Politics is a game at which men and women play some of them sincere and efficient, others just people who can't find any other jobs to do. There are too many of the latter kind in public office. That's why taxes are high.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Last week this column took you on a brief trip to Jackson State Prison, where, as the guest of Ray O. Brundage, commissioner of pardons and paroles, I recently spent an afternoon and evening. Many, many words might be used to describe the huge institution, built at a cost of seven millions of dollars, which is much less than originally estimated when former Gov. Alex J. Groesbeck's administration first started the project. You may recall that Mr. Groesbeck found much resistance to the new prison project at Jackson. Legislators laughed at his oft uttered declaration that "at the rate crime is multiplying in Michigan we must make plans for at least double the present population of 2,000 in the old prison." Mr. Groesbeck's crusade for funds to start the present "Big House" were begun none too soon, it appears—revealing his far-sighted visioning of Michigan's penal problem.

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That afternoon on which I "made the rounds" of the new prison there had arrived Detroit's army of judges, from Recorders and Circuit Courts, as well as from other judicial districts in Michigan. About a half dozen women were with the group, too. It was while we were going through one of the cell blocks that Judge John J. Maher, of Detroit Traffic Court, slipped into the cell occupied by one Stevens, who happened to be out of his cell at the time, because the entire block was eating supper in the great dining room assembly. Judge Maher shuffled about the narrow quarters of the cell, peering into corners, gazing at small pictures, thumbing a magazine and a book which Stevens had left on his bunk. The barred door was wide open, and I stood next to it. It was very, very easy to slide it on its oiled runners, and, besides, I thought it would be a good "shot" for the Detroit Times photographer who was posing the group at that point. So I slid the door, the well-ventilated barricade within an inch of being completely closed—and then found that it would not budge. It had worked on a ratchet mechanism. Of course, Judge Maher came in for some "kidding" until one of the guards arrived on the scene with a master key and then released the "incarcerated" jurist. That little incident was "played up" on the front page of the Free Press the next morning. (Guess I'll have to put in a claim to Malcolm Bingay for space rates.)

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Several former Oakland County citizens are now situated in the new prison. While going through the new and modern tuberculosis sanitarium, where nearly 100 inmates are confined, I met Willis M. Brewer, of Pontiac, former chairman of the County Board of Auditors, who was sentenced for embezzling American Legion funds entrusted to him. Brewer is superintendent of the sanitarium and, according to Warden Harry H Jackson, "doing a good job of it." Attired in the natty white uniform worn by inmates who work in the laundry, kitchen, hospital, and various clerical departments, Brewer was seated behind his desk on the ground floor of the sanitarium. He told me that he had been very ill with, as I recall his statement, pneumonia. He looked a bit pale, but otherwise seemed in fairly good spirits. As I left Brewer's office I almost ran into Eugene Parmenter, former teller in the local closed First State Savings Bank, who stole about $25,000 from it. He is an orderly in the sanitarium. Afterwards I remembered that Oakland County had two other well known residents at Jackson, Otto Sachs and Floyd Babcock, both of Pontiac. I did not see them, however.

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Perhaps the greatest single task that confronts prison officials is how to keep the inmates busy at something, either mental or manual employment or recreational activities. Right now only 40 percent of Jackson Prison's 2,000 inmates are able to be kept at any kind of work. After next January, when it no longer will be possible for any state officials to use United States to ship prison-made goods outside its own borders, many more inmates will be thrown out of work. That is worrying prison officials very, very much. Lack of prison employment is such a problem at Jackson now that, I was told by Commissioner Brundage, jobs on the rock pile have a long waiting list of applicants. That may cause one to smile—but it is the rugged truth, and presents forcefully the need for a solution to this problem of prison unemployment. As a matter of fact, it is such a serious menace to the safety of life and property in Michigan that one wonders why Governor Brucker, with all his touted efforts to "make Michigan safe from criminals,"

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MILLIONS ARE PAID BY STATE FOR 'CONTROL'

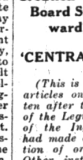
Creation Of Administrative Board Shot Expenses Upward, Brown Finds

'CENTRALIZING' COSTLY

(This is another of a series of articles on state payrolls written after the author, a member of the Legislature and publisher of the Ingham County News, had made a thorough investigation of original state records. Other installments will follow in succeeding issues of The Eccentric.)

