I perceive a new truth, and seek to apply it to my own life. Sometimes it is very difficult to exemplify it. But I have always found that unceasing effort to apply it makes the task easier and finally possible.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Midland is the name of a city of 8,000 people, situated as the county seat of Midland—so called because it is located in about the central part of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. Midland today is what it is simply because a poor college professor whose name was Herbert H. Dow decided, way back in 1890, that the strong bromine water in the brine existing beneath itself chemical potentialities running into millions of dollars. Dr. Dow, destined to become one of the world's greatest manufacturing chemists, eventually realized his dreams—but he worked tirelessly to attain the place he left when he passed on just a year ago.

You have, no doubt, passed through Midland, on M10, about 20 miles directly east of Bay City. As you passed that way did your eyes rest on many smoke stacks; if you had counted the roofs of every building in the Dow Chemical Company's plant, you would have reached 300. You would have smelled the Dow Chemical Company, too. You would have smelled strong odors—most of them by-products of that "stinking water" that hydraulic pumps bring up to the surface from way down in the Marshall strata, from 1200 to 1800 feet below the earth's surface.

It was my privilege, two weeks ago, to be taken through the Dow plant by Don Gibbs, youthful genius in charge of the Dow-metal foundry, and Ray Kent, one of the 200+ chemists on the payroll of 1,200 people. With me were Elton Eaton, publisher of the Plymouth Mail, H. S. Babcock, of the Alma Record, and Phil Rick, of the Midland Republican. We spent nearly four hours, going from one building and chemical process to another. And you, folks, if you ever want to sit and quiz—loudly upon epsom salts (for any physical reasons whatsoever) just wander into the Dow plant at Midland.. You'll find hundreds of barrels of the stuff—all about to be sent hither and yon. Did you know that the Dow people turn out most of the country's epsom salts? Did you know that your average bath salts is epsom, colored and perfumed? Why, Elton Eaton was so interested in the fact that epsom salts comes from the bromine solution that Mr. Kent gave him a pocketful to take home with him! The next time you take a bath with salts, recall that it probably came from that same bromine solution at Midland, for the Dow Company is the country's only source of the stuff to the various pharmaceutical concerns who market it under different trade names.

It is most interesting to see to what extent the mind of creative man has gone in its everlasting search for the secrets of the physical world. The Dow Company maintains a great staff of brilliant chemists, and spends over five millions of dollars annually simply in research work — trying experiments to bring about new discoveries for the use of the bromine liquid. For instance, do you know what it is that is sprinkled on dirt and gravel on roads during the summer, thus settling the dust? It is calcium chloride. If it comes from Midland, it bears the trade name of Dow-Flake. Millions of sacks of Dow-Flake are shipped out of Midland each year. The machine that makes the moisture-proof sacks was invented by Dow men, one of whom being young Mr. Gibbs. It is the only machine of its kind in the whole world, I was informed. Ever hear of Dow-metal? It is also a by-product of the bromine-being magnesium plus other alloys such as copper, etc. Dow-metal is lighter than aluminum, and stronger; it is believed to be used as a recent Dow product, and right now a big rolling mill is being erected at Midland for the wholesale fabrication for various uses of this metal. Much of it will go into airplanes, automobiles, structural work, etc. Midland is counting much on the future of Dow-metal.

Many other products are turned out by the Dow Company Indigo dye as an example, During the World War, Dr. Dow came to the rescue of his country's textile industry with durable dyes made from the bromine solution. Dow dyes are now established in the country today. They were used by artist Paul Honore in decorating the beautiful Midland County Court House. I could devote several columns to the products of the Dow Chemical Company, for there are so many. Suffice to say, however, that the Midland you see today is probably but a start toward the Midland of tomorrow—and it was all made possible because one man had certain talents plus the ability to work like the deuce for nearly a generation.

In much of Midland you observe the influence of the Dow family. In fact, if the philanthropic tendencies of that family continue through the two sons, Willard H., 25-year-old president and general

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C. A. BINGHAM SUCCUMBS TO HEART ATTACK

Business And Civic Leader Was Noted For Spirit Of Helpfulness

RITES HELD TUESDAY

The entire community was bowed in grief Saturday by the sudden and unexpected death of Charles A. Bingham, realtor and insurance agent who for years had been a leader in the business life of the village and who was one of Birmingham's most unselfish and devoted workers for civic betterment. He was 56 years old.

