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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

(While Mr. Averill is on his vacation, This and That is being written by Allen Tenny).

A Columnist's Pinch-Hitter Jots Down a Few Notes

Dear G. R. A.: Never had so many callers in my life as I had this week. People with nothing to do but wander in for a chat. Front newspaper offices are too handy. The temptation to visit with whoever is in them, it seems, is irresistible. Even at 4 o'clock in the morning you're likely to have a visitor. Probably a policeman on his beat. It all raises havoc with the work to be done.

Some of them have pet ideas they want to put in the paper. Propaganda. Why don't you write something about this or that?" Or they've heard a rumor and want you to find out if it's true. Or they'd like to have a little notice in about some business affair. But mostly they just want to talk. About their troubles, about local events, about anything, so long as they have somebody to talk to.

Most of them this week ended up by borrowing a dollar apiece from me. Most of the talk was about the Detroit bank investigation and Senator Couzens. Everybody's full of it here. Everybody's talking about it.

But nobody wants to be quoted. "Oh, no, don't say that I said so. Keep my name out of it." Got a phone call this week from a man who sympathizes with our stand in last week's editorial on the city's proposed public works program. He mentioned another angle of the matter he thought we ought to say something about. I agreed, and have done so. "But don't get me into the controversy," he pleaded. I didn't.

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Hope to have some editorials ready this week-end. Don't you think we ought to have one on the bonds-for-taxes plan? The School Board debated the scheme until 12 o'clock Tuesday night without adopting it, but I believe they'll get to the meeting. They even went into executive session on it—the first "star chamber" they've held for several months. That would be a good mark for the City Commission to shoot at—no more "star chamber" for several months.

Some people still think the Commission will eventually make its appointments. They couldn't last Monday because Harry Allen was still away on his vacation. But the thing has been pretty well ironed out anyway, I understand, so there aren't likely to be any changes.

I've heard that Harry McBride is planning to move to Texas, but that's true, the Commission will have to appoint a new member to fill his place until the next election. They suppose it will be Harold Elliott, who finished in eighth place in the last election?

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Had an unusual experience Friday. Was asked to be interviewed as a story in the Free Press on the Birmingham Pioneers, quoting Jim Parry. I had run a similar story the day before, also quoting Jim, but the figures in the two didn't jibe at all in three instances.

The F. P. said the return on the city's investment in the enterprise would be about 6 to 1, that the investment was $2,700, and that about 30 men were active in the project now. I had said the return would be 4 to 1, the investment "something under $2,000," and the number actively engaged about 20.

I asked Jim which was right. He said he supposed "probably both are right," and gave logical explanations of the discrepancies: $2,700 investment, he said, includes about $900 worth of seed potatoes which are to be returned to the city. The actual number of men employed is difficult to state accurately, because of the variation in the number of hours each has put in. He said, however, that 12 men actually form the "backbone" of the organization.

He used the term "newspaper licenses" to describe the difference in estimates for the investment return. He had told me the return would probably be about 2 to 1 and had told the F. P. he said, that it would probably be "between 2 to 1 and 4 to 1." It was "newspaper license," he figured, which would allow the F. P. to use either of those estimates it preferred, depending upon the impression it wanted to make.

I said I wasn't clear what he meant by "newspaper license," but I think now that I do know, and that Jim is right about it. There are any number of ways to say practically the same thing. The use of different words and different phrases naturally lends different shades of meaning to a sentence. Newspapers do—or should—strive for perfect objectivity in their news columns, but absolute objectivity is an ideal which isn't often be attained. More than that, the temptation to bend the meanings of sentences to the purposes of propaganda is difficult to avoid. It is a powerful weapon, used commonly by irresponsible newspapers, and sometimes even by the best ones, perhaps with justification.

But this sort of "license," if you

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GOV. COMSTOCK STILL HAS TIME TO KEEP WORD

18 Months Left for State Administrator To Begin Economy

SPENDERS STILL RULE

(This is the eighth and final installment of a series of articles on state affairs by V. J. Brown, publisher of the Ingham County News and a member of the State Legislature).

By V. J. BROWN

Probably there has never been a time in the history of this nation when the average individual citizen is more disturbed than at the present moment. Generally it is said we have entered upon a new era in business and in government. It is but a short time ago when the cry of the nation was for government to get out of business. There was a persistent cry against bureaucracy. There was a tremendous wave against politics.