By V. J. BROWN

Where was the the beginning of mounting state expense? Was it the war? Was it a sudden increase in population?



V. J. Brown

What or who was responsible for the skyrocketing of state expense, to the point where the state is overrun with inspectors and executives driving high powered state automobiles?

Before proceeding further in this study of the staggering burden of state expense, it might be profitable to consider for the moment something of the responsibility for the orgy of spending that has marked the history of Michigan since the close of the World War.

Not only has individual pay been tilted to previously unheard-of levels, but in addition to this the citizenry of the state has had imposed upon it an autocracy of boards, bureaus, commissions, agencies and other governmental units which has produced an army of state employes now numbering more than 12,000.

Groesbeck Complained

The regime of the state administrative board, began with the passage of a set of laws by the 1921 Legislature. Gov. Alex Groesbeck had complained that there were too many irresponsible boards operating within the state government. There were too many accountants at state institutions, he charged. There should be centralized responsibility, centralized authority, centralized accounting.

"Back in the old days there were boards which operated each of the several state institutions. Each institution had its own budget. Its annual appropriation was divided into 12 portions and each month the treasurer of the board drew one-twelfth of the annual appropriation in question.

Appointment to these boards was held as honorary recognition. They were composed of some of the most successful business and professional men of the state. They received no pay for their services, each board exercising complete control over the affairs of the institution but each held within the appropriation received at the hands of the State Legislature.

"All this was changed by the state administrative board act of 1921. Boards and commissions

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REGISTRATION LAW EFFECTIVE MAY 1

Permanent Listing Of Voters In Townships And Village Planned

The Village of Birmingham and Bloomfield and Troy Townships were preparing today to comply with the new permanent registration law for voters adopted by the 1929 Legislature, effecting 66 cities, 31 townships and countless villages throughout the state.

Theoretically, the law goes into effect Sunday, May 1, after which date applications for re-registrations will be received in both villages and township offices.

In order to be able to vote in the next elections, voters in the townships must be registered by Aug. 27, and those in the village by Mar. 4, 1933.

So that voters will be saved the necessity of registering in both township and village, township clerks in both Troy and Bloomfield will be deputized to register voters in Birmingham, and the village clerk will be deputized to register township voters. Thus a resident of both Birmingham and Bloomfield Township will be forced to register only once, and will be able to do it either in the village or township offices.

Similarly, a resident of both Birmingham and Troy Township, when registering for either the township or village records, will be automatically registered for the other also.

The re-registration is intended to be permanent, doing away with the former law which required a re-registration of Michigan voters every fourth year prior to the presidential election.

Reichert Backs Plan For Re-Opening First State

State Banking Commissioner In Writing Pledges Department's Support

The plan for re-opening the closed First State Savings Bank, on which a committee of depositors has been working for the past several weeks, "is the most practical and equitable possible, outside of the present receivership," in the opinion of R. E. Reichert, state banking commissioner.

This opinion, pledging "the entire support" of the State Banking Department to the plan, was expressed by Mr. Reichert in a letter addressed to George R. Averill, publisher of The Eccentric, and delivered personally in Lansing, Friday.

The letter puts the State Banking Department definitely on record as favoring the re-opening plan as opposed to any other proposals for handling the affairs of the closed institution, and was construed as a thrust aimed at attempts now being made by a second committee of depositors to transform the bank into a mortgage company, the earnings of which would be pro-rated among the depositors.

"Maximum Payment"

Mr. Reichert's letter follows in full:

"In response to your inquiry as to the merits of the plan now offered by Messrs. Harry Allen, Williams C. Harris, and Stanley Peabody, the Depositors' Committee, for the re-organization and re-opening of the closed First State Savings Bank of Birmingham, please be advised that the plan referred to has the entire support of this Department. I believe that this plan, if carried out and wholeheartedly supported by all parties, will be the most equitable plan for re-opening and, it is to be hoped, the eventual maximum payment to the depositors.

"Further, I believe that the plan for re-opening is the most practical and equitable possible, outside of the present receivership now in control of the bank. I wish to inform the many depositors of the closed institution that they may count on this Department to render every possible aid to the end that those who placed their trust in us, through depositing their funds in the First State Savings Bank of Birmingham, may retain their confidence in the ability of Michigan's banking laws and agencies to protect their financial interests.

