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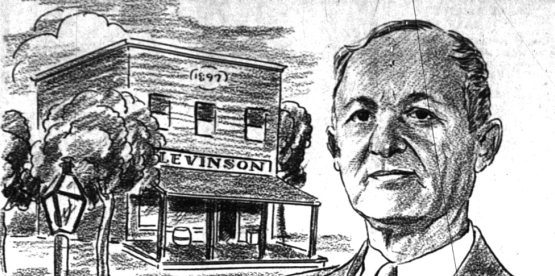
used herein shall include all motor vehicles of bicycle or tricycle type operated by motive power.

This Amendment, known as Amendment No. 3, was proposed by the Automobile Club of Michigan, and is designed to limit the registration license fee on motor vehicles and to exempt the business and income of the automotive industry from any other form of taxation, except for police license fees.

The Legislature at its last session reduced the registration license fee to thirty five cents per hundred pounds. The Amendment will not result in any saving to the automobile owner. The present fee is thirty five cents per hundred pounds. It would prevent the Legislature from increasing the license fee above that amount. However, there is no likelihood that the Legislature would increase the fee above thirty five cents where the Amendment carried or not. Hence, the Amendment is meaningless so far as effecting a saving to the motorist now or in the future.

# Birmingham Business Leaders

No. 41



ENTERED BUSINESS  
HERE 37 YEARS AGO

## MORRIS LEVINSON

HIS FATHER TAUGHT HIM ALL ABOUT STORE KEEPING WHEN A YOUNG BOY.

BORN IN RUSSIA AND CAME HERE AT AGE OF 16.

The most vital and far reaching effect of this Amendment is the tax exemption provision. If the Amendment is adopted, the business and income of the automotive industry will be exempted from all other taxes and levies including an income tax, should one be adopted. There would also be an exemption from the provisions of the Sales Tax.

### Two Important Amendments

We herewith present two of the six Constitutional Amendments which you will vote on at the general election November 6. These two amendments have to do with decreasing the gasoline tax to two cents, and fixing the weight tax at 35 cents per hundred weight.

### A Code For Fleas

Towler, the family dog, looked forward to four o'clock with great gobs of joy in his eyes, and renewed vigor in his bushy tail. For, under the code governing fleas, they would have to quit work at this time, or else be made to lose their hair, and thus seek other areas for the carrying on of their annoyances. That is why Towler, at four o'clock approaches each day, looks forward to four o'clock, and is also called a canine convention for next Thursday, when he expects dogdom to pass resolutions calling on the Brain Trust to eliminate Sunday work from the schedule of the fleas. But then, as we all know, dogs are such ways that even they may not be taken seriously by Washington's contemporary brain command.

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### The Patronage Tom-Tom Beats

There is a sad note that beats within the tents of too many of the aspiring Democrats today. This note comes from the drum of the demagogue's non-intelligent argument for handing out patronage to the country. It carries within it the inevitable death of the public treasury. For no unit of government, far be it from a nation, can forever dole out patronage funds and escape bankruptcy. There is today, in spite of all the real sincerity that President Roosevelt may manifest on various occasions, the steady beat of the demagogue's tom-tom. To the thoughtless by-stander, observing without political prejudice the theme of Democrats today, there is great occasion for weariness and bewilderment. Where, oh where, is the humility and the ordinary political decency that really built America? And echo merely answers: "Where?"

### Political Lures

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Tax Exemption from the sales tax will mean a loss of revenue to the State of \$3,300,000.00. The reduction from fifty cents to thirty five cents will cost the Highway Fund a loss of over \$5,000,000.00. We in Oakland County with nearly \$8,000,000.00 of Covert Road Bonds are vitally interested in the weight tax. Under the Horton Act, this money is returned to the counties to be used in payment of Covert Road bond interest. For two years we have not received any Covert Road taxes on the farms of this County. If the weight and gas tax is reduced, the answer in this County will be that the Board of Supervisors will be compelled to levy over \$8,000,000.00 on the farms of this County. Farms the most of which are already tax delinquent.

Why should the wealth, property and income of the Automotive industry be exempted from taxation and the farmer and home owner be required to carry an increased burden of tax?

The automotive and gas and oil industries represent two of the great industries of this State. Why should they escape taxation? Wealth and income should be required to bear a fair share of the cost of Government.

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### Jest For the Fun of It

Comparison  
Retuning a vacationer: I've never seen such a hotel in my life.

Married men are lots of fun  
But, lady, turn your back and run.  
Evelyn Love Cooper in "Judge"

Famous Farms Live & Learn  
Speed  
"Waiter," "Well, the poultry aren't plucked while they are alive!"

### THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING

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Morris Levinson, one of Birmingham's oldest business veterans, learned the first principles of the drygoods trade from his father back in Rigny, the southern Russian community in which the son was born and in which the father was a storekeeper.

Morris came to the United States when only two years old, and went directly to Bay City, Mich., where two older brothers, preceding him from the old country, had already established themselves in the drygoods business, and where he first came to learn the ways and language of Americans.

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