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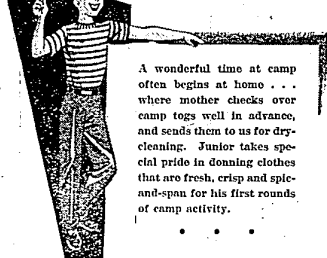
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By GENE ALLEMAN

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of the 1954 state election, as the tax base is obviously limited.

A state income tax on both business and individuals would have been unpopular with more voters and hence more apt to expire on March 15, 1955 — the date selected for the business receipts levy. Observers are of the opinion that the likelihood of voters' repeal of the sales tax diversion amendment was lessened by adoption of the new business tax. By the same token the chances have been enhanced that the legislature may be forced to continue the new tax beyond 1955. So-called "temporary" taxes have a habit of becoming permanent taxes. Crisis is perpetuated as pressure groups lobby for more state funds.

The legislature's solution to the deficit dilemma was really one of a possible two choices.

Quoting Treasurer D. Hale Brakke, eight years a State Senator and ten years a state administrative official:

"The permanent answer (to the deficit) must take one of two forms, or a combination of the two. A third, which one hears so frequently on the street as a solution, is not an answer. That third idea is that the elimination of waste, an increase in efficiency, will permit us to go on doing all the things that we are doing in the way of service and still balance the budget without new money."

"We must bear in mind that for the last four years our Legislature has been doing that job and they've got the excess water pretty well drained off. When you talk now of a continuance of all of our services at reduced cost, you are talking about a few thousand dollars that might be taken out somewhere, not about millions."

"The legislative answer must be either a discontinuance of major services or additional revenue. There seems to be no third answer at this time... There remains just one answer — more money."

Agreeing with the state treasurer's logic, the legislature has turned to a tax on 75,000 business

firms, while deploring the evils of the sales tax diversion amendment.

The Detroit sponsors of the business receipts bill really hoped for a state income in the legislature whereby no tax bill of any kind would have been approved. They also contemplated, in a detailed study of state aid to local governments, the possibility of voting Michigan voters to repeal the insidious sales tax amendment.

The Princeton tax study report, financed by these Detroit sponsors, declared that "all available data indicates that Michigan is now financing more of the cost of local government through state collected taxes than any other comparable state in the Nation."

"Among all the states, regardless of size or comparability, its total amount of state aid annually is exceeded only in California and New York... Experience everywhere has shown that this wasteful of public funds and sooner or later leads beyond centralization of finance to the centralization of governmental operations."

Since 78 per cent of the state sales tax is now returned automatically to local home governments, the State of Michigan has become a super tax collector for schools, cities, villages and townships.

Will a business tax on 75,000 firms and individuals lead to repeal of the sales tax diversion amendment? That is an interesting question which arises from the legislature's eleventh hour decision.

The answer will be written, of course, by the voters. Time will tell.

WINS SPORTS AWARD

Notice has been received from the athletic department of Olivet College that Edward Bryant of Farmington has been awarded his varsity letter for spring sports activities. Bryant's parents live at 29805 Pearl Street.

West Virginia mines 30% of the nation's total coal output.

CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP PLANNED FOR JUNE 7-9

A "Music in the Church" Workshop sponsored by The Guild of Church Musicians of the Detroit Council of Churches is planned for June 7, 8 and 9 at Greenfield Village. Classes will be held in the beautiful Levet Hall foyer.

Edwin Skinner, president of the Guild, will be the Dean, and Thelma Addington of Farmington is secretary of the Workshop. The committee for the Workshop is:

Margaret Bratton, organist-director of Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church; Edna O'Connor, director of music of St. James Methodist Church; and Jean Cole, organist of Bethany Methodist Church.

There will be classes in service playing, junior and senior choir methods, hymnology, liturgies, conducting, repertoire for directors and church soloists, and service playing and repertoire for the electric organ.

Farmington Students To Get Albion Degree

Scholarships, citations and awards will be presented during ceremonies at the Wayne University Ninth Annual Art Education Alumni Association held at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, June 5, in the David D. Henry Lounge of the Student Center.

Jane M. McMillan of 32473 Grand River in Farmington will receive a citation for outstanding service and achievement in the art education field.

Pvt. Thomas Hoffman Attends Supply School

The 1903 Engineer Aviation Battalion announced that Pvt. Thomas Hoffman is attending the Unit Supply Specialist School at Elm Jima School Command in Japan.

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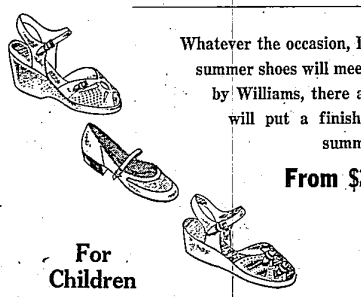
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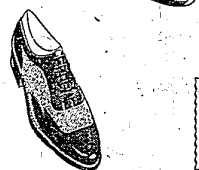
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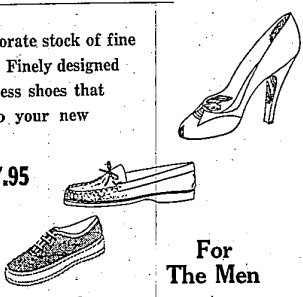
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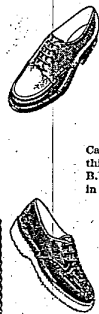
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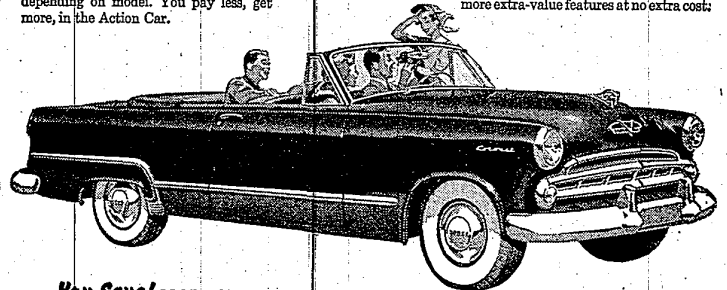
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