"Very truly yours,
R. E. REICHERT
"State Banking Commissioner."

Meanwhile, committees representing both the re-opening and mortgage company plans reported again yesterday that they are daily signing up more depositors in support of their proposals, although both said they were unable to reveal the exact amount of deposits pledged.

Mortgage Plan Claims Victory

The mortgage company plan claimed an important victory yesterday with the filing with it of the General Motors Corporation's claim against the bank.

"While we are not interested in engaging in the operation of a mortgage company," M. L. Prentice, treasurer of the corporation, told The Eccentric yesterday, "we signed the agreement with the mortgage company plan, believing the organization of such a company will result in the most satisfactory payment to depositors."

William McCallum, chairman of the committee working on the mortgage company plan, in a brief statement said "we are pleased with the number of depositors who are filing their claims with us, although we have still a large number of small claims, most of them under $500, still to come in."

Committee Issues Statement

A statement issued by the committee on the re-opening plan yesterday follows:

"The Depositors' Committee feels that depositors of the First State Savings Bank should be kept advised of the progress made in securing adoption of the re-organization plan proposed by the State Banking Department.

"Many depositors ask about Paragraph 8 of the depositors' agreement, relating to the use of deposits to pay stock assessments. We understand it to mean that any stockholder who has a deposit in the bank may obtain permission to apply his own deposit against his own stock assessment, and that any depositor who has no stock, wishing to assist a stockholder, may get permission to have a part of his own deposit ap-

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HAVE YOU MET?—

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newell who came to Birmingham on Mar. 16 from Detroit and now reside at 987 Ridgedale road. Mr. Newell is owner of the J. S. Newell Refining Company in Detroit and of the Michigan Refining Company in Pontiac. They have no children.

—Photo by Rentschler, Ann Arbor.
R. E. Reichert

VOTE MONDAY ON '32 BUDGET

Commission Ready To Act After Making Few Changes

Village Manager James W. Parry announced yesterday that the 1932 village budget would probably be ready for permanent adoption by the Commission next Monday night.

The estimate of operating costs, representing the only variable figures in the budget, were approved tentatively by the Commission in January at $170,626 or about 31 percent below those of 1931, allowing no provision for a contingent or sinking fund.

Since the election of the new Commission in March, the budget has been gone over in a series of closed "committee" meetings with a view to reducing it still further, but it remains essentially as before, Mr. Parry said yesterday. If anything, it will probably be a few dollars higher, he said.

What was to have been the last of the closed sessions on the budget was held last night. Unless further paring was done at that time, or unless other reductions are made between now and Monday, adoption of the budget is likely to meet some opposition, although probably not enough to defeat it.

It is almost certain that Commissioner Maurice Lowman will hold out for a substantial reduction below the operating expense estimate of $170,000, and just as certain that President Harry Allen, and Commissioners Walter L. Connelly, Lawrence Hulbert and Frank S. Packard will oppose any such reduction.

The stand of the two new commissioners, E. W. Osborne and T. B. Smith, remains problematical, although they sided with Lowman on a previous issue of a controversial nature.

PUTNAM'S CONDITION REPORTED IMPROVED

Chief William Putnam of the Bloomfield Hills police department yesterday was reported improving at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital where he is recovering from two operations for an old ailment. Chief Putnam's condition was noticeably better yesterday than it was Tuesday, hospital attaches said.

ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY IN YARD CONTEST

Deadline Nears In Garden Competition For 30 Prizes

TREE PLANTING BEGINS

With approximately 100 entrants already in competition for the more than 30 prizes offered, and others entering the lists daily, the lists will close Saturday night for entries in Birmingham's first Yard and Garden Contest, sponsored by the Birmingham Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association and co-operating organizations.

Although the majority of the entries to date have been in the first class—that for gardeners who agree to do all their own work—several have also been received in each of the other classes, Mrs. Whiting Raymond, general chairman of the contest, said yesterday.

These include a division for those who hire some of their work done, another for those who keep an expert gardener, a fourth for vegetable gardeners who do all their own work, and a fifth for growers of window boxes, for which special prizes have been offered.

