

New Working Offer Submitted

The annual sending of Christmas cards to your friends can be made a joyful occasion in addressing each envelope you send. The love and something of the personality of a friend—thus removing the sending from that of a routine obligation.

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THAT and THAT

By G. R. A.

"ETERNAL VIGILANCE" IS THE PRICE OF LOWER TAXES
The budget of the commonwealth states that taxation is absolutely necessary to support government, regardless of the level of unit involved.
From the colossal federal government right on down to the village and township, what they do requires money, both for their personnel and the physical projects they carry out in the public interest.
So taxation is necessary, even desirable—within practical limits.
Today, as we all know, the average American citizen is paying a greater proportion of his income toward the payment of taxes than any generation. The present units of course, due to chaotic world conditions, most of the taxes we pay into the federal treasury's coffers are for military defense.

WITH THE advent of the Eisenhower administration a year ago some decrease in military spending has been effected. Two, many thousands of federal "military jobs" have been eliminated, and these reductions in expenditures will show in next year's decrease in income tax payments.
Also, it must not be forgotten, one's own State, county, school and municipal governments cost you taxpayers a fair part of your annual income. These municipal units can be controlled better than in the case of the federal government, and it is the citizen's duty to see that the citizen interest can bring this about.

It seems to me, though, that curbing the area of taxation that each of us should be most interested in is that related to the federal government. The causes of the huge bureaucracy to diminish in size and cost, we ought to keep our eyes on the federal government's activities. They are the boys and girls who approve the federal budget—then later they vote for the various appropriations they make.

AS I HAVE SAID many, many times before in this column: let us never forget that the state (wherever it is) has no enemies, it is potentially an "enemy"; and by this I mean simply that it will most likely be against you in any way it can get away with.
I think this in reference to every public official, especially the majority of them.

Marking hasn't yet learned how to make his better citizenry as easily as made evident in public affairs.



LEONARD PYLKAS JOHN CAMPBELL KATHRYN FEYERISEN THOMAS REED WILLIAM HARVIE DAVID REDWOOD Lathrup's first council, judge, pose for first formal picture. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Lathrup's First Council Names Harvie As Mayor

By NORMAN DOUGLAS

William H. Harvie, lawyer, engineer and bridge contractor—is the first mayor of the City of Lathrup Village.
The former charter commissioner chairman became mayor of the fledgling city Monday night by the margin of one vote over John G. Campbell, energetic promoter of Lathrup's incorporation and also a charter commissioner.

Sworn in as the first members of the city council were Leonard Pylkas, John Campbell, Kathryn Feyerisen, Thomas Reed and David B. Redwood. Leonard V. Pylkas took the oath as municipal judge. Mrs. Georgia Nelson, now acting as secretary, performed the oath-taking ceremonies.
Prior to balloting for the city's official head, an unusual request from one of the councilmen brought four minutes impromptu campaign speeches from both Harvie and Campbell, both aspirants to the mayor's chair.
Harvie, as charter commissioner chairman presided during the early minutes of the council's first meeting.

Called to the floor after Campbell stressed the importance of public relations with those entered by the success of the incorporation vote as one of his campaign issues, Harvie told the audience of 25 that his main endeavor if elected mayor would be to further economy in city operations.
HARVIE BRIEFLY outlined his educational and occupational background by relating that he was a graduate civil engineer of the University of Michigan and was accepted for law practice in 1933 after attending night school.
At one time he was district road commissioner for 10 counties in the Southeastern Michigan area and for 11 counties near Grand Rapids. He later became Michigan State highway department engineer.
During World War II he served

experience in setting up the government of Hazel Park and his interest in cementing relations between opposing factions in the city seemed to him to be good qualifications of a mayor.
The first resolution favored by the council following acceptance of the mayor's office was made by Councilman Thomas Reed, who moved that Mrs. Florence Bennett, 814 S. Sunnyside, be appointed acting clerk of the city at a salary of \$65 a week. Mrs. Bennett was formerly employed as a clerk with Southfield township.
City officers will be set up in the House—The Woods 1900 Forest Drive, and office hours were opened there Tuesday of this week from until 5 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. Saturday hours will be between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
The council will meet on both Monday, Dec. 21 and 28, and will meet twice monthly after the first of the year on the first and third Mondays of every month.

with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers where he handled construction jobs on both airports and highways in Alaska.
"It is natural for a person to want to head the government that he has spent so much time attempting to create," Harvie stated. "I like to think that the success of the charter incorporation election and the charter election was partly due to my efforts."

HARVIE CONCLUDED by stating that as a bridge contractor he would have a good deal of time to spend in the job of mayor.
Campbell, who polled two of the council's five votes, stated that his

Township Services To Be Continued

Southfield township services to the City of Lathrup Village will not be discontinued now that the city has been incorporated, William H. Harvie assured residents Monday night.
Harvie stated that police and fire protection as well as road maintenance and rubbish collection would be continued until the time when contracts can be entered into between township and city. He hopes to provide these services itself.
The most eminent concern of residents appears to be fire protection. Harvie told councilmen that the township would respond to any fire calls in Lathrup and that a contract between city and township would be furthered as quickly as possible.
A check with the Oakland County road commission revealed that the county would maintain roads in the city until the first of January. It is hoped that road maintenance will be negotiated for continuance of this work, according to Harvie.

