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SECTION A

Serving the Citizens of Michigan's Finest Suburban Residential Area



The writer of these paragraphs frequently is told by readers of The Eccentric that they are helpful in smoothing some of the rough spots on each day's news. For this I am grateful... for the doing of them into my own abilities to gain pleasure and happiness. There is, of course, "nothing new under the sun" in their basic meanings... just a sort of saying old axioms and inspirations in today's idiom.

Second Half of B'ham School Study Completed

\$1,755,052 Budget Calls for 18 Mills; .4 Lower Than '60

By KEN WEAVER News Editor For the second straight year, Birmingham is going to have a reduction in taxes. The \$1,755,052 budget adopted by city commissioners Monday night calls for a city tax levy of \$18 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

That's a mill (40 cents per \$1,000) less than last year and less than the 18.40 originally proposed for this year. In 1960 the rate was reduced one mill—from 19.40 to 18.40.

Only opposition to a budget item came from Commissioner Ralph A. Main, who moved to delete an appropriation of \$8,800 for the City's participation in a Federal planning assistance program. His motion failed for lack of support.

Main has consistently opposed Birmingham's participation in this program, believing that the City is capable of handling its own planning.

WHEN FIRST announced, the 1961-62 budget called for a total of \$1,800,655. The 1960-61 budget was \$1,783,485.

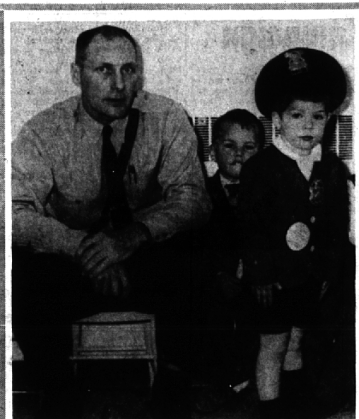
According to Mayor Florence H. Willett the amount finally adopted is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Department and Amount. Includes Municipal Court, Police, Fire, etc.

COMMISSIONERS also adopted budgets for the water, sewage and auto parking system funds. Total revenue estimated for the water department is \$308,808, with expenditures of \$365,288.50.

Estimated revenue from the sewage treatment plant is \$164,182.96, with expenditures of \$129,182.96, for a net profit of \$34,999.83.

The City expects revenue of \$103,000 from the Public Works System and expenditures of \$50,000. Debt retirement of \$44,800 will leave \$58,200 in excess revenue.



Cops Cap

Four-year-old Timothy Spears snags to attention after copping Birmingham Patrolman Arthur Birkholz's cap and badge during his visit to the pre-school church classes at St. James Episcopal Church Sunday.

Actually, Timothy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Spears, 2879 Yorkshire, Birmingham, was just taking his turn at trying on the officer's equipment. Four-year-old Stephen Keyes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keyes, 240 Harrow Circle, Birmingham, anxiously awaits his turn.

Excitement and curiosity of both boys and girls flourished as Birkholz found himself surrounded by children who peered in wonder at his badge, blew with gusto his whistle and examined in awe a bullet.

Birkholz's visit was part of the police department's program to acquaint the younger set with a few fundamental safety rules and let them know that the policeman is their friend.

Lollipop distributed by Birkholz before leaving seemed to seal this bond of friendship.

Festival Art Entries Surpass Last Year

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By last Saturday's deadline, art entries for the 1961 Birmingham Arts Festival, June 17-24, had nearly doubled the number received last year.

The art committee extended the deadline for Festival Art Market entries after appeals from a number of would-be participants who had missed the closing date.

Festival Art Committee Chairman Albert H. Desalle said he believed the introduction of \$900 in prizes and the growing stature of the arts festival had attracted the large turn-out of entries.

"There is no question that there are many more good things among this year's entries," Desalle said. PAINTINGS, sculpture and other items poured into the receiving headquarters at 583 W. Maple from all over Lower Michigan, as far away as Traverse City.

Word's Premier Golfers Invade B'ham Next Week

By JOE CADARIU Sports Editor

Next week the eyes of sports fans throughout the world will be focused on Birmingham, Michigan. The touring cavalcade of the world's best golfers will settle on the rolling hills of Oakland Hills Country Club on W. Maple and chase a small white ball for three days, June 15-17.

