



Most people get up each day and more or less perfunctorily prepare their bodies for their breakfast, then use some conveyance to go to work. Aside from creative workers, most of us go through the day's routine in a daze, like a wounded dog, "making a livin'." Sprinkling a bit of imagination on the weeds of our daily mental meandering could bring to our life's garden some lovely flowers, whose color, form and aroma would add beauty to our lives.

UP \$387,000 HERE

Social Security Taxes Increased

(Special to the Eccentric)

NEW YORK—There is bad news as well as good news for Birmingham (Mich.) taxpayers as 1963 rolls around.

The good news is the prospect of a cut in Federal income taxes sometime next year. The bad news, however, is more definite — increases in Social Security for employees, for employers and for the self-employed.

The increases, provided for under the Social Security Act, will go into effect automatically. The new rate will be 7 1/2 per cent on the first \$4,200 pay; instead of 6 1/2 per cent, as at present.

Half of this will be paid by the employee, through payroll deductions, and the other half by his employer.

For those who are self-employed, there will be a hike of 7/10ths of one per cent.

IT BOILS down, in the case of Birmingham, to an overall increase of approximately \$387,000 over the amount paid in fiscal year 1961 by those who are on wages or salaries and by their employers.

The figure is based on data released by the Internal Revenue Service and by the Department of Commerce.

During the fiscal period, some \$11.5 billion was contributed to the Social Security pension fund by the nation's 64,639,000 workers and their employers.

Birmingham's part of that payment was an estimated \$2,420,000.

In the forthcoming year, its portion will rise to \$2,807,000.

THE INCREASE will be the ninth since the Social Security program was begun. Two more boosts are scheduled, one of them in 1966 and the other in 1968, at which time the "final" rate is to go into effect. It will be 4 1/2 per cent for employees and the same for employers.

However, should a plan of hospital care for the aged or other expansion of benefits be voted by Congress, the tax would have to go still higher.

FOR THE individual worker in the United States, the annual cost of Social Security averaged \$89 in fiscal 1961. The maximum anyone had to pay was \$144. Next year the ceiling will be \$174.

Individual payments in Birmingham were higher than in many other cities because local incomes were better.

Forestry Dept. To Pick Up Trees

The Birmingham Forestry Department will pick up Christmas trees from now until Jan. 16.

The trees will be picked up on the regular rubbish collection day. Trees should be placed at the curb and all stands, nails, wires and decorations should be removed. If there are foreign objects on the tree, they won't go through the chipping machine.

Last year the department collected more than 5,000 Christmas trees.

President Kennedy laments the (See THIS & THAT, 2-A)

Mayor Proclaims 1963, 1964 as March of Dimes Month

Mayor Florence H. Willett has proclaimed January as March of Dimes Month in Birmingham, 1963, and the 25th anniversary of the March of Dimes successful fight against disease, a fight which has materially advanced the health standards of the nation.

She applauded the partnership of the American people and science through the March of Dimes, resulting in the Salk and Sabin polio vaccines and commended the March of Dimes for its new work for the victims of birth defects and arthritis.

Mayor Willett also pointed out that the 1963 campaign will support the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, which Dr. Salk and other eminent scientists may continue their pioneering work.

B'ham Man Becomes Himelhoch's President

Charles Himelhoch, 1136 Lakeside, Birmingham, has been made president of Himelhoch Bros. & Co.

His father, Israel Himelhoch of Detroit, has moved up from president to chairman of the board. His wife, Mrs. Rose Phillips Himelhoch, has become first vice president.

Charles previously was executive vice president.

The changes were effective as of Tuesday.

HIMELHOCH'S main store is at 1545 Woodward in Detroit. It has branches at 168 W. Maple, Birmingham, and in Southfield and Grosse Pointe.

Charles Himelhoch, 48, is a graduate of Cranbrook School, Bloomfield Hills, and Wesleyan University. He served in the Army in 1942-46.

He has been with the firm since 1946, starting as a receiving and marking clerk.

He is a member of Detroit Rotary Club, the Economic Club and several other Detroit and national organizations. He is a director of the Cranbrook Alumni Association.



ONE OF THE biggest jobs of the Birmingham Health Department each year is calling on new mothers. Here, Mrs. Gladys Beach, Birmingham public health nurse, visits a young mother. Purpose is to give mothers helpful hints on how to take care of their babies.

