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Vote 'No' Is Urged

There seems at this time little doubt but that the proposed amendment to the village charter with reference to costs of street improvements will be defeated by voters in the elections March 11. The very thorough report of the investigation made by every charter committee has explained in detail why such an amendment would be unfair to the taxpayer and unsafe for the financial condition of the village. The commission of Birmingham urges every voter to vote NO on this proposed amendment. It may take a great many votes to defeat it, but through fairness to every citizen and for the protection of his pocketbook from unfair taxation, every eligible voter should make it a point to vote NO on this issue.

A Fine Group

Now that four Birmingham men are definitely in the race for the village commission posts and the preliminary campaigning is being started for the March 11 elections, Birmingham is faced by a situation which should gratify its citizens. It is splendid, indeed, that men of such high quality as the four candidates have been induced to offer their time and energy with practically no material recompense at the business of this village may be well conducted. Commissioner Laurence Hulbert, who is a candidate for re-election, has many times proved his worth to the village. His careful, sound and practical judgments have helped the commission over many rough spots and all members of the board who have served with him on the board and those who have watched the actions of the commission closely can appraise his innumerable merits. While no one of the other three candidates has served on the commission, they have proved their value over and over again in their own business. Harry Allen, a native of Birmingham, is a highly successful attorney and would loan to the commission judgment along legal lines in addition to that supplied by the village attorney, Clare H. Ogden. Robert Allen (who, by the way, is not related to Harry Allen) has had experience somewhat along the commission line as a member of the Bloomfield Township board of review. He has been active in the development of Birmingham from the position of realtor and is familiar with many phases of activities here, having had civic affairs at heart. Arthur J. Tuggey, also in the real estate business has been a resident of Birmingham for 16 years. During the time he has taken more than the usual interest in the village and has been instrumental in starting projects for the betterment of Birmingham. It is a fine group. Many of America's largest cities would be far better off if their council candidates had even half the qualifications of these four men.

Number, Please!

When the new street numbers in Birmingham are completed, the village will be made a great deal more orderly. The plan, hit upon by the village officials, is a sound one from the engineering point of view and has been receiving commendation from persons who have studied it. To those who have spent long hours working out its details, much credit is due and unquestionably will be given when the efficacy of the system is proved.

An Ordinary Job

The Birmingham fire department was called one day recently to put out a fire on the roof of a house. It was nothing out of the ordinary; merely a roof fire that had been burning for sometime before it was noticed. The supply of chemicals was exhausted before the blaze was under control and water had to be used. The suggestion that a fire hose will have to be used strikes terror in the heart of almost any home owner who visualizes ruined ceilings, walls and furniture. However, after the Birmingham department concluded its work, there was no damage apparent from water.

The chief job was done by the members of the village department just as effectively as it possibly could have been done. It appears that every time the department is called out it does itself credit. Such is the return for conscientious work and sincerity on the part of the firemen.

Register
Next Saturday, March 2, is the last day villagers may register to be eligible for voting on the important issues that face them at the March 11 elections. The state law requires registration for everyone who has not appeared at the village office and registered since June 1, 1928. Figures today show that only one half the number of eligible voters in Birmingham have registered. In other words, 1,500 out of 3,000 persons have qualified to cast their ballot in the Birmingham elections. The remaining 1,500 must register today, tomorrow or Saturday to have their vote.

The elections March 11 are important. Three members of the commission are to be elected, and an important charter amendment is to be voted on and the people will decide whether considerably more than \$100,000 of their money will be spent for civic improvements. These questions are vital to every person who lives in Birmingham and should be decided by the ballots of EVERY citizen.

The village has provided for registration Saturday and persons may register in their own precincts without going to the Municipal Building. However, delaying until Saturday may mean the loss of one's vote for unforeseen things so often occur in the lives of everyone. It is too haphazard and too easy to delay until the last minute. Waiting until Saturday may mean standing in long lines in inclement weather. Going to the village clerk's office to vote will make it easier, surer and safer.

The erroneous impression is often spread that registration in Bloomfield Township is all that is required for eligibility. This is far from the case. The township and village are entirely separate in this matter and the registrations have nothing whatsoever to do with one another.

Everyone of the 1,500 remaining citizens is strongly urged to go to the village clerk's office and register immediately. It is far better to do this now than to awaken on election day to discover the right to help decide on every important issue has been forfeited.

Flotsam

Chicago's plan to educate the hobo, which is meeting with success at the Peblean College, is one that may well stand some watching. Courses in almost any subject are offered to the dregs of life recruited from the alleys of that city. There is an "enrollment fee" of 10 cents which includes housing for the night as well as the lecture course.

Birmingham folk who have had occasion to walk in Michigan avenue, Detroit, and come into contact with men on the lowest rung of life's ladder may well wonder as to the outcome of the experiment. Will a thirst for knowledge be awakened in these cold and hunger-hit creatures who once were men? Can this thirst take the place of their soul-torturing thirst for moonshine whiskey that has wedded them to the mire? Or are they all lost members of a strange, lost sect that has traveled far beyond resurrection?

