

THE HILLS and THAT

By G. R. A. (While Mr. Averill is on his vacation, this column is written by Allen Tracy.) To me, the worst thing about G. R. A. being away on a vacation is that I have no one to blame for the column. That's more or less fun. The worst is having to open some of his old letters...

1st National Bank Was Liquidated Thru Trusteeship

Depositors' Committee Proposes Board Of Five To Handle Affairs RECEIVERSHIP, OPPOSED

Appointment of a committee of trustees to act for the depositors in liquidating the remaining assets of the closed First National Bank of Birmingham is proposed in a plan which has been submitted to Washington, D. C., for the approval of the comptroller of the currency. It was announced yesterday.

The proposal, which if carried out, will eliminate the need for a receivership, was first conceived at a meeting of the board of directors of the bank's largest depositors and stockholders three weeks ago. As a result of that meeting, a committee of three men, consisting of Mayor Harry Allen, Robert S. Porritt, and J. V. Brown, was appointed to take such steps as might be necessary to put the proposal into effect.

Five Trustees The proposal calls for the organization of a group of five trustees to take the nominal title to the remaining assets of the bank and to administer them in a manner as would be to the greatest benefit of the depositors and the creditors generally. The plan must be approved by the comptroller and by depositors representing 75 per cent of the bank's deposit liability. It was explained by Irving Allen, who lives at 569 Pierce street, that although only a relatively few depositors attended the meeting at which the plan was first proposed, a majority of the remaining large depositors have since been informed of its details and have expressed themselves favorable to it.

One feature of the plan, Mr. Allen said, is the issuance to the depositors of certificates of ownership in the trust, the face value of which will be equal to the amount of their deposits. These certificates could be traded in the open market, but actually, those who might sell their certificates and so realize on their deposit balance at an earlier time than they would otherwise be able to do in purchasing assets owned by the bank, the bank is releasing a volume of credit which otherwise would not be available.

Agreement Drawn The committee working on the proposal employed a legal adviser to draw the trust agreement necessary for the formulation of the trust, which will be in the name of its entirety, Mr. Allen said. J. P. T. O'Connor, comptroller of the currency, has given his approval of the plan. (Turn to Page 2, No. 2)

CITY RADES TO BE PAID UP IN FULL

Past Due Bills For Supplies Will Also Be Met In General Payoff Friday

All back pay still due city employees, together with the city materials and supplies, will be paid in a general payoff to be issued Friday. It has been announced by City Treasurer Harold H. Gorton. About \$8,000 will go for salaries, including both cash and unpaid checks to local merchants to whom employees had assigned part of their pay for goods. The \$2,000 to be used to clear up the remaining bills received by the city for supplies.

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SAYS TEACHERS LACKING IN CITY

Parry Cites Poor Management In Co-operative Farm Experiment

Lack of proper management and co-ordination has seriously impaired the value of the Birmingham "Pioneers" experiment in co-operative farming which is being conducted this summer under the supervision of the city as a means of relieving the welfare burden. City Manager James W. Parry said today.

"Looked at merely from the standpoint of what it is producing in the way of crops, the experiment is a success," Parry said. "It is a well-organized and co-operative project it won't approach the potential of the other farms which have been worked. Some individuals have worked well, but there has been no management and it seems to me impossible to get the rest to pull together."

Hersey Is Co-ordinator The experiment was set up by an act passed last year. It was announced that Scott A. Hersey, former village commissioner and now a member of the Board of Review, has been employed by the city as "co-ordinator" for the Pioneers, in an attempt to bring members of the organization into better co-ordination.

The Pioneers were organized last spring and have had several subjects under their own initiative. The city provided the seeds for planting and some equipment for ploughing and sowing. Members of the organization were to work farms which had been secured in various sections around Birmingham, and were to be benefited from the project, both in crops and in the way of increasing the value of the open market, in proportion to the time each spent on the enterprise. The Pioneers' dues are actually about 75 cents, but the membership gradually dropped off in the early part of the season. Parry said.

