Taxpayers Like This Status Quo!

Birmingham City Manager L. R. Gare and his department heads have done it

again! They've recommended a 1961-62 munici-pal budget that maintains the tax rate status quo.

status quo.

In these days of governmental get-all-you-can-and-then-spend-it, it's most encouraging to know that high quality mulcipal service can be maintained without making the taxpayer's wallet any thinner.

BIRMINGHAM'S CITY administration still will be able to grant employe salary and wage increases, hire an additional policeman and make minor improvements for next year . . . at no additional tax-

for next year . . . at no additional day-payer expense.

New construction on the tax rolls for the first time is the reason additional mu-nicipal expenses can be met. This year's valuation will result in \$67,212 more tax revenue from 1960's new construction.

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The new Birmingham budget of \$1,800,655 will need only \$18.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation—the same as last year. (In fact, in the past four or five years, Birmingham's tax rate has decreased from high of \$19.60 per thousand of assessed valuation.)

THIS ONLY PROVES AGAIN that local government officials get the most mileage out of a tax dollar and available tax

Oakland county, Lansing and Washington bureaucrats should do as well!

Why Force Retirement?

The policy of arbitrary retirement at age 65 never did make much sense. It becomes less and less sensible as the percentage of those about age 65 in the United

centage of those about age 65 in the United States population increases.

As machines take over a swiftly rising share of the world's work, human muscle power plays a lesser role. More and more of the total of employed persons will use their minds rather than brawn. This is pertinent because the mind can go on turning out first-rate work long after the muscles have become too weak for heavy labor—and long after the age of 65.

An interesting illustration of this is provided by the experience of the Hastings College of Law in San Francisco, one of three University of California law facul-

College of Law in San Francisco, one of three University of California law faculties. The men who teach in this college comprise an extraordinary group of top scholars in various fields of law. With one exception, they have this in commonthat they have been recruited from other faculties after age limitations forced them to retire. Their average age is 73.5 years.

UNDER ORDINARY circumstances, UNDER ORDINARY circumstances, these men would have been more or less "turned out to parture" when the calendar said they should be retired. As it is, they continuing to enrich a new generation their wealth of knowledge and experience. The value to society is incalcu-lable.

Not everyone can go on making a full contribution after age 65. But it is fair to conclude, on the basis of numerous studies. conclude, on the basis of numerous situates, that a majority of those who want to work after 65 could do so with profit both to themselves and to their employers. Our society needs to re-examine its ideas about the proper age for retirement.

Opposed Boosting Gov't Spending

The grass-roots newspapers of the Nation continue to fight reckless federal government spending with unflinching determination.

Recently, 1,200 of these newspapers were polled on a number of proposals pending in Congress. If at times you despair that fiscal sanity will ever return, you will be encouraged by the results of this poll.

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To the question: what should be done to prevent nation-wide strikes, 66% would apply the antitrust laws to unions and 25% would set up Labor Courts with final authority to decide the dispute. As to more Federal aid to education, 65% would vote NO.

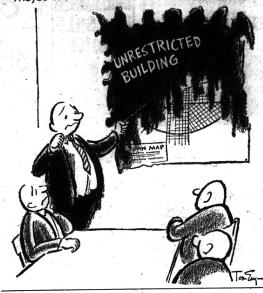
Righty per cent would apply any budget surplus to reducing the national debt. Eighteen per cent would use it to reduce taxes. Only 6% would vote for bigger social welfare programs.

A MAJORITY OPPOSE increasing gas-

oline taxes to speed up the interesting gas-oline taxes to speed up the interstate high-way program.

Seventy-one per cent would tax the earnings of cooperatives just like other

"Maybe It's Time We Thought About Planning"



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A Free, Responsible and Aggressive Press Is Democracy's First Line of Defense

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From The Eccentric's Point of View...

The UAW's Walter P. Reuther wants his members to get 40 hours pay for 30 hours work when the hours, in a recession, hours work when the hours, in a recession, should be lowered to 30 so that more work may be spread around; he wants unemployment compensation to last as long as a man is out of a job; he wants retirement to start at 60 years of age; he wants longer paid vacactions; he wants industrial "sabbaticals" for men so that they may acquire more education so they may advance themselves; he wants the auto companies to pay the entire cost of surgical, medical and hospital insurance. This is what he told the UAW convention in Detroit a week ago. Such a Utopian vision, what he told the UAW convention in De-troit a week ago. Such a Utopian vision, of course, assumes that industry, in a free competitive system, can do all these things which it can't, and neither can a purely ocialistic government, which Walter's deas appear to agree with.

Michigan's Legislature, dominated by Republicans, has fought off Democratic efforts to revise the tax system. The Re-publicans expect the recently voted-for sales tax increase to balance the State's budget. Time, and added public services, will provide the answer.