Although he had been in poor health for about six years, Mr. Bingham, a former village commissioner and a member of numerous boards, organizations and committees in the village, was believed in no particular danger and appeared to be in better condition than usual only a few hours before his death.

He had continued to be active in business and other duties, and only the night before he died he remarked to his son and business partner, H. Kenneth Bingham, that he felt in better health than he had for several years.

Rites Held Tuesday

The two sat talking in their home on Bingham road until about 11:30 P. M., when they retired. At about 4 in the morning, Mr. Bingham was seized with an acute heart attack, accompanied with pain which caused his son-in-law by from his legs to other portions of his body. Death came at noon.

Funeral services, attended by hundreds eager to pay their last respects to a sincere and generous friend, were held from the home at 2:30 P. M. Tuesday. Rev. R. M. Atkins, pastor of the Birmingham Methodist Church, officiated, and burial with Masonic rites, was in Franklin Cemetery.

Mr. Bingham was born on May 31, 1875, in a house which has since been torn down on West Maple road in Bloomfield Township. He was the son of David A. Bingham, a native of Lincolnshire, England, who came to this country at the age of 21 and married Mary Elizabeth Simpson of New York. They moved to Michigan about 60 years ago, settling immediately in this section.

Married in 1895

With the exception of about two years when he resided out of Lansing and Chicago, Mr. Bingham lived his entire life in and around Birmingham, and practically all of it in the house where he died.

He attended Birmingham grade and high schools, and Fenton Normal School, and on Nov. 24, 1895, was married Jennie Catherine Covert of Franklin, daughter of the owner of a chain of flour mills.

Three sons were born to the union, H. Kenneth and Carson, both at home, and Cameron A., who died in 1919 at the age of 13 years. Mrs. Bingham preceded her husband in death by slightly more than a year.

Organized Farm Bodies

Mr. Bingham's first business interest was as a farmer, and he was directly responsible for the

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Friends Eulogize Charles Bingham In High Tributes

The premature death of Charles A. Bingham last Saturday elicited a general and deep-felt expression of bereavement from an entire community which was left stunned and grieving at the passing of one of its finest characters.

Statements of a few men who were most closely associated with Mr. Bingham in his multitudinous activities as business man, civic leader and generous friend, follow:

James W. Cobb, Postmaster: In the death of Charles Bingham, Birmingham has lost one of her outstanding citizens, always conscientious and willing to put his shoulder to the wheel and do his share and more in all civic and community undertakings. He was one of the best friends the young men of Oakland County ever had, and in his passing his cheery smile will be missed by all.

L. W. Martindale, cashier of the Birmingham Savings Bank: Mr. Bingham has been one of the front-line leaders in every good movement in the village for the past several years. His death means an inestimable loss in Birmingham.

George R. Averill, publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric: An observation of more than a decade of Mr. Bingham's activities in the community, both in public and private life, showed a tenacity in Mr. Bingham to crusade for the truth, regardless of personal considerations, which is seldom duplicated. Never once in the years that I knew him did he flinch from the course towards the right and the best.

Charles J. Shain, druggist, former village president, chairman of the Property Owners' Division:

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His Death Mourned

Charles A. Bingham

CRANBROOK IS FAVORED

Baldwin Seen As Loser In Annual Grid Clash Friday

By virtue of its superior record to date and a heavier line, Cranbrook School's football team will take Pierce Field Friday afternoon the established favorite to trounce Baldwin High in Birmingham's annual gridiron "classic."

Cranbrook is undefeated so far this season, and has chalked up victories, every though in some cases the margin was small, over such formidable foes as the Detroit City College Freshmen and Howe Military Academy of Indiana.

Baldwin's record, on the other hand, though bolstered by a crushing defeat the Maples administered to Ferndale last week, is marred by losses to Royal Oak and Port Huron.

Though Cranbrook is looked on in most quarters as the winner, Coach Robinson's Birmingham squad is far from convinced that it is in for a defeat, and points to its pass defense and strong running attack as promising serious opposition to its neighbors in the Hills.

Last year Cranbrook won a 20 to 19 decision over Baldwin, scoring all its touchdowns by forward passes. This year Coach Robinson has an outfit which has proved itself, especially in the Ferndale game, capable of stopping this kind of an offense.

