

**County Taxpayers May Get Rebate**

A decision by the state supreme court Monday will cut county tax bills 25 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation, but low taxpayers will get their rebates hasn't been decided.

The cut represents the amount the county is taxed by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority. The court declared that the Authority is controlled by the 15-mill limit on taxation.

Oakland county ordered a park tax above its share of the 15-mills last year after a Wayne county circuit court judge ruled that the Authority was not controlled by the limit.

The county had planned to use the extra income to pay off 1958's welfare bills.

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**MSU Adult Courses Being Offered Here**

An ex-motion picture producer and a former Fulbright scholar in religion are among five educators from Michigan State University, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University coming to Birmingham to teach extension courses this term.

The informal, noncredit courses are being offered by the M.S.U. program of Liberal Arts Education for Adults in co-operation with the Birmingham public schools.

Dr. A. Nicholas Vardac, associate professor of radio, television and film at M.S.U., is the instructor for a class in the development of the motion picture as an international art form, "Film 'Til Now." The class, which began Jan. 13, meets Tuesday evenings from 8 to 10 at Birmingham high school.

The course will utilize 16 films from 8 different countries to trace the history and aesthetic development of the motion picture as an art form, according to Dr. Vardac, former motion picture producer for the U.S. Information Agency and research scholar and lecturer at Birmingham University in England.

Such films as "The Great Train Robbery," "Birth Of A Nation," "Le Million," "Gate of Hell," and "Tight Little Island" will be shown and discussed.

Dr. Francis M. Donahue, M.S.U. associate professor of religion and history, will teach "The Religion of Man." The class meets Thursday evenings from 8 to 10, beginning Jan. 22, at the high school.

The course will cover the wide range of man's religious search, ranging from primitive conceptions of dependence on powers and forces in the immediate social and natural environment to conceptions in the high religions of a First Cause of all things, according to Dr. Donahue.

Before coming to M.S.U. in 1947, Dr. Donahue was pastor of St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Parish in Chicago, Ill., and later spent a sabbatical leave at the University of Athens, Greece, on a Fulbright Senior Research Fellowship.

Other courses offered here this term include "Botany for Home Gardeners," "The Normal Personality" and "Home and the Age of Enlightenment."

Teaching the botany course will be Dr. Claude Rogers, of the W.S.U. department of biology. The class meets Tuesday evenings beginning Jan. 22.

Dr. Martin Capell, staff psychologist for the Mental Hygiene Clinic, Veterans Administration re-



DR. NICHOLAS VARDAC

gional office, Detroit, and U.M. extension instructor, will be the instructor for the psychology course. The class meets Wednesday evenings beginning Jan. 28.

Instructor for the philosophy course will be Prof. William Galagahan, of the M.S.U. department of philosophy. The class meets Wednesday evening.

All classes will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. at Birmingham high school. Interested adults can enroll at the first or second class sessions.

Additional course information can be obtained from Richard Featherstone, Adult Education Director, Birmingham public schools, or from Dr. Diane Gibson, Kelleys Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

**BITS OF BIRMINGHAM**

Ever since their new councilroom table were installed months ago, Birmingham city commissioners have had to transport their pencils, candy mints, paper clips, tissues, etc., to meetings and home again. Reason: the tables were ultra-modern, had no drawers. Only a top and legs. Monday night municipal building handyman Art Ball had a surprise for his bosses. He had installed shallow drawers beneath the table tops. This week the bulge is gone from commissioners' pockets.

When you take your first bite of a new food, you don't know quite what to expect. But when it comes to homemade fudge, you expect it to be fudge. Imagine the surprise, then, of one Birmingham woman who went visiting Saturday evening. Her first piece of the hostess' fudge contained a pink thumb-tack!

Today's rock-and-rollers do not recognize Tommy Tucker's name, but millions of their parents do. Monday noon he was in Birmingham to make up a Rotary club meeting. He and his wife had been weekend guests of First Presbyterian assistant minister Robert Graham and Mrs. Graham. (Rev. Graham is a Birmingham Rotarian.) The two couples met through mutual friends while the Grahams lived in Asbury Park, N. J. That's where Tommy resides when not on tour with his orchestra. "I try to keep up my Rotary attendance wherever I happen to be playing," Tommy said to this Wanderer. "I usually am successful. All except the tour we made in Africa. Seems they hadn't heard much about Rotary or any other service club for that matter." Tommy and his orchestra are completing the sixth of a seven-week engagement at Tadeo's Commodore Perry hotel.