V. J. Brown

Today business has yielded itself almost entirely and without an apparent remonstrance to governmental control. Never in the history of nations has public money been spent with so lavish a hand.

New Spendings

In this respect Michigan is marching along with the parade. A year ago from every political platform was heard the cry for governmental economy. There was ranting against inspectors, there was opposition to almost every form of governmental activity, there were promises of cutting the expense sheets of the state in the middle, there were protests against every form of taxation, and there were promises of reform.

Today Michigan is whining along in the same old mass of spending. Whatever has been saved by economies applied to the ordinary affairs of government is eaten up by new spendings of new commissions and new agencies. Before the summer is over there will be more inspectors on the road at state expense than ever traveled the highways and byways of this commonwealth before.

A little more than a year ago this writer, in closing his first series of articles on state affairs, used these words:

"Michigan is ruled by an oligarchy of spenders who have their ears attuned and their eyes focused upon certain blocs and minorities who have learned to make themselves heard and seen. The taxpayer will never receive his deserved recognition until he, too, makes his power a little, forceful portion of the electing lines. Public waste will never be swept aside by those who fatten at public feed troughs.

Killing Rats

"Farmers frequently find it profitable to take a day off and kill the rats which infest their granaries. And by this is meant not all those who serve the state. The simile is employed only to point out that the taxpayers can never hope to keep the meal filled in long as bureaus, boards, institutions, commissions

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SCHOOLS CONSIDER BOND-TAX SCHEME

Board Of Education Debates Application Of New Law, But Defers Action

The Board of Education debated for more than three hours Tuesday night the provisions under which it hopes to avail itself of the new law allowing bonds to be accepted in payment of taxes, but adjourned after putting final action off until the next meeting.

The law was made effective in respect to City of Birmingham bonds and taxes some time ago. The school district's situation is complicated by the fact that all of its 1930 delinquent taxes and 40 per cent of the 1931 taxes are pledged as security for notes totaling nearly $36,000, held by Detroit banks. The fact that the district also has more than $30,000 in scrip outstanding, which is applicable against delinquent taxes, also makes the situation more involved.

Meanwhile, numerous inquiries concerning the plan are being received daily at the office of Cutler, Moeller and Hubble, Inc., agents for the city, in the First National Bank Building, according to George B. Boutwell who is in charge of the office.

"At the present time, settlements may be made at 53 cents on the dollar," Mr. Boutwell said. "Several taxpayers have already arranged not only to pay their delinquent taxes by this method, but have also declared their intention of paying current 1933 taxes so as to have a clear property tax record."

Sewage Plant Would Give Jobs To 222 at Maximum

135 Would Be Employed On Water Softener At Peak, Loan Application Shows

Construction of a sewage disposal plant here would give work to 222 men at the period of maximum employment, and construction of a water treatment plant and arterial water main system would provide maximum employment facilities for about 135 men.

These are specific estimates listed in applications from the City of Birmingham to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for loans and grants under the National Recovery Act. The water treatment plant application has already been filed in the office of the public works administration in Detroit, and the sewage disposal plant application will probably be filed some time this week, according to City Manager James W. Parry.

Begin In October

Construction of the water treatment plant, according to the application, would begin in October and continue through May. In October it would give employment to six engineers and assistants at $220 a month; in November to six engineers at $220 a month, three superintendents at $1 an hour, eight men at 65 cents an hour, 1½ men at 75 cents an hour, and 40.6 men at 40 cents an hour.

At the same rates of pay for engineers and superintendents, the project in December would employ six engineers, three superintendents, 12 men at 65 cents an hour, 1½ men at 75 cents, and 34.9 men at 40 cents. In January there would be five engineers, four superintendents, 1½ men at 75 cents, and 34.9 men at 40 cents.

In February there would be four engineers, four superintendents, 12 men at 65 cents, 1½ men at 75 cents, and 89 men at 40 cents. In March there would be three engineers, five superintendents, 12 men at 65 cents, 1½ men at 75 cents, and 91.9 men at 40 cents.