Baldwin's running attack is also to be considered. Every opponent encountered to date has outweighted the Maples, but each has been outgained from scrimmage, and Baldwin is confident it has the backfield power to penetrate Coach Keppel's beefy line.

TOWNSHIP BORROWS ADDITIONAL $30,000

In a resolution adopted at a meeting Monday afternoon, the Bloomfield Township Board borrowed $30,000 on a five-month contract from the Guardian Detroit Company to defray operating expenses until 1931 taxes can be collected.

This is the second half of the $60,000 loan approved by the company about two months ago, the first $30,000 of which was advanced at that time.

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Guns Roar As Players Rehearse 'Journey's End'

The muffled sound of guns in the distance, bursts of machine gun fire, the swish, swish of a "Minnie" and the tense conversation of men under the strain of the front, all these things are to be heard right here in Birmingham these days if one knows where to listen for them.

For the Village Players are in rehearsal of "Journey's End", the play which has been hailed as the finest written about men who fought in the World War. It is a three act play written by R. C. Sherriff an Englishman, for amateur production and is a narrative of his own experiences at the front.

"Journey's End" is one of the most ambitious ventures in dramatics ever attempted by the local players. Not only was the professional stage play recognized as one of the most finished productions in years, but the talking picture version was also especially well done. With these achievements in mind, the local cast is making every effort to put on a creditable performance.

J. Fred Woodruff, one of the most experienced directors of the Village Players, is directing the all-men cast, which was carefully selected to give the most accurate interpretation of each character.

Most of these men saw service during the war and have an intimate appreciation of the situations enacted.

The cast is as follows:

Captain Hardy, Karel Rickerson; Lieutenant Osburne, C. C. Ryan; Private Mason, R. F. Lyon; Second Lieutenant Raleigh, F. Farrington Holt; Captain Stanhope, D. C. Murray; Second Lieutenant Hibbert, Dr. J. R. Hassberger; Sergeant-Major, Fred D. Farrar; The Colonel, H. Ledyard Towle; Second Lieutenant Trotter, Arthur Plant; German Soldier, Wm. L. Shaffner.

Robert N. Woodruff is assistant director.

"Journey's End" will be presented at the Village Playhouse on Friday, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14. Coming as it does on the heels of Armistice Day, the

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SCHOOLS WILL SELL SCRIP TO PAY TEACHERS

Board Adopts Emergency Measure, Awaiting Tax Collections

CASH IS NEARLY GONE

Faced with the necessity of raising approximately $30,000 in cash between now and Dec. 10, when winter taxes are expected to be coming in, the Birmingham Board of Education, at a special meeting Tuesday night, voted to issue scrip money, comparable to promissory notes, as partial payment to the teacher.

The scrip is necessary because the former practice of borrowing money from banks to run the schools between July 1 and Dec. 10 each year is not now possible. Banks today, due to the economic demands made upon them for keeping in liquid condition, due to the fact that Oakland County's tax situation is critical, find it impossible, they have told the School Board, to loan the funds.

At Tuesday night's meeting, the Board met with a group of local men invited to attend in an effort to arrive at some definite working arrangement that would allow the schools to continue open. The Board has sufficient cash on hand now to meet one payroll, due tomorrow. Unless it is able to obtain additional funds, it must close the schools, or issue scrip altogether to the teachers and to persons and corporations selling supplies to the schools.

Plan Outlined

Briefly, the manner in which the School Board agreed to finance the teachers' salaries is as follows:

Tomorrow, cash to the extent of $5,250 will be paid the teachers. This is just half of the payroll for the two week period ending Oct. 30.

The teachers will be asked to wait a week for the remainder of their Oct. 30 payroll, during which time the Board will seek to sell sufficient scrip to get an additional $5,250. In the event less than $5,250 of scrip is sold, the Board will issue this difference in scrip directly to the teachers.

The Board will thus still retain $5,250 in cash. When this will be

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BANKS IN VILLAGE JOIN HOOVER POOL

Pledge Support To $500,000,000 Corporation; Maurice L. Regional Advisor

Frank J. Maurice of Birmingham, president of the Highland Park State Bank and Highland Park Trust Company, and the Guardian Bank of Dearborn, has been named regional loan advisor of the National Credit Corporation, the half billion-dollar "pool" former by the banks of the country at President Hoover's suggestion, in which 16 Oakland County Banks, including the First National Bank of Birmingham and the Birmingham Savings Bank, have pledged their cooperation.

