

You Can Help To Reduce Federal Taxes!

If we read the tea leaves correctly, the U.S. Government's "take" in taxes will help clear the Suez Canal and perhaps finance Nasser's Aswan Dam.

Congress has the sole duty of deciding what a final budget will be, subject only to the will of the people.

IT WAS 36 YEARS AGO when the present budget law was passed. Ex-President Hoover—and we'd better listen well—blames most of the current, crazy, waste-

ful Federalist spending on pressure lobbies, estimated at more than 1,000, "working day and night to get what they call "theirs" out of Congress and The White House."

When responsible people, such as Mr. Hoover and Secretary Humphrey, talk of hair curlers, WATCH OUT!

Are you really interested in reducing the taxes you pay to the federal government? Do you want Congress to eliminate ALL unnecessary costs in Ike's current \$71 billion dollar plus budget?

Then write to your Congressman, William S. Broomfield, House Office Bldg., and to Senators "Pat" McNamara and Charles Potter, Senate Office Bldg., both in Washington, D.C. Tell them you want your tax bill reduced . . . and NOW!

Uncontrolled, Unions Follow "Bossism" Pattern

Whole nations from time to time come under the freemason-destructive rule of dictators by devious methods which fool the people until they are trapped.

Powerful labor leaders and politicians in the United States have been promoting candidates and measures to build government monopolies to the exclusion of free enterprise.

If such a program is successful, rank and file workers would find themselves mere work slaves as they did in Germany and Russia. Their labor bosses would be holding top political jobs.

Individuals would be extended.

You may think this could not happen here but it is happening under many disguises. Commenting on the way workers are forced to contribute for candidates and measures which they may oppose, Raymond Moley in Newsweek lists large sums that are taken from unions/funds for political purposes.

He points out that workmen should be interested . . . in the fact that their contributions, which should be devoted to matters related to their interests as workers, are thus diverted to the ideological and political concerns of their officers."

Council Remains Bulwark on Tax Increase

You probably noted that Detroit's Board of Education sought from Michigan's Legislature a law that would allow them to bond their city for a hundred million dollars for new school buildings.

They sought this because Detroit's Common Council and its citizens refused, in an election, to grant them the sole right to increase school bonded debt. We believe that the Legislature's refusal to bypass De-

troit's own legislative and tax-levying officials in providing school funds was a wise civic decision.

After all, a city's Councilmen are closer to the voters than is a Board of Education; a Councilman is more sensitive and responsive to public opinion; a Councilman is more aware of the whole needs and subsequent costs to taxpayers.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Teamsters' union president Dave Beck certainly appears to have a big mouth. Because he lately often has put his foot into this mouth, his foot may be as large as his mouth—if Beck's yells and yells are any symbol of size.

Baseball is with us again . . . and many Americans, young and old, continue to enjoy this great pastime. Youngsters, especially, can find in it an excellent training ground for a good, sportsmanlike and characterful adult life.

Scientists state that one out of every 175,000 persons is struck by lightning. This proves that lightning is more kindly than automobiles and/or the wayward feet of pedestrians.

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Mambo

-DO YOU WANT ME TO CALL THE MAN AT THE KENNELS AND TELL HIM YOU'RE CHASING CARS AGAIN?



See Who's Talking



NATURE NOW by Lydia King Freese

Lily Family Boasts Some 2500 Species

Whether you view the miracle of spring through a florist's window or on a leisurely stroll through your favorite wood-lot, the one flower you are almost sure to see is a lily.

Long a symbol of rebirth, it bears aloft a kind of beauty which no one questions because it is at once so simple and so satisfying.

We see this bloom in many guises, for the lily family (Liliaceae) numbers some 2500 species.

One could travel from the tropics to the Arctic tundra and never lose sight of its long.

MOST LILIES are flowering herbaceous plants. A few grow to tree-like proportions. All belong to the monocotyledons, the oldest group of flowering plants to enclose their seeds in an ovary.

Lilies grow from underground stems or from bulb bases called bulbs. Characteristic of their structure are the six-segmented flowers and the grass-like or leafy leaves with parallel veining. The floral envelope consists of three sepals and three petals, recognizable as such in the trilliums, but in most species colored alike are lifted to equal rank so that they appear as six petals.

Surrounding the central ovary are six stamens, one standing before each of the flower segments.

Frequently, as in the life-of-the-valley, the latter are fused at the base making tubular corolla.

The Hat of spring is present, among our lilies, in the form of a long stem with small flowers in a long spike.