May and June

Employment during April would be provided for two engineers, four superintendents, six men at 65 cents, 1½ men at 75 cents, and 55 men at 40 cents. In May there would be two engineers, one superintendent, three men at 65 cents, one man at 75 cents, and 16.8 men at 40 cents.

Construction of arterial water mains in connection with the water treatment plant would give employment in February to four engineers, and in March to three engineers, one superintendent, four men at 65 cents, and 17.8 men at 40 cents.

In April there would be two engineers, one superintendent, four men at 65 cents, and 19.9 at 40 cents; and in May there would be one engineer, one superintendent, four men at 65 cents and 18.1 at 40 cents.

Year for Completion

The application for the sewage disposal plant estimates that the entire project can be under construction six months, and completed within a year. The project, according to the estimate, would give employment to 162 men the first, second, third and fourth months, to 222 men the fifth and sixth months, and to 60 men during each of the remaining six months.

Only employment totals are given in this application, which does not break up the numbers into superintendents, engineers and laborers. Neither application sets forth how much of the employment could be given to local men.

The cost of the water treatment plant is placed at $178,116, of which $78,400 would be for materials and labor and $3,716 for interest during construction. The application asks for a loan of $125,196, and a grant of $52,920, which represents 30 per cent of the total cost.

Mortgage Bonds

Mortgage bonds of the water department would be offered as security for the loan, which, the application says, "will be retired in 20 years without increase in the water rates now in effect. Resumption of payment of stand-by charges by the city ($15,000 per year for hydrant rental, to be spread on the general tax roll) may be postponed until 1935, assuming a population increase at the rate of 300 per year, the water department surplus will pay for all extensions required by reason of such increase without the necessity of additional bond issue."

The bonds would be retired in

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City Would End Cellar Flooding By Relief Sewers

Preliminary plans and cost estimates for relief sewer projects in various parts of the city were being prepared by city officials today on instruction from the City Commission, which appropriated $100 for the work Monday night.

The study was ordered after a delegation of about 10 citizens living in the Adams and Villa road district appeared at the Commission meeting to protest against present unsanitary sewage conditions in their neighborhood.

The report and cost estimates will be submitted with the understanding that if the work is finally approved, it will be added to the list of public works projects for which the city will apply to the Federal Emergency Administration for grants and loans under the National Recovery Act.

The spokesman for Monday's delegation was J. H. Sheridan, who declared that heavy rainstorms at least five or six times a year cause the 24-inch Adams road sewer to overflow, flooding basements throughout the neighborhood.

Members of the Commission and City Manager James W. Parry admitted the present system was inadequate, and agreed that a 48-inch outlet at the lower end of the sewer would be required. A relief system to extend from Adams to Maple avenues along Adams would cost about $15,000, Mr. Parry said, but he outlined other less expensive alternatives.

The scope of the survey was was widened to include all relief sewer needs when Mr. Parry informed the Commission that heavy rainstorms generally brought complaints from at least two or three other sections of the city as well as from Adams and Villa road residents.

The other sections where relief sewers are needed, Mr. Parry said, are the vicinity of Greenwood avenue and Willits street, the area between Madison, Mohegan and Adams avenues, and the Ann street pumping station vicinity.

Community House Re-opens Sept. 6

The Community House, which has been closed during July and August except for meetings of men's service clubs, will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 6, it has been announced by Mrs. L. N. Pyle, president of the Community House Association. Mrs. Emily Wall will continue as hostess.

Activities of the employment bureau will be resumed along with those of other branches of the Community House service, Mrs. Pyle said. The Thrift Shop may also be re-opened, she added.

Mrs. Pyle will continue as director of the House, serving as a volunteer worker. Mrs. Hope E. Lewis, the regular director, was given a six-months' leave of absence beginning Mar. 1, and this has been extended until the financial condition of the House improves sufficiently to allow the return of a paid director, Mrs. Pyle said.

Bits O' Birmingham

By THE WANDERER

Formal presentation of the Weyhing Brothers Trophy, symbolic of golf supremacy for the year among Birmingham's three men's service clubs, was made to the Exchange Club at the Community House Monday noon. The Exchangites won possession of the trophy this year—the first time it has been awarded—by virtue of their victory over the Rotarians and Lions Clubs in a three-match tournament. The winner's name will be engraved on the trophy annually. The presentation was made Monday by Louis Hascall, chairman of the Rotarians' golf committee, and the trophy accepted on behalf of the Exchangites by their president, H. Kenneth Bingham.

