

"It Doesn't Take Much Brains To Be A City Manager," Declares Beauvais

At a "farewell party" given under the auspices of the Royal Oak Presbyterian Men's club last Friday evening, Phillip H. Beauvais, recently "deposed" city manager, relieved himself of numerous and varied thoughts when he gave a brief review of his five years in Royal Oak. The Eccentric publishes Mr. Beauvais' remarks so that local residents may get an idea of the processes that lead up to the refusal of many public spirited citizens to accept a public office.

That until recently I enjoyed the confidence of a majority of the people. But I know when I am licked and so I am an ex-manager. "One of the first public utterances I made in Royal Oak was at the city banquet in January, 1921. I told those present some of the things I believed Royal Oak needed and I would endeavor to give them to the city. But I prophesied that those very things would effect my undoing; that the things I was brought here to do would be the things that drove me out of the office. "You may remember that I did not seek the position, but that a committee from the commission, came to the town where I was and invited me here. "Since then I have found that it doesn't take much brains to be a city manager. There are about 18,000 people to tell you what to do

and that leaves very little for you to worry about. "I stepped here tonight I was late and parked my car some distance from the church, with the result that I stepped into a puddle over my shoe. My first thought was to damn the man responsible and then I occurred to me that I was the man. But as the mayor is acting city manager in the absence of such an official, I passed on the casing to Frank Collins. "I wish the new manager had been selected before I left for a hunting trip on which I am going for I would like to extend my sympathy. He is in for a peck of trouble. In all sincerity, I tell you that double the salary which received so much comment would not induce me to go back. "During the recent campaign we heard much criticism of the old commission and many promises for the new. I hope they succeed. If there is one thing I feel sorry for now, it is that I did not sell myself and the administration to the public better. It is so easy to criticize, to tear down. This church was a long time in the

"The Youth Movement"

By Robt. D. Lynd, Local Y. M. C. A. Secretary. The thinking man of woman. In these days we are alarmed by the destructive forces that seem to be sweeping across this country and across other countries like a relentless tornado taking everything in its path. The crime wave, the suggestive movie depicting the worst phases of home life, the prevalence of divorce, the salacious magazines on sale at the corner newsstand, the attitude of men and women toward the eighteenth amendment, the commercial dance hall featuring the barbaric dance, and other conditions of life in this mad scramble for a thrill, all compel us to pause and wonder whether we are bound. What does it all portend? Does it mean that our civilization is on the toboggan? Has the pessimist a chance now to be joyful? Not at all. It does not take a prophet or the son of a prophet to see sunlight shining thru the clouds. We are in a changing era. We are hanging on to the hind legs of antiquity, no longer. The old age of rigid discipline is passing. On Threshold New Day We are on the threshold of a new day. Youth is rising up and saying "We must have freedom of thought and speech and act." Our youth building but I could wreck it in an instant with a bomb. Will Bar Good Men "It seems too bad, when men give up their right to serve the public in office, that they are subjected to so much adverse criticism in a city which is so clean and desirable as Royal Oak. I want to say to the incoming commission that if I continue to serve Royal Oak, as I have to do, the first time I catch a fellow spreading these reports, rumors that border on libel, I will take him by the collar and bring him to you and make him put up or shut up. "I would like to name this a very plain talk. I hope it is my last public appearance. All I can say is that I would like to see a very clever politician in confidence of three successive administrations if he was so minded. But the new commission will be subjected to the same kind of abuse. And the great danger is that unless this sort of thing is stamped out, the time is coming when a good, clean business man will not run for public office in Royal Oak. "As a recent round table conference of city managers, I found that this condition is not limited to Royal Oak alone. But if every outstanding member of organizations like the Men's club, or lodges and churches would make it a point to be responsible for the source and find out whether a rumor were true or false, you would be surprised how much better a place you would have to live in, and it is pretty good now. "Of course a city manager cannot worry so much about the abuse, because he is paid to do it. All I can say about my own term of office is that I did the best I could, honestly and fearlessly. I tried to do the greatest good for the greatest number, favoring no clique and no sect. "If I failed, I have nobody to blame but myself, for no manager ever had more completely, the confidence of the administration under which he served. "To the members of the outgoing commission I would say that they thoroughly appreciate all the confidence you placed in me. I believe you have been true and honest public officials. To the incoming administration I wish to extend my congratulations, coupled with my sympathy. I sincerely hope that two years from now you will all enjoy the same confidence from the public of Royal Oak which they placed in you on election."

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