Henry M. Zimmerman, president of the First National Bank and Trust Company of Pontiac, was appointed a member of the regional loan advisory committee in Michigan.

Each bank in the corporation, including the two Birmingham institutions, will subscribe money in proportion to their size, each bank being limited to 10 percent of its capital and surplus as a maximum.

From this huge pool any bank in the group may borrow on its securities money needed to tide it over any periods of unusual de-

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President Allen Presents Facts of Village Finances

By HARRY ALLEN
Village President

The matter of public finances and taxes are just now of special interest to the public. A clear distinction between the finances and taxes of different governmental agencies is not always kept in mind. The village finances and taxes are no part of nor in any way related to township, school, county and state taxes. A short statement now respecting the financial condition of the village may not be amiss. The village is in very good financial condition.

By terms of the Village Charter the fiscal year of the village begins Jan. 1. It ends Dec. 31. Taxes are levied prior to July 1 and are payable on that date and thereafter. This results in the normal necessity of borrowing during the first half of the year for necessary village expenses. To authorize such borrowing the Charter provides that the Commission may borrow in any year in anticipation of the collection of taxes of the same year money necessary to defray current expenses to be repaid from such taxes when collected.

Two other ways of first half year financing may exist. The village may create a surplus sufficient for this purpose by levying a tax some 50 per cent in excess of actual annual needs, or it may have funds for capital expenditures on hand and from which it can borrow for current expenses.

The Commission has always deemed the first method unfair to taxpayers and this year the village has had in contemplation no large capital expenditures, so this source of borrowing does not exist.

A reference to the treasurer's records shows that the village has on hand and in sight from current receipts sufficient funds to pay current expenses until past the middle of January next. In addition the village has an additional $20,100 credit with the county treasurer representing collections of delinquent village taxes

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MEDIC HURT IN COLLISION

Dr. V. R. Marburger's Condition Reported "Good" After Crash

The condition of Dr. V. R. Marburger, 611 Henrietta street, was reported "good" late yesterday afternoon at attaches at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, where he was removed after sustaining serious cuts about the head and face in an automobile collision at the corner of West Maple avenue and Bates street yesterday morning.

Fear that he had received a fractured skull was dispelled at the hospital where examination of his condition showed deep lacerations and bruises were his only injuries, attaches said.

The collision occured at about 9:30 A. M. when Dr. Marburger, who is a practicing physician with offices in the Wabeek building, drove across the intersection, apparently directly into the path of a machine travelling east on Maple avenue and driven by F. W. Niedenfuhr, 2050 Larchlea drive.

Niedenfuhr's car crashed into the left side of Dr. Marburger's machine, a small coupe, crushing the running board and body, shattering the glass in the door and wind-shield, and throwing Dr. Marburger partly through the window on the right side.

A crowd gathered immediately, and Dr. Marburger, who appeared to be in a state of severe shock, with blood streaming down his face from several deep wounds in his head, was carried into his own office where first aid was administered by Dr. Herbert J. Moore.

Niedenfuhr was released after making a settlement in Chief of Police John P. Hackett. Property damage to the cars was estimated at $130.

Drivers In Last Rush For Licenses

Birmingham motorists for the past few weeks have been crowding into police headquarters in the Municipal Building on the last rush for the new operators' licenses. Licenses issued prior to Jan. 1, 1925, must be renewed before Sunday, Nov. 1.

To date nearly 2,000 licenses have been issued here, according to Chief John P. Hackett. Whether or not police are instructed to check up on motorists after Sunday will depend on the course followed in other municipalities, he said.

MURRAY NAMED TO PLAN COMMISSION

C. E. Murray, Birmingham architect, was appointed to the Village Planning Commission Monday night to fill the unexpired term of the late Thomas S. Parker. His name was suggested by Commissioner Maurice Lowman and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Murray will become a member of the Planning Commission at its next meeting. His term will expire on July 1 1933. Mr. Parker having been re-appointed for a two-year term shortly before his death.