None Of Our Affair, But—

Disaffection is usually followed by progress, or if not progress, then at least change. And this promise to hold true again among our neighbors, the Clawsones.

The name of their community, it appears, has grown distasteful to many of the business men and is entering a prize of \$100 for one that describes an "up-and-coming" characteristic which they would have the world know they possess. They want, it appears, something like "Hollandmarionette" or "Biggerandbetterville," or "Speedburg," or "Mercury."

While it may be true the name "Clawson" leaves something to be desired, failing in euphony and being somewhat bald, it nevertheless appears preferable to some of the foregoing. And we may assure the residents of that community they are fortunate in not having to receive their mail via Birmingham, Ala.

Not that it is any of our affair, but why not leave the name "Clawson" alone? Why go fooling with it?

We contend that what this nation needs more than anything else—even the good nickel stogie long campaigned for—is more town with names like clasp, dignified and bucolic, Farmington.

Itinerant Salesmen

With the coming of the first warm days, the slow and somewhat steady invasion of Birmingham streets has been made by itinerant salesmen. Their wares are being peddled from door to door and often they sell for whatever price the bargaining housewife will agree upon.

Encouragement of this practice is not sound. The "salesmen" often have proved unreliable and their merchandise may be of value or it may not be. In the latter case, the purchaser has no comeback. The money is paid; the salesman is gone.

While a village ordinance provides for the licensing of these sales people, the licenses are issued without an extensive investigation. Police are powerless to act in cases and often the unsuspecting purchaser is placed at the mercy of these people.

It is unfair competition for the merchants of Birmingham who are thoroughly established and who take pride in reputations built up through the years. If a suggestion may be offered, it is this: Do not buy unless you know from whom you are buying and then investigate thoroughly.

ONE OF THE BEST ORGANIZATION magazines that comes to our desk each month is "The Michigan Bell," published by the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., and edited by Cole W. Hungerford, the company's advertising and publicity manager. It is full of enlightening information relative to the growth and development of the company, known as the telephone, and plays a large part in welding together a common loyalty on the part of the thousands of employees in this great organization. The Michigan Bell Telephone Co., in our humble opinion, is exceedingly fortunate in having on its payroll a fine chap like C. W. Hungerford.

THE HALF-HOUR parking regulation in Maple and Woodward avenues here should work out satisfactorily if one may park close enough to his destination so the 30 minutes will not be consumed in walking the rest of the way.



Hoover Confidant Seen In John Hays Hammond

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Washington Correspondent for Central Press and The Eccentric
Hammond, John Hays Hammond, I, was a recent caller on President-elect Hoover. In fact, I have noticed Mr. Hammond mentioned as a caller on Mr. Hoover several times rather recently.

To be mentioned as having been received even once by the president-elect is a great distinction, to say nothing of being so mentioned repeatedly.

To me, the very casualness of these references to Mr. Hammond's calls on Mr. Hoover was a most interesting and worthy. Generally there is a lot of speculation concerning the business of the president-elect, and it seems to be the consensus of popular opinion that Mr. Hammond has no particular business with Mr. Hoover; that this call is purely social.

In its literal sense, I would guess that this judgment is absolutely correct. I can hardly imagine a man less likely than John Hays Hammond to want anything from the next national administration for four years, or more, in the White House.

Yet we must bear in mind that the personal friend who he can rely on well worth while whom he can rely on well worth while, in the midst of the hurly-burly of preparation for four years, or more, in the White House.

Mr. Hoover evidently does consider Mr. Hammond this kind of a personal friend—maybe practically his only one. President Coolidge has but one friend, Mr. Hoover, and ultimately he broke even with the Colonel.

Such a relationship is so completely informal that it is impossible to speak of it in kind, or to refer to it as actually existing, obvious as it may be. Still less is it possible to predict, like a cabinet appointment, that it will last for a long time, as if John Hays Hammond would have much more than the average individual's freedom of entrance to the executive mansion during the Hoover tenancy.

It is not an illogical forecast, either. Mr. Hoover and Mr. Hammond are fellow mining engineers, both pre-eminent successful and both wide travelers, to a considerable extent in the same parts of the world.

The two have been near neighbors in Washington for several years, and are known to have been close acquaintances. Mr. Hammond is older than Mr. Hoover, by nearly 20 years, and richer by probably a number of millions of dollars, but they unquestionably have many interests in common.

Mr. Hammond assuredly wants nothing in politics or he could have had it—any appointive office in the government.

However, he takes an intense

The Other Chap Says Something

A POWERFUL WEAPON TO PREVENT WAR
Article 2 of the Kellogg Treaty to renounce war reads as follows:

The high contracting parties agree that the settlement or solution of all disputes, of whatever nature or whatever origin they may be, which may arise among them, shall never be sought except by peaceful means.

It is universally admitted that the weakest feature of this historic international pledge is the failure to provide a penalty for its violation. The Capper resolution to prohibit export of war materials to any country guilty of such violation is intended to cure this defect of the treaty, which otherwise would be only a moral gesture that might or might not be effective in preventing war.