Four thousand incensed young Harvard Four thousand incensed young introduced men marched on the home of their presi-dent one evening last week, demanding that their diplomas be printed in Latin on very good paper. President Pusey plans to use English on less expensive paper.

Seventy-four per cent would reduce farm price supports, and 71% would ter-minate Federal loans to veterans for house

No one would vote the same way as the majority of these editors on all these ques-

But the President was unperturbed by the marching students, for he told them: "I always distinguish more clearly in English."

President Kennedy has asked Congress for a strict law to enforce honesty and real ethical conduct on the part of governreal ethical conduct on the part of govern-ment employees. He wants them to be, like Caesar's wife, above suspicion—and so do the American people. Yet it is dif-ficult to reconcile the President's requirements in this respect with the knock-down-drag-out no-holds-barred pattern of down-drag-out no-holds-barr the usual political campaign

"Motoring on today's expressways is as exciting as staring at a sheet of white paper, enough to drive tourists away", says Ross J. Wilhelm, University of Michigan instructor in marketing. He believes expressways should not by-pass every town, should not be so barren of normal scenery that is part of the environment of cities and villages. He laments the of cities and villages. He laments the building of highways that only offer minimized travel time from one place to

A Buffalo, N.Y., music lover enjoyed Mozart's compositions so much that he put the following adv. in that city's Evening News on the anniversary of the artist's birthday: "To Wolfgang on his 205th. Happy Birthday! You're the greatest..."

tions. They do not agree themselves r, these editors, both Democratic

and Republican, do represent the grass-roots opinion of their readers. That the majority are conservative is some assur-ance for the future.

Talk of the Towns

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A family down on Pierce Street in Beverly Hills makes it a point to organize most of their projects as a joint effort.

Mins Two and Mins Four are presently halping with preparations for a new sibling.

Last week, their mother took them on a tour of the house, pointing out where the lineas are kept, where the laundry necessities are stored and the location of breakfast supplies.

The idea was to give the girls some of the responsibility of running the household while Mother was off tending to the new baby.

After the two young housekeepers-to-be finished the briefing session, Mins Four turned and add, "What I'd like to know is who took care of Dad whee I was born?"

A sweet spend Time who lives on Heather Lane in Bloomled Township becomes more a model tennager each day.

She makes it a project to be a courteous, clean-cut and trim young lady.

One evening she sat in the living room mulling over the difficulties of the latter project. Turning to her father she thought out load:

"Daddy, why didn't I inherit your dimples instead of your appetite?"

Attending the detective school at Groves High was an interesting experience for this reporter but it is becoming routine for the students to see the policemen around the buldings. Leafus, one of the law men stopped a student who was carrying a violin case.

Last week, on the way to the catelra, one of the law men stopped a student who was carrying a violin case.

"Say, lawent' heard a violin sole in years," he said. "Wort, you play a little time for me?"

"Shihl" the student replied.

"Don't tell the cops but I have a sawed-off shot-gaun in hearit."

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Savs Robert Welch Slated for Slander

To the Editor:

They crucified Senator Joe McCarthy when he tried to alert the danger of subversives in our provenment departments. Now it is floort: Welch, who is the dated for expansing the John Birch Society to combat the indiction activities of Reds, dupes and which are kept from general passificious activities of Reds, dupes and which are kept from general passification activities of Reds, dupes and which are kept from general passification and the subversion of the subv

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Centennial of Departure Of Michigan's Regiment

A century ago, on May 13, 800 Michigan men left their homes and loved to me and wert off to war, to fight what was destined to bear and an investment of the American people. A month earlier For Conference of the American people. Conference of the American people. A month earlier For Conference of the American people. Conference of the American people. The American people of the American

serve for three months. The great chipet was to crush the insurescention, and preserves the Union.

MICHIGAN WAS asked to furnish one regiment, and on April 16, Governor Austin Blair issued a proclamation calling for men was the complete, and on May 1, the First Michigan for the was the complete, and on May 1, the First Michigan infantry Regiment, commanded by Orionato B. White and the Harder of the was the companies: the Deta Greyches and the Harder Cadeta, the Manchaster Union Guard, the Steuben Guard Cadeta, the Marchal Light Guard, the Marshal Light Guard and the Harder Cadeta, the Marchal Light Guard and the Harder Cadeta, the Marshal Light Guard and the Harder Cadeta, the Marshal Light Guard and the Harder Cadeta, the Marshal Light Guard and the Harder Cadeta.

FROM THE WAR Department came orders to proceed to Washington, and on May 13 the First Michigan left the state. Before its decided to the Campus Martinas in Detroit. A large crowd gathered to hear patriotic speeches, to see handsome silken flag, and to bid them Godspeed.

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erates under General P. G. T. Beau-Fagl. Dwelly offensive met with a disastrous defeat in the First Bat-tie of Bull Run (July 21), a battle in which the First Michigan was heavily engaged. Reaching the the regiment went into action near the now famous Henry House, where the most severe fighting of the battle took place.

