

# State Tax Ideas Wanted

(See Editorial, page 1-B)

Governor George W. Romney has announced that he will call a special session of the state legislature on September 11 to work on fiscal and tax reform.

He has held meetings around the state to let citizens voice their ideas on the proper approach to the tax problems.

To give our readers an opportunity to express their opinions on what taxes should be eliminated and how the loss of revenue should be offset, we have listed below the most talked about taxes with a ballot.

READERS are urged to indicate where they want tax relief and how to pay for it. The Eccentric will publish the results.

At each meeting around the state, Romney has brought up Michigan's revenue needs, showing that without enriching present services or starting new projects, the state will need at least \$50 million more a year to keep up with the growth of the population of the state.

THE \$50 MILLION can be broken down approximately as follows:

- \$16 million to cover the new students enrolling in the primary and secondary schools in the state.
- \$10 million to cover the new students enrolling in our institutions of higher learning.
- \$17 million to fund the state pension requirements under the new Constitution.
- \$7 million to cover legislation enacted in the last session of the

legislature such as community mental health centers, the new school bus law, and pay increases for governmental employees.

Any new tax program would have to provide at least \$50 million, Romney has said.

AT THE SAME TIME that new revenue is raised, the new tax program should be designed to solve some of the tax inequities that businessmen believe have hindered business and driven jobs to other states.

The major objections to the present tax setup revolve around the state business activities tax, which is a tax based on gross volume of a business. This tax hurts new businesses that are not making a profit and discourages the hiring of new employees, be-

cause new volume means more taxes.

Personal property taxes against business inventories and machines mean that everytime an industry buys a new machine it pays more tax.

Neighboring states do not assess this tax to the same extent or at such a high level, and it is blamed for the movement of automobile plants to Ohio.

THE CORPORATE franchise tax, which is a tax on the privilege of doing business in Michigan, is higher than in neighboring states.

Another objection to the present tax structure is that lower income families pay a high proportion of the state taxes through the sales tax and taxes on beer, liquor and cigarettes.

## Taxes Repealed

TAXES PRESENTLY ENACTED

TAXES PRESENTLY ENACTED	LOSS OF REVENUE IF REPEALED In Millions
1. Business Activities Act a tax on the gross volume of business	\$ 73
2. Sales Tax on food	100
3. Sales Tax on drugs	1
4. Intangibles Tax	34
5. Corporation Franchise Tax a 3 1/2% income tax on stock dividends which should be repealed if the state enacts an income tax	32
6. Excise tax on beer if reduced to level of neighboring states	8
7. Excise tax on cigarettes if reduced to the level of neighboring states	10
8. Excise tax on liquor if reduced to 4%	10
9. Reduce personal property taxes on business machines and inventories	up to 230
10. Reduce real property tax on senior citizens	up to 80
11. Reduce real property tax on residences	up to 700

## New Taxes

To offset the loss in revenue from the taxes you have selected to repeal select taxes below to recoup the money. Since the state needs an additional \$50 million in revenue, select enough taxes to cover the needed revenue.

1. State Income Tax based on taxable income as determined for federal income tax. Each 1% on individuals raises \$82 million. Each 1% on corporations raises \$22 million.
2. Increase State Sales Tax 1% raises \$100 million.
3. Let local units of government enact excise taxes (including income taxes) to cover cost of education locally, reducing state expenditures. Would raise up to \$50 million.
4. Raise real property tax. If present taxes are doubled would raise \$50 million.
5. Miscellaneous Nuisance Taxes could raise \$50 million.

## Increase Spending on Arts Festival

The city of Birmingham spent \$2,327,560 on the recent Arts Festival.

Most of the city's contribution was in the form of labor. The Forestry Department worked 339 1/2 hours on the festival for a total of \$1,182.50.

This year's figure compared to \$1,327 spent in 1962.

City Manager L. R. Gare outlined the city's expenses to the commission Monday night. He said this year's figure compared to \$1,327 spent in 1962.

## The Birmingham Eccentric Tax Poll

Taxes I feel should be repealed	How I would raise the lost revenue
1. _____ \$ _____	1. _____ \$ _____
2. _____ \$ _____	2. _____ \$ _____
3. _____ \$ _____	3. _____ \$ _____
4. _____ \$ _____	Total _____
5. _____ \$ _____	Name _____
6. _____ \$ _____	Address _____
Total _____	Mail to: Newsroom
Add \$50 million for increased revenue needs _____ \$50	The Birmingham Eccentric
Total _____	1225 Bowers Street
	Birmingham, Michigan

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Works provided \$570.00 in labor and the city electrician an additional \$717.76. Gare said the 12 jumpers and five loads of top soil were not charged to the festival because they were re-usable.

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## Request

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landholders will have to decide soon how unsplit acreage will be divided into homesteads in the future before "Potential use" on a 1.6 per 60,000 square feet can be determined.

BINGHAM FARMS has numerous large parcels such as the Knudsen estate and others which are being held intact by one family at the present but which may conceivably become subdivided if sold at a later date.

Although Councilman Walter Gerriek stated such large sections should be made to contribute on a potential use basis, the rolling terrain of many sites may prohibit ultimate subdivision to meet present zoning requirements and need intimate consideration.

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TIDE — FAB — OXYDOL ..... 29c

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## Beaumont Awards Work Contracts

Contracts totaling \$7,467,500 have been awarded for construction at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. A seven-floor wing is being added on the north side, and five additional floors will go up over the present five.

The work should be completed in approximately 28 months, according to Owen R. Pinkerman, hospital director. Another contract, totaling \$40,000 for extending elevators to the five extra floors, has not been awarded yet.

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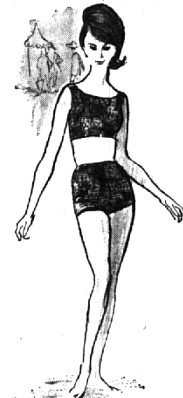
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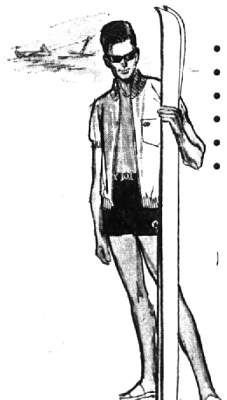
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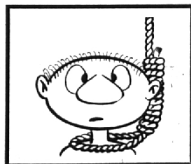
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