

Very Important to Appraise Value of a Public Job

Last week this newspaper published a most informative special article that revealed the rates of compensation paid local and nearby city, village, township and public school officials.

Some of our readers were of the opinion that, in most cases, the salaries and other gratuities being paid were in keeping with the particular quantity and quality of services performed.

The Eccentric did not endeavor in this compilation to compare these compensations with other vocational and professional services.

SALARIES THAT WE THINK need

Interceptor Project Hinges on Charter Vote

Birmingham and Bloomfield township are proceeding officially on the plan that additions to the present city disposal plant will solve their mutual Rouge river pollution problems.

Everyone pretty much agrees this interceptor is the most efficient, economical manner of meeting the area's problem.

But Southfield holds the key. Scheduling requires quick action by that municipality, otherwise the Birmingham plant

Convenient Up-and-Away Beds

A new cure has been found for crowded homes.

Guy Roberge, a retired lieutenant-colonel, has devised a series of pulleys by which beds may be shifted to the ceiling in the daytime, and sleeping rooms turned

From The Eccentric's Point of View ...

It's certainly not the most prominent way to serve one's community, but certainly it's as important as any other—and sometimes more spectacular. We are referring to the combined 90 years' service to Birmingham which came from Frank Olsen, 72, Herbert Moore, 62, and Charles Fredericks, 64, three volunteer firemen who have just retired from the department.

Decision of Birmingham commissioners to sell several lots on Southfield, above 14 Mile, for residential use is to be commended. City affairs have jelled to the point where the lots need no longer to be held for possible development as another well site. A test hole recently showed out dry.

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Sunday Drive in Southeast Michigan



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By ALICE E. MORGAN

We, in the United States, are celebrating National Newspaper Week. Most of us moan and groan a bit at the idea of "another one of those weeks"

It is silly, the number of "national weeks" we have on our calendars, but this particular one might be due some thought. What is it—why do we celebrate it? It might be termed as a week wherein newspapers put themselves on the back. It might be considered as a week for persons enjoying a "free" license to stop and count their blessings.

Your paper brings you the news as the straight and narrow, the governmental powers want it to appear. Should an official stray from the straight and narrow, the newspaper can, and does, reveal his shortcomings. He is not beyond criticism simply because he is in a position of authority.

SHOULD a city, county or state inaugurate a practice which is contrary to the wishes of the majority of citizens, it comes in for its share of foreign criticism. In many foreign countries no news carrier carries such a burden for the simple reason that they are under government control. "Censorship" is the polite term.

Should some editor dare to print criticism and get past the censors with it, he would face immediate arrest and possible death.

We, our editors, do not only free to print it, their readers demand it. Newspapers staff reporters who are specialists in the fields of politics and administration. It is their job to report these things, to alert the public to what is going on within their area and to stop short the off-beat activities of officials.

THE LOVE of freedom, as represented by the press, was at its highest during war years when

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Since the end of the war, the Birmingham telephone exchange has been kept put to keep up with the telephone demand—occasional, of course, by the tremendous growth of this area.

So most Midwest phones, when disconnected, don't stay so long. Today, reports Bell Manager Al Warner, his office is having a hard time holding back such disconnects for a week or 10 days.

The company likes to keep them out of use for at least 30 days, longer if possible, so the new user won't be bothered by many calls for the former subscriber.

This is handled by placing disconnects at the bottom of the list, taking new assignments from the top. Warner's list is short.

But he is looking forward to the first of the year, when he expects to have ready for use more than 5,000 newly installed lines in the Midwest 6 and 7 exchange.

Hazel Park councilmen are circulating petitions—to be sent to "the proper officials"—calling for diesel-powered buses to release their exhaust gases vertically and no lower than the top of the exhaust stack. This may be of some help, should the measure meet with legislative approval.

First of Mich. Wins Bond Sale

First of Michian Corp. headed a group of seven bond firms which last week bought \$2,000,000 in bonds at a sale held at the Birmingham Board of Education.

Five syndicates submitted bids, with First of Michigan submitting the low of 2.88 percent average interest.

THE BONDS constitute the first part of the authorized \$7 million bond issue passed by the voters last June. This first segment of the over-

But those oil fumes from most buses still will be obnoxious, no matter from what height they come.

Seems an occasional new set of spark plugs and new piston rings would be more effective.

Good roads will cost us less money and lives than we are now paying for our bad roads.

Newspaper readers from time to time are wont to criticize their publications for printing too much bad news and not enough good news.

"So" this week, here are some of the "good" news items to consider: In America, there are 163,110,000 people who are not members of the Communist party.

During the year, more than 37 million couples will stay happily married—more or less.

And 62,559,256 people will not die of cancer this year.

Another 162,334,534 Americans will be safe from fatal heart attacks.

Then, too, most of the time will see close to 16 million organized workers not on strike.

In Washington, the Internal Revenue Dept. will discover 43,922,514 wage earners will have properly filed their 1955 income tax returns.

And on the average day, nearly 64 million people are working to bring home the bacon that night.

5,000 New Phones To Be Added Here

Next month, Michigan Bell will start adding more than 5,000 new numbers to its Birmingham exchange, Manager A. H. Warner said.

Very few numbers now are available on present equipment, he added.

Size of the Midwest 6 exchange will double, while some others are added to the MI-7 group, Warner said.

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Oakland county population has grown from 254,068 in 1940 to 396,001 in 1950, according to official county census figures.

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deavoring to raise funds to buy a new grand piano for Baldwin high school. Instead of the artists' series sponsored by the group in the past, all efforts will be used to help buy the piano.

Robert Slusser, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Slusser, has just recently received an appointment as junior organist of St. James Episcopal church in Chicago where he is a second year student at the American Conservatory of Music.

Robert is studying organ with Sowerby, a musician composer, who is senior organist at this church. Robert is a student organ with Sowerby.

Motion picture actress Patricia Ellis was in Birmingham over the weekend as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Guter of Oxford, Ind. Miss Ellis left the first of miles around with her father, Eugene O'Brien in Gross Pointe.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hartman have set sail for their son's Lyons home accompanied by the best wishes of every acquaintance for miles around. The people of South Lyons are to be congratulated.

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High School Offers Study of Economics

New Fall classes in basic economics started at Birmingham high school Tuesday. The course is offered by the Henry George school of social science and is an inquiry into the cause of poverty and depression.

It has as its text Henry George's "Progress and Poverty." This is a ten-lesson course, one two-hour session each week. There is no tuition fee or other charge.

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