

Material evidence of wealth, the satisfaction of the senses... these two qualities are not the basis of the Good... Detroit... happiness is to build a house without a good foundation: because of this, so much of our world is without peace.

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## THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

It is reported that an ordinary cucumber in Russia costs \$12.25 today. Well, what price can you expect when Russian dressing is used?

Now that spring has arrived and summer is just around the corner, we presume that Birmingham will blossom out with girls wearing the tails of their dad's shirts outside their blue jeans. How wondrous are the whims of women and their habitations! (Come to think of it, though, don't the males love to wear old shirts and hats on occasion?)

People who chronically loaf on their job have a lot of crust—and in the evening of their lives more than most do not have enough crumbs on their tables to make a loaf of bread.

Perhaps a good way to remember that unnecessary fast driving in a motor car on the street may lead to a possible accident goes something like this: from, say, 50 miles and upward per hour, assume that you have no wheels on your car, which makes it a flying bullet. This may cause you to be impressed with the fact that you're really sitting on an object whose direction is changed at any second. . . . Anything you speak in public—it's anybody ready to say something that interests others that takes the time and talent.

In every community there are many tasks that require the voluntary efforts of its citizens. The desire that a community is better than average is reflected in the quantity and quality of such citizen volunteer efforts. Birmingham is blessed with many public-spirited men and women—yet could always use more of 'em, most of the time.

In 1942 Birmingham had a population of 111,960, and an assessed property valuation of \$13,346,980. Today the population is estimated at 220,000 plus, with a valuation of \$48,812,600. These figures provide the best proof that this area is considered one of the best and fastest growing in Michigan. But the various commissions that support city and school district governments, are going to be high for some years to come.

In a recent issue of this newspaper, we reported that too often the public attendance at city commission meetings are not able to hear what the various commissioners talk about, as they sit around their tables. It is to be hoped that this defect will be repaired, in the interests of a better relationship between all people concerned. (Should the qualification for public office, where there is a candidate have a strong enough conversational voice to be heard?)

### B'ham Supervisors Are Reappointed

Birmingham's five representatives to the Oakland county board of supervisors have been reappointed by city commissioners.

They are Mrs. Cyril E. Lewis, 720 Lakeview; Clarence Blain, 1331 Birmingham Blvd.; City Assessor Elmer W. Heck; Luther Hancock, 704 Hanna; and David Levinson, 2156 Northawn.

### Starting With This Issue—Two New Correspondents

Columns: EAST BEVERLY  
Written by: Joan Spiegel  
See Page 7, Sect. 4  
and  
WING LAKE-FOXROFT  
Written by: Margery Stecker  
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ALLEN-WOOD COTTAGE, bearing home, ladies. Special diet, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Allowance of millage for township operation must be approved by the Oakland County allocation board. Final assessed valuation of the township has been set at \$51,125,200.

Anticipated revenues from tax returns, fees and licenses are expected to total \$231,300, leaving a balance of \$167,170 to be raised by a general property tax. Allowance of millage for township operation must be approved by the Oakland County allocation board. Final assessed valuation of the township has been set at \$51,125,200.

## Easter Services Set in Churches

Again Birmingham faces its annual Good Friday and Easter observances with a special meaning for several congregations.

Peace American Lutheran church on West 13 Mile, will hold its first Easter services, while the First Presbyterian, St. James Episcopal and Congregational churches in Birmingham will observe this church festival in their new church homes.

Southfield United Presbyterian, in addition to its regular church observances, will break ground for the new educational unit, first step in a long-range construction program.

Meanwhile, on Good Friday, several city churches will join for union Tre Ore services in the First Baptist church.

The Easter services will be based on the seven last words of Christ.

Opening at 12:05, with the Rev. Robert D. Dewey of the Congregational Church of Birmingham speaking the topic will be "Fathers forgive them for they know not what they do," and "Today shalt Thou be with me in Paradise."

At 2 o'clock service, the Rev. William Lovoy of the Peace American Lutheran church, Rodney M. Peterson, minister of music at First Methodist, will arrange a special program.

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## B'ham Names Renfrew, Hills Picks Beresford

Elected this week as mayors of their respective cities were Charles W. Renfrew, Birmingham, and James A. Beresford, Bloomfield Hills.

Appointed mayor pro tem in Birmingham was V. B. Watkins, while C. T. Eden was named mayor pro tem of Bloomfield Hills.

Renfrew's history in public office dates to 1951 when he was appointed to the city commission to fill a vacancy. He won election to the vacant seat for one year in April, 1952, and was re-elected in 1953. He was elected mayor Monday night by fellow commissioners.

Bloomfield Hills is slated to swap mayors for a day with Grosse Pointe Farms.

It's all a part of the promoters of Michigan Week's plan to create more interest in Michigan on the part of its residents, and to get communities of the state better acquainted.