"One honest banker." That is what Robert Barber, Schettler Drug Company employe, says about A. Shanley Rosso, teller in the Birmingham National Bank. Rosso recently found a bill fold, containing several dollars, which had been lost by Barber to whom it was promptly returned. "I hope they make him president of a bank some day," Barber declares.

A snow ball bush growing in the yard of Mrs. Enoch Bickford of Forest avenue is doing double work this summer. Blossoming at its usual time in early June, the bush is again in full bloom, Mrs. Bickford said. The phenomenon is extremely rare, according to florists.

Persons corresponding with friends in Europe or other parts of the world will be glad to learn that Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne has laid in a supply of foreign return postal cards for their convenience. This kind of card insures a prepaid reply from the addressee.

Smiles were numerous and very broad at the Municipal Building Friday. It was pay day—and what a pay day! Some $8,000, representing the last of unpaid bank salaries, was distributed to city employes, putting them even with the books for the first time since the banking holiday. About $6,000 was also distributed to pay up the city's remaining due bills for supplies.

RECEIVER MUST BE NAMED FOR 1ST NATIONAL

Trusteeship Plan Rejected, At Least Temporarily, Depositors Learn

MAN PICKED FOR POST

It will be necessary to appoint a receiver to take at least temporary charge of affairs of the closed First National Bank, it was announced last night at a meeting of about 20 large depositors.

The meeting was called for the purpose of reporting on a plan for a trusteeship which had been previously proposed as a substitute for a receivership. Irving Allen, a member of a committee of three men sponsoring the trusteeship proposal, announced that lack of legal precedent had caused the department of the comptroller of the currency in Washington to reject the plan, at least temporarily.

The department insists upon the appointment of a temporary receiver, and later it may be possible for the trusteeship to be formed through proceedings in Federal Court, Mr. Allen explained. The trustee would effect liquidation after purchasing the remaining assets of the bank from the receiver.

The depositors who attended last night's meeting agreed on a local man who will be asked to serve as the receiver, and also chose an alternate to act providing the first choice is unable to do so, Mr. Allen said. Both names were withheld pending their decision to accept. They are understood the first choice is out of town and will not return until Friday night, Mr. Allen explained.

Providing one of the two men selected the post, petitions addressed to the comptroller, placing his name in nomination, will be placed in the bank building to be signed by depositors Monday morning, Mr. Allen said.

"The committee desires that all depositors who wish to do so shall sign this petition. We are anxious that as many names as possible be obtained before the end of the week." The petitions will be in charge of Charles B. Randall, former vice-president of the bank, now in the employe of the conservator.

Mr. Allen explained he had in mind in naming the name of a local man in nomination for the post, Mr. Allen declared that delay would cause the appointment by the comptroller of a receiver who, before he qualified, probably an attorney from outside the state.

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Mr. Allen said the depositors who attended last night's meeting, all of whom endorsed both the first choice selected for receiver and the alternate, represented about a quarter of a million dollars in deposits.

The other two members of the committee who were appointed by depositors to work with Mr. Allen on the trusteeship proposal are Mayor Harry Allen and Robert S. Porritt.

Grid Practice Opens Sept. 5 At Baldwin

"Football practice at Baldwin High School for the 1933 season will begin Tuesday, Sept. 5. The Board of Education Tuesday night voted to authorize the superintendent to instruct Coach Miles Robinson to call his candidates together on that date, and to continue pre-season practice until the opening of schools on Sept. 18.

The first game is scheduled with Hazel Park Sept. 29 on Pierce Field.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS PAYS UP BACK BILLS

The City of Bloomfield Hills has its bills all paid in full today for the first time since the banking holiday last February. Bills amounting to $2,180.45 were paid yesterday to wipe the slate clean, according to Norvil B. Farrell, deputy clerk and treasurer. All remaining unpaid back salaries of city employes were paid last week, Farrell said.

