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## Letters Reply On Exemption For Shelters

Birmingham City Commission received five letters last week in response to its recent request to several officials to seek legislation exempting fallout shelters from property taxes.

State Rep. Henry M. Hogan, Jr., wrote: "In the past session of the legislature, a bill was introduced exempting fallout shelters but which died on the floor of the House because the wording was so vague that a property owner could build a glorified family room and still have it exempt under the definition of a fallout shelter."

"In the next session . . . I have been assured that a better worded bill will be introduced and there is no question in my mind that such bill will be passed into law."

ACTING DIRECTOR R. S. D'Amelio of the state office of civil defense also referred to the bill to be introduced in the next session of the legislature. Norman R. Barnard of the county board of supervisors said the matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the supervisors' Legislative Committee. No date has been set.

Referring to the bill introduced last year, State Sen. Farrel E. Roberts said:

"There seemed to be a feeling that everyone would tend to claim that their basement recreation room was a fallout shelter."

"This year, with the apparent change in public sentiment, the bill may succeed in passage." John H. Huss, director of the Michigan Municipal League, said he would turn the matter over to the league's legislative committee for review and appraisal.

## Police Caution Drivers About Auto Accidents

Accidents in Birmingham increased during September with 70 mishaps reported compared to 68 in October and 65 in October, 1960. Right-of-way violations and following too closely caused most accidents.

ACCORDING TO Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley, "Most of the serious accidents occurred during hours of darkness so it can be assumed that defective automobile lights were a contributing factor."

"For this reason," Moxley said, "the police department in recent weeks has been reminding motorists that a city ordinance requires that all lights on every automobile must be in good working condition."

"WHAT ALARMS ME most," Moxley said, "is that the situation could grow steadily worse during the next few months because we are now entering the period of the year when there usually is a sharp increase in fatal and injury accidents."

"During November and December, days get shorter and weather conditions can be expected to worsen. These factors add heavily to the accident potential."

MOXLEY SUGGESTED four ways to avoid getting involved in an accident:

1. Observe traffic laws and regulations.
2. Drive defensively.
3. Adjust your speed to weather and traffic conditions.
4. Keep your car in safe operating condition.

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## Servicemen End Two-Day Search

Specialist Five Gordon Sweeney (2nd from left), of Birmingham, appears a little tired but still in good shape after he and two other Army companions, Sgt. Frank Miller (left) and Sp4 Kenneth Peters (far right), found Henry Drum, a Tucson, Ariz., deer hunter who had been lost for five days in the Bartolo Mountain Range near Nogales, Ariz. Sweeney was one of 475 officers and enlisted men who searched the mountain terrain for two days before finding the hunter.

Sweeney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis G. Sweeney, 683 Ruffner, Birmingham, is a truck mechanic with the Electronic Warfare Field Support Battery at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

## \$555,982 Is Low Bid For Lodge Extension

A low bid of \$555,982 for 2.2 miles of construction and utility alterations on the northeast service drives of Northwestern Highway from Lee Baker Road to Lahser Road in Southfield was received last week by the State Highway Department.

The bid was made by C. J. Rogers and Cooke Contracting of Detroit.

Completion date for the job, involving extension of the John C. Lodge Freeway, is Sept. 30, 1962.

## On Advisory Board

Harry O'Connor, 1315 Lyonhurst, Birmingham, was recently elected an executive council member of the Madonna College Advisory Board.

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## Robert L. Biggers To Attend Confab Of Civilian Aides

FT. MONROE, VA.—Robert L. Biggers, civilian aide to the secretary of the army for Michigan, will attend the annual conference of civilian aides Dec. 3 to 5 at Ft. Monroe.

Chrysler Corp. and vice president of Chrysler Motors. He was appointed civilian aide in 1956. "THE CHANGING ARMY" is the theme of the eighth annual conference and will be discussed by key members of the secretary of the army's staff. Civilian Aides to the secretary of the army are appointed for two-year terms to represent the army in interpreting army policies and doctrines for the civilian communities in their area of interest. They also advise the secretary and the army chief of staff on matters of mutual interest to the army and the public.

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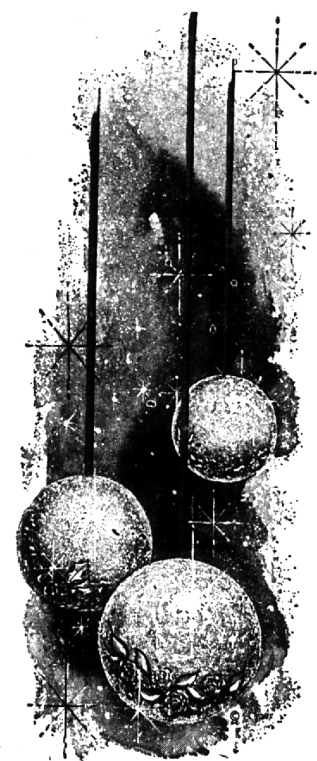
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