Trees Planted

First tangible results of the contest committee's efforts at beautifying not only individual homes but the village at large were evidence yesterday when 150 trees were planted in the Woodward avenue business district, on both sides of the street from Oak street to Lincoln avenue.

The trees were secured by the committee from the State Highway Department, and were planted by welfare labor under the supervision of the village.

Using the Woodward avenue planting as a stimulus to individual property owners to set out trees on their property wherever needed, the contest committee has secured special rates on trees for street planting from local nurserymen. The trees may be obtained directly through members of the committee.

Prizes On Display

Committee members will also receive entries up to the deadline Saturday night, and they may also be notified in the Community House. Contest headquarters in the Hanna Building, at the corner of Pierce and Maple streets, have been closed, although the store room still contains the exhibit of prizes offered contest winners by more than a score of Birmingham merchants.

Winners in the local contest, the committee pointed out this week, will be eligible to compete in the nation-wide contest conducted annually by the National Yard and Garden Association, with which the Birmingham project is registered.

Attorney Fined $73 For Drunk Driving

Changing his plea after a jury had been called to try his case, A. J. Stevens, 61 Parson street, Detroit, an attorney, was fined $73.50 on a charge of drunk driving by Justice Floyd S. Buck Wednesday afternoon.

Stevens was arrested here April 10, the day he was arraigned the next day, and demanded a jury trial. Just before the trial was to get under way, a conference between attorneys and the justice ended in Stevens' changing his plea to guilty.

He was given until Monday to pay the fine. If unpaid by that time, Judge Buck indicated he would impose a 60-day jail sentence.

Plans Laid For May Day Child Health Conference

Plans were nearing completion today for the second annual May Day child health conference to be held in the Municipal Building Monday under the joint auspices of the village and county health departments in observance of National Child Health Week.

The conference will be directed by Dr. William Lloyd Kemp, village health officer, assisted by all other Birmingham physicians and dentists, who have agreed to donate their services, Mrs. Olga Benning, village health nurse, and Miss Emma Christensen, public school nurse.

Exactly 171 children were examined at the first conference last year, and present indications are that a still greater number will be in attendance this year, especially since the dental examinations are a few feature, Mrs. Benning said yesterday.

P. T. A. Urges Attendance

Infants and children of pre-school and kindergarten age and any others specially recommended are eligible to receive free examinations at the conference. Defective children will be referrd to their family physicians, or, in the cases of children of indigent parents, will be treated directly by physicians or dentists co-operating in the conference.

To stimulate interest in the conference and to explain its purpose, a committee of the Barnum School Parent-Teacher Association, of which Mrs. R. L. Fletcher is chairman, has been actively engaged for the past several weeks in notifying Birmingham mothers of the project and otherwise advancing its cause.

A total of 4,500 letters have been sent to mothers through their children in the school, local merchants have offered to co-operate with window displays, a feature of which Mrs. A. E. Phillips was in charge, and the Community House has volunteered to furnish transportation for mothers and children to and from the conference.

Show Health Films

Through this courtesy, automobiles will be provided to call for and return to their homes all mothers and children who notify the Community House before Saturday. In any case, parents should not fail to accompany their children to the conference, members of the committee emphasized yesterday.

During the day, health films will be shown at the Community House for parents and children after the latters' examinations have been completed.

Boy Scouts of Troop 2 will decorate the Commission room in the Municipal Building where the ex-

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Hulbert Buys First Village Tax Notes

Tax anticipation notes in the amount of $10,000 were placed on sale by the Village of Birmingham Monday, with Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert as the first buyer.

The notes, in denominations of $5 and $10, will bear 6 percent interest, and will be redeemable after July 31 from a sinking fund set aside from the first month's collection of 1932 village taxes.

Several village employes have volunteered to take part of their May 3 salary payment in the notes instead of cash, although there is no compulsion on their part to do so, Charles E. Plumstead, village treasurer, said yesterday.

$5,000 PLEDGED IN ROLL CALL

Subscriptions Lag, But Confidence Soars As Drive Nears Close

Although actual tabulations show the pledges and cash payments in the annual Community House roll call to be far short of the $15,000 goal, leaders of the campaign were confident today the drive would reach, or at least near, its objective by the time it closes tonight.

