Your Top Local Public Officials Get These Salaries:

Do you know how much money your key municipal officials are paid for running your city, or your township, or your school board?

Answers for Birmingham area residents can be found in this specially prepared article, another of the continuing public interest services of The Birmingham Eccentric.

As far as can be determined, no other comparable publication ever has presented such statistics in compiled form.

The Eccentric obtained these figures for its readers, believing that many taxpayers will find it interesting to learn the salaries of these officials, and, in some cases, to compare the salaries against those earned in business enterprises.

ALL OF THE FIGURES are current but subject to change periodically, whenever the operating budgets of the various units either justify salary increases or demand decreases. Rising costs of living, growth in population and increasing demands on the services of public officials all are taken into consideration when salary increases are authorized.

In some cases, there are lags, due to lack of public funds, but in most cases, adjustments are made as often as possible, so that salaries will be in line with the duties and responsibilities of each job.

On the city level, the Michigan Municipal League with offices in Ann Arbor, has for 12 years published compilations of salaries and wages in Michigan municipalities—all the way from cities of more than 1,000,000 population to those of 4,000.

THE INFORMATION FOR THESE bulletins is gathered from the municipalities themselves and its compilation enables any city commission to compare its salary scales with those of other cities.

In the League's bulletin, the entire state is divided into four sections—metropolitan area, in which Birmingham and environs is included; metropolitan influence area, which includes the Thumb section as far west as Lansing; the Lower Peninsula area and the Upper Peninsula area.

Each of these is broken do vn into population classifications with cities of comparable size grouped together. Birmingham is listed in the 10,000-25,000 group, along with such cities as Berkley, Clawson, Ecorse, Garden City, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods, Hazel Park, River Rouge, Trenton and Wayne.

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST Bulletin, published in March, 1955, municipal pay scales have risen on an overall average for the state approximately 3 per cent. Birmingham passed out increases in most job categories after the Bulletin went to press, as did other cities, and these increases will be reflected in the 1956 issue of the Bulletin.

The accompanying salary figures should be read with reference to the footnotes because of variations among job categories.

A city manager, for instance, as is the case in Lathrup, also may perform the duties and work assignments of the assessor or some other official. Such arrangements are usually the result of economy moves dictated by budget restrictions.

IN SOME CASES, as the footnotes explain, the salaries are in payment for part time or volunteer work only. Salary figures for job titles are not listed where work is paid for on a fee basis, such as legal or auditing services. This often occurs in small offices with only occasional need for such work.

The footnotes also list allowances granted the various officials for cars, uniforms and other expenses, which are paid in addition to regular salaries.

Municipal Salaries

Office	B'ham	Bloomfield Hills	Lathrup	Franklin	Royal Oak
City Manager	$15,600	$7,500(a)	$7,080(a)		$15,000
Ass't. City Mgr.	8,000				6,058(b)
Adm. Ass't.	5,140				
City Engineer	11,400				
Dir. DPW					8,489
Asst. DPW					6,864
Supt, DPW	8,280		4,980		8,500
Police Chief	8,500	6,000(c)			8,500
Assessor	8,500				6,864
Dir. Finance	8,300				6,526
Fire Chief	7,750	5,235			6,526
Treasurer	6,870				6,214
City Forester	6,050				5,902
City Clerk	6,000	6,500(d)	3,600(d)	1,500(e)	6,526
Attorney	4,000(e)		1,200(e)		9,074
Mayor's allowance for each meeting	5	5(f)		1(g)	10
Commissioner's allowance, each meet.	5	5(f)		1(g)	5

(a) Performs duties of Assessor; (b) performs duties of Personnel Mgr.; (c) receives $50 a year uniform allowance; (d) performs duties of Treasurer; (e) part time; (f) allowance not to exceed $60 a year; (g) total allowance not to exceed $25 a year.

