Mrs. Molla Propp

"There must be oil,"

said MRS. MOLLA PROPP,

"the meter shows seven with the engine running."

HAVE you ever been out alone when something happened to your car? Well, Henry had forgotten all about our anniversary and we weren't speaking and I took a long drive all by myself.

All at once something said "clank . . . clank . . . clank!" I wondered what could be the matter. Henry had told me always to be sure that there was oil in the distributor, and sure enough there was for I looked carefully at the ammeter and it said seven when the engine was running.

But that didn't help the clanking any, so I stopped and lifted the lid and looked at the differential. It seemed all right. But the clanking was just as bad.

Then I thought maybe it was the tires and sure enough the right-rear tire was flat under the side. The rest seemed all right.

Well, there I was. Henry had shown me how to change tires and it seemed just too easy. First you take the tool called Bill or Jack or something and wiggle it up and down until the wheel is up in the air. Then you . . . well, then you just change tires. Perfectly simple, isn't it?

I guess I must have sat there an hour thinking how easy it was to change tires and how I wished that Henry was there and how I'd have him show me again just as soon as I saw him.

Then who should come along but the Johns and Mr. John got out and changed that tire for me, although I had to explain it to him as he went along. He didn't seem any too happy about it, but Mrs. John made him do it.

Of course, as I said, this tire wasn't altogether flat and that made it easier to change although when I told this to Henry he just laughed—that sort of laugh that gives you an inferiority complexion, my dear.

ETTA KETT

Wise Guy!

By PAUL ROBINSON

HIGH PRESSURE PETE

In Bad Again

By SWAN

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Village Commission held Monday evening, January 2nd, 1931 at 8 p. m.

Present, President Allen, Commissioners Lewis, Allen, Tucker, Connelly, Hellebert and Lowman.

Absent, Sweet.

Minutes of meeting held Jan. 26th, 1931 approved as printed.

29—Moved by Commissioner Connelly that the following bills and pay roll be paid:

Brant Printing Co., $113.49; Barlings Blanket Co., $78.80; Car Lubrication, Jan. 1931, $120.25; W. B. Carter, $4.10; Jake Dominich, $8.50; Eberbach & Son Co., 2.56; Minott Addressing Machine Co., 16.40; J. H. Howarth & Son, 38.60; Oakland County Board of Auditors, 142.25; Clare H. Ogden, $65.00; Mike Haralambas, $15.79; Payroll 1-15 to 1-31-31, $6,286.15; Baldwin Public Library, $1,800.00.

Yeas: 7. Nays: 0.

30—Moved by Commissioner Hollert that Special Assessment Rolls 195 and 199 be retailed and reconfirmed for the following amounts: 195, $28,540.09 and 199, $2,391.13, said amounts being the actual and accurate construction costs as determined by the Village Engineer, and that the Village Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to correct and adjust said rolls to these costs in the same proportions as originally spread.

Yeas: 7. Nays: 0.

31—Said expense estimate for the year 1931 was submitted by the Manager.

32—Moved by Commissioner Hollert that the matter of awarding the contract for work to be done in the police department be laid on the table for one week.

Yeas: 7. Nays: 0.

33—Moved by Commissioner Allen that Ordinance No. 178 be adopted.

ORDINANCE No. 178

AN ORDINANCE TO LICENSE AND REGULATE TAXICABS IN THE VILLAGE OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF.

The Village of Birmingham Ordains:

Section 1. No person shall engage in the business of operating a taxicab upon the streets of the Village of Birmingham, without having first obtained a license therefor for each of such taxicabs as herein provided.

Unless it otherwise appears from the context, itself that a different meaning is given them by this section.

The word "street" shall mean and include any alley, avenue, boulevard or road in the Village of Birmingham; the word "taxicab" shall mean and include any motor vehicle except jitney busses engaged in the business of carrying transportation of passengers for hire from the way of course, street or streets on which it shall be used or operated; the word "person" shall mean and include any individual, firm or corporation or partnership and the singular shall include the plural; the word "driver" shall mean and include any person who shall operate any taxicab whether as owner, employee or agent.