Four steps to improve facilities related to the city's eastside fire station site at Adams and Bowers were taken by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

Commissioners agreed to construct a crossover at Bowers in the U. S. 10 boulevard and move the present traffic signal at Hazel and Hunter to the Bowers intersection. A proposal of the state highway department to temporarily close the Hazel street crossover did not meet with the commissioners' approval.

The city will bear expense of the new crossover and half of the \$1000 cost in moving the signal.

THE CITY also agreed to construct an eight-inch water main on Bowers between Hunter and Adams. Cost of this is estimated at \$10,825, to be paid for from surplus water department funds.

A hearing was set for Monday, May 3, to determine necessity of a special assessment district to finance the completion of an eight-inch sewer on Bowers from Adams to Hunter. An eight inch sewer now exists in two-thirds of the block and the city will have to construct an extension in the west third of the block and replace pipes in the east third.

The May 3 date also will see a city hearing on paving Bowers from Adams to Hunter.

IN CLOSING Roll Call officers, Mrs. Berrien C. Ketchum, 1954 director, said, "My thanks go to all who responded in this campaign, either through work or donations."

Much of the month's board meeting was devoted to discussing assets and liabilities of the House, based on reports of the budget and finance committees.

Other business included House director Mrs. Carlton Isley's report on the proposed Ranch House building, which will be available for use in emergencies and will be coordinated with police, fire, and ham radio stations in defense work.

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## To Plus Fire Halls

Westside Gets 1st Priority

Groundbreaking ceremonies July 1 and completion of the West Maple fire station by Jan. 1, 1955, is the aim of Birmingham city officials as plans for the sale of a \$225,000 bond issue to finance two stations—one on the east side of the city—are being rushed.

Voters approved the bond issue April 5 and City Manager D. C. Egbert immediately began his bond selling application to the Michigan municipal finance commission.

To speed the process and to insure that the city will assist in the development of terms of the proposed first station bond issue, Egbert has asked the finance commission, and assist in seeking and analyzing bids on the bond issue.

CAREY, WHO is presently working with the commission on a proposed issue of revenue bonds for the purpose of promoting the state economy.

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### Southfield OKs \$400,000 Budget For Coming Year

A 200 Southfield residents Saturday night, April 10, approved the 1954-55 year, the township's 1954-55 year.

The record budget is over \$100,000 higher than the present year's figures.

Voters approved the budget at a meeting with township officials and added \$990 to the welfare fund, which will change in the proposed figures.

Biggest jump in the budget was a \$100,000 increase in the assessment of all properties in the township. Supervisor William Rees told election judges that increases in assessments had been found in the township and asked for the 1954-55 year.

### 6th Grader Compiles List of H-Bomb Survival Rules

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When asked what information he would like to pass along to The Eccentric's readers, he produced a penciled sheet of white paper.

Upon the paper were the scientific notes David had compiled concerning the problem of survival under atomic attack. Here they are:

### Southfield Stops Building Permits In Subdivision

Building permits in Cambridge Village subdivision were withheld Monday night by Southfield township board members.

The order followed protests of subdivision residents about flooded basements and backups of the sub's sanitary sewage system.

Supervisor William Rees agreed to stop issuance of any further building permits until the city discussed the matter with Oakland County Drain Commissioner Ralph A. Main.

ROESER STATED he would follow up with the city and insist that the sewage system in this subdivision was inadequate.

### Budget Deficit Seen For Troy Radio District

Teacher pay raises coupled with increased operating costs may force Troy township school district \$22,000 into the red in the 1954-55 fiscal year, Superintendent K. Baker told the board of education Tuesday night.

The operating budget requested of \$604,132.46, which was approved by the board, exceeds the 1954-55 estimated revenues of \$582,000.

Baker said the budget deficit would be made up by the board raising a flat \$300 across-the-board raises to teachers.

PAY FOR TEACHERS on the lower levels of the salary schedule will be increased slightly more than previous years.

### Annexed Area To Be Zoned At May 10 Hearing

Initial development of the 46-acre parcel of former Troy township area, annexed to Birmingham as a result of the April 5 election, will be decided by an official city lists as yet," said Harvie.

PLANS TO conduct Michigan City and Township Board of Education Tuesday night.

City commissioners Monday night approved the entire plan design, although it is to be recorded as it is developed.

THEY SET May 10 for the zoning hearing. A "gentlemen's agreement," decided before the election, provided that the city commission approved appropriating the \$16,287 now in the fire station fund to be transferred to the two sites for construction.

### Reese Told He Is Postmaster

Roland W. Reese, 1847 Webster, learned this week that he has been appointed acting postmaster of Birmingham.

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### Strictly Fresh

Any golfer can tell you that a bad day never lasts.

The man who drinks to drown his troubles is indulging in a bit of wishful thinking.

An Army general is accused of building a \$1,200 dog house.

He must have known that someday he'd have to ask his dog to move over.

### What's New?

Anthropologists have often said that boys of this generation are bigger than their predecessors.

Maybe the boys of this generation are bigger than their predecessors.

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