Township Salaries

Office	Bloomfield	Southfield	Troy
Supervisor	$7,500(a)	$9,000(b)	$6,500(e)
Clerk	4,200	6,500(d)	5,500(e)
Treasurer	7,000	6,500(d)	4,000(f)
Police Chief	5,400(g)	5,000(h)	4,500(i j)
Fire Chief	5,100	5,775(d)	400(j)
Trustees' allowance for regular meetings	15	10	15
Trustees' allowance for special meetings	10	10	10(k)

(a) Furnished with official car and gas for township business; (b) allowance of $1,000 a year for car expense; (c) allowance of $1,000 a year for all expenses, including car; (d) car allowance of $500 a year; (e) total expense allowance of $500 a year, including car expense; (d) uniform allowance of 50 per cent; (h) car allowance of $300, with uniform allowance of $50; (i) uniform allowance of $50; (j) on volunteer basis; (k) special meetings not to exceed 20 per year.

Board of Education Salaries

Office	B'ham	Bloomfield Hills	S'field	Troy	Royal Oak
Superintendent	$18,000	$15,000	$12,700	$10,000	$17,000
Ass't Supt.	9,775	8,000	8,200	6,500	9,000
Ass't Supt.	9,537		6,000	5,000	8,500
Ass't Supt.	9,012				7,500
High School Principal Base Pay	6,045	6,500	8,850*	7,500*	10,500*
Maximum Pay	8,835	9,500			
Junior High Principal Base	5,850		5,200*	6,500*	7,600
Maximum	8,850				8,600
Elementary School Prin. Base	5,655	6,600	5,650	5,800*	6,900
Maximum	8,265	7,000	6,750		8,400
Teachers, AB or BS Degrees Base	3,900	3,900	3,800	3,700	4,000
Maximum	5,700	6,300	6,300	5,300	6,600
Teachers, Masters Degree Base	4,100	4,100	4,000	3,900	4,300
Maximum	5,900	6,500	6,500	5,500	5,900

* Asterisk indicates current salary, with no base-maximum scale established.

Footnotes for Board of Education Salaries

Birmingham — Assistant Superintendent in charge of Maintenance receives $20 a month expense allowance, plus mileage for out-of-town business trips. Administrative Assistant to Superintendent receives mileage only on use of car for business. Increments for principals in the salary schedule are distributed over 12 years, at the rate of about $217 a year; increments for both Class A teachers (with BA or BS degrees) and Class B (Master's degrees) are distributed over 12 years at the rate of $150 a year.

Bloomfield Hills — Administrative assistant to Superintendent receives 8 cents mileage for use of his car. Increments for all classroom teachers and principals are distributed over 12 years at the rate of $200 a year.

Southfield Twp. — Superintendent receives an annual car allowance of $400; his assistants receive no flat allowance but are allowed 8 cents mileage. Although teaching salary figures listed are standards, the top teacher's salary for 1955-56 is $5,950, or below the maximum, even though some teachers have accumulated enough years' service to rate maximum pay. However, the Board of Education has set up a three-year schedule of increments in order to bring teachers with ten years' service up to maximum. Increments are normally distributed over 10 years at the rate of $150 a year.

Troy Twp. — Superintendent receives $500 a year expense allowance; administrative assistant, $500; the business manager, $400; high school principals, $400 and junior high principals, $200. Increments for teachers are distributed over a period of 12 years, with the first four years accelerated in order to bring salaries up to standard more quickly.

Royal Oak — There are no flat expense allowances for any Board of Education employees, all administrative officials receive mileage on business trips. Increments for teachers are distributed over nine years and after the tenth year of service in Royal Oak schools, teachers with BA or BS degrees receive $5,700 a year; those with Master's degrees receive $6,000 a year.

Few of us go through life without now and then experiencing situations that make for discouragement. Yet, somehow, we live through and get over such experiences . . . perhaps made the better for it. Darkness always precedes the dawn.

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THIS and THAT

By G.R.A.

Rainbow Frouting On the Big Manistee River

It has been said, and truthfully, that "man is essentially a hunter and a fisherman." This statement, of course, refers to mankind's earliest days on earth when he had not yet learned to sow and reap foodstuffs on a plot of land—because he had to travel to find vegetation and animals to kill and eat.

All of which simply means (so far as this column and this reporter are concerned) that I am just one of untold millions who frequently journey to a forest lake or stream to engage in the harmless, yet profitable, sport of fishing.