Section 2. No license shall be granted to any applicant unless and until there shall have been passed by the Village Commission a resolution certifying that public convenience and necessity require the operation of the taxicab or motor vehicle for hire, in determining such public convenience and necessity, the Village Commission shall consider the number of taxicabs now operating in the Village, as well as the issuance of licenses to prefer those now owning or operating such taxicabs and in the issuance of licenses in addition to the number now operating shall consider whether the demands and public convenience for additional taxicab services; the financial responsibility of the applicant; the number, kind, type and equipment of such taxicabs proposed to be charged, and such other relative facts as the Commission may deem advisable or necessary. The judgment of the Commission on the question of public necessity and convenience shall be conclusive. Upon any transfer of ownership of any taxicab or motor vehicle for hire, the Commission may, where the transferor ceases to own any such vehicle is no longer to be operated as a taxicab, instruct the Village Clerk to validate by appropriate endorsement thereon such license for use on another taxicab to be designated by the transferor. The provisions of the foregoing sentence shall also apply where the license shall produce satisfactory evidence that such taxicab has through destruction or otherwise ceased to be used as a taxicab.

Section 3. Application for a license under this ordinance shall be made under oath and in writing and the Village Commission, upon blanks to be furnished by the Village Clerk, and shall state the applicant's full name, residence of principal place of business, and, if an individual, a description of such applicants and whether or not such applicants are married or single, and whether they are citizens of the United States. The application shall also state the engine and serial number and the current license number of each automobile proposed to be used in the said business and its seating capacity, and there shall also be contained in such application such other information as may be required by the Commission.

Section 4. If the Village Commission shall determine that public convenience and necessity will permit the licensing of the applicant, the said application shall be referred to the Chief of Police for his investigation. The Chief of Police shall make such inquiry as he shall deem necessary and shall, by the applicant, the length of time and the place where the applicant may have been engaged in such business, and within a reasonable length of time, shall endorse upon such application his recommendation for the granting of a license and shall return the same to the Village Commission for its approval or rejection. The decision of the Commission as to the rejection or approval of any such application shall be conclusive. If such application is approved by the Commission, the same by resolution instruct the Village Clerk to issue a license to such applicant upon the payment of a license fee and the filing of such bond or bonds as are hereinafter provided.

Section 5. Before the Village Clerk shall issue a license as herein provided, the applicant shall pay to the Village Treasurer the following annual fees:

For each motor vehicle capable of seating five passengers or less, the sum of $12.00.

For each vehicle capable of seating more than five passengers the sum of $12.00 and in addition $3.00 per passenger for all such passengers over five which said vehicle is capable of seating.

Section 6. (a) Each applicant shall execute a bond to the Village of Birmingham in the sum of $1,000.00 for each taxicab or motor vehicle for hire, with a corporate surety, duly licensed to do business in the State of Michigan, satisfactory to the Village Manager, conditioned that such taxicab or motor vehicle for hire will be operated in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Michigan and the Ordinances of the Village of Birmingham. In case no greater sum will be charged by any taxicab or motor vehicle for hire than the rate of fare established or sanctioned by law, and that any property left by any patrolman in such taxicab or motor vehicle for hire will be returned to the owner or person entitled thereto. Any person who is damnified by reason of such taxicab or motor vehicle for hire being operated in violation of the provisions of such bond, may, in the name of the People of the Village of Birmingham, institute an action upon the same to recover any damages sustained by him.

