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TWO CITIES JOIN GAS RATE INQUIRY

Formosa, Royal Oak Follow Birmingham in Entering Probe

Resolutions similar to that adopted by the Village Commission authorizing the expenditure of a small sum of money for an investigation of gas rates charged in this district by the Consumers Power Company have been adopted by Formosa and Royal Oak City Commissions, and other communities in Southern Oakland County are expected to follow shortly, it was announced Monday by James W. Parry, village manager.

The three communities which have already joined the survey have notified other cities and villages of their actions, and urged them to follow suit, Mr. Parry said.

The cost of the investigation, the purpose of which is to uncover "leak" in the gas rate, is to be covered by the individual cities.

The Way To Recovery A Plan For Achieving A Prompt Economic Revival

Conceived and Presented By LAWRENCE D. AHERTON

(This is the third edition of Mr. Aherton's proposal for relieving economic distress and unemployment. The first two editions have been published in preceding issues of The Economist. Mr. Aherton, who lives at 141 Baldwin avenue, will be glad to receive and answer criticisms of the plan, addressed either to him or to The Economist.)

PART III ANTICIPATED OBJECTIONS ANSWERED

Critics and critics of this plan will be many and varied, but it is believed that only three major objections can be raised against it and that of these only two have even a debatable claim to validity.

It will be asserted that institution of this plan would constitute a gross infringement of fundamental personal rights—that taxation by the Federal Government as to what the individual shall do

DRIPY VILLET'S SERVICE TO VILLAGE WINS EULOGY AT RECEPTION ATTENDED BY 250 FRIENDS

Low Figure Not Gained By Higher Valuation, Manager Shows

The village manager is preparing a series of articles on village governmental affairs for publication in The Economist.

By JAMES W. PARRY

The tax rate of 1932 and 1931 for the village of 1932 as established by the Village Commission is the lowest rate since 1928. Twice since 1916 the rate has been as low as \$12, but never lower.

Unfortunately there are two variable items in taxation that confuse the public and make it hard to compare them that one is not placed off against the other. It has been a common practice to lower the tax rate by the completion of raising the assessed valuation, or to lower the assessed valuation by raising the tax rate.

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School Superintendent And Wife Paid Formal Tribute

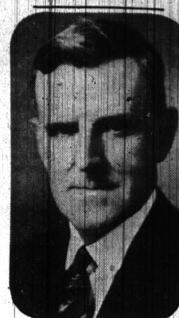
Clarence Vliet, superintendent of the Birmingham schools for 17 years, eldest member in point of service on the Library Board, president of the Community House Board of Trustees, newly elected president of the board of the Birmingham Y.M.C.A., devoted worker in many other organizations and community enterprises, friend and advisor of boys and girls, was paid high compliments by friends and associates at a public reception in his honor at the Community House Friday night.

The reception, attended by about 250 persons, was sponsored by the Birmingham Rotary Club in anticipation of the expiration of Mr. Vliet's contract with the School Board on July 1. Mr. Vliet is a charter member of the Rotary Club and one of its former presidents. Charles J. Shain, also a former Rotary president, presided over the reception program.

Following generous encomiums paid Mr. and Mrs. Vliet by remarks of appreciation by representatives of several of the organizations with which they were affiliated, and by Arthur Tuttle, of the Federal Court judge, who came to the village to attend the graduation of the village schools in Leslie, Mich., Judge Tuttle's home community, a beautifully bound graph book, a product of the



Mrs. Vliet



Mr. Vliet

called upon, and has helped not only with his advice but with his personal efforts. The Y.M.C.A. would not have succeeded the way it has without interest.

He referred particularly to Mr. Vliet's services during campaigns for funds, and announced his election as president of the "Y" board at the annual election two days before.

Older Board Member

J. B. Howarth, speaking for the Birmingham Public Library Board, pointed out that Mr. Vliet has been a member of the board for 15 years, or longer than any other of its present members. He cited especially Mr. Vliet's valuable assistance in planning the new library building.

"On behalf of the board," Mr. Howarth said, "I wish to extend the best wishes for success and happiness in anything he may undertake."

Judge Tuttle, the next speaker, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Vliet for their long and successful service to the community, and expressed his appreciation for their service.

"I am not surprised to find Mr. and Mrs. Vliet all wrapped up in the civic life of their community," Judge Tuttle said, "it's just like them."

The person who can sit in his own little court and make good decisions in the kind of person you want for your community, the kind you respect and love—and that is the kind of people Mr. and Mrs. Vliet are," he concluded.

Laude Veracity

He praised Mr. Vliet for being able to divide his time and energies intelligently among several different organizations and undertakings, not allowing one club or enterprise to monopolize his talents and efforts.

"Clarence and Mrs. Vliet," he concluded, "you don't know how rich you are in memories of services well performed—how rich in good and true friends."

The final tribute was paid by Williams C. Harris, president of the first School Board under which Mr. Vliet served 17 years ago. The old Hill School at Magnin and Chester streets, since abandoned, then comprised the entire Birmingham school system.

"We are here to express our appreciation for the firmness, integrity and fearlessness you have shown," Mr. Harris said, "and for the achievements you have accomplished."

"We love you and will always have an interest in you wherever you are," Vliet replied.