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HAVE YOU MET?—

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Williams and family, who moved from Detroit on Sept. 1 and now reside at 631 Watkins road. They have one son, Robert L., Jr., who is three years and four months old. Miss Katherine Maycock, who is Mrs. Williams' aunt, is also a member of their household.

Mr. Williams is auditor for the Birmingham Golf Club.

Guvner, Puleeze!

Being A Plea To Mr. Brucker On Behalf Of The Newspaper Boys

By ALLEN TENNY

The newspaper accounts of Governor Brucker's address delivered before the Michigan Baptist Convention in Birmingham last week showed an unusual amount of discrepancy as between one reporter's version and the other's of what the Governor actually said to the loyal Christians there assembled.

This discrepancy was not, I believe, due to any inattention on the part of the reporters, nor to any flagging of their determination to put down His Excellency's exact remarks.

The whole trouble lay, it seems to me, in the fact that the Governor was tired. I have heard Mr. Brucker give a good address. At the Grand Trunk celebration here last August he talked well and to the point. His periods were well-rounded, his choice of words judicious, his constructions grammatical and his logic sound.

A Falling Off

Moreover, he seemed to be fully cognizant of each of the multifarious goings-on around him. He was alert to the requirements demanded of high position at a public festival, amenable to the demands of photographers, and hearty in his hand-shaking. He beamed brightly at his friends, waved gaily to the crowds, and expressed high delight with the queen of the celebration. Above all, as noted above, he spoke well.

But last week there was a considerable change. The former sparkle in His Honor's eyes was gone, the spring was gone out of his gait and his shoulders drooped. The small amount of energy he displayed belied his robust frame.

To be sure, he appeared to be having a good time, gave the seeming, at least, of supreme happiness at being up there on the speakers' stage. Still, there appeared to be a certain quality in his bearing to testify that the reason he was happy to be there was because he would have been unhappy to be someplace else—at his office desk, perhaps.

Showed He Was Tired

However that may be, the point is that he was tired, and showed it. Nor did he show it any more convincingly than when he started to speak. The transformation between the first-rate orator who had set at least the most responsive spinal nerves vibrating down by the Grand Trunk station in

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HUDSON HITS WET POLICIES

Tells Baptist Convention 18th Amendment Cannot Be Modified

The 18th amendment cannot be modified—it can only be repealed —and agitation for the return of beer and wine can only be an attempt "to jockey President Hoover and Congress into a conspiracy," was the claim made by Grant M. Hudson, former Michigan congressman, in an address here last Thursday.

Mr. Hudson was one of the speakers on the closing day's program of the Michigan Baptist Convention which ended its four-day session Thursday night after attracting more than 1000 dele-

THANKS CHURCHES, VILLAGE

One of the resolutions adopted by the Michigan Baptist Convention in session here last week follows:

"Whereas, the pastor and people of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham have so courteously and royally entertained the Michigan Baptist Convention in its 36th session and have so splendidly provided for our every need and comfort,

"And whereas, the other churches of Birmingham and the village itself have generously joined in doing everything possible to make our stay here enjoyable, and the Convention a success,

"Therefore, be it resolved that we extend to the pastor and people of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham our profound appreciation and that we likewise extend to the churches in our denomination as our entertainment and to the Village of Birmingham an expression of our gratitude."

gates from all sections of the state. All sessions were held in the Birmingham Baptist Church.

Mr. Hudson asserted there is no provision of the law which would permit modification of an amendment to the constitution, except to insist upon its enforcement, and claimed that the anti-prohibitionists therefore are restricted to outright repeal as the object of their campaign.

Says Congress Is Dry

This, according to the speaker, appears to be impossible, at least at the present time.

"Despite the 'sniping' that was done by the vets at the last congressional election, both the House of Representatives and the Senate are drier this year than

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DAYLIGHT HOLDUP NETS GUNMEN $26

Victim Reports Robbery On Oak Street, First In Months

The first daylight holdup in Birmingham in several months was reported to police Tuesday afternoon by W. H. Crabb, 424 Center street, who claimed he was two men in a small sedan who stopped to ask him directions on Oak street near the Quarton Lake bridge.

Crabb says the two men were sitting in their car beside the road when he drove past. One of the two, who had been reading a newspaper, Crabb claimed, hailed him to stop and got out of the sedan, newspaper in hand.