(b) Each applicant shall also file with the Village Clerk, after the approval of his application for a license, but prior to the issuance thereof, a policy of insurance executed by a corporate surety company authorized to do business in the State of Michigan, to be approved by the Village Manager, conditioned that any judgment rendered in any court against such applicant arising out of damage or injury to any person, including passengers, or damage to any property caused by the negligent operation of such taxicab or motor vehicle for hire will be paid, if such policy of insurance the maximum liability specified for property damage shall not be less than the amount of $5000.00 and the maximum amount specified for public liability, including passengers, shall be not less than $50,000.00 for injury to one person, and $100,000.00 for injury resulting from any one accident in which two or more persons are injured.

(c) Such bond and policy of insurance shall remain in full force and effect for the full period covered, by license or any part thereof.

Section 7. All such licenses shall be in manner and form to be approved by the Manager and in addition shall contain the signature of the person to which said license shall be posted at all times in the taxicab or motor vehicle for hire operated by the licensee, the number for which the same was issued and the name of the person entitled to operate the same. Such licenses shall not be transferable and if any licensee shall cease to use his said motor vehicle for the purposes provided for in this ordinance, such license shall be returned to the Village Clerk forthwith except as herein otherwise provided. If such license is lost or destroyed, the Village Clerk shall also issue to such licensee two license plates for the front and rear of the vehicle for hire contained in such license, in size, color and form to be approved by the Village Manager, engraved or stamped with the words "Licensed Taxicab No. . . . Birmingham, Michigan," which said license plates shall be firmly affixed to the front and rear of the vehicle for which they are issued, and shall be kept in such condition and position as to be plainly visible at all times.

Section 8. All licenses issued by the Village Clerk unless sooner revoked by the Village Commission as hereinafter provided shall expire on the 31st day of December each year. Application for the renewal of any such license prior to the expiration thereof shall be made to the Village Commission by form approved by the Village Manager, and the action of such Commission as to the approval or rejection of a renewal of such license shall be conclusive.

Section 9. All licensees hereunder shall make their taxicab business their principal occupation and shall on all secular days, unless good cause to the contrary shall be shown therefor, cause their said taxicabs to be operated as taxicabs for at least eighteen (18) hours per day, and all of said taxicabs, when not engaged in the actual transportation of passengers, shall be parked in the streets or highways only at the stand or stands therefor designated; it being the purpose of this provision to insure to the Village of Birmingham the operation of taxicabs by licensees who will make the operation of taxicabs their principal occupation. No driver of any licensed taxicab shall leave his said vehicle for a period of length of time than ten (10) minutes except the same is being operated under the provisions hereof unless the public streets or places in the Village of Birmingham. The Village Manager may, upon application of any licensee hereunder, and for good cause shown, permit such licensee to discontinue any taxicab for such period of time as in his judgment he shall deem advisable.

Section 10. The holder of any such license may substitute one car for another of equal carrying capacity, but if such substitution continues for more than ten days, a written notice of substitution shall be filed with the Village Clerk and under thereof endorsed upon the license thereinfore issued by the Village Clerk, provided, if such substituted motor vehicle shall be of greater carrying capacity than the one for which said license was issued the licensee shall pay such additional license fee as is provided herein and all license plates and notices as herein provided shall be surrendered with transferred to such substituted motor vehicle.

Section 11. No taxicab shall carry more passengers than its licensed seating capacity and not more than one passenger shall ride in the front seat with the driver. It shall be unlawful to drive or operate any taxicab whose any person is riding thereon outside the body thereof, and it shall be unlawful for any person to ride outside of the body of any such taxicab while it is in motion.

Section 12. All vehicles before the same shall be licensed under the provisions hereof, shall be examined under the direction of the Chief of Police as to the security of the parts or the condition of the equipment, and after such license shall be issued, said vehicle shall be kept in a good condition of repair and in good mechanical order and when so operated shall be kept free from all unnecessary odor or noise.

Section 13. Every taxicab shall at all times be kept in a clean, wholesome and sanitary and tidy condition. Each licensee hereunder shall report quarterly to the Chief of Police who shall have cause such inspection as he shall deem necessary that the provisions of this section are complied with.