Happenings of Long Ago

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to the coal attitle.

30 YEARS AGO
The Rev. Theo. Wingaper, who recently from Emblem, Wyo. Is now for the conducting services at the Redeemer Lutheran Church on Lincoln and truther conducting services at the Redeemer Lutheran Church on Lincoln and truther and the conducting truthic askety education producing services at the Redeemer Lutheran Church on Lincoln and truthic askety education professor and the services of the services of the services and the services of the serv

Louis in January.

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BY GEORGE WM. AVERILL One Thing or Another

There's no question but what Michigan's school aystems should have the best possible elementary and secondary teachers they can obtain. But in these days of teacher shortages, those with the big money seem to be getting most of the best.

the best.
What's left for many systems with leaner

pocketbooks?
Overload present faculty, drop courses, resort to half-day sessions, sacrifice educational standards because of lesser ability?

PERHAPS ONE OR A combination of these consequences may be necessary. But seducational standards would not suffer as much these densities and the seducation of these consequences or supplemented by able, qualified and the seducation of the seducation standards high until the teacher supply or financial crists is solved.

The possibility is to obtain able, qualified citic sens to instruct special courses. There are probably many wonderfully-qualified retired men or women whose special knowledge could be applied to the classroom—especially at the high school level, Others might make time in their work-week to help out for a year or two.

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TO TEACH IN MICHIGAN achools on a permanent basis, you must have a college degree, have taken a number of required education courses, and have a provisional or permanent teaching certificate from the state superintendent of, schools' office.

But in special circumstances, the state will permit non-certificated people to teach not more than 90 school days in any school year. In extra-special situations, the local board can sak for an extension which the state must approve.

Lat's any Highgata, Michigan, needs a chemistry and a history teacher. Highgate schools can't address. The complex salary was for a certificated instructor. No substitute teachers are available.

BUT LIVING IN HIGHGATE is a retire

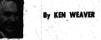
deem's new and a community contribution and use some or manager time constructively.

Next door to the chemist is a retired college professor who has written a world history, now the text in 20 major miteraties. He, too, has the and the interest to teach the high school history.

EACH MAN APPLIES for a 90-day special certificate for the fall semester. The school board needs them 60 more teaching days each it garderses their application for extensions of time's both men can teach the entire school year. If the supporting evidence is adequate, the state probably would grant the extensions. This procedure could go on indefinitely from year-to-year, if the state were satisfied the community still has a teaching problem.

Thus an interested citizen is able to contribute significantly to his community welfare, and educational standards are maintained.

Unless more certificated teachers become available, or school revenues can be supplemented appreciably, we may find more and more school appreciably and the supplemented appreciably are may find more and more school available of the supplemented appreciably we may find more and more school as the supplemented appreciably we may find more and more school as the supplemented appreciably we may find more and more school as the supplemented appreciably we may find more and more school as the supplemented appreciably we may find more and more school as the supplemented appreciably we may find more and more school as the supplemented appreciably we may find more and more school as the supplemented appreciably we may find more and more school as the supplemented appreciably we may find more and more school as the supplemented appreciable we may find more and more school as the supplemented appreciable was a supplemented appreciable and the supplemented appreciable a



City Beat

Daughter: Motner, may a businesses the first Meyll only be gone two weeks.

Mother: But Dear, do you think that would be wise? It ian't proper for unmarried men and women to make such tripa unescorted.

Daughter: Oh, Mother, you're so old-fashloned. It ian't like it was when you were a girl.

Mother: No, I guess it ian't. When I was your age we went for rides in easy, but not for oversitight without an escort.

DAUGHTER: If you're just worried about us eing alone together, we can ask Mark and Jane

being alone together, we can ask Mark and Jane to go along.

Mother: I'm sorry, Dear, but I just don't think, you should make such a trip. I'm afraid this fly-ing around in the universe isn't as afte as it's cracked up to be.

Daughter: Oh, Mother, it is, too, safe. Why just last mouth the Smiths rocketed to Venus and back. Look at them. They're just as healthy as when they left—no radiation burns, no collisions, or anythine.

when they left—no redistion turns, no coussons, or anything.
Mother: Well, we'll speak to your father about it when he gets back from the moon tonight.

FACT OR fantage?
Is this a future conversation between my wife and daughter, now 15 months old?

Parents all over the world must wonder about the fate of their ediliters. In the space sage, just as our parents and granidiparents wondered with creation of the automobile and sirphane.

creation of the automobile and airplane.

NOW TRAT the first main has orbited the earth, who will be the first woman is do so? Our township editor, Deal Scallon, says also would like to be.

A true, adventuresome newspaper person.

WITH ALL of these space accomplishments to-day, two questions prevail:

Will human life be found on other planets? If so what will the discovery do to religion—to the concepts of Christianity, to the belief that there is one God and that He created the world?