



Oh, if at the close of every day... and often during each day, one would aspire the dedicated habit of pouring out his gratitude to Divinity! Gratitude for life, for opportunity to grow, to serve others, to be able to slip into slumber on the swelling tide of sincere gratitude. Ah! Prayers to achieve this habit is finding Heaven's rainbow right here on earth!

Once in a Lifetime...

is the job of hosting the Christ Child convention for the Birmingham unit. Page 1-C.

They got an idea...

and from it they've cooked up an unusual old-fashioned tea room. See page 8-B.

The sky's the limit...

for young rocket enthusiast. Page of pictures on page 1-B.

There's a good chance...

for a Birmingham high title in Saturday's Central Michigan college relay. See page 6-E.

Pomp and Circumstance...

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Ring Out the Old...

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This and That

by George R. Averill

A TOP OFFICIALS' HUM: Why should I worry about my problems today, when I will conform to ideas tried, true? After all, I'm elected without being expected to be a success. By the voters—which means you and you. Oh, it's nice to seek jobs in high places—Make promises to win your approval. If I fail to be true to my statements to you, well, so what? I'm quite safe from removal! They applaud demagogues every day. Experts are at play, on their jobs every day—But in civics, they care not to reason. So they go on electing men, women too—Send our people are guinea pigs and lost—What a very great pity, on farm of in city—What cruel fate... what a tragic high cost!

Modern traffic lights utilize only three colors to control pedestrian and vehicular traffic. They are red, amber, and green. Yet even these colors fail to prevent accidents and fatalities at intersections. Why not add the blue color to the remainder of the color spectrum, the colors being violet, indigo, blue and orange? Also, the Star Spangled Banner and one of the Dead March of Saul. How difficult to make success. How easy to fail! It's the most rewarding, too even! It's the most rewarding, too even!

Though it favored the modern motor car, Michigan is far behind many other states in providing free and/or toll road highways. Every day between Detroit and Pontiac, morning and evening, Woodward avenue, U. S. 10, is clogged with automobiles. Outside, most main highways are too narrow for maximum traffic that travels them. No wonder there are so many traffic accidents in Michigan. Confucius once defined the meaning of this (THIS & THAT, Page 2-A)

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Next B'ham Budget May See a Slight Drop in Tax Rate

Gare Seeks Additional 2.6 Percent

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL, Managing Editor
 If anything could be said to be so close to a lead pipe cinch and yet not be about Michigan's 1958-59 city budget will require no tax increase. Of course, it's conceivable that city commissioners could decide to raise last year's tax rate of \$19.60 per \$100 of assessed valuation. But in this unsettled national economic situation—which has hit Michigan as hard as it has—it is unlikely that the city commission will take more from the taxpayer's wallet than what already is coming from it.

INSTEAD, chances are excellent there will be a token tax reduction—maybe as much as a mill or a bit more. That's usually been the case—the city manager's proposed budget gets cut somewhat when approved, representatives go over it. City commissioners Saturday will hold their second committee session to evaluate the budget City Manager L. R. Gare handed them Friday.

He is recommending a 1958-59 municipal budget of \$1,640,215, or \$42.60 more than the current budget. This amounts to a 2.6 percent increase in operating costs.

HOWEVER, taxpayers would foot only \$40,280 of Gare's increase. The additional money, he estimates, will come from slightly higher non-tax revenues. His recommendation contains an across-the-board 2 1/2 per cent cost of living increase for salary and hourly workers.

Beyond that, his proposals are pretty much the same as operational expenses being incurred under present budget departmental increases in most instances are up because of annual scheduled salary increases.

HERE ARE the items showing major budget adjustments: Elections—up \$325 to handle election board costs of state primary and general elections this year. Assessor: up \$3519 to provide a full-time clerk in the present part-time one, and addition of a summer student engineer for field work.

Engineering: up \$2795 for re-employment of engineer returning from military service. Legal: down \$2197 because lesser legal work is anticipated. Police: up \$4883, also normal salary increases. DPW: up \$7346, primarily because of increased water charges to handle separate gas billings collection. Parks: up \$5662 to provide for more tree trimming, which is falling behind schedule. Personnel: down \$1323, principally because this is the alternate.