Section 13. It shall be unlawful to stop any taxicab upon the street for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers if the side of such taxicab nearest the right-hand curb is more than two (2) feet distant from such curb. All stops for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers shall be made at the curb also at the far side of all street intersections or at such other places as may be designated by the Police Department, and shall be made in such manner as not to obstruct traffic.

Section 14. The Chief of Police shall designate to the Village Commission certain locations upon the public taxicab stand and motor vehicles for hire. Public taxicab stands shall not be established until they recommended by the Chief of Police shall have been confirmed by the Village Commission. The Village Commission may establish such stands upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police without the recommendation of the Chief of Police, but no stands shall be established except with the approval of the Village Commission. The Chief of Police may recommend the number of cabs or motor vehicles for hire that shall be permitted to stand at any of the public stands designated by the Village Commission, but such recommendation shall not become effective except with the approval of the Commission, and the Village Commission may approve such recommendation or may establish such recommendation respecting the number of cars as it may deem proper. The Chief of Police shall cause to be attached to the post or standard at the head of each stand which shall state the number of taxicabs or motor vehicles for hire which shall be permitted to stand at the designated stand.

Section 15. Only public taxicabs in such number as are set forth on the metal signs hereinbefore referred to may stand at such stand while ready for employment and they must be parked in single file. The public taxicab standing at the head of such park line shall not be permitted to refuse to carry any orderly person who offers to hire such taxicab and agrees to pay the proper rate of fare, provided, however, that the foregoing provision shall not be construed to prevent any person from selecting any taxicab he may desire on the stand, whether it be at the rear of the line or not. As the taxicabs leave the park line with passengers, those in the rear shall move up, and any public taxicab seeking space on such stand shall not approach the same except from the rear thereof and shall move up as closely as possible to the last car on such park line. The Village Commission shall be authorized upon complaint and hearing to revoke the license of any driver who violates the foregoing provisions.

Section 16. No public taxicab or motor vehicle for hire, while waiting employment by passengers shall stand on any public street or highway other than that upon the public taxicab stand or stands designated or established in accordance with this ordinance, and only such number of taxicabs of any one license shall stand at any one time in any one taxicab stand as shall be determined by resolution of the Village Commission. No driver of any such taxicab shall cause, permit or suffer the horn or by repeatedly and persistently driving his taxicab to and fro in a short space before or by otherwise interfering with the proper and orderly access to or from any railway, bus, hall, hotel, public resort, railway station, or other place of public gathering at any time or place for obstructing or impeding traffic.

Section 17. The Village Commission may by resolution, establish the rate of fare to be charged by taxicabs engaged in the transportation of passengers and no greater rate of fare shall at any time be charged by the operators thereof than that fixed by the Commission. A printed schedule of the fares as fixed by the Village Commission printed in type of such size as to be plainly visible to all passengers, shall at all times be posted in each taxicab in a conspicuous place.

Section 18. It shall be unlawful for any licensee operating a taxicab to charge or collect a greater rate of fare for the transportation of passengers than provided by resolution of the Village Commission.

Section 19. Every Vehicle operating as a taxicab may display a sign giving in two-inch type the route and rate of fare to be charged. Said sign shall be placed on the vehicle so used so as to not obstruct the vision of the driver thereof.

Section 20. No obstruction of any kind shall be placed on the windshield of any vehicle used as a taxicab except a space six (6) inches in height and twelve (12) inches in length in the lower right hand corner of such windshield, which space shall be used for such notices as shall be authorized by the Chief of Police and for no other purposes.