Having Estimate Shrink 2 The original estimate that the city would profit from its investment in the project was that it would be 20 to 1 because of the reduction in the cost of the project. The city's investment has been "something like \$2,000," he said, "and the Pioneers have actually done a good crop of hay, oats, barley and corn, and three or four hundred chickens. Mr. Parry cited a 30-acre truck farm as an example of lack of co-ordination in the experiment. The farm is producing vegetables worth about \$1,000, he said, whereas "the same farm worked by men who understand themselves is worth \$2,000 and \$4,000." Besides these farms, the Pioneers have 80 chickens, a vault and drove of 47 \$886.

Swim Meet Fans To See National Diving Champ

Another capacity audience is expected at Barnum School swimming pool for the regular weekly swimming meet this week when the exhibition nature will be given by representing the Krok Community Center of Detroit, widely known for the large number of first rate swimmers it has developed in its recreational activities during recent years.

\$800 FUND SPENT, POOL CLOSES FRIDAY

Although this is only the eighth week of its operation, the swimming pool will be closed permanently after this last swimming period Friday night. The pool was opened by Raymond H. Peck, chairman of the maintenance fund committee. Peck estimated that the pool could be kept open for 10 weeks if the committee were able to raise the necessary amount. The pool was opened by Raymond H. Peck, chairman of the maintenance fund committee. Peck estimated that the pool could be kept open for 10 weeks if the committee were able to raise the necessary amount.

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NRA Drive Here Begins In Earnest; Don Jordan Named Campaign Head

Board Of Education Defers Start Of Term To Sept. 15 PARENTS ASK CHANGE THEY STEER NRA PROGRAM HERE

The Birmingham public schools will open this fall on Sept. 15, the Board of Education has decided. At a special meeting Friday night, the board voted unanimously to rescind a previous decision to open the schools Sept. 1, and to postpone the opening another week. The action was taken after several residents of the district had written, either in writing or orally to members of the Board, that the opening be delayed inasmuch as indications are that a school year will be considerably shorter than usual.

Parry Favor Later Date The Board recently adopted a budget which provides for a nine-month school year if 100 per cent of next winter's school taxes are collected. School officials are confident that the school year will be able to open in more than seven months at most. Following to Ray A. Palmer, president of the board, the latter date for opening was favored not only by several parents who pointed out that the weather in the fall is more favorable for children to be out of doors than that of the early spring but by several persons who rent rooms and apartments to school teachers. The latter, Mr. Palmer said, feared that an early opening in the fall might be followed by an extended vacation in the winter during which the rooms and apartments would be forced to go unrented.

A vacation of one month at Christmas was recommended to the Board recently in a report from Superintendent Charles J. Crandall, but that suggestion was taken on the recommendation. Primary Money The Board also influenced in postponing the opening date by the fact that it will enable the first primary payment to be made in money, which is normally received on the state about Oct. 1. The primary payment has not been set this year at \$12 for each child listed on the student census. At this rate, the Birmingham school district would receive approximately \$30,000, of about \$9,000 more than was originally estimated.

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132 STOLEN FROM MOTORBUS TERMINAL

Police are continuing their investigation today of the reported theft of \$132 last night from a motorbus terminal in the Eastern Michigan Motorbus terminal, 391 South Woodward avenue. The motorbus was parked at the terminal about 10:00 p. m., he added. The city's investment has been "something like \$2,000," he said, "and the Pioneers have actually done a good crop of hay, oats, barley and corn, and three or four hundred chickens. Mr. Parry cited a 30-acre truck farm as an example of lack of co-ordination in the experiment. The farm is producing vegetables worth about \$1,000, he said, whereas "the same farm worked by men who understand themselves is worth \$2,000 and \$4,000." Besides these farms, the Pioneers have 80 chickens, a vault and drove of 47 \$886.

POOR RELIEF LIST GROWS SHORTER

The list of families on the City of Birmingham's welfare rolls this week is shorter than it has ever been in the five months since the city took the welfare burden over from the townships, according to Gordon Van Camp, welfare director. Only 115 families are now listed, and of these only 90 are receiving grocery orders, and the others only partial relief. Mr. Van Camp said. The peak was reached in March, when 145 families were listed, not all of which, however, received full relief. Last month, an average of 130 families received welfare aid for about 110 of which grocery orders were approved. A total of 24 cases were closed in July, Mr. Van Camp said. Of these, 18 were closed because of re-employment. Two new applications were accepted in July.

