

Prospects For Romney's Tax Program Appear Dismal

Capitol Report

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LANSING—Before Thursday's legislative session a group of representatives huddled in a corner of the House to smoke blown from the circle.

No, the Speaker of the House was not calling plays for a Senate vote on the fiscal reform.

According to the sergeant at arms, the representatives were discussing the governor's fiscal reform program, trying to pull their colleagues over to their way of thinking.

But to no avail. A decision was not reached in the House on the proposed fiscal reform.

The legislators went home for the week end, set to convene Monday at 8 p.m. in an attempt to reach an agreement on Michigan's tax reform.

One representative commented that Monday was Armistice Day and perhaps it would be better to postpone the session until Tuesday.

Another stood up and declared, "Armistice Day is appropriate; maybe we'll get something done."

LAST WEEK'S session of the Senate showed little promise for

Gov. George Romney's proposed fiscal reform package.

The Senate voted Tuesday to keep the two per cent state income tax in the Appropriations Committee because there were not enough Republican votes to send it to the floor.

It was defeated, 20 to 11, when Romney backers tried to substitute it for another bill on the calendar.

However, Romney's package still has a chance in the House if Democrats can be persuaded to vote for the tax reform.

Henry M. Hogan, Jr. (R-Bloomfield Hills), said the Democratic vote will be needed to pass the bill despite the fact that Republicans hold the majority in the House.

WEDNESDAY, THE House Republicans decided to let Romney's bills remain in the House Taxation Committee for the present, even though the House caucus previously voted to send the revised program to the floor.

They were reluctant to do so because of uncertain Democratic support for the bill.

There are two alternatives for the Democrats, Hogan said. They can either try to hurt the governor by not voting for the bill,

or they can concede and come over with their votes.

William E. Roberts, a member of the Birmingham City Commission, was on hand at the Capitol Tuesday as Hogan explained that five packages of revisions to the governor's tax program are pending vote by the House.

"If the representatives don't vote for one of these, there will be no fiscal reform for Michigan," Hogan said.

He feels the package that will probably receive the most votes contains provisions for local

handling of the homestead tax deferral for persons over 65 and a 15 per cent reduction in county and school taxes.

Previously, the governor asked for a 20 per cent reduction in school property taxes.

Hogan said compromises such as Speaker of the House Allison Green's proposal of a 3.7 mill reduction and last week's committee suggestion of a 10 per cent reduction in general property taxes proved unsatisfactory.

THEY WERE either detrimental to wealthy areas or put the

money where it wasn't needed and hurt the low income families.

The two per cent income tax is holding back many votes for the total fiscal reform.

Hogan said some Republicans are voting against the income tax because by doing so they would violate earlier campaign promises.

Because of reluctance by the Republicans to vote on items such as these, Democratic votes are becoming increasingly important in the fate of the governor's fiscal reform package.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

What recently happened down South Vietnam way, when one ruling dynasty was overthrown, is but the repetition of what has happened hundreds of times in the history of mankind. In Vietnam's case, bloodshed was necessary to achieve the coup d'etat by the military. Another—and more "civilized" method—is the use of the ballot box. Instead of bullets, ballots are used. And to win the most ballots, some of the politicians will resort to methods that, if used by private citizens to win business, prestige or place in government, would not be considered "might" get them into prison. As the poet sang: "... Truth's forever on the scaffold, wrong's forever on the throne."

Teamster Boss Jimmy Hoffa has served notice on his country that he will demand a national labor contract for his members, which could then allow him to stop the transportation of the nation's produce—if he called a national strike. Do you suppose that Congress, thus alerted, will do anything to prevent such a monopoly? Hardly, unless such a strike is called, for Congress too seldom enacts preventive legislation.

"I AM IN LOVE WITH THIS WORLD," wrote John Burroughs great American literary naturalist. "By my constitution I have nestled lovingly in it. It has been home. I have not brained myself against it. I have filled its soil. I have gathered its harvests. I have waited upon its seasons, and always I have reaped what I have sown. While I gathered and its bread and meat for my soul, I did not neglect to gather its meat and bread for my soul."

The habit of liping people who service the public, such as waiters, cab drivers, etc., often is resented because the service given was below par. Now a New Yorker has come up with a way to allow the resentment. On one side it says: "Give nothing. Get nothing." The coin's other side is more explanatory: "Zero cents. This coin is your tip. It matches exactly the value of your service."

Never forget, Fellow Citizens, that democracy, self-government, is the only civil method that "turns the average man and woman" into "zero cents. This coin is your tip. It matches exactly the value of your service."

In a small town in Hungary a large statue of a Communist leader was erected in the public square. There was grumbling until one wise man said: "It is good to have a statue. It will give us shade in the summer, shelter in the winter and a place to hang our coats." (See THIS AND THAT, 4-A)

Graduates Earn More Money, Records Show

(Special to The Eccentric)

NEW YORK—How much is an education worth, financially, to the average young man in Birmingham?

Does it pay, in the long run, to get more schooling, or is it better to drop out and start working a few years earlier?

Answers to these questions are contained in studies and reports made by the Department of Labor and by other agencies, federal and private. They show that each added year in school results in more income for the average man throughout his working career.

Also, they find, the chances of getting a job and of holding it are much brighter for the high school graduate than for the drop-out.

THE SUBJECT is of particular interest at this time because of American Education Week, Nov. 10 to 16.

In Birmingham, based on the amount of schooling the average young man is now receiving and based upon present income levels locally, he can expect to earn approximately \$543,000 during his working years, the figures show.

This is considerably better than his prospects would have been 15 or 20 years ago, thanks to the rising educational level locally and to higher wage scales.