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House-To-House Drive Planned Here To Bring Consumers Under NRA

HONOR ROLL of Business Firms

Certificates of compliance signifying accord with the President's re-employment agreed under the blanket code for all industries and trades have been signed and filed at the postoffice by 214 business firms in Birmingham and vicinity. The names of those whose certificates were filed during the past week follow:

Boughner Brothers, automobile dealers, 168 South Woodward.

Michigan Bell Telephone Company, 361 East Maple; C. M. Ritchie, manager.

Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Big Beaver branch, Mrs. Mildred Todd, manager.

Hoover Sales Company, 139 West Maple; A. T. Doane, proprietor.

Roy T. Price, plumbing and heating, 888 Chestnut.

White Rock Poultry Farm, Telegraph and Twelve Mile; R. C. Fletcher, proprietor.

D. and J. Barber Shop, 132 West Maple; D. L. Ives, proprietor.

Peters Motor Sales, 479 South Woodward.

Dr. Warren P. Gibson, dentist, 55, West Maple.

Brown Betty Bakery, 655 South Woodward; Helen Emmers, proprietor.

Vogue Beauty Salon, 301 Wabeek Building; Agnes Payne and Mae Culley, proprietors.

Fred Miller, petroleum products, 784 South Woodward.

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Chinese Hand Laundry, 275 East Maple; George Yee, proprietor.

Clover Hill Park Cemetery, R. D. 4, Birmingham; W. A. Burtraw, superintendent.

Consumers Power Company, 348 East Maple; B. G. Campbell, division manager.

Gudemoos Super Service Station, 516 South Woodward; Emil Dominici, proprietor.

Matthew Tailer Shop, 244 East Maple; Matthew Cammarere, proprietor.

Pierce Laundry, 648 East Lincoln; R. J. Oyen, proprietor.

Maxwell Farms, retail milk, 253 Pierce; William Button, proprietor.

Birmingham Creamery, 848 Ann; Fred G. Prentice, proprietor.

Quarton Lake Service Station, Woodward at Quarton; Richard H. Harrack, proprietor.

Welding Service Company, 920 East Maple; G. H. Chanay, proprietor.

Dixie Dining Car, 232 South Woodward; Charles S. Wooster, proprietor.

Walsh, James and Wasey Company, real estate, 431 South Woodward; W. W. Raymond, agent.

Master Milling Company, retail feed, 460 East Maple; William B. Brooks, proprietor.

Manley R. Bailey Funeral Home, 361 North Woodward.

H. W. Baxter, jewler, 772 South Woodward.

Allie Greef, retail filling station, Southfield and Thirteen Mile.

Reid's Florist Company, Southfield.

Wm. J. C. Brider, gasoline station, Rochester and Long Lake.

Robert B. Milks, super service station, Woodward and Harmon.

Bloomfield Forge, ornamental iron works, 832 South Woodward; Herman J. Busch, Jr., proprietor.

Texaco Gas Station, 1492 South Woodward, Peter Edgar, proprietor.

Truax Hardware and Furniture Company, 181 South Woodward.

Birmingham Ice Company, 912 East Maple; M. C. Collins, secretary-treasurer.

Bell Brothers Garage, 314 East Maple, Norman Bell, proprietor.

Deer's Barber and Beauty Shoppe, 350 East Maple; F. C. Deer, manager.

Oakland Building and Loan Association, 243 East Maple; Hazel E. Lawler, secretary.

Ray E. Walker Company, gravel dealer and pit operator, R. D. 3, Plymouth.

Wangberg Gardens, nursery and landscape architect, 1011 Pierce.

Drs. Raynale and Gordon, physicians, 206 Theater Building.

Lawson and Erb Lumber Company, 624 Forest.

Pharmic Laboratory, 276 East Brown; James A. and Francine Eaton, proprietors.

J. H. Stover optometrist, 129 East Maple.

Helferich Brothers, retail butter and eggs, 744 South Adams.

Frank Street Garage, 567 West Frank; Berton H. Jackson, proprietor.

Weier Machine Shop, 767 Bowers; Leroy D. Weier, proprietor.

Leon's Parisian Hair Dresser, 55 West Maple.

H. Kenneth Bingham, insurance, 145 North Woodward.

Filed Between Aug. 3 and Aug. 9

Jams B. Adams, barber shop, 3035 Rochester road, R. D. 3.

Allen's Service Station, 1706 West Maple.

