

Every night darkness comes to every part of our earth... and every morning the sunshine pours its life-giving light and warmth earthward—and this is done without the help of people... nor can people hinder this celestial glow. Is it not also true that within people there exists (though many times apparently hidden) an inherent "glow," waiting for recognition and use?

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Budget Up \$90,000 In W. Bloomfield

Expenditures Increase Over Previous Year

WEST BLOOMFIELD—The proposed township budget for 1962-63, submitted recently to the Oakland County Tax Allocation Board, is \$90,000 higher than township expenditures last year.

This and That

by George R. Averill

Does 18 Qualify Youth For Ballot?

Many people believe that the vote should be given to every qualified American when he reaches the age of 18. Even former President Eisenhower agreed to this. On the other hand, many disagree—perhaps many more than approve the idea.

Twenty one is the age generally agreed upon as the period when youth begins to "mingle" into a sense of responsibility for his actions. This age is presumed to have provided youth with sufficient educational background to cause them to participate in civic and political activities, necessary to the maintenance of self-government.

Common sense, gained from actual experience, always has argued that the possession of good judgment is necessary to make good and wise decisions... whether these decisions are confined to one's own personal affairs, or whether they relate to the art of government.

THE HISTORY of democracies (including the U.S.) proves that ignorance and prejudice, when exercised at the ballot box, add nothing to the enduring strength of self-government. To be sure, millions of today's adults in reality do not possess the desired knowledge about worldly affairs to assure intelligent civic and political decisions.

But to extend the franchise to youth when it reaches 18 certainly lends further strength to this most important question: "Does not the art of practicing self-government require a reasonable quantity and quality of education... acquired both from books and classrooms and from actual contact with life outside the halls of formal education?"

No man or woman need be made melancholy and depressed... unless he himself allows his thoughts and spirit to sag. Few people go through an entire life... even an entire year... without occasions of self-pity, and this alone may bring on unhappy states of consciousness. (See THIS & THAT 4-A)

The budget, approved by the township board, totals \$357,150. Last year, the township spent \$267,908.

The budget may have to be pared after the allocation board, on June 1, sets the amount the township will receive from the 15-mill property tax.

SEVERAL LARGE items account for a major part of increased expenditures proposed for this year.

Marked for road improvement, with the county contributing a similar amount, is \$15,000. In curtailing expenses last year, the township did not participate in a road improvement program with matching funds from the county.

An additional \$6,000 has been promised the township library for its operating expenses this year, bringing the amount from \$24,000 to \$30,000.

THE BUDGET includes \$10,000 for start of a master zoning plan for the township—a new expenditure for the township.

The largest single increase is an expected deficit of \$60,000 in the Farmington department, count when next year's payment on the interceptor is due. The deficit will have to be met from general operating funds. The deficit this year was \$37,000.

An increase of \$7,000 in the building department budget, \$7,000 in the general government department budget \$3,000 in fire department expenses, plus smaller increases in several other departments, account for other additions to last year's budget.

Franklin Library Names Officers, Plans Programs

James P. O'Neill Jr. was named president of the Franklin Library last week.

Other officers, from a 12-member board of directors, are: Mrs. Eugene Kawek, vice-president; Mrs. H. S. Gidley, treasurer and Mrs. Edmund Paige, secretary.

The annual campaign for funds has begun. Proceeds will be used to provide the library with additional books and to increase hours of service.

Plans are being formulated to make books from the Franklin School library available to readers during the summer months. Arrangements have been approved by the Birmingham School Board and Superintendent Dr. Otis Dickey.

A Junior Great Books course is planned as well as several summer programs for children.



Emergency Unit Goes into Action

An electrical power failure early last Friday morning caused a portion of the north-west section of Birmingham, including the Municipal Building, to be without lights. The standby electrical generator operated by the

Birmingham Fire Dept. was called into action. This unit, which would also be called upon in the event of a disaster, kept the lights burning in city hall for more than a half hour.

Incinerator Causes Fire in Basement

BEVERLY HILLS—A fire at the home of Francis Fisk, 17074 Dunblaine, on Saturday afternoon caused damage of \$3,000 to \$4,000, damage.

Firemen said the fire started in the basement incinerator. Two mattresses stored nearby caught fire and the flames spread to the rafters. The fire was confined to the basement, firemen said.

The home was insured.

Area Educators Slate Meeting

Teacher education and professional standards will be the focal topic for discussion at a meeting of educators of the Michigan Education Assoc., to be held in the

Oakland County Board of Education office, 7 p.m. Monday.

Attending the meeting will be about 30 chairmen of local MEA committees within the region.

Featured at the session will be a discussion of the "New Horizons" project of the National Education Association. The crucial area of raising the standards of the teaching profession is the goal of this project. The program is based on the premise that educators, as members of the largest professional association in the world, must critically analyze the preparation, recruitment, and retention of qualified teachers.