THE AMOUNT compares favorably, also, with lifetime earnings in the rest of the United States, \$248,000, and with \$225,000 in the East North Central States.

At one time, reports the Department of Labor, older workers with less education earned more money than that younger ones with more education.

But now, it finds, the four years needed to get a high school diploma add as much to income as do 20 years of experience without a high school education.

THE COMMERCE Clearing House estimates that failure to complete high school costs the average man \$46,500 during his working career.

The high school graduate in the United States, it reports, averages \$5,567 a year as against \$4,618 for the drop-out.

Among residents of Birmingham, the educational level was shown by the last census to be relatively high and to be moving higher.

The average person locally has been getting 12.5 years of schooling, which is considerably more than was acquired 20 years ago.

It compares with 10.5 years in the United States and 10.8 years in the State of Michigan.

Zoning Hearing Date Changed

A public hearing on the rezoning of Square Lake Road, frontage east of Mulberry Road, from residential to multiple dwelling will be held Dec. 15, at 8 p.m., as previously reported in The Eccentric.

On Dec. 16, the Bloomfield Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on proposed rezoning on Telegraph Road south of

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SEVERAL MEMBERS of the Bloomfield Township Library Board and representatives of the Arthur J. Underwood, Miss Jeanne Lloyd, signing of the agreement that will provide library service for township residents. They are (from left), Edwin Snyder, Philip Caldwell, Mrs. George Mosher, John Rumsey, Mrs. W. Ogden Vogt, James Tobin and Daniel Nesbitt.

Baldwin, Township Sign Library Service Contract

Bloomfield Township residents will not have to sacrifice library service until they have a building of their own.

An agreement, providing use of all services of the Baldwin Public Library by all township residents, was signed Monday night by A. J. Underwood, Jr., president of the Birmingham library, and John D. Rumsey, president of the Bloomfield Township Library Board.

Those who have previously purchased Baldwin Library cards will receive a prorated refund for the unused term of their nonresident card after April 1. Cards may be purchased for the period between now and April, also on a prorated basis.

Spokesmen for the township library board and Baldwin library indicated that they regard the new agreement as the first stage in a program of continuing cooperation—looking toward ultimate establishment of a library system with a system-wide card.

Those who are presently providing for implementing reciprocal privileges for Birmingham residents at the Bloomfield Township Library when it is established.

Regarding future plans for additional library services for township residents, Rumsey had this to say: "Our agreement with Baldwin is the first step in our program to provide our residents with the finest library service available at the lowest possible cost. Our next step will be to establish our own library in the township."

"WE ARE working on sites and facilities right now and hope to have a library in operation in the spring. At the same time we are interviewing candidates for the position of township library director, an important job we hope to fill before the end of the year."

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Their 50 Cents Help On That 22 Million

By DAVE PHILPO
Township Editor

Nine dollars doesn't seem like much money when committed to 22 million.

But to a seven- or eight-year-old youngster whose job opportunities are limited by age and experience, even 50 cents can be a considerable sum.

Twelve members of Brownie Troop 445 from Eastover Elementary School, Bloomfield Hills, set individual goals of 50 cents as their contributions to the 1963 Torch Drive—and the total amount, of \$9 exceeded all expectations.

THE PARENTS of the girls cooperated in the project by giving the youngsters permission to do odd jobs around the house.

It took four long months to raise the money.

LWV Chapter To Hear Report On Policy Study

According to Mrs. Thomas Foster, leader of the troop, and Mrs. Warren Bergbom, co-leader, it was an inspiring sight to see the children bring their pennies and dimes to the meetings each week.

The money was turned over to the United Foundation last week as the drive went well over the top at \$21,650,000.

FOR THE charitable effort, members of the troop will receive credit toward the Silver Torch Award, which they will get next spring.

Girls participating in the Torch Drive project were Linda A. Baldwin, Pamela Barnes, Cynthia Brown, Cynthia Foster, Nancy Hogue, Janine Foster, Marsha Leach, Judy Maruk, Pamela Shannon, Valerie Simon, Racine Spaulding and Kendra Flaxton.

"Stepping Stones" to Economic Progress is the subject of the November general meeting of the League of Women Voters of Birmingham, as members seek their opinions on foreign economic policy.

A luncheon meeting at the Community House on Monday will present a presentation of the results of the two-year study by the foreign economic policy chairman of the Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Oak Park-Huntington Woods Leagues.

THE STUDY, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Leon Spanier, has covered the areas of private investment and commodity arrangements. Consensus of the national members of the League of Women Voters' stand on foreign aid to include recommendations for self-help programs for emerging and underdeveloped nations.

Panel members are Mrs. Spanier and Mrs. Robert Vanderbeck of Birmingham, Mrs. Harold Sader of West Bloomfield and Mrs. Balfour Reiser of Huntington Woods.

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Association asking that the time for issuance of building permits be increased from 72 hours to 14 days after application triggered a board discussion on the township's role in enforcing deed restrictions.

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Road Issue, Revision in Charter Eyed

FRANKLIN—The council took steps Monday night to propose a charter amendment and possibly frame a question on roads for voters to decide at the polls in March.

Tabled for the usual 30 days after publishing is the proposed charter amendment which will permit the village to acquire gifts of purchases of personal property up to \$5,000. The change is regarded as a realistic adjustment in view of rising costs since incorporation 10 years ago. Present charter limitations set the figure at \$1,000.

THE ROAD question, which will establish a new plan to succeed Franklin's completed five-year construction program, is anticipated for referendum in March. This will depend on various things and the council is not committed to making it a ballot issue as yet.

Actually, what the council did Monday night was to accept the recommendations of the special road committee headed by Councilman Richard Oberschulte to have

(See REVISION, 7-A)