ROBERT CATO COMING FOR CARILLON RECITAL

Robert Cato, formerly a pupil of Anton Bruckner, will give a recital at Christ Church Cranbrook at 10:35 A. M. Sunday. Mr. Cato has played previously at Cranbrook in 1928 and 1929. He is a native of Florida. He is at present organist of the historical Christ Church in New York City. The recital will be followed by the usual service at 11 A. M., which will be broadcast on the radio. The theme of the fresco in the front of the church by the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, assistant rector.

Publicity Blurb and sheaves of other useless information have always been a matter of finding their way into newspaper offices in prodigious quantities, and it doesn't take much experience to spot the stuff from the outside envelopes.

"Still, it's likely to cause a lot of bother unless your waste basket is handy and large, and your memory is long enough to inform you what each order and size of envelope is likely to contain. My waste-basket will qualify, but sometimes my memory won't. As a result, I find myself reading at least the first paragraph of everything that comes along.

The ballyhoo in a typical morning mail will include something like this: A story from a radio production agency that the characters who play Patience and the other Harlow can't stand the taste of oysters and therefore never return them to the restaurant. An advertising agency describing how somebody dropped two steel beer barrels from the top of a hotel and how the barrels (manufactured, incidentally, by the beer barrel division of the National Steel Corporation) didn't break; and approximately four articles from as many different automobile manufacturers describing their sales for the past month so far ahead of those for the same month last year.

There will also be an almost equal amount of material from governmental and semi-governmental sources. Some of this material, incidentally, contains, at times, information of importance, oftentimes of a nature which is of great value to the public. It is, however, so buried in a mass of other material that it is difficult to find. In the course of a week's mail, for instance, there is likely to be a report from the United States Government on such diverse subjects as education in the State of Michigan, a report of a committee investigating movie theaters in Salt Lake City.

Then there will be the eight or 10-page letter from the State Conservation Department. It will contain some valuable advice to the farmer on the subject of a new law or two dealing with conservation problems, and a lot of other material. The letter also contains a report of a committee investigating movie theaters in Salt Lake City.

There are also a number of letters from the Department of the Secretary of State which generally contain information of value, but which usually arrive about six days after they have been sent. In general, the same is true of nearly all the letters that come in. The Relations Bureau of the University of Michigan, except that in this case the arrival is customary about two weeks later instead of one. Thus a well written account of the June commencement address will arrive in the mail about the time classes on the Ann Arbor campus are just getting a good start in summer classes.

Since the advent of the Constitution administration, a new wave of the waste paper has made its appearance. It comes from the Department of Public Instruction. Part of this waste paper was the startling information that Michigan is the only state in which the State Department of Public Instruction inspects the business colleges, and that 12 students at that college had been expelled this summer after camping at a tourist park to save rent.

And there are others, but this is the only one that I have seen. The mail man brings. Governor Cooch himself announced early last month that a great variety of services the administration at state expense would be organized, but I never saw any dispatches sent from it yet.

My own guess would be that the well-traveled reporters who are covered by the state capital at the newspapers' expense have advertised it pretty thoroughly to date, but that any further attempts along this line would not only put the state to needless cost, but would do nothing to help the still bigger waste-baskets.

Now that the subject of payrolls (Turn to Page 1, Part 2)

Retail Merchants Unite With La Belle As President

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Other Officers

Other officers are F. J. Mulholland of the Mulholland Dry Goods Company, vice-president; C. J. Byrnes, manager of the Birmingham Book Store, secretary; and Joseph E. Stroup, of Stroup's Market, treasurer. Directors were chosen as follows:

For two years—Philip J. Williams, Williams Boot Shop; William G. Meade, Meade's Tea Room; Kenneth R. Blyden, Blyden's Insurance Company; Homer Leonard, Leonard Electrical Company; and Charles Gordon Lawson, Lawson Lumber Company. For one year—William G. Meade, Meade's Tea Room; Kenneth R. Blyden, Blyden's Insurance Company; Homer Leonard, Leonard Electrical Company; and Charles Gordon Lawson, Lawson Lumber Company.

HONOR ROLL of Business Firms

A total of 201 Birmingham business firms have complied with the blue eagle of the National Recovery Act by filing certification of compliance with Business Agent Joseph A. Byrne, signifying they have signed the President's blue eagle code re-employment agreement. Following is a list of firms whose names were filed during the past week:

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