And who could forget the first-aid'er's tongue (dog-tooth violet) of early spring, hugging the roots of trees their brown, mottled leaves and pale yellow blooms at one with the leaf-strown forest floor? Or white trillium, star-studded a favorite ravine? Or red trillium sharing the swamp borders with marsh marigolds, skunk cabbage and the unclogging fiddle heads of cinnamon and ostrich ferns? Whenever an inquis-



Mrs. Freese

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

We're sure glad we don't live in the city of Harper Woods!

Why, the city fathers there have approved receipt of a gift from U.S. Army Ordnance. It will be a 37-ton General Sherman tank! And it's going to be placed right in Harper Woods' Memorial Park!

Can you imagine the youngsters' natural attraction to such a thing? They'll look at it, climb over it, peek into it, and they'll think this is fun. They won't know that a tank has no place in a park.

YES SIR-E-E-E, IT'S MUCH pleasanter to live in Birmingham where our public boards protect us citizens—especially the young folks—from such horrible breaches of Birmingham's natural beauty, and from attractive nuisances that only kids would think was fun, but which we grownups know is not fun at all.

This was proved here some months ago when our city recreation board recommended—and the city commission followed along—against letting a mess of metal be permanently installed in an out-of-the-way corner of Eton park. It was to have been one of those unsightly steam railroad locomotives (retired in favor of the new look on the nation's rails, the streamlined diesel locomotives).

The recreation board, and the city commission, said only beautiful things should

be placed in Eton Park. Only things that would be useful. Like heavy wire backstops for baseball or tennis courts. Like huge concrete slabs for tennis games or skating rinks. Like dusty baseball paths, brick warming rooms.

Nothing like locomotives! Certainly not a Sherman tank!

WE ONLY WANT THINGS that are fun. Like large sewer pipes to crawl in and out of. Like mazes of iron pipes known as "jungle gyms". Like piles of just plain dirt to climb or slide down.

It's not really fun to see or be able to touch a locomotive or a tank, now, is it? Certainly not! That's why practically any American boy or girl shies away from them—no fun!

Harper Woods is making a horrible mistake!

We always heard that the U.S. mail gets through. It always has—ever since pony express days. But last week the impossible happened . . . the mail didn't get through.

Postmaster Arthur Summerfield would have us believe the reason is that it cost 45 cents a half-ounce to send a letter via horse-power, whereas today prices have dropped to only 3 cents an ounce for delivery via foot-power.

What would this world be like if men and women became successful because they LOVED to work?

After you know it all, forget it. Then you'll make progress.

Littleton, Allen Serve in Far East

Navy Lt. (jg) Robert G. Little—since World War II, son and Donald R. Allen, signalman . . . Littleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. third class, USN, participated . . . Ray B. Littleton of East Maple, recently in the largest amphibious force, and husband of the former operation to be in the Far East. Nancy A. Jacobs of Larches drive,

Birmingham, is serving on the coast landing ship USS Colonial. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Allen of West-12 Mile, Birmingham, is aboard the attack transport USS Telfair.

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Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Made World Background Of The Birmingham of Today.

50 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1907

"The law recently passed permitting the transmission of letters and packages for special delivery where ten cents postage is added in addition to the ordinary postage, goes into effect July 1st."

"The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church, will meet next Friday afternoon with Miss Anna Parks. All come and meet your neighbors and get a good supper for 15 cents."

"A nursery advertised 14 ft. silver maple trees for 65¢; 12 ft. Norway maples for 75¢; 12 ft. white oak for 80¢; and 12 ft. hard maple for 60¢."

30 YEARS AGO

April 21, 1907

"Motors will not be allowed to make left hand turns at Woodward and Maple avenue, after today, on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays."

"Accommodations for 140 more prisoners in the Oakland County jail are under way today as the result of the awarding of contracts covering the completion of the cell blocks."

"An appeal for funds to relieve persons stricken in the Mississippi flood is made to Birmingham citizens today by the Oakland County Chapter of the American Red Cross."

"If there was hysteria in the songs of the birds Tuesday afternoon and if the domestic animals on Woodward avenue acted like a

man in a nightmare, it must be attributed to a seasonal phenomenon which has made its first appearance in Birmingham for this year. It is the straw hat—of the male variety."

15 YEARS AGO

April 23, 1912

" . . . one of the local participants in the gumbers racket, was arrested again Saturday morning, but curiously enough, only after one of his patrons complained that he had failed to pay off on a 'hit' . . . headquarters in the alley between East Maple and Hamilton."

"Birmingham will have its first blackout test on Sunday evening."

"Next Tuesday and Wednesday will be registration days for retailers of sugar in Birmingham. Consumers will be issued ration books in the biggest registration task ever attempted in Birmingham."



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