So on this Tuesday evening, Sept. 20, I am reporting to you the results of two days of rainbow trout (steelhead) fishing on the Big Manistee River, over in Manistee County, Michigan. In miles, it is about 220 from Birmingham.

SIX YEARS ago, in partnership with Harold P. Fursteneau, Ludington, Mich., newspaper publisher, we purchased 40 acres of woods, including a small fish-filled lake.

On this land we built a comfortable log cabin, and it is up here that I come a number of times each year to enjoy the fishing and the partridge hunting.

This state of the State doesn't boast of the high deer population that the eastern area does . . . land, anyway, I haven't killed a deer for a good many years, so I don't miss that out-of-doors activity.

As you may know, the regular trout season in Michigan closes about a week after Labor Day. However, certain parts of certain rivers remain open for rainbow trout fishing until Dec. 1. The Big Manistee is one of such rivers.

FROM THE Great Lakes waters each fall a trout migration begins up numerous of Michigan's larger rivers. These steelhead trout, originally called "rainbows," were spawned and hatched in the inland rivers, later finding their ways to deeper waters where, due to an abundance of food, they rapidly grew to larger size.

Complying with Nature's law, these adult trout then return to the river of their birth to spawn and rear their offspring. Although the spawning season is not until each spring, great numbers of them enter Michigan rivers each fall, and many of them are taken by the anglers who fish for them.

THIS WEEK I am fishing the Big Manistee with John R. Taylor, 988 Madison. Our guide out of Wellston is Golmus Labidie.

Jack and I fished yesterday and today, and our deep freeze holds five "good eatin'" rainbows, averaging about three pounds each.

A lure named "Flatfish" is the **one most universally used for these big bows. Incidentally, the best rainbow fishing is done from about the middle of October on.**

"The colder the weather, the big- (See THIS & THAT, Pg. 8 Sec. 1)

2 Brothers 'Talk' With Third Via Postoffice

By BRUNO KEARNS

Through the cooperation of Louis J. Penner, director of the Juvenile Protective Assn. of Chicago, and several local agencies including the Red Cross and Family Service Agency, the Brabander brothers Herb, 17, and Fred, 16, have been able to establish mail contact with their brother Gary, 15, whom they haven't seen for 13 years.

The Eccentric made efforts to find the boy after learning his last known place of residence was the St. Mary's Episcopal Home in Chicago.

WHEN THE boys' parents were divorced, Gary was placed in the custody of his mother. When she died in 1949, he went to the Children's Home. Subsequently, he was placed in a foster home.

Although whereabouts of the (See BROTHERS, Page 2, Sec. 1)

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US-24 Overpass Awaits Decision On Right-of-Way

By WILLIAM H. THOMAS

Establishment of right-of-way is the only thing holding up commencement of the over-underpass at Telegraph and Orchard Lake in Pontiac, according to Michigan State Highway department officials.

Irving Haahr, assistant to Harold Puffer, head of the department's bridge division, said bids on a new bridge, costing an estimated $223,000, over the Huron River were waiting right-of-way clearance.

This is the first step in the $½ million project which, when completed, will have an overpass and an underpass at Orchard Lake to the west of Telegraph for north-south traffic.

Plans call for condemnation of one of two brick garages owned by the Oakland County road commission just west of Telegraph and just north of Orchard Lake, according to Lee O. Baker, road commission chairman.

BAKER SAID the spur would leave the present Telegraph at Garland, one-quarter mile north of Orchard Lake, and would return to Telegraph 2000 yards to the south of the Orchard Lake-Telegraph intersection which would be widened but would otherwise remain unchanged.

The spur would miss the laundry building by only a few feet, take out the county garage and, farther down, the WCAR radio building.

Baker said the county has not seen appraisals of the condemned garage, but said any money collected would be used in construction of new buildings for the road commission on Pontiac Lake road west of Telegraph.

Earl Swanson, assistant to George Foster, deputy state highway commissioner, said plans for the new Huron River bridge were completed.

Swimming Classes Begin October 8

Saturday morning swimming classes for elementary school children begin October 8 at Barnum junior high school as part of the Birmingham recreation board program.