The man who hits the ball into a hole less than twice its size in the least amount of strokes for 72 such holes gets the maximum share of the approximately \$60,000 prize money.

FIFTY GOLFERS will walk nearly 16 miles each in an attempt to become the king of the first annual United States Golf Association Open Tournament, or more commonly called the U. S. or National Open.

People by the thousands will filter into the area to observe the country's premier golfing event. Conversations will be dominated by names such as Gary Player, Arnold Palmer, Sam Snead and Ben Hogan instead of the usual Kennedy, Khrushchev and Castro.

GOLF IS a big money game. Last year's Open champion Arnold Palmer set a single season record with winnings of \$75,282.

Twenty-five-year-old Gary Player, a South African import, edged Palmer in the Masters tourney in Augusta this spring and is leading Arnie by just over \$7,000 in 1961 purses.

When the Open begins Player will try to increase his earnings which already total \$61,984. Palmer tries to overtake the young flash and add to his \$44,685.

Along with Palmer and Player, favorites include the old pro Sam Snead, who has never won the Open, and Ben Hogan, four-time champ.

But with so many excellent golfers making the tour of the country it's almost impossible to call one man the "favorite."

An amateur has never won the Open, but last year Ohio State's Jack Nicklaus finished a close second to Palmer at Denver's 12th City Editor.

IT'LL BE an exciting spectacle as the pros in general Oakland Hills. And beginning with Monday's practice rounds, Birmingham area sports fans will have the opportunity to see some of the finest golf in the world.

COMMERCIAL study committee recommendations: 1. Development of a one-year course in general "business" to be offered in the 10th grade to students who elect the commercial course.

2. Development of a course emphasizing business English as the required English course for 12th grade terminal commercial students.

3. Development of a one-semester elective course emphasizing applications of mathematics for commercial students in the 10th or 11th grades.

4. Development of an introductory course in typing to be available to students in the 10th or 11th grades.

5. Development of a library of inexpensive color reproductions, color slides and other art instructional materials, to be available at the instructional materials center for use by all teachers.

6. Steps be taken to insure adequate art facilities in all secondary schools.

Ends 3-Yr. Evaluation Of System

By LES LANGLOIS City Editor

Birmingham reached another plateau in its educational progress this week with the Citizens Curriculum Study Committee's completion of its three-year evaluation of the school system.

Approached in two parts and containing over 100 recommended school and curriculum improvements, the report is expected to generate considerable impact on the future education of secondary school students.

The 114-page second part of the report, outlining 53 improvements in non-academic subject areas, was formally presented to the board of education Tuesday night at the General Motors Technical Center, included as non-academic areas are art, music, commercial, home-making, industrial arts, library, and physical education.

THE FIRST SECTION of the report, covering academic subject areas and including 54 proposed changes, was presented and considered during the school system's week-long educational conference in April.

Committee Chairman Kenneth A. Meade presented Dr. Otis M. Dick, superintendent of schools, and Mrs. Peter R. Loomis, board of education president, expressed their appreciation and recognition of the committee's "unique community effort."

The objective of the committee, composed of representatives of 14 area Parent-Teacher groups, was to evaluate the present curriculum in the light of today's scientific and social demands and needs. And this goal, as the report shows, was accomplished with detail and insight.

IT NOW REMAINS for the board of education to evaluate the report. (See EVALUATION, 3-A)

BCH Names 5 Directors At Meeting

Results of the election of four new members to its board of directors were announced following the June 5 annual meeting of the Community House Association. Another director was re-elected at the meeting which was presided by the association's reception and dinner.

The new directors, elected to three-year terms, have resided in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area for an average of 13 years and have been active in community affairs.

The new directors are Mrs. Robert F. Kohn, Mrs. Lester C. Lemple, John E. Stevenson and Robert A. Thom. Mrs. Read Jenkins was re-elected to the board.

MRS. KOHR, 469 Wimbledon, retiring president of the American Association of University Women, is a past regent of the Piety Hill chapter of the DAR.