(See BUDGET, Page 2-A)

Mayors Exchange Events Ready In B'ham, Hills

What's all the shouting going to be about next week? Well, it's not about Michigan! We Wolverines staters for the fifth year will be shouting our praises to the rest of the nation—and learning more about ourselves in the process. It'll be a solid week of events for many communities. For Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, activities will center entirely around the weeks second event—Mayor's exchange day on Monday.

BIRMINGHAM Mayor Carl F. Ingraham will be mayor-for-a-day in Bloomfield where he and Phil will be shown the civic improvements and honor set luncheon and dinner meetings with public and civic leaders.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Mayor Donnell Wettraine will swap places for one day with Birmingham's W. Turner, village president of Morley, a small town northwest of Grand Rapids. Hills City Man-

Want to Make Money? Learn How at BHS

Anyone wanting to make money should contact a Birmingham high school student. Monday the school ended a drive to raise \$1800 to bring two American Field Service exchange students to the school next year. The students raised \$3700.

They sold pizzas, cookies, litter-bags, and shoeshine, held a dance. They washed cars. They auctioned themselves as "slaves."

Part of the extra money raised will be contributed to AFS headquarters in New York for extension of the program.

Good Humans Get Rewards

Called last week by Birmingham police for their courtesy in driving over their own tickets to local theatres. The force was cooperating with Dale Carnegie Institute in obtaining good human relations week.

Bloomfield Cab Co. Wins 4 B'ham Plates

There will be a two-company taxicab operation in Birmingham by virtue of a 4-2 split vote of the city commission Monday night.

The action reversed the previous stand of the city taxicab board. Bloomfield Cab Co. was approved for a company license and granted plates for four cabs. New company's owners are Sam Reeves and Harlan B. Ives, who also have a taxicab operating in Bloomfield Hills.

Another two in Bloomfield township. Florence Willett and William E. Roberts voted to let Veterans' Cab operate exclusively here.

MRS. WILLETT is a taxicab board cited previous taxicab on the board several years ago. In its recommendation letter, the board cited previous taxicab history in which several previous companies failed. Veterans' Cab has been in operation for a long time, the board emphasized.

Bloomfield Cab came close to getting its license. On the first motion to back

Clubhouse in the Hills

Architect's perspective sketch shows the ultimate scheme of the proposed new building for the Village Women's club. Designed with two distinct units, side by side and linked by a passage, the first unit is the clubhouse on the left, with the auditorium on the right as a future addition.

Village Women Approve Plans for Clubhouse Of Modern Design

By FRAN MAIER, Women's Editor

An air of elegance created by a lot of sliding glass doors, dining area opening onto wide terraces and a modern decor brought delight Friday to a group of women with cultural and civic interests. These features were pointed out in the architect's drawing when members of the Village Woman's club voted their acceptance of the building plan for their future clubhouse.

"It's a good big step forward," commented Mrs. James J. Nance, president of the VWC, as members eagerly anticipate the day they will have the most luxurious clubhouse in the hills. Mrs. Edward Wellock, chairman of the ways and means committee, and Mrs. A. Bruce Knight, chairman of the finance committee, are meeting jointly with the board to determine the starting time for the \$150,000 fund-raising drive for this enormous undertaking.

THE AUDITORIUM, which is to be a future addition, would cost an additional \$270,000. Although there were numerous varied programs of endeavor available to women in this locality, many individuals felt keenly the lack of a woman's organization with clubhouse and dining-room facilities and thus came about the organization of the Village Women's club in May 1956.

Expanding rapidly from a 25-member coterie of Bloomfield and Birmingham women who foresaw the need of a clubhouse and an integrated program to cover educational, cultural and civic interests of its affiliates, the idea "caught on" with wildfire speed.

Between its inception in March 1956 and Friday's meeting, the club has grown to a membership roster of nearly a thousand, including the junior auxiliary, there is a waiting list.

B'ham Roadbuilding Program Passes First Hearing

Birmingham's proposed summer road building program of 10 million streets brought only a handful of queries Monday night. City commissioners unanimously approved necessity of the special assessments, will consider their report on a subsequent public hearing.

Three streets will be rechecked to see if the money is being used. Southlawn, Harmon and Bryn Mawr.

One woman wrote in to say she didn't want her street included among the 68 in the improvement program.

FROM THE audience, a few people wanted to know how the road building was done. A few thought the city should pay their frontage cost. Mat and seal coat will cost 52 cents per foot of frontage, only \$1.24 cents, and light oil 16 cents.