Section 21. Each person driving a taxicab or motor vehicle for hire must be licensed as such. Each applicant for a driver's license must be of the age of twenty-one (21) years or over, be of sound physical and good eyesight, and not subject to epilepsy, vertigo, heart trouble, or any other infirmity of body or mind which would render him unfit for the safe operation of a public vehicle; be able to read and write the English language; be clean in dress and person and not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors. The applicant shall take and successfully pass a police examination relative to such applicant's knowledge of the traffic laws and ordinances of the Village of Birmingham, his or her general knowledge of the streets and highways in the Village of Birmingham, and as to whether he or she is competent as a driver of a motor vehicle; fill out, upon a form to be provided by the Village Clerk, a statement giving his full name, place of residence for the 5 years next preceding, age, color, sex, complete description of hair, place of birth, length of time he has resided in the Village, whether a citizen of the United States, whether married or single, whether he has ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, whether he has previously been licensed as a driver in the State of Michigan, or of any ordinance of the provisions of the laws of the State of Michigan, or of any ordinance of the Village of Birmingham, or any immoral or lewd conduct, or acts on the part of the licensee or the licensed driver of any kind, and for any other cause which it shall deem sufficient, revoke any license for the operation of any taxicab and take up or cause such license, badge, and receipt to be surrendered to the Village Clerk, and any person who shall, after written notice from the Village Clerk that such license has been revoked, refuse to surrender the same, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of the provisions hereof.

Section 26. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions hereof, shall upon conviction, in addition to all other penalties provided herein, be subjected to a fine of not to exceed One Hundred ($100.00) dollars or to imprisonment in the County Jail for not to exceed ninety days, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Section 27. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 28. This ordinance is deemed to be necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and it is ordained that the same may be published in the manner required by law and that it shall become effective immediately upon its publication.

Section 29. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the passage thereof by the Village Commission of the Village of Birmingham, Michigan, and publication thereof.

Made and passed by the Village Commission of the Village of Birmingham on the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1931.

President

Clerk

Yeas: 7. Nays: 0.

Moved by Commissioner Tucker that the meeting adjourn.

MYRTLE E. CARSON, Clerk.

Room and Board

By McClure

Life's Little Laughs

I'd Like To Think So

Tobacco is found in many of the Southern states of America, we are reminded. And in some cigars.—Humorist.

Who Is To Blame?

Mrs. Newlywed—We hadn't been married a week when he hit me with a piece of sponge cake.

Judge—Disorderly conduct. Five dollars and costs.

Mrs. Newlywed (sobbing)—And I'd made the cake with my own hands.

Judge—Assault with a deadly weapon, one year.—London Chronicle.

Sue Him, By Gad!

"Poor Lola! She got cruelly deceived when she married old Goldrox."

"Why didn't he have any money?"

"Oh, yes, plenty of money, but he was ten years younger than he said he was."—Optimist.

Yah! Pharisee!

The convention was coming to order and there were some evidences that it would be a contentious one.

"We will open the meeting with prayer," the chair man started to announce, "and I will call upon Rev. Mr. Jorkins—"

Whereupon a delegate interrupted.

"Mr. Chairman," he said, "I propose that we postpone that part of the exercises until the close when we will know better what members of this crowd need praying for most."—Portland Express.

A Close Relation, Hah?

Son in college was applying pressure for more money from home.

"I cannot understand why you call yourself a kind father," he wrote his dad, "when you haven't sent me a check for three weeks. What kind of kindness do you call that?"

"That's unremitting kindness," wrote the father in his next letter.—Capper's Weekly.

OVERHEARD IN LONDON

"You go into a tobacconist's shop," bawled the anti-tobacco crank, "you place sixpence on the counter, you get a packet of cigarettes—and you get more! For in the wake of those cigarettes come beer, wine, whisky, brandy and—"

"Lumme!" interrupts one of his audience, "who's your tobacconist, guv'nor?"

THEN LUCK CHANGED!

"Father," said Jimmy, running into the drawing room, "there's a big black cat in the dining room."

"Never mind, Jimmy," said his father, drowsily; "black cats are lucky."

"Yes," was the reply. "This one is; he's had your dinner!"

Watch the Color Scheme

"How did you get your wife to quit burning the toast?"

"I told her it didn't match our kitchen."

JUST AMONG US GIRLS