THREE classes each will be held for boys and girls, and any student in the Birmingham school district may participate providing they meet height qualifications.

Pool periods are designed to teach beginning fundamentals to children who cannot swim.

Class sizes are limited and enrollment swill be accepted beginning Oct. 3.

Complete information can be obtained from the recreation swimming department of the board of education office.

ADVANCED swimming classes also are planned if enough students register.

LWV Annual Fund Drive Underway

Birmingham League of Women Voters this week launched its annual appeal for financial support to enable it to supply political information during next year's elections.

One such service was demonstrated up the solicitation letters mailed to League supporters. Each received a political directory of national, state and local officials. Other copies may be obtained from Mrs. Henry Jackson, 630 Pilgrim.

OTHER SERVICES of this nonpartisan organization include voter guides at all elections including those of the school district.

Study committees review issues and present their findings at discussion meetings. Foreign trade, as related to local business operations, has been one recent service.

Mrs. Bernard Magruder, League president, said "It is gratifying to know our League program is appreciated and supported by area citizens through their financial contributions. We feel confident we will have their continued support now."

Keep City Basis for Recreation Program

Birmingham's recreational program will continue on a city basis, although considerably expanded and with the Birmingham school board making a strengthened contribution.

Principal improvement will come from employment of a full-time city recreational director, working directly under the city recreation board but coordinating both city and school summer and winter programs. City and school would share his salary costs.

FOLLOWING a two-hour meeting of the combined city commission, school board and recreation board at Rotunda Inn Thursday night, the 23 representatives seemed in complete agreement that it would be impractical to expand the recreation program to a school district basis.

Commissioners went into the meeting prepared to place practically all city recreation facilities under recreation board jurisdiction if its scope could be enlarged to coincide with school district boundaries.

They departed with the understanding that the city would continue to operate its Springdale park and ice rink projects, the school would handle swimming pool facilities at senior and junior highs, and other indoor and outdoor recreation would be continued on the present cooperative basis.

SCHOOL Supt. Dwight B. Ireland said he saw too many difficulties for the school district if it undertook to operate the program. (See PROGRAM, Page 2, Sec. 1)

City Parking Lot Near Completion

If the weather remains clear, Birmingham's first municipal parking lot should be ready for use by the end of next week, said City Engineer L. R. Gare.

Parking meters are going in, as well as the asphalt surfacing on the 250-car lot at Pierce and Merrill streets.

City officials have not decided whether any public ceremony will be made in opening the lot.

Friday Night Shopping Up

A sharp advance in Friday night store traffic and sales volume is attributed by Birmingham merchants to their weekly "Jubilee of Values" program which will continue tomorrow evening with fresh offerings of bargain merchandise.

Last Friday evening more than 300 shoppers, arriving in the shopping district by automobile, accepted courtesy parking nickels provided on the street between the hours of 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. by the retail merchants' committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

One enthusiastic shopper requested three of the courtesy nickels on the premise that she planned to make three purchases of merchandise listed by The Eccentric in a page of advertised "three-hour-only" Jubilee bargains.

A COLLEGE student attracted by a hosiery bargain kept on buying until he had acquired a complete wardrobe for the autumn term.

According to Foster Toothacker, committee chairman, each shop participating in the "Jubilee of Values" program will offer a special bargain between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. every Friday night through the end of November.

Public Library Plan Initiated In B'field Hills

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Plans for starting a public library in Bloomfield Hills will be discussed Monday night, Oct. 3 at 8:00 p.m. in the Vaughan school.

University of Michigan consultant William Barth will attend the meeting as advisor and all people in the Bloomfield Hills school district are invited to attend.

PRESENTLY there is no public library in the Hills, and permission was obtained from the city commission to initiate plans.

A temporary site for the proposed library has been obtained in Vaughan school.

According to Mrs. Joseph Lacy and Mrs. Robert Montlack, of Hollywood drive, plans for the immediate future call for a book and fund drive.

"Many citizens already have donated numerous books," said Mrs. Lacy.

