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This is indeed, the age of gab-gab and yak-yak—an age in which the tongue is busier than the ear. How come? Simply because too many of us fail to participate in that part of conversation known as "listening."

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Seek 3-Year Terms

These Two Vying For 1-Yr. Vacancy

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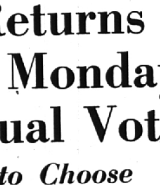
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Taxpayers Decree for Financial Diet for Birmingham Schools

Tax Boost Defeated Decisively

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL, Managing Editor

Birmingham school officials today are preparing their 1960-61 budget on a hamburger-and-onions basis after Monday's resounding no-more-stak-for-us decision at a record school district election.

For the first time in more than a decade, Birmingham school electors turned down their top school officials in a special election.

Only two of the 31 precincts gave a majority to the proposition, "yes." The voters voted 406 "yes," 259 "no" against the field canvass and provide more accurate statistics.

THE REVOLT against higher taxes—added to the normal negative vote elements on any school issue—made all the difference this time.

The result was a turndown on a proposed 4-mill extension which would have raised \$761,000 for increased faculty and administrative salaries, more library books and in-service training improvements.

Of the record 6,155 who visited the polls, 4,695 voted against the added millage, while 3,363 approved it.

THE INCREASE, had it passed, would have added 17.7 per cent more to each property owner's school tax bill.

IS THERE any indication the board is going to do this? "We'll probably wait a few days to let all this sink in before any definite moves are made," she said.

SHE SAID the result seems to be (See TAX, page 5-A)

You Must Stick Your Nose Into Federal Census

The U. S. Department of Commerce will be counting more than noses or heads as 675 enumerators knock on Oakland county doors, ring Oakland county door-bells, enter Oakland county yards or heads Oakland county peps.

THE INFORMATION required about the dwelling is the number of rooms, cooling facilities, plumbing, and whether rented or owned.

HOUSEHOLDERS are requested to fill out the household questionnaire and mail it within three days to the local census district office.

HINTZ pointed out that information about individuals and their homes furnished to the Census Bureau is kept confidential under Federal law.

Each will be provided with a red, white and blue identification card worn on the lapel. The card bears the seal of the department of commerce and the words "Census Enumerator, Official Credential" are printed across its face.

THEY WILL BE identified further by the portfolio they carry, he went on. The portfolio is brown and the legend "1960 census of the United States" is printed on it in green ink.

PERSONS claiming to be census-takers who do not have the identification card should be reported immediately to the district census office, Hintz said.

THE DISTRICT office is at 53 1/2 W. Huron, Pontiac.

B'ham Returns To Polls Monday For Annual Vote

This Time to Choose 4 City Commissioners

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Birmingham citizens go to the polls next Monday for the second time in eight days. This time they will vote on four city commissioners, three library board members, and four special propositions.

Three days ago, many of these electors turned out to vote on the defeated Birmingham school district special millage. (See story in adjoining column.)

Polls for the city's annual municipal election April 4 will open at 7 a.m., close at 8 p.m.

INCUMBENTS Mrs. Florence Willett, William H. Roberts and William H. Burgum are seeking three-year terms. They are opposed by ex-mayor and former commissioner Ralph A. Main, and political newcomer Robert B. Aikens.

THE PROPERTY sale once was

Hundreds Steamed Up Over Handling of GTRR's Last Steamer

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL, Managing Editor

Sunday afternoon the Grand Trunk Western Railroad became the last of the major lines to give up steam locomotives for the modern, more efficient diesels.

THE two-section 2-11 p.m. Detroit-to-Durand "Farewell Steamers" carried more than 3,000 passengers in its total 24 cars.

SPRIT MANY hundreds of hollidays and their families who boarded the crowded, 21-car second section at Birmingham.

Incumbents Unopposed In Hills

Two Bloomfield Hills city commission incumbents have no opposition while seeking re-election in Monday's April 4 election.

HOMER J. MURPHY is unopposed for the office of constable, in what should prove to be a light election.

Turn Spring Cleaning Into Profit

This year, convert spring cleaning into ready cash. Advertise the house-cleaning in an inexpensive Birmingham newspaper.

Copy Deadline—Tuesday 5 p.m.

Sandburg Headlines Art Week

Carl Sandburg, internationally-known poet, author, folk singer and one of America's most beloved in the arts, will spark the third annual Birmingham Arts Festival observed this year from June 11 through 19.

"AN EVENING with Sandburg" will climax the week with a presentation at 7 p.m. June 19 at Cranbrook.

Kick-off for the week's celebration will be the Arts Festival Ball, a formal party June 11 at the Bloomfield country club.

Local merchants and banks will extend the park activities with window and lobby displays.

There will be artists painting and demonstrating techniques of water colors and oils in Shain Park, Thom said.

WEAVERS will use their looms. Metal pounders will be raising hoo. The Birmingham school children will demonstrate their crafts and talents.

There will be a raised stage in the center of Shain Park, he continued, where highlights of the day will be featured every afternoon.

MRS. WILLIAM C. NEWBERG, 1411 Kirkway, Bloomfield Hills, is chairman of "An Evening with Sandburg" at Cranbrook.

Until a few years ago, the Sandburgs lived in Herbert, Michigan, but when the Lake Michigan winters began to prove too vigorous for them they moved to Flat Rock, N.C.

"Mr. Sandburg's many friends here are excited that he is coming," Mrs. Newberg said. "We hope the young people of our area will take this opportunity to be inspired by this eminent and artistic personality of our time, who has inspired the world with his poetry."

THE DANGERS of making-do with an inadequate police force can be great indeed, points out George Fielding Elliot in a challenging report on the need, in many communities, of revamping law enforcement methods.

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