Assessor About to Start On 1954 City Tax Roll

Field work needed in the preparation of the 1954 Birmingham tax assessment roll is nearing completion and should be finished shortly after the first of the year, City Assessor Elmer W. Haack reported this week.
"A final check of our figures will begin Jan. 1," Haack said.

He said the new roll probably would reflect only the new building activity during the past year, plus some adjustments in properties which have been increased or decreased in value as based on recent sales in the neighborhood.
UNOFFICIAL TOTALS of the city building inspector's office show \$3,791,055 in building activity for the first 11 months of 1953. The corresponding period during 1952 saw \$6,751,955 in new construction.
Birmingham's 1953 assessed valuation was \$45,453,840, and was based on approximately 8,500 parcels of property and about 275 personal tax accounts, Haack said.

He explained that the new tax assessment roll will be closed March 1, and the board of review will examine it March 8-9. Then the final roll will be reported to the city commission as soon as possible thereafter, Haack said.
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In Dec. 9 Letter to Mayor Main

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He added that Wednesday evening he would seek from the city an answer to the sponsoring group's newest offer of Dec. 9. "Something must be done for those all-day parkers who have been using the two parking lots immediately behind our two buildings," he emphasized.

City commissioners met last night to discuss with representatives of the northwest quadrant of off-street parking group a proposal under which the city would operate a 60-car metered parking lot on the west side of N. Bates street, while the sponsoring group would do the same for a 200-car lot between Bates and Woodward and north of Willets.

This sudden special meeting in Detroit an emergency ambulance service for the Office of Civilian Defense, which was later adopted nationally.
He has been on the Bloomfield Hills City Commission since its inception in 1932, serving two terms as mayor, and as road commissioner, police and fire commissioner. He currently is Bloomfield Hills City Treasurer.

HE IS A member of Birmingham Rotary Club, Cornell University and University of Michigan alumni associations, Detroit Athletic Club, Players Club and a past president of Detroit Boat Club.
Otter is widely known as a travel enthusiast. He has motored through virtually all parts of Europe, Africa, the Azores, Canada, South and Central America.
He is taking leadership of Auto Club when it is on the threshold of its greatest domestic and international travel boom in history.
Otter is married to Mrs. G. G. Taylor and Gaskin, Inc., and Indiana Bridge Co., was elected to the club's board of directors. Directors also include Birmingham's James Vernon, 4805 N. Harpsdale, Bloomfield Hills, also is on the club's board of directors. Directors and officers serve without remuneration as a civic service.

THREE LOTS on the west side of Bates, north of Willets, of a three-year lease at a rental of 50 per cent of net meter revenue.
Wabeek-Jacobson would operate another off-street parking lot on seven parcels of property between Bates and Woodward as a private parking lot, setting such charges as deemed necessary for both all-day and short-term parkers.
The offer includes an agreement that Wabeek-Jacobson would remove existing overhead utility surface both the city lot and private lot at the sponsoring group's own expense.

IN THE letter which made this offer, it was disclosed that both Wabeek and Jacobson's offer will make a charge for parking on the lots immediately to the rear of their respective buildings.
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J. Lee Barrett and Weeks, both of Grosse Pointe, also were reported to be interested.
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Police Chief Warns Of Shopping Thieves

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley has warned motorists that thieves are preying on cars parked in Birmingham.
"Every time people leave gifts and packages in unlocked parked cars while they continue their shopping, they are presenting themselves the golden opportunity to do their Christmas shopping early," said the chief.
He pointed out that during the past week, two cars were rifled of Christmas presents in a downtown parking lot while \$105 in cash was stolen from a car parked near the Post Office.
Moxley said persons can avoid these losses by locking their cars before leaving them. People should also leave a minimum of packages in their cars, added Moxley.

Invited To Tea

Birmingham board of education members Tuesday night received an invitation to attend the annual Christmas tea at the high school for faculty members, Monday, Dec. 21.
All makes of inner spring mattresses are available at the lowest prices. PANY, Dial "O" and ask for ENTERTAINMENT data.

Kid's Christmas Party Requires Both Theatres

For the seventh straight year, the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce will entertain the tiny tots of Birmingham school district when it holds its annual Christmas party Saturday morning, Dec. 19.
Children attending grades 1, 2 and 3 of Birmingham schools will be the guests of honor at a cartoon movie party, the Birmingham Theater and the Bloomfield Theater will be used this year, according to Charles Mortensen, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 11:05 a.m. Mortensen said parents should be on hand at the close of the program to pick up their children, but because of space limitations should not plan to attend with the children.
Cartoon movies suitable to the Christmas season will be followed by an appearance by Santa Claus himself. Santa will talk to the kiddies briefly, and then the children will file into the lobby where Santa Claus helpers will give each one a gift.