Mr. Vliet, in replying to the eulogies paid him and Mrs. Vliet, thanked first the scores of persons who wrote to him, expressing their appreciation for his service.

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1931 COUNTY SEAL SALE NETTED \$5,534

LANSING—Purchase of an average of 2.63 Christmas seals by every Oakland County resident placed the county 97th in Michigan in the 1931 seal sale, a tabulation prepared by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association shows. The average per capita sale for the 83 counties of the state was 3.22 seals.

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with his money, or any portion thereof except in payment of taxes), would establish a most unenviable precedent.

Such a serious objection demands a most complete and satisfactory refutation.

It must be admitted that, technically, "personal rights" would be infringed to a degree by this plan, and that a certain precedent would be established.

For An Emergency

However, let the proponents of this objection examine the matter from another and broader viewpoint. The history of our country provides ample precedent for the abrogation of normal (civil) rights, both personal and political, in times of great emergency.

Therefore, the validity or non-validity of the objection hinges upon the actual degree of seriousness of present social and economic conditions.

Are we, or are we not, faced by an emergency of the first magnitude?

The reply to that question should render further argument unnecessary in disposing of what probably will be the first and foremost objection to the plan.

A national emergency of extreme gravity does exist, and employment of an extraordinary but practicable measure to combat it (Turn to page 7, this section)

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The autograph book presented to Mr. Vliet Friday night bore the following legend on the inside page, written by Charles S. Kinnison, 348 Hawthorne drive:

"To you, Clarence Vliet, we offer this proof of our appreciation of the value of your services to the Community and Birmingham in general, and our admiration for your character and our friendly good wishes for your future. We hope that it may give you and Mrs. Vliet enduring pleasure to know the person in which we hold our faith."

Cranbrook Press, bearing the names of several hundred friends and associates of the Vliets, was presented to him in appreciation of their services.

Butwell Speaks For Rotary

"I suffice to say," commented Mr. Shain in opening his remarks, "that aside from building up and supervising the operation of a well-kept school system, you have found time to devote yourself and give his talents and services to the countless community enterprises."

The Rotary Club's appreciation for Mr. Vliet was expressed by George J. Butwell, president of the club.

Mr. Vliet gave the same careful and comprehensive attention he has given to everything else.

Mr. Butwell said, "And as his name is continued to his forth his best efforts wherever called on."

"I know of no more apt expression to apply to Mr. Vliet than the old adage, 'He profits most who serves his community and sympathetic love goes out to him from every member of the club.'"

Mr. Vliet also thanked and commended the work done for the Rotary Ann by Mrs. Vliet, a member in long standing of that organization.

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Oberlin To Honor Emerson Gravin

Birmingham Student Will Receive Master's Degree From Ohio College

Emerson Gravin, 283 Merrill street, who has been doing graduate work in Oberlin College, Oberlin, O., this year, expects to receive his M. A. degree at Oberlin's 90th commencement on June 21. It was learned here yesterday that Gravin is a graduate of Baldwin High School and received his B. S. degree at Oberlin College with the class of 1930.

Gravin is holder of a scholarship this year, is taking his M. A. in political science, under Professor Fred L. Fenn, and is writing a thesis on "Sectionalism in the United States Senate, 1830-1930."

In the recent Democratic Nock Convention held at Oberlin, Gravin headed the delegation from Birmingham.

STATE MAY CHANGE AUTO LICENSE LAW

LANSING—The governor and secretary of state are endeavoring to find some legal way in which automobile license plates can be sold at half-price after July 1.

The automobile weight tax law which expires on July 1, 1932, provides that license plates can be sold at the reduced figure. However, the state is studying statutes regarding the power of the transportation board to act in emergencies, as a possible solution to the problem.

Sales of license plates at half-price after July 1 would allow owners of approximately 100,000 cars to secure licenses, and it also would add hundreds of thousands of dollars to the state's treasury.

Approximately 19 percent of the land area in the United States

Wendell Represents Scouts

Julius W. Wendell, president of the District Boy Scout Council, cited the respect and loyalty so general among the students under Mr. Vliet in the schools, and traced his services with the Boy Scout organization.

"As a representative of the Boy Scouts," he said, "I extend to Mr. and Mrs. Vliet the sincere wish for many years of happiness and, of course, continued residence in Birmingham."

Arthur C. Peck, representing both the Barnum Parent-Teacher Association and the Student Loan Board Association, was the next speaker.

"It is needless to say," he remarked, "that we regret the termination of Mr. Vliet's service as superintendent. We have seen the best system grow in our village with the institution of modern buildings, equipment and teaching methods, and the work of Mr. Vliet and girls has been particularly outstanding."

Mr. Peck said that the things Mr. Vliet has done will remain a cherished memory with all of us.

Oliver Thanks Vliet

James Lee Oliver, president of the Community House Association, pointed out the appropriateness of the fact that the reception was held in the House, of which Board of Trustees Mr. Vliet is president.

"We thank you for your interest," he said, "and hope that it will continue for many years to come."

"Despite economic difficulties," said G. A. Ziegler, the next speaker, representing the Y. M. C. A., "there is nothing more important even today than the molding of character in young people, and during his 17 years in Birmingham, Mr. Vliet has played a leading part in this major task."

"His ready and willing help and willingness every time he has been

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