B of E Head Wylie Groves To Resign

The announcement that he will retire July 1 as a member of the Birmingham board of education was made this week by Wylie E. Groves, a member of the board since 1949 and its president since July, 1956.

Groves, of 542 Westchester Way, Birmingham, said he valued his experience on the board highly. He regretted that pressure of other matters made it impossible for him to run for re-election. His present term expires July 1.

Also this week, board Treasurer Richard Saubert, 2788 Pembroke, announced his intention to seek re-election to another term in the board of education's annual election set for June 9.

Y Cornerstone To Hold Photo Of Its Laying

When they seal up the cornerstone of the new Birmingham YMCA building Sunday it will contain photographs of the cornerstone laying ceremony.

Among the unusual features of the ceremony at 4 p.m. at the corner of 24th and York will be the Polaroid photograph of the Y committee of managers, the Y trustees, and the four city representatives.

Farrell Roberts To Seek 2nd Term

His intention to seek a second two-year term as Michigan state representative for the fourth district will be announced today by Representative Farrell Roberts.

Roberts, of 2488 Lafayette, Bloomfield township, will enter the August primaries, seeking to again represent the district which includes Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield, Bloomfield townships.

Lincoln-Adams Signal Okayed

Intersection of Adams and Lincoln will get a traffic signal. Birmingham commission approved a police department recommendation, which cited the crossing's high and increasing traffic volumes.

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3 Ministers' Resignations Announced

The resignations of three ministers, two serving the same church, were made known this week to their congregations. Rev. Robert D. Dewey, minister of the Congregational church of Birmingham, announced his plans in a letter mailed Monday to members of the congregation. He said the Rev. Carl Baird, associate minister at the church, would submit his resignation Sunday. Both will be effective Aug. 1.

Rev. Dr. Robert A. Macoskey, assistant pastor of First Baptist church, received his resignation at a meeting of the church's board last week.

MR. DEWEY HAS accepted a call to join the group ministry of the Garden City church, 1500 North Long Island, N. Y. The resignation of Mr. Baird, who was named to the Rev. Dewey, follows customary procedure.

Dr. Macoskey, 28, will leave Sept. 1 to become associate professor of religion and philosophy at Alderson-Broaddus, a Baptist college at Phillip, W. Va.

Mr. Dewey said the Garden City congregation is pioneering in a new type of church ministry. The church is establishing a group ministry of five full ministers. Each will have an area of concern such as young people for Mr. Dewey. The five are equal in status, compensation and responsibility.

MR. DEWEY described the Garden City ministry as "very much like Birmingham in some ways, a high-income, suburban community."

The 35-year-old minister was called by the local congregation only a few months after its organization in March, 1953. It was his first ministry. Since then the church's membership has grown from 180 to over 900.

Mr. Baird, 36, came to the local church in February, 1957. His future plans are indefinite. First Baptist church was also Dr. Macoskey's first ministry.

DR. MACOSKEY said he had never had pastoral experience first. He came here in September, 1956. He had spent two years prior to that studying in Europe. He received a master's degree in church history from the University of Edinburgh in Germany, and PhD from the college of Edinburgh, Scotland.

The college southeast of Pittsburgh, he would be an official chaplain, conduct in-service training for ministers, and be the liberal arts college's spokesman by preaching at churches in the area.

Fires Frustrate Forester, Firemen

By JULIE CANDLER and LES LINE, Staff Writers

A fire that wouldn't go out, a fire that put itself out and a fire that put a woman out harassed Birmingham's firemen the past few days.

You might call it being out on a limb. But what happened to a TV advertisement film—at the point where they break in with the commercial. The top of the 60-foot basswood, 45 feet above ground from a burning tree. He has the scorched shoes to prove it.

HE HAD BEEN called to the fire at 754 Shepherd about 1:30 a.m. by the Birmingham fire department.

Hours before neighborhood boys lit a fire in the old hollow tree. By 12:07 a.m., when flames and sparks were shooting from the top of the 60-foot basswood, Carl Reynolds, resident of the nearest house, had called the fire department.

STRICTLY FRESH

Most girls never get over one childhood habit: no matter how old they get, they like to go boy crazy.

Similar as gloomy as a busful of commuters at 6 o'clock in the morning.



"A perfect marriage" is one in which the man and wife do not quarrel in private. Next time you consider a partner, don't do this: get your feet on you get three squares a day and a place to rest just by saying, "Pretty Boy!"