Mrs. Lemple, 1445 Kirkway Hills, Bloomfield Hills, is a member of the DAR and on the board of deacons, Kirk of the Hills.

A manufacturer's representative, Stevenson is a member of the boards of the United Foundation of Detroit, William Beaumont Hospital, and the Detroit Football Co. He is also general chairman of the Community House Fund Drive.

Thom, 6160 West Surrey Road, Foxcroft, internationally known artist who was founding president of the Bloomfield Art Association, is one of the founders of the Birmingham Art Association.

THE TROPHY is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Scott and James Scott, parents and brother of the boy who died.

Irvine received the honor Tuesday night at the fifth annual Bloomfield Lions Club Sports banquet honoring Hills Hill athletes.

Town Meeting Previews CBD Plan Tonight

Birmingham residents will have their first public glimpse of the city's proposed future CBD plan tonight.

Detailed details of the CBD plan will be outlined at an 8 p.m. public meeting in the city hall.

Herbert F. Fegels, chairman of the Central Business District Development Committee, will present the plan with City Planner Herbert Herzberg, his assistant, John Proke, and George Tomlinson of Villaret-Leman Associates, sketching the details of the plan.

THE MEETING is designed to obtain the community's criticism of the plan before its final adoption.

Herzberg emphasized that "we are not attempting to enlarge the central business district to a 1/2 mile radius. We want to retain the single family dwelling character of the community," he said.

As far as the purpose of the plan is concerned, it is intended to improve traffic circulation and provide additional off-street parking.

The plan, said Herzberg, is flexible enough to provide space for future expansion of cultural and civic facilities.

The completed plan is expected to be displayed during the Arts Festival (June 17-24). It then will be presented to the plan board and eventually undertaken after receiving approval of the various boards and committees.

HERZBERG FEGELS final approval of the plan should result for the plan board in order to retain its flexibility.

This and That

by George R. Averill

Do ALL Teachers Defend Value of Free Enterprise?

In a nation supposed to have reached high standards of civilized culture, it is amazing how confused so many young and middle-aged and older persons are on the subject of civics and economics.

Which merely is to say that too many U.S. citizens know too little about the processes of self-government to make it work better; the same goes for economists, which treats on the production and distribution of goods and services.

Were young people given intelligent instructions about these subjects when going through schools and universities, mankind would be equipped better with the tools to preserve liberty and freedom.

YOUTH IS THE time to create enduring mental habits; comparative few adults are able to unlearn incorrect impressions and ideas gained in youth—while some may say "I'm naturally a changed idea," it is hard to prevent them from applying the later-learned correct ideas to living itself.

If one is taught in youth, to accept the ideas of Socialism, of Communism, or any other "ism," it will be difficult to switch him to the defense of Capitalism, which made America a great nation.

Therefore, look to the curriculums in your schools and colleges. What are they teaching, or not teaching? You would object to having any social agency feed your children bad spoiled food—do you know whether some teachers are "feeding youth bad spoiled mental food?"

No trait is more useful in life than the ability to laugh at our own defects. Just as Lincoln was able to make fun of his homeliness. Once, during a debate, Douglas accused Lincoln of being two-faced, but the rail-splitter responded without hesitation calmly responded "I leave it to you." (See THIS & THAT, 3-A)

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Survey Requests For Hills Corner Sent to Lansing

A list of requests concerning the intersection of U.S. 10-Long Lake, in Bloomfield Hills, has been forwarded from the Pontiac District Department's district office in Lansing to headquarters in Lansing.

Substitute a seven-day period for the six-period day in junior high school.

Herb Crane, assistant district traffic engineer, said the Pontiac office has requested a traffic count, separate for trucks if possible, an obstacle check, speed survey and a check on direction of vehicles coming from Opdyke onto Woodward.

The Lansing office has to approve the plan then state-wide priority decisions how soon the surveys will begin.

On the Board

New Birmingham Community House directors, elected to three-year terms, include Jenkins, who was re-elected. Absent from the photo is Mrs. Robert F. Kohn.

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Root Issued This Statement on His Candidacy Today

The lack of opposition in next Monday's school election has provided welcome relief from the time and expense of campaigning, and (See ELECTION, 4-A)