Spring fever apparently hit the soliciting force with a vengeance last week, and the majority of teams remained far behind their quotas. Only about $5,000 had been officially reported up to late Wednesday.

On the other hand, there are still hundreds of cards to be heard from, and team captains have been urged to bring their reports up to date for the closing dinner of the campaign, scheduled for this evening at the Community House. Such reports, the steering committee members are confident, will raise the total to a substantial figure.

These predictions are based upon a survey of the first 196 cards received back from solicitors, which were representative of families that had been solicited in other years under the names. Of this number, only 18 families who contributed last year did not make some contribution this year. Moreover, 102 people who last year "offered something" this year gave or pledged something.

"This showing is indicative of the fact that everyone who possibly can contribute is doing so," said James L. Oliver, president of the Community House Association. "Those who refused, from the group that was checked, all had excellent reasons. The new ones who contributed showed the spirit that is being encountered everywhere.

"I am confident we will come close to obtaining our budget requirements."

Award of the prizes in the roll call essay contest, the 39 winners of which were announced in last week's issue of The Eccentric, will be made at the dinner tonight. In addition to the cash prizes, each child will also receive a certificate designating his particular award.

The dinner will be open to all solicitors and their families. Although it will mark the official wind-up of the active campaign, teams will be asked to continue soliciting until every house in their districts has been canvassed and reported on.

Township Ponders Rent Compromise

Members of the Bloomfield Township Board today were considering an offer of the Village Commission to reduce the rent paid by the township for office space in the Municipal Building from $3,000 to $2,400 per year.

The Township Board, at the suggestion of the Property Owners' Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board, had asked for a reduction to $1,800 a year, and Perry A. Vaughan, township supervisor, was unable to say yesterday whether the compromise, offered by the Commission last week, would be acceptable.

MOTORISTS IN RUSH FOR NEW LICENSES

Only three days remain for motorists who secured their driver's licenses during the year 1925, 1926 or 1927 to have them renewed in accordance with the new state registration law for drivers.

Birmingham police headquarters in the Municipal Building, where applications for renewals are being received, have been increasingly busy for the past several days accommodating last minute applicants, Miss Carrie Stoddard, police clerk, said yesterday.

BARGAIN RENTALS
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Dog Catcher Hired—At 50 Cents A Dog

Village Arms Itself Against Ravages of Spring Fever Among the Canines

Hiring of a dog catcher at 50 cents a dog was authorized by the Village Commission Monday night in an effort to fend off harmful effects of the annual epidemic of spring fever in the canine world.

Each spring, it seems, the return of warm weather imbues dogs with a renewed spirit of frolic and adventure. The result is highly deleterious to tulip beds, vegetable gardens and lattice work.

This spring the village proposes to be armed against the onslaught with something more than an ordinance which theoretically prohibits dogs from roaming at large, but which in practice is difficult to enforce, due principally to the fact that regular policemen, having other duties to perform, can't be spending all their time on the look-out for loose hounds.

Hence the dog-catcher—at 50 cents a dog.

Rate of Pay Questioned

The rate of pay was established only after some discussion. Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert first suggested $2 a dog.

"I think 50 cents is the regular rate," said Commissioner Maurice Lowman. "and while it might not last long, it will be good pay while it does," indicating a profitable catch for the new dog-catcher during the first couple of days, at least.

Chief of Police John P. Hackett demurred, having had some practical experience in the matter.

"Fifty cents a dog?" he said. "Humph; two in my officers spent three whole days looking for one dog, and they haven't found him yet.

"I know," put in Commissioner Frank S. Packard. "I was with one of those officers for two hours. We couldn't even get close."

However, 50 cents a dog was finally decided upon, and the Commission turned its attention to the collection of the $3 impounding fee for each dog, as provided in the ordinance.

Get The Dough

"Sure, we ought to keep the dog in the pound until we get the three bucks," said Mr. Packard, and his fellow commissioners all agreed.

"If it wouldn't be so apt to stir up neighborhood quarrels," said Village Manager James W. Parry, "I'd like to suggest further that we get into the habit of swearing out complaints and bringing negligent dog-owners into court, but I guess that won't work."

C. S. Ross, 504 Willits street, who had taken part in the discussion with some highly denunciatory remarks about dogs who root around in flower gardens, had edged his way toward the doorhat in hand.