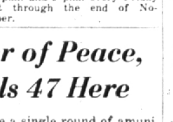
THE GROUP spearheading library plans have discussed them with area library and municipal officials.

STRICTLY FRESH

City fathers of Belmire, Minn., have put the community jail up for sale, stating that "it might make a good zoo." Local shady characters apparently think otherwise, as there's been no monkeying around to necessitate maintaining a pokey.

Pranksters in Huy, Belgium, switched road route signs, causing **majority of a group of road-racing fans to wind up in one-way streets and muddy fields. Local traffic experts, take note.**

Fellow in Detroit, Mich., has had his thirst slaked for from three to 15 years. Threw a chunk of concrete through window of a



closed bar and helped himself to a few drinks "because I was thirsty." He's now in, instead of at, the jug.

Bookmaker, in London, England, has learned never to bet on a filly. Winked at a pretty girl who promised him a date and kept it by hailing him into court for illegal bookmaking. She was a policewoman.

Tenor in Montecantini, Italy, sang a solo in a cageful of lions but refused to render an encore of "You Will Again See the Embalmed Forests." Was afraid his friends would have a chance to see an embalmed tenor.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, Dial "O" and ask for ENterprise 6819.

Commission Let Rink Costs Soar, Says Mayor

City commissioners must accept full responsibility for permitting Eton park skating rink costs to exceed original estimates by more than 50 per cent, Mayor Charles Renfrew declared Monday night.

He said the commission had not adequately kept itself informed on proposed plans, thus today finding itself with more of a facility that contemplated eight months ago.

It was apparent, however, that these increased costs will not jeopardize the rink. Commissioners indicated Monday they would find the money, although they might decide to postpone installation of hockey boards and flood lighting.

LAST APRIL, voters approved a $125,000 bond issue which would have provided an ice rink, machinery building, and restroom facilities. An additional $13,000 the city intended to add to increase the budget.

Renfrew said the commission would have to accept the blame for not conveying its specific desires to the architect, who drew up a more complete "warming room" building, and on which the commission then awarded the contract.

As estimated by City Manager D. C. Egbert, and incorporating the larger building, costs may run as high as $175,000.

"There's no use belaboring this state of affairs—it's just that I'm horribly ashamed. It was just a complete lack of direction on this commission's part," emphasized the mayor.

FLOODLIGHTING would cost an additional $4,500, hockey boards $4,000 more.

A cement slab will be laid, permitting summer use as additional tennis courts. The commission, casting about for ways to reduce overall costs, had briefly considered eliminating the slab and using only a sand base.

Included in the project probably will be $1,400 for a public address system for music for skaters.

To help out with the rink's financing, Egbert said there was about $7,300 in scavenger land receipts.

ONE BIG fund the city could tap—but commissioners would like to leave it untouched if possible—is $135,000 in the unappropriated surplus fund.

Monday night commissioners awarded the mechanical refrigera- (See MAYOR, Page 2, Sec. 1)

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

I. J. Pitman and E. S. Nichols

UN Lacks Keeper of Peace, Englishman Tells 47 Here

"The United Nations doesn't have a single round of amunition now for anyone who could order such a round fired," said Member of Parliament Isaac J. Pitman as he talked to 47 men and women at the Community House Friday night.

When UN was formed, the world wasn't ready for ideas such as the United World Federalists advocate. World peace can be as possible as development of police, that solved dueling problems, and as wars between England and Scotland have been replaced by sports and field contests, he explained.

SAYING UN should not have complete, "back-slapping" support, but realistic study, he proposed a peace-keeping organization, with no other duties, that would be self-perpetuating. This he likened to college trustees in the east, who choose their own successors.

"You are simply buying longer intervals of peace at the expense of a worse war when it once starts," he said of current nationalistic rearmaments.

HAVING PASSED the stage of being called crackpots, he said the Federalists' ideas are now in the "acceptable, but now is not the time" stage. Later stages are considering it feasible for others, and then approval and putting it to work.

Pitman's talk, introduced by Elliott S. Nichols of Bloomfield Hills, who had entertained earlier for the touring Englishman, brought (See UN, Page 2, Sec. 1)

No Hunting No Trespassing

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