be placed at the curb with the regular containers of tins, bottles, jars and so forth at this time.

"In preparing these articles for collection, we ask homeowners to tie bundles of limbs securely and have them in fairly short lengths. We ask this special cooperation of householders in order that our men may make all collections on schedule. The increase at this time of year is high, and the more time we can save the better service we can give."

STRICTLY FRESH

THE world population of 2,400,000,000 may increase as much as 1,200,000,000, or 50 per cent, in the next 30 years, according to UN estimates. The slogan will change to "One World or More."

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Hints for amateur gardeners: Burn the seed catalogues and put up the hammock.

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With the baseball season in full swing psychologists can solve

many cases just by pointing to the home team's losing streak.

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An Ohio man, threatened with a lawsuit, called on the Civil Defense Director to defend him. Might be able to take care of him if he were an incendiary.

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Girls who attend dances at the U. S. Air Force base in Ipswich, England, must carry identification and agree "not to peck." Should keep a lot of flyers up in the air.

Three Candidates Seek School Board Election

Petitions are being circulated for school board incumbents Ross A. Campbell of Franklin and William Spence, 30525 Greenfield, whose four-year terms on the board expire in June.

Another candidate, Mrs. Elaine Helmer Parnie, 269 Wimbleton, is also in the running this year.

Mrs. Parnie, while she has never sought office before, said she had considered the idea for some time.

Candidates have until 4:30 p.m., May 9, in which to file. Each petition must have not less than 50 nor more than 75 signatures of registered school district electors. Applications may be made at the board of education office, with Mrs. Irene Stevens.

DR. G. P. RAYNALE

Wayne University To Honor Local Doctor on May 14

Dr. George P. Raynale, dean of Birmingham's physicians and surgeons, will be awarded a golden anniversary diploma by the Wayne Alumni Association at the 66th Annual Clinic Day scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, at the Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit.

Dr. Raynale, who lives at 423 Tooting Lane, was born in Birmingham and has practiced here since graduation. His grandfather, Dr. Ebenezzar Raynale, came to Birmingham in 1928 from Vermont. Dr. Raynale's father, Charles M., also practiced medicine in this area.

ALL SURVIVING members of the class of 1902 will be presented the 50-year diplomas in recognition of "50 years of faithful and honorable service in the Art and Science of Medicine."

The Detroit College of Medicine from which Dr. Raynale graduated in 1902, is a parent institution of Wayne University, and its graduates, by authority of Wayne's governing body, the Detroit Board of Education, are considered Wayne University Alumni.

District School Census to Include All Residents

The Birmingham school district will take a complete population census this year in connection with the annual school census. Work will be started May 10, continuing through the month.

Mrs. Irene Stevens, child accountant for the Birmingham schools, said school records, required by law, list all persons residing within the district who are 20 years of age or under.

"The school census," she said, "forms the basis for the granting of state aid to the school district. A set remuneration is allowed the district for each child reported.

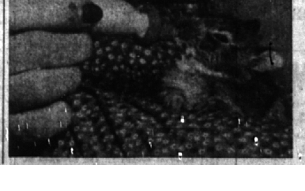
"THE CENSUS also helps determine future school building needs and to estimate the future enrollment of each school. It gives us the information needed to plan kindergarten roundups which prepare five-year-olds for their first school experience."

Mrs. Stevens said the complete census was being taken this year to enable school officials to determine more fully the possibility of future enrollments in the system.

"It will give us a complete picture of potential growth in that young families, with no children, will be recorded in our report. We also will have a clear picture of vacant properties and a chance to weigh the possible influence they may have on fall enrollment.

"IN THE PAST state applications have asked for the complete district population several times, explaining they were better prepared to project future plans when all these details are known.

"We in Birmingham will be able to classify some sections as inhabited by young or old householders, and gain an idea where population expansion is most likely."



Peter Rabbit's Feeding Time

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Rate Would Remain at 19½ Mills

Operation of Birmingham city government for the 1952-53 fiscal year can be maintained only by boosting the new budget about 5½ per cent over last year's figure, City Manager D. C. Egbert indicated in his proposed budget submitted to the city commission Monday night.

The tax rate would be held to $19.50 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, the same as last year's rate.

For the next fiscal year, the city needs $1,089,425, compared to $1,033,089.74 this year, which ends June 30, 1952, or an increase of only $56,335.26, Egbert reported.

The city commission set Monday night, May 19, for the first hearing on the proposed budget. Tentative plans call for adoption of the budget possibly on May 26, with the required appropriations resolution to be made on June 2.

THE TENTATIVE budget includes provision for a ½-cent increase for hourly-rated city workers, and a 3½ per cent boost in wages for all salaried employees except the city manager, who is not scheduled for a salary increase, Egbert said.

Exact amounts of salary increases, particularly for the top brackets, will be decided in the annual appropriation resolution, Egbert said.

Departmental costs are up $71,019.09 over last year, principally in the fire department ($14,030) and police department ($16,113).

A new department—finance—is included this year at a cost of $11,180.

Anticipated revenue is up a net of $36,335.26, which is the amount of the proposed budget increase.

As figured by Egbert, increased valuations and new construction will bring the city $94,685.26 additional in general tax levy. The levy last year returned $687,314.74, while the proposed levy would bring in $782,000.

Estimating that building construction in the city will drop about 30 per cent during the next fiscal year, Egbert believes the revenue from permits will be down $7,475.

Departmental revenue will be down $29,750, primarily as the result of the segregation of parking meter revenueus into a separate parking utility fund.

AS OUTLINED by Egbert, this fund would be used as the commission determines for improvement of both on-street and off-street parking.

He said it is contemplated that the parking fund would purchase the meters at their present value (about $17,000 which would be returned to the city's general fund), leaving a net of about $10,000 which this next fiscal year would go into the parking utility fund.

Other budget message highlights include:

A proposal to increase rubbish collection charges for the business section to obtain another $1,700 a year;

Addition of one more policeman and one more fireman;

Allowance for increased cost of utilities and supplies in the amount of $12,000;

A BOOST in the city recreation board's budget, bringing it to $10,000 from last year's $8,169.

Calling in on Oct. 1 of $23,000 worth of city bonds;

Money for a revamping of the traffic signal system at Maple and Woodward;

Resurfacing of N. Woodward from Brown to Oak street at an estimated cost of $16,000; and

A $14,000 appropriation for the city's share of road oiling programs.

At the conclusion of his proposed budget, Egbert stated:

"THE BUDGET is not as adequate as we would desire in many instances. However, it is an effort to keep expenditures within the financial ability of the city to meet and also to make a reasonable allowance for the improvements of a capital nature which are needed by the city.

"Care must be exercised in the operations to maintain the expenditures within the limits established in order that the city can further improve its general financial situation.

"Tax collections are at an all-time high and the general situation is comparable to the situation which existed in the late twenties which later resulted in serious impairment of the city's credit. Great care should be exercised that such a situation does not again occur."

The following is a summary of the proposed 1952-53 budget revenues and expenditures:

(See PROPOSED BUDGET, Page 2)