Set Hearing For Monday On Zone Law

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—In expectation of a large turnout, the public hearing on the completely new zoning ordinance for Bloomfield Township will be held at 8 p.m. Monday at Bloomfield Hills High School.

According to planning board officials, time will be allotted to hear all objections to and questions on the new ordinance. However, the Planning Commission will make no attempt to answer specific objections. Monday. Such objections will be taken under advisement by the board.

SHOULD THE BOARD find further discussion advisable, a second public hearing will be held May 11 at the township hall.

Following public hearings, the ordinance—with any revisions that may have been made—will be sent to the township board. If approved, date it will take effect will be set by the board.

Bike Inspection Scheduled by Police, Kiwanis

Annual bicycle inspection for school children of Birmingham will be held May 5 and 12. If rained out either day the event will be rescheduled for May 19.

The Birmingham police department and Kiwanis Club sponsor this program which involves mechanical inspection of the bikes, demonstration of the riding skills of the owners and licensing when needed.

Licenses are required by city ordinance.

On the first day, inspection will take place at Adams, Troy (including St. Columba's), Quanton and Midvale. On the second at Baldwin, Pierce, Pembroke and Holy Name.

There will be a bike slogan contest with a grand prize of a clock radio going to the winner.

Franklin Boy Scouts Plan Paper Drive

FRANKLIN—Boy Scout Troop 1011 will hold its spring paper drive Saturday.

As usual, trailers will be parked behind the Franklin Community Church early to receive bundles. Teams of scouts and dais will canvas the village for newspapers and magazines residents wish to contribute. Proceeds will provide additional equipment for camping.

Construction Set For Public Bank

BEVERLY HILLS—Work on the permanent building of the Public Bank at Southfield and 14 Mile Road will begin within the next 10 days.

The bank, which has been operating on a temporary permit, issued Oct. 3, 1960, must have the permanent building underway by June 5, 1962. Several extensions of the temporary permit have already been voted by the council.

Michigan Bell Seeks Switch in Troy Exchange

The Michigan Bell Telephone Co. announced this week it will seek permission from the Michigan Public Service Commission to transfer about 600 Troy telephones from the Ulysses to the Trojan exchange.

James S. Richards, division commercial manager for the company, said the request will be made to the state by Michigan Bell to keep the company's promise to make the change if a majority of residents desired it.

RICHARDS stated the company's intention in a letter to Troy City Manager David E. Firestone.

The letter pointed out that the MPSC must approve an alteration of an exchange boundary, and that it would take at least 12 months to make the intricate wiring changes involved in such a number transfer if permission is granted.

Woolfenden Lauds Unanimity of Votes

Research Report Shows 'Surprising Harmony'

Contrary to popular opinion, there is a strong unanimity of voting at the Constitutional Convention, reports delegate Henry L. Woolfenden (R., Bloomfield Hills).

Woolfenden today made public a report on unanimous votes. It was prepared by Sarah Luedders, historian and researcher on Con-Con's paid staff.

"... An examination of individual committee and convention votes reveals surprising harmony," said Miss Luedders.

"CONTRARY TO the impression of many citizens that the convention is torn by party strife on every issue, this report evidences the fact that there is bipartisan support for a substantial majority of all proposals which have come before the convention," said Woolfenden.

He said "75 per cent of all substantive committee reports to the committee of the whole (general sessions) were reached by unanimous vote."

"In the committee of the whole (first reading) 55 per cent of all substantive committee reports were adopted by unanimous action of the whole convention, and an additional 16 per cent were approved without amendment, although amendments were offered and debated in committee of the whole."

MISS LUEDDERS reported that 327 sections of the old and new constitutions have been introduced by the 10 substantive committees. She said these were brought to the convention floor either by exclusion reports or committee proposals.

In all, the committees proposed exclusion of 87 sections, Miss Luedders stated.

"In committee of the whole, 325 sections have been approved in first reading."

Of those, "182 were the result of unanimous... action in the committee of the whole."

(See REPORT, 4-A)

Improve Sidewalks

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night approved the 1962 downtown sidewalk replacement program. Cost is estimated at \$17,500, with the City to pay \$6,200 and property owners to pay \$11,200.

GRAND OPENING

(May 3-4-5)

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The City Goes to Market

LATHRUP CITY ADMINISTRATOR Jerold Stone (right) and Jack Najor of Birmingham market the remodeling of a former supermarket at 28911 Southfield Road. The south 20 feet of the building, owned by Najor, is being leased to Lathrup for city offices for one year, with option to renew

for two six-month periods. The city will pay \$250 per month rent. Mrs. Louise Lathrup Kelley, owner of the House-in-the-Woods where the city offices have been located since shortly after incorporation eight years ago, gave the City official notice to move last week.