As Crabb drew near, Crabb said, he flashed a revolver from beneath the paper, and commanded Crabb to hand over his money. Crabb said he complied with the billfold from which the latter extracted the $26, later returning the purse calmly to its owner.

The holdup occurred at about 3 P. M., Crabb said. He reported it to police about a half hour later, and they in turn broadcast the message by police radio to other departments in nearby centers.

The only description Crabb gave of the holdup men was that they each wore a cap and one wore a light topcoat.

What Would YOU Do?

Each week an Eccentric reporter asks two persons what they would do to relieve the economic depression and improve general social conditions.

Grover E. Cook, druggist: "I have no general 'solution' for our present difficulties, but I believe one of the causes of the depression, and therefore one the things which, if eliminated, would mean a considerable improvement, is the practice of price-baiting as practiced by cut-rate merchants.

"Cut-rate merchandising is an unsound business practice, since it forces the sale of articles at cost or below, and is unfair to the consumer because he is compelled to make up the loss in the higher prices placed on other goods. I believe the Capper-Kelly bill, which would give manufacturers the right to establish the retail prices of their products, should be adopted by Congress."

Earl Moody, police patrolman: "Unemployment seems to me to be one of the gravest factors in the present situation, and the only way to end unemployment is by creating work. This could be done through several channels, but most effectively if people would start buying. There is plenty of money available if people would only begin using it, and using it wisely.

"I would recommend also that buying on credit be restricted. It is right for all people to go out and buy such things as household equipment on contract, but if a man were compelled to pay cash for his goods, considerable foolish spending would be eliminated."

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COMMISSION HEARS VILLAGE WASTE HINTED

Charges Of Idleness, Mismanagement Are Rampant, Tuggey Claims

MANAGER IS TARGET

Charges of waste in village government through idleness and mismanagement, and demands that the payroll be reduced and drastic reforms made in the conduct of village affairs, were contained in a tirade directed at the Commission Monday night by Arthur J. Tuggey, township justice of the peace, speaking for a delegation of about 15 citizens.

Athough Tuggey characterized many of the charges as unproved rumors, he claimed he "could pack this hall several times over with dissatisfied citizens who absolutely know that money is being wasted and that employes are not earning their salaries."

In answer to Village President Harry Allen's charge that his remarks were founded on "street-corner gossip," Tuggey said he realized that he did not have the information at hand to prove many of his statements, but declared he was "sick of these reports."

Promises Further "Revelations"

"If they are true, let's find it out," he implored. "And if not, then let's stop them at their source."

He agreed to meet the Commission again next Monday night with two or three persons from whom he received the rumors, and submit them to give proof. He also intimated that at that meeting he would reveal "something else the Commission should know," but which he refused to divulge "without giving the accused man a chance to defend himself."

Although Tuggey's remarks ranged over a host of topics from charges of "hiding away" by village employes to claims that the police department's violation bureau is illegal, his attack was directed principally at Village Manager James W. Parry who, he claimed, is receiving an excessive salary, has too much authority, is improperly trained for his post, and is allowing waste to "go on right under his eyes."

Lowman Unsupported

Similar demands for the reduction of salaries and the number of employes have been made at previous Commission meeting by Commissioner Maurice Lowman, and last Monday's discussion was precipitated when Lowman introduced a resolution providing that the question be studied by a committee to be composed of the Commission, the Village President and five outside citizens.

The resolution was defeated, 6 to 1 after Commissioners Lawrence Hulbert and Charles E. Lewis had spoken against it and Allen had declared "you don't have to pass legislation to get the Commission to sit down and consider any matter you want to bring up."

Instead, it was agreed that the question shall be considered along with the drawing up of the new budget which is to begin at once in order that it will be ready for adoption in January.

Property Division To Aid

Allen announced that he had conferred with Charles J. Shain, chairman of the Property Owners' Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board, regarding the appointment of a committee from the division to sit in with the Commission on budget conferences "from the beginning." The proposal met instant favor from the Commission.

Shortly afterwards Tuggey rose to his feet. "The public is exercised over the fact that it is charged that the payroll is excessive," he began.

"Charges of waste are flying right and left. It is even claimed that village employes are hiding away during the day to cover up the fact that they have nothing to do, and that there is a great waste of money in the Municipal Building right under the eyes of

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