Village President Harry Allen apparently thinking about last spring when the Commission was forced to defend itself against irate dog lovers who protested against the ordinance intended to confine dogs to their owners' property, turned to Mr. Ross.

"Say, if any dog owners come up this spring you'll show around to talk on our side, won't you?" Mr. Allen asked.

"You bet I will," Mr. Ross replied. "But just now I'm waiting for that new dog catcher's phone number."

TEACHERS TO GET HALF SCRIP AGAIN

Friday's Payroll Affected As School Board Loan Still Pends

Birmingham teachers again Friday will be forced to receive half their past two weeks' pay in scrip, Louis M. Randall, business manager of the school system, announced yesterday.

The last teachers' payroll, two weeks ago, was composed of half scrip, but it was believed at that time the Board of Education would secure a loan before the next payroll and forestall the necessity of issuing further scrip this semester.

The loan has not yet been obtained, however, Mr. Randall said, and until the negotiations are successfully completed, teachers will probably be asked to continue to accept half their pay in scrip in order to conserve the Board's small reserve of cash on hand.

TOWNSHIP GETS LAND FOR WELFARE GARDENS

The use of 13 acres of land in Bloomfield Township for welfare gardens had been donated up to yesterday, Supervisor Perry A. Vaughan announced. At least 10 more acres are needed, he said, to provide enough space to enable all men on the welfare list to grow their food for the coming winter.

Land in a single piece is most desired, he said, although that which has already been offered is in two different sections of the township, and a variety of locations can be used if necessary.

VILLAGE-CITY DATA GOES TO COMMISSION

Members Silent On Approval Of Property Owners' Report

MAY CALL HEARINGS

Members of the Village Commission today are studying an 11-page document prepared by a special committee of the Property Owners' Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board, recommending that the Village of Birmingham adopt the city form of government.

The report, the work of several weeks of study and investigation of the question from every angle, was given the Commission Monday night by Charles J. Shain, chairman of the Property Owners' Division. Members of the committee were Ralph I. Coryell, chairman; Walter L. Connelly, himself a member of the Village Commission; George R. Averill and Edward L. Bryant.

A complete copy of the report, as given to the Commission Monday night, will be found on Pages 1 and 5, Part 2, of this issue of The Eccentric.

Presentation of the report brought no commitment from any of the commissioners as to whether they approved or disapproved the change. They did, however, express a willingness to study the report thoroughly, and adopt a course of action as soon as they were able.

Asks Two Questions

"Our committee doesn't expect you to accept the recommendation or reject it tonight," Mr. Shain said. "The matter is too weighty for that. We would, however, like an answer to two questions:

"First, will you call a public hearing on the report? and, second, will you call the special election for a vote on the question, or wait to be petitioned? We know petitions can and will be circulated if necessary, but we don't want to force anybody's hand."

No answer was forthcoming to either of the questions, although Village President Harry Allen indicated they would be answered in due time. The sentiment of both Mr. Allen and the Commission appeared to be in favor of a public hearing, or series of hearings, at which the public pulse could be felt and an election called voluntarily if it were wanted.

Waiting for petitions would delay the election for at least 30 days, since they would have to be left on file with the village clerk for that length of time before they could be considered. Only 100 names of qualified voters would be necessary, and their presence on the petitions would make it mandatory on the Commission to call the election within 40 to 90 days.

Urges Haste

In presenting the report, Mr. Shain urged the Commission to move with as much haste as possible, citing the advantages to be gained from the proposed change in a direct representation on the County Board of Supervisors and freedom from further township tax levies.

That the Commission will be inclined to adopt a more deliberate attitude, however, was indicated in a reply made by Mr. Allen to a statement of F. S. Ross, 504 Willits street.

"I was a member of a committee on this question when it arose once before," Mr. Ross said, "and at that time I thought we went into it a little too hastily. It is a problem, I believe, that should be given the most thorough investigation and the utmost publicity before any action is taken."

"You're absolutely right," Mr. Allen said. "It isn't anything that should be determined overnight, or in a week or in a month."

Bloomfield Hills Village is to vote on adopting the city form of government on Monday, May 16. Petitions are now in circulation for candidates to the charter commission to be chosen at the same election. Nine members are to be

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