Health Dept.'s Role: Promote Good Health

This is another in a series of articles The Eccentric is publishing on the various departments in the city of Birmingham. It deals with the functions of the Health Department.

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Birmingham's Health Dept. is a branch of the Oakland County Dept. of Health.

Up until 1958 the city maintained its own department but joined with the county to provide better service for residents.

The department maintains two other branch offices in the county—Royal Oak and Pontiac—in addition to the main office at the Service Center on Telegraph.

The department is charged with the prevention of disease and the promotion of good health and well-being in Oakland County.

Since its establishment in 1926—the first in the state of Michigan—the department has been under the direction of Dr. John D. Monroe.

The head of the Birmingham office is Mrs. Ance Gillett, 815 Hazelwood, Birmingham. Mrs. Gil-

lett, a registered nurse, has been working in the Birmingham Health Dept. since 1943.

No direct contribution of money is received by the department from the City of Birmingham. Operating funds come from the county.

However, the city does supply the office space in the basement of the municipal building and the upkeep of the space is also furnished by Birmingham.

Among the goals of the health department are: prevention of disease, the prolonging of life and to help the individual and communities to reach the highest maximum potential of health.

To help achieve these goals, the department keeps vital statistics, such as births, deaths and school entrance; checks on instances of disease, and keeps a close watch on such communicable diseases as tuberculosis and infectious hepatitis.

The department works very closely with private doctors and relies on their reports to keep health records in proper order.

Among the services provided by the department are visits by the Public Health Nurse.

In this area, first-born babies receive the top priority of the most and most young parents are called on by the nurse.

The PHN also checks on persons who have suffered communicable diseases. The department longest quarantines homes but visits them to aid the family of a sick person.

Beds, crutches, wheelchairs and other medical supplies are not provided by the department, but persons desiring them are referred to the proper agency—in Birmingham it's the Community House.

The department also provides general health care to the 6,000 students of the Birmingham area private and parochial schools. In Birmingham, the public schools have their own health program.

An extensive educational program is conducted by the department.

Classes are given throughout the year for expectant parents and diabetics and their families. Persons that work in restaurants and food stores are issued food handling cards through the department.

The department keeps a close watch on public swimming pools in the area and advises owners of private pools on how to properly maintain them.

The department is one of the 10 in the state that have been accredited as a field placement agency and is eligible to receive public health students from universities within and outside the state.

The measure of success the department achieves, according to Dr. Monroe, is a "well informed citizenry."

Next week's article will deal with Birmingham's treasurer's office.

Romney, Swainson Both Make State Appointments

Highlighting a flurry of pre-inaugural activity, as the new state administration prepared to take office Tuesday, was a switch in control of the state senate from the "old guard" to a moderate group of Republicans.

Last minute appointments by John B. Swainson vied for attention with continuing appointments by George W. Romney, who named three women to posts in the new administration.

Another late development was a statement by Romney reinforcing his campaign stand in favor of a state minimum wage act.

OAKLAND COUNTY'S State Sen. Farrell E. Roberts was one of a group of GOP moderates who won control of the senate from the "old guard" in a two-hour, closed-door caucus of the 23 Republican senators last week.

The moderate group is made up of five senators who are beginning their second terms and includes five freshman lawmakers and two others. The group elected Stanley Thayer (R., Ann Arbor) as majority caucus chairman. He will be chairman of the senate committee on committees.

Roberts' appointment to this committee gives the moderates four of the six GOP seats on the eight-member committee. The other two moderates are William Milliken of Traverse City and Gary Brown of Kalamazoo.

Milliken, named majority floor leader, Thayer, Roberts, Thomas Schweigert of Potosky and Fred Hilbert of Wayland are the five moderates starting their second terms. Brown is a freshman senator.

Roberts, it is speculated, may head the powerful judiciary committee and possibly may be appointed to the labor committee. Roberts said the moderates' aim was to make possible the appointment of committee chairmen who will cooperate with the new governor.

ALSO a subject of speculation was the prospect of opposition to Romney on the minimum wage act, the opposition coming from Republican leaders.

In past years Rep. Robert E.

Waldron (R., of Grosse Pointe), chairman of the House labor committee—whose committee killed a minimum-pay measure last year—has said that unions, not government, should carry the responsibility of raising wages.