Who should place a package of candy in this Wanderer's hand Tuesday, but the Rev. Carl Baird, former minister of the Congregational Church of Birmingham. "It's a girl," he said, whipping out a billfold picture of Rachel Carol Baird, born Dec. 30. Which makes two boys and a girl at the Baird household.

**Tax Booklet on Sale at Baldwin Library**

For those in a quandary over how to fill out income tax return forms properly, Baldwin public library provides some practical hints. Again this year, patrons who visit the main desk may secure, for 35 cents each, copies of the Treasury department's "Your Federal Income Tax."

This 128-page 1959 edition, which features a handy "edge index," discusses 1958 changes in the tax laws and contains numerous examples showing how various laws are applied in practical situations. Also included is a sample filled-in return (form 1040), with various items keyed to the pages of the booklet where detailed explanation may be found.

Copies of this U.S. Printing Office publication are available at the reference desk and in the lending collection, according to Miss Jeanne Lloyd, librarian.

**Random Notes About Town**

**MUSIC**  
The Detroit Symphony under Paul Paray has Louis Kentner as piano soloist, Thursday, 8:30, Ford auditorium.  
The Boston Pops Orchestra with Arthur Fiedler conducting presents Ozan Marsh as soloist; Friday, 8:20, Masonic auditorium.  
Joann Freeman, Paul Olefsky and Gordon Staples join forces as the American Artists Trio at the Detroit Institute of Arts lecture hall; Saturday, Jan. 17, 8:30 p.m. Marygrove college presents The Little Glee Singers; Sunday, Jan. 18, 8:30, Ford auditorium.  
Nellie Watts presents William Warfield, Baritone in concert, January 18, 8:20, Scottish Rite cathedral.

**MOVIES**  
**BIRMINGHAM:** Mardi Gras with Pat Boone, Tommy Sands; also Walt Disney's White Wilderness.  
**BLOOMFIELD:** In Love and War with Robert Wagner and Dana Wyler; also Party Girl with Cyl Charisse and Robert Taylor.  
**MICHIGAN:** Rosalind Russell has a royal romp in Auntie Mame, from the novel of the same name.  
**MADISON:** Susan Hayward bids for an academy award in the soaring I Want To Live.  
**PALMS:** Walt Disney's Tonka.  
**TRANS-LUX KRIM:** Alec Guinness stars in The Horse's Mouth.

**FOREIGN FILMS**  
**WORLD AND STUDIO:** Jacques Tati stars in the hilarious My Uncle.  
**TELEVISION**  
**ROB HOPE SPECIAL:** has overseas Christmas tour film with Gina Lollobrigida, Yul Brynner, Molly Bee and George Sanders; Friday, 9 p.m., channel 2.  
**PERSON TO PERSON:** has Edward R. Murrow interviewing Huntington Hartford and Meyer Davis; Friday, 10:30, channel 9.  
**THE LAST WORD:** series dealing with exciting world of words with Dr. Bergen Evans as moderator and Mary McCarthy, Archibald Macleish and John Masefield; Sunday, 3 p.m., channel 2.  
**THE WORLD OF IDEAS:** a series of seminars devoted to locking at the principles by which we live; Sunday, 3:30, channel 2.  
**BEHIND THE NEWS WITH HOWARD K. SMITH:** new program with a new concept in informational programming; Sunday, 4:30, channel 2.  
**THE TWENTIETH CENTURY:** has The Delinquents; a documentary exploration of the causes of juvenile delinquency; Sunday, 6:30, channel 2.  
**HIGH ADVENTURE WITH LOWELL THOMAS—U.S. 10V:** naval expedition to exotic South Sea atoll—world's first use of rocket astronomy in the study of solar eclipse; Monday, 10 p.m., channel 2.  
**THE LOST CLASS OF '50:** Edward R. Murrow examines the effects of the closing of six schools in Norfolk, Va.; Wednesday, 8 p.m., channel 2.

**Language Classes Offered in R. O.**

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