

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

B'ham Eccentric Editorial Evokes Defense of County Supervisors

To the Editor:
Your recent (Oct. 11) editorial criticism of the county board of supervisors for their budget practices was rather severe. My feelings in this regard flow from having had the ear-deafening privilege of sitting between your editorial writer and one of our good members of the county board during

lunch just recently! Public officials have a duty to be conservative in their budget estimates and a surplus one year does not guarantee a surplus the following year. Further, smart investments and exceptionally good work by our county officials which bring an even higher return than expected should not bring censure. A closer look at how large a budget our county board handles and at how relatively close they "underestimate" anticipated receipts will present a much clearer picture and proof of proper and good management.

representatives of the people and are answerable to them. The editorial position that we should know what they are doing is well taken and the Eccentric normally does a fine job of informing the public about what is going on. However, let's not yell "fire" in a crowded theatre over a cigarette butt in the aisle.
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First Presbyterian To Host Blood Bank

A Red Cross blood bank will be at the First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham on Monday, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. to accept donations. The blood bank is provided by the Oakland Chapter of the American Red Cross. When blood is donated, it can be held in reserve until needed.

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Coast Guard Academy Slates Entrance Exams

Competitive examination for entrance to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy will be held nationwide on February 18 and 19, 1963, Congressman Broomfield announced today.

Appointments are made on a competitive basis; there are no separate quotas for States or Districts and no special categories," he said. "I urge all qualified young men who are interested in this worthwhile profession to write for details and application as soon as possible to the Commandant (PTP-2), U. S. Coast Guard, Washington 25, D.C. Completed applications must be postmarked on or before January 10, 1963."

A candidate for the next examination for the Coast Guard Academy must be single, must have reached his seventeenth but not his twenty-second birthday by July 1, 1963 and must be in excellent condition.

New Licenses 'Fool-Proof' Hare Says

ABOUT NINE out of ten Michigan motorists now carry easy-to-read, tamper-proof, driver's licenses.

According to Secretary of State James M. Hare, the use of easily falsified white on black photographic operators' licenses was discontinued in April 1960, when a new process made possible the printing of black type on grey background paper. These new and legible licenses are now carried by nearly 4,000,000 Michigan motorists and 256,000 chauffeurs.

At the time the "fool-proof" licenses were first issued the department was praised by prohibitionist and bar owners, the police, and by citizens in general. It made it easy for tavern operators and package store owners to spot alterations on licenses held by teen-agers who changed their birth dates to make them 21 or older.

ACCORDING TO Hare, the new printing process also made it possible for the State Department to print basic information about the Financial Responsibility law and the Michigan point system on each license.

During the 29 months that the process has been used, more than 4.5 million of the "bank" paper licenses have been issued. This includes those held by motorists with non-commercial cars, duplicate documents, and chauffeurs' license which are issued on a yearly basis.

"When the three year cycle for non-commercial drivers ends next April," Hare said, "the expensive, hard-to-read, smudgy, emulsion-process license will become an outdated historic item."

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Township LWV Date for Program

WEST BLOOMFIELD.—THE UN committee of the West Bloomfield League of Women Voters will present a program, "Facts for Fallacies," on Tuesday afternoon at the West Bloomfield Library.

Chairman of the committee is Mrs. Ross Callaway, assisted by vice chairman Mrs. Harold Sader. Others on the committee are Mrs. John J. Devers, Mrs. Jack D. Strohm and Mrs. Glen Johnson.

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