P. Smeekens (R., Coldwater) also has opened bills that would liberalize labor laws.

A Republican from Grand Rapids, Rep. William Doorn, has announced that he will sponsor such legislation in the 1963 legislative session which will begin Wednesday.

HOWEVER, Democrats and labor leaders will undoubtedly insist that Romney push for a minimum wage and perhaps break a 23-year record of unsuccessful attempts at

minimum wage bills in the legislature.

Representatives of the Michigan Conference on Employment Problems of Working Women called on Romney recently to work for such a law.

Representing some 25 groups, they presented Romney with proposed legislation that sets a minimum hourly wage rate of \$1.15. The figure would apply to virtually every worker in the state. The federal minimum, \$1.15, will go up to \$1.25 this year.

The proposed measure would set up a state wage board to fix pay scales under the minimum for apprentices and to set minimums for handicapped workers.

Michigan and 16 other states are without minimum wage laws.

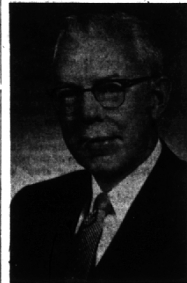
IN THE LAST few days before his inauguration, Romney named three women to his administration. Mrs. Dorothy L. Judd of Grand Rapids was appointed to the bipartisan state civil service commission for an eight-year term. Mrs. Eloise Whitten of Detroit will serve on the state social welfare commission for a five-year term, and Mrs. Ruth Lichterman of Royal Oak will serve on the governor's advisory commission on reorganization of state government.

ONE OF SWAINSON'S last actions in office was the appointment of seven persons to posts which do not require senate confirmation.

Charles J. Tomlinson and Charles N. Diamond, both of Detroit, will hold terms to Dec. 11, 1965, on the Detroit Recorder's County jury commission. Mrs. Loretta J. Murphy, Detroit, was appointed to the same agency for a similar term.

A post on the state board of cosmetology went to Mrs. Lillian Barrett of Mt. Clemens. Dr. Fredrick D. Mott, Detroit, will serve on the governor's advisory commission on health care.

Charles E. Hornmann of St. Joseph, was named a county juvenile officer; and Mrs. Frances D. McGraw of Flint will be an assistant county juvenile officer.



Leads Crusade

Harold G. Warner, 5950 Snow-shoe Circle, Bloomfield Township, has accepted appointment as the 1963 crusade chairman for the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

He is a General Motors vice president and general manager of its Cadillac division. Announcement of the appointment was made by Alfred R. Glancy, Jr., chairman of the MCF board of trustees. MCF is a Torch Drive agency.



Max Fisher Main Figure In Purchase

The 28-story Fisher Building, the neighboring 11-story New Center Building and parking lots in Detroit have been purchased for \$10,500,000 by the Fisher-Berry Center Co. (F.B.C.).

Max M. Fisher, Detroit industrialist and Franklin resident, is one of the major purchasers.

Facts of the Dec. 7 sale were made public last week.

Fisher lives at 27751 Fairway Hills Drive in Franklin. He has been a civic charity leader the past several years.

FISHER, unrelated to the Fisher brothers who sold the property, has a 25 per cent interest in F.B.C. Two of his oil company associates for the last 33 years, William E. Slaughter, Jr., and Henry E. Wenger, have 15 per cent.

Fisher was chairman of Detroit's 1961 Torch Drive, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, president of the Jewish Welfare Federation, director of the Detroit Metropolitan Building Fund and a director of the Greater Detroit Hospital Council.

He is a director of Marathon Oil Co. and former board chairman of Aurora Gasoline Co. and Speedway Petroleum Co. Corp., which recently merged with Marathon.

LARGEST stockholders in F.B.C. are Louis Berry, president, and his family. Berry, his son Harry, vice president of F.B.C., and his daughter, Mrs. Selma Berry Snider, own 30 per cent of F.B.C. stock.

Berry negotiated the transaction with the Fisher brothers and real estate broker Lee K. Silloway.

1963 POT ROAST

Blade Cut

POT ROAST lb 55¢

MORRELL BACON SLICED 59c Lb.

DAIRY DEPARTMENT

MICH. BUTTER 65¢

Michigan COTTAGE CHEESE ctn 21¢

Pinconning SHARP CHEESE 69¢

Hitler 28-oz. Bottle VEG-CREST 25¢

Del Monte Fruit Cocktail 303 Can 21¢

HILLS BROS. COFFEE lb Can 59¢

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