Arnold Photographic Studios, 211 Theater Building.

Howard J. Bell, florist, 928 South Woodward.

S. Wylie Bell, funeral director, 820 East Maple.

Ben Franklin Chain Store, 128 South Woodward; D. Levinson, manager.

Bennett and Bray, general automobile repair, 233 East Merrill.

Bergman Drug Company, 1220 South Woodward.

Birmingham Electric, printing and publishing, 220 North Woodward.

Birmingham Hardware Company, 152 North Woodward; L. J. Sluser, proprietor.

Birmingham National Bank, Woodward and Hamilton; W. I. Moreland, cashier.

Birmingham News Stand, 287 East Brown; Clarence P. Eggleston, proprietor.

Birmingham Service Company, automobile sales and service, 467 South Woodward; A. N. Badgley, proprietor.

Birmingham Upholstering Company, Woodward and Adams, John C. Tousan, proprietor.

Russell Blackett, fruit market, 201 Woodward.

Blake's Saddlery Shop, 290 North Woodward.

Central Identification Bureau, 189 Arlington; Morton P. Overlin, proprietor.

Charlotte Shop, women's apparel, 145 North Woodward; Charlotte S. Button, proprietor.

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PIONEERS UNDER CONTROL OF CITY

Co-operative Farm Group Agrees To Continue Under Parry's Regulations

Control of the Birmingham Pioneers, co-operative welfare farming organization, was placed in the hands of city officials Tuesday night at a meeting in the Municipal Building where the lie was passed and animosity flared.

The Pioneers were organized of their own initiative last spring from the ranks of men listed on the city's welfare rolls. The city furnished seed and gave other assistance in starting the enterprise off, but exerted only indirect supervision.

A resolution adopted by a small majority of the 200 members present at the meeting admitted that "the existing organization and interest have not proven entirely adequate for the job," and abolished the executive committee, composed of nine members of the organization, which had controlled policies of the group to date.

In place of the executive committee, the resolution delegated direction of the enterprise "informally to the group which now has the major stake in the proceeds," and committed the group to "conform to such regulations as the city manager or one designated by him shall set up."

Before the resolution was adopted, charges of attempted domination and other indictments were hurled against City Manager James W. Parry by Ben Lester, a member of the executive committee, who opposed city control.

Among other things, Lester declared he had invoices showing that Parry bought oil at 42 cents a gallon and sold it to the Pioneers for 64 cents, turning the profit into the city welfare department. All of Lester's charges were denied.

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Business Houses To Be Checked In Campaign

STARTS MONDAY

Jordan Begins Naming Canvassing Committee

Selection of a committee of 69 Birmingham men and women to conduct a community-wide campaign to bring the entire city under the wings of the Blue Eagle was begun yesterday by D. Don Jordan, general chairman of the Birmingham NRA Committee.

The function of the committee will be three-fold.

1. **To conduct a house-to-house canvass of every home in the city to obtain signatures of consumers pledges whereby the signer agrees to deal only with merchants who display the Blue Eagle.**

2. **To interview every business man in the city to determine whether or not they have pledged compliance with the terms of the National Recovery Act, and to make sure that those who have pledged themselves are properly displaying the NRA insignia.**

3. **To make a survey of unemployment in the community, listing every person who is in need of work and unable to find it.**

All three jobs, Mr. Jordan said, must be completed by next Thursday, Aug. 31, because the National Recovery Act will become a law on Sept. 1. The campaign along all three lines will begin Monday.

Committee Complete

The committee will include, besides the general chairman, two lieutenant-generals, one of which will be a man and the other a woman, three colonels, and seven captains, each of whom will be in charge of a team of eight workers.

The services of the most able and earnest citizens in the community are being sought for the campaign.

"The committee is being selected with the utmost care because of the enormous responsibility we will be asked their reasons, and these will simply be reported to Washington. Likewise, those merchants who have not come under the Blue Eagle, whether through the blanket code or a code designed and approved for their particular trade or industry, will simply be asked why they have failed to do so, and their excuses will likewise be reported.

Enforcement Up To U. S.

"Enforcement of the law will be entirely in the hands of the U. S. Government after Sept. 1. What methods will be used have not been disclosed."

Unemployed men and women in the city will be listed by the com-

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