

# 5 REASONS



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# Michigan Mirror

NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

**LANSING**—The state cupboard is bare at Lansing, and so Governor Frank Murphy, in the chosen role of Michigan's "Mother Hubbard," is calling the Legislature to meet late this month for another special session, the second since his inauguration.

The governor's predicament is not the source of rejoicing among Democratic leaders.

In fact, the governor has been warned repeatedly by important party advisers from Senator Prentiss Brown down to county chairmen that a special session in a campaign year would be injurious to his re-election chances.

It's a pretty mess for all concerned. Consider the situation.

### Distributing Wealth

The State Legislature appropriated in 1937 the grand and staggering sum of \$122,000,000 while expected tax revenues at that time tallied to \$104,000,000—a mere deficiency of \$18,000,000.

Before legislators grabbed their hats and rushed home, the governor obtained executive authority to trim appropriations. Hopes were entertained temporarily that the budget could be balanced.

In spreading public benefits here and there, distribution of wealth that is popular with the masses, the legislature managed to create new agencies and to load new responsibilities on the state government. Result: More jobs, bigger payroll.

According to the records of Budget Director Harold Smith, state payrolls for the first 18 months of the present administration were \$9,429,284 higher than in the comparable period of the previous administration. If our arithmetic is right, the sum around 50 per cent of the anticipated deficit even on the expectation that the state would collect \$104,000,000 taxes.

### Recession Troubles

Of course, the legislature could not know that we would be plagued by another business decline—known as "the recession."

Instead of the state collecting \$104,000,000 in revenues, it will be fortunate to get \$90,000,000.

Relief tolls grew rapidly despite the aid of the federal government in assuming a major

share through WPA and other work projects. The state's welfare appropriation for two years, starting July 1 of last year, is now at the vanishing point.

Quoting Governor Murphy in a press article: "The state is going to need between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000 between now and next March for welfare. It's a question of whether I should do something or nothing about it. I have decided to do something, but in so doing I am mindful of my friends' warnings that it may mean the end of me politically."

### "Painless Taxes"

To raise \$8,000,000 or more, the legislature must enact additional taxes.

It is the governor's view that these special levies should function only during the "emergency." And it is quite obvious that special taxes, if imposed a few months before election, should be as "painless" as possible—the hidden variety which you pay without being conscious of it.

A state income tax is "out," the governor says.

The sales tax of 3 per cent could be raised one-third to 4 cents, and even with the increased sales resistance, it would be reasonably easy to keep every unemployed family on the public relief rolls.

Michigan's gasoline tax is 3 cents, as compared with 4 cents in Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin, and Minnesota—to mention a few of the nearby states. As Michigan received in 1936 a total of \$25,735,000, the money-raising possibility is easy to understand.

The petroleum tax bill has grown to \$1,200,000,000 a year from the \$130,258,000 paid in 1922, an increase of more than 200 per cent as against a general tax increase of 21 per cent.

### Effect of Session

What effect the legislative special session will have on the November election is a topic of lively speculation.

If a majority view of the Democratic leaders is borne out, an extra session and new taxes will not help Murphy's chances for re-election. There is a movement under way, perhaps in anticipation of this reaction, to get President Roosevelt to include Michigan on his October speaking tour.

Republican legislators, many of whom are candidates for re-election, will try to overcome the handicap of absence from their bailiwicks before the primary by

### WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Mrs. L. E. Holton of North Woodward avenue: "I am sorry my statements on Aug. 8 at the commission meeting were misunderstood. I only wished to emphasize that we now have a very good zoning law, compiled with a great deal of work and thought, it should be enforced for the time being."

"I am not opposed to apartment buildings in Birmingham. In fact I have advocated them. We need a nice high grade apartment building in our city. There are many fine people who cannot own homes because they are employed by large organizations who move them about. We have the retired business man who wants to establish a residence here and be free to travel about without the responsibility of caring for his home while he is away. We have the parents of the young people who want to be near their children but not live with them. And last but not least we have the widows who have lived here for years, who love Birmingham and do not want to be alone in a home with its responsibilities and cares. Many have married children and grandchildren whom they want to be near."

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making fiery speeches and thus providing "front page copy" for the voter's back home.

Some Democratic strategy sees believe that Murphy's move is cleverly designed to put the Republican majority in the Senate "on the spot." Can the Republicans afford to take an antipodal position by voting against \$8,000,000 or more for public welfare?

We surmise that the administration will have little difficulty in getting the welfare appropriation. Republican opposition will probably center on how the money is going to be raised.

Thus we come to the crux of the whole matter.

What is going to end the bill? This is the real question today!

## Obituary

### John Knorr

Funeral services for John Knorr, 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin H. Knorr of Bedford road, who died early Saturday evening of complications following an appendicitis operation which the boy underwent at the Patton Memorial Hospital at Bensenville, N. C., were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 from the residence here. Burial was in Rose Lawn cemetery.

John had been attending Camp Panhandle near Hixsonville since July 5. He had been in the hospital since July 26.

Besides his parents, the boy is survived by a brother, Howard, and his grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Edward Knorr.

John was born April 2, 1929.

## Wouldn't Land Without 'Eyes'



Because English officials insisted her "Seeing Eye" dog, with which she is shown, go into quarantine for six months, Hattie Hurst, a blind American girl, refused to land in England. Her canine guide has been Miss Hurst's "eyes" for 30,000 miles of travel.

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Residents of the City of Birmingham For General Primary Election

## Tuesday, September 13, 1938

To vote at this election, all persons must be registered in the City by Wednesday, August 24, 1938, at 8 p. m., Eastern Standard Time.

Citizens of the United States, 21 years old, who have resided in the State of Michigan six months and in the City of Birmingham twenty days at the time of voting are eligible.

TO REGISTER, call at the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building on or before Wednesday, August 24th, during business hours. The City Clerk's office will be open on Wednesday, August 24th, until 8 p. m. Eastern Standard Time.

Any registered elector who has moved since he last voted, may cause his registration to be transferred to his new address by sending to the clerk a signed request, stating his present address, the date he moved thereto and the address from which he was last registered, or by applying in person for a transfer at any time before Wednesday, August 24th. Any person who has not voted since November, 1934, and who has not re-instated his registration, must re-register by August 24th.

IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk

Dated, August 11, 1938.

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