This is why we think the passage of the Capper resolution, or some resolution embodying its essential principle, is demanded by every consideration of national consistency and morality. It is imperative that the willful violator of the war renouncing pact, and unless a way can be provided to do that the Kellogg treaty is likely to be nothing more than an imposing nullity.

It is urged by some of the opponents of the Capper resolution that its enforcement would involve us in an unequal act, because we are asked to have to declare against the belligerents the aggressor, which in certain contingencies might be discriminatory and perhaps unjust.

It is instructive to note in this connection that most of those who are raising this objection to the resolution are opposed to the Kellogg treaty and were themselves among the loudest applauders of the earlier treaty which was the wholesale scrapping of neutral rights and precedents during the first world war.

So far as we have observed, scarcely one of them ever evinced any real concern for the sacred neutrality of the United States being so flagrantly disregarded by the warring governments which they were ecstatically acclaiming as the Heaven-appointed defenders of international law and justice.

Only the other day one of the journalistic critics of the Capper resolution denied that it bore any resemblance to "William Jennings Bryan's famous denunciation of money loans by a neutral country to a belligerent, and, blissfully unmindful of the fact that the Bryan pronouncement received the most enthusiastic approval of the leading statesmen and newspapers of the United States without objection of party, proceeded to denounce

both declarations as particularly lamentable examples of American flabbiness of mind and unneutrality.

This is unquestionably the view held by all the big armament hoisters but we notice that it is not shared by Secretary of State Kellogg, who told the House Committee on Foreign Relations the other day that the power to lay an embargo on the export of munitions had proved "highly useful" in dealing with some of our Latin-American neighbors. He also declared that this power could be safely entrusted to the President.

However, it is certain that, no matter who exercises the power, a mistake will occasionally be made in picking the aggressor in war. That is a chance we shall have to take in all our mandates. We must leave something to the future, firm hands of the future.

The essential point to remember is that the knowledge that the President has the power virtually to outlaw a nation by forbidding exports of war materials to it, will act as a powerful discourager of belligerency. If we are ever to stop war, we must scrap most of the old neutrality formulas and practices which have been devised in eras of peace only to be indiscriminately trampled upon in the time of war.

There is no sanction attaching to any of them. They are all made by professional diplo-mats, but certainly not by "realistic idealists" who were seeking philosophical effects rather than practical results.

The Capper resolution may need clarification, but certainly not in the way of making it more conformable to neutrality precedents which have served chiefly to exhibit the machiavellian perversity of the great war-making governments.

OAKLAND PIONEERS

Rich in pioneer lore as it is, Oakland County is fortunate in having an organization such as the Pioneer and Historical Society to preserve its history and promote the activities of early days live for the newer generations.

For fifty years the Society has assembled to renew acquaintances and hear discussed in general and in detail the doings of Oakland County and Michigan pioneers.

In its meeting this year, the members were moved to recall rapidly depleting ranks of pioneer residents. Four centenarians were numbered among those who had passed during the year, Mrs. Beulah Noble, Farmington, Mrs. Fannie B. Taylor, Pontiac, Roper, Southfield, and Thomas Clark, Pontiac.

Pontiac County is looking forward as well as to the past, and has formulated plans to specialize during the coming year on the history of the schools in Oakland County.

In a day when events move so rapidly that little attention is being paid to the preservation even of recent happenings, it is gratifying to note the steadfast purpose of this organization devoted to keeping alive the records of the earliest years in Oakland County. Without such a group those records of the past that hold such rich rewards for the present would soon disappear, and the lives of the pioneers fade from memory. Pontiac Daily Press.

Early To Bed
It is rumored that young women attending the University of Rochester are making fun of the American flag. It is stated that an English magazine has been sent to the college to be at home and in bed by ten o'clock at night; and very probably their laughter is echoed pre-

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Friendly Thoughts
By G. Dewey Kimball

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ity generally throughout the country where coeds hear of the "ridiculous" statement.

But whether it be the Englishman was thinking about when he spoke, if he meant that girls of twenty ought not to be trusted out for 10 p. m. that is one thing; if he meant they should tuck themselves away for the night by that hour as a matter of health, that is quite another.

The first idea is impossible and even rather funny in this day and age when youthful members of the gentler sex are almost as self-reliant, resourceful and able to take care of themselves as their brothers are. The second is sound sense and physiology for either young women or young men.

Although no statistics are available, there are strong reasons to believe that insufficient rest and sleep is one of the major reasons, if not actually the chief reason, for nervous breakdowns, serious illnesses and even deaths among young people today. Obviously, makes for premature lines about the mouth and eyes, and for early loss of general freshness of aspect, spirit and mind. Possibly an ironclad rule of ten o'clock for people during the first quarter of a century of life might be a little over strict; but the underlying idea is so sound that the world would be quite different in many important ways if it could be put into effect. Detroit Free Press.

The Poor Boy
Professor: You look weary, my son.
Student: Yes; opportunity has been knocking at my door so much that I can't sleep.—Arizona Kitty Kat.

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