A SCHEDULE has been set up to see that the load on the two theaters is equally divided. Identical programs will be shown. Children in the grades indicated who attend Baldwin, Pierce and Walnut Lake schools will go to the Bloomfield Theater.
Those attending Adams, Bloomfield Village, Franklin, Quarton, Terry, Holy Name, and St. Hugo will go to the Birmingham Theater. Tickets are being sent to be distributed at the various schools in an effort to avoid confusion.
Mortensen said both theaters are expected to be well filled each night. The school census shows that 2,000 children in the first to third grade age group live in the district.

THE SAID nobody knows just when this annual children's party originated but that for many years it was carried on under the sponsorship of the Retail Merchants association, the predecessors of the Chamber of Commerce.
The Chamber has sponsored the event since 1947.

NOW QUITE recovered, he has resumed activities as a chemistry student and as a member of the freshman swimming squad. His range aim at the moment is medicine school.
Slater is new to the East. He finds Boston and vicinity "crowded and very hard to drive in, otherwise pretty much as I pictured it."
"He's really hardy," Slater says. "I've seen four of us get together helped us a lot, and every now and then I'll go to a dinner at Winthrop House where he lives."

It Helps Immensely to Have a Few Townsman Show You Around, 3 B'ham Freshmen Find

Three Birmingham men starting as freshmen at Harvard College this fall promptly found an air of strangeness they might have felt at their new home dispelled by a one man reception committee in the person of a fourth Birmingham resident who already was well established there.
The beginners are Donald Adam, 17, of 1265 Villa, James G. Barr, 18, of 487 Willets, and G. Edward Sliser, 18, of 1400 Gleggery. The veteran is Robert Hardy, 35, of Hazelwood. All are graduates of Birmingham high school.
Bob Hardy, a senior, had made himself well known at the university as the first straggler back on the varsity football team. A top notch line backer last year in the days of two platoon football, Hardy made a quick adjustment to two-way rules and from the opening game, had local sports writers lavishing praise upon him.

FINAL GROUP OF CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

ADAM EXPECTS to go out for freshman basketball and freshman rowing in the winter. He is not "overly confident."
Like his old school friend, Jim Barr, Don is no stranger to New England. Barr, in fact, was born across the street from Harvard College and spent most of his time in New England communities, with Adam and Barr see a good deal

Automobiles Hit 3 Pedestrians In Single Week

Three persons are reported in poor condition at the Joseph hospital, Pontiac, where they are suffering from injuries received in pedestrian accidents in the Birmingham streets last week.
In the hospital are Mrs. Mildred Stanford, 60, of 691 Wallace; Mrs. Rose Green, 57, of 867 Bennell; and Gavin Blackwood, 54, of 105 Lincoln Ct.

Mrs. Stanford was crossing Henrietta at W. Maple late Wednesday night, when she was struck by a car driven by Carl Barton, 18, of 432 Baldwin. Her left hip was broken.
BARTLESON was arrested for making an improper left turn and driving on a red light during a period of low visibility. He told police that he was not exceeding 10 mph when his car hit Mrs. Sanford.

Wednesday night, Dec. 9, Mrs. Green was struck while crossing Woodward near her home by a car driven by Earl Clarence Riley, 58, of 172 George. She suffered head injuries and abrasions of the legs.
Riley told police that he was traveling north on Woodward at about 40 mph, through the rain, when he "suddenly saw a woman in my lane come back to stop. I was too close to stop, but applied my brakes before I hit her." He was not hurt.

ACCORDING to police, Blackwood was struck Friday evening when he ran across the sidewalk from the bus stop north of Fourteen Mile to join his wife waiting in a car on the east curb of Woodward.
He was struck by a car driven by a 16-year-old girl who had just stepped from the bus stop. Witnesses in the girls' car, Miller said, did not see Blackwood until he was trapped under the hood of the car. Both his legs were broken.

To Buy Books, Radios For Village Schools

In memory of Mrs. Margaret Weinstein, teacher in the Birmingham school district who died last year, the Bloomfield Village PTA is making an equal contribution from this year's income. The PTA will buy two radios for use in the school.
The money will come from donations and last year's fair. The PTA is also planning to buy books for the school.

HOLDING UP ITS PROUD HEAD

Early this season's first real show was the above picture, appropriately named "Summer Snow." Brooks Whipple, 1955 Lincoln Ct., claims the three small bushes in front of his house have been blooming since June and the unusually warm weather seems to have the roses confused. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

STRICTLY FRESH

Life's low living, no matter how high or low the cost.
Why is it that many people who could live the lowest that they "claim use more money" seldom do?
Trustees of the British Museum are under fire for taking so long to uncover the Piltdown man hoax. But why get so excited over a dead phony where there are so many live ones running around?

Atomic bombs can be likened to political campaigns—a blast, then a lot of hot air, accompanied by plenty of unpleasant radio (or TV) activity.
Each new year automobiles get lower, and we don't mean in price.