

Auditor General Reports on Pledge Made to Editors

Vernon J. Brown, Auditor General of the State of Michigan, today made an accounting to a group of over 300 Michigan newspaper publishers who solicited and approved his candidacy for that office two years ago. It was their contention that as a business man, publisher and editor of a weekly paper, a legislator with ten years of experience, and a former county official, he was particularly well qualified for the office of Auditor General.

Mr. Brown, appreciating the sponsorship, frankly accepted their aid and outlined his platform with the following pledges: "If elected I shall reduce the cost of operating the Department—I shall reduce the number of employees by reorganizing the payroll every unnecessary jobholder. I shall economize to such an extent that there will be no more red ink keeping in the Department and the balances will be on the right side of the ledger.

Payroll Cost Cut A careful analysis of Mr. Brown's report shows that when he took office Jan. 1, 1939, he found the former administration had an average of 422 employees with an annual operating cost of \$1,129,521.54. Payroll cost went out all time high and many political newcomers had replaced experienced employees. Auditor General Brown promptly reorganized from the payroll all purely political jobholders, and at the end of the fiscal year June 30, 1940, his reports show an average of 177 employees in the Department with an annual operating cost of \$550,081.51. Brown's program is directed to Michigan taxpayers. Part of this saving has been due to the elimination of redundant positions, the officers of the county treasurers. This has not only resulted in great economies to taxpayers but has insured the permanency of this saving to the Department.

Less known but by far the most important of his accomplishments has been the creation of a single unified accounting system for the State. Formerly four distinct records were maintained by various Departments which resulted in conflicting and confusing reports of the financial condition of the State. Now clear, unified and accurate statements showing the true financial condition of the state are issued from the Auditor General's office shortly after the last day of each month.

Notwithstanding this drastic reduction in personnel and operating expense, it has been observed that there has been a marked improvement in the efficiency of the Department. This exceptional record of public service by Auditor General Brown has been particularly gratifying to his sponsors—many of whom have pledged and should be retained in office for another term, it was said.



BOWLING BUDDIES LADIES' LEAGUE

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Bechtold Explains Survey of School

Weak and strong points of Baldwin School were told the Exchange Club Tuesday by Ray H. Bechtold, principal of the school. Being graphs, he explained the results of a recent survey made of the school by Dr. Edgar Johnstone, of the University of Michigan and secretary of the North Central Association, which accredits high schools. Dr. Johnstone was assisted in the survey by 12 educators from surrounding schools and colleges. A similar survey starts Monday in the Bloomfield Hills School.

Birmingham is well above the average in most departments, it was said—in curriculum, in administrative and teaching staffs. Not enough attention is paid to non-college studies, however, and the school library is below par, it was said. Physical education, because of limited gym facilities, is also below average.

Teachers' salaries were also judged below average for this type of community, it was said. Generally, the high school was given above-average rating.

I'll Leave It To You . . .

By JOHN DENLER In the nearly eight years of Mr. Roosevelt's leadership as President of the United States, so many changes affecting the lives of all of us have taken place. Some notably certain ones are: 1. We have had a good, old-fashioned and I have a feeling that the effect of which will be felt for many years to come.

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Bits of Birmingham

Tonight's the night when spoofs are supposed to roam abroad. Whether or not there will be any genuine ghosts, we don't know, but there will be lots of boys with devil's in mind. Best thing to do, boys, is to take in the big parade tonight, eat a lot of food, and go to the movie or school.

Harlan P. Toof of Birmingham, is among those listed as having passed their state bar examination. Another pending lawyer.

A full company including volunteers is being organized for a special fire drill using the old brick house near the North Intersection of Hunter boulevard and Woodland. Next night the brick-tackled the biggest fire in many months—that at the W. A. P. Johns residence, Tossing Laver.

Franklers threw a freeracker at the W. S. Gilbert from door, 416 Puritan avenue, Sunday, and the occupant, though it was a bomb. The door sill was damaged.

Mrs. George Martin, who has been working for the Republican committee urging people to vote, confided to us that one thing which has impressed her most has been the willingness of friends and acquaintances to help. "Of 25 people I phoned for help, only one couldn't make it," she declared. "People are really serious about this election."

Here's applause for that alert citizen who saw a man dumping rubbish on Washington boulevard between Lincoln and 14-Mile road! He reported a license number to police, and they ordered a Bate-street man to clean it up. The city rubbish park, is about a quarter of a mile east of East Main avenue on the left side, marked by signs—if you can't wait for the regular collection.

Two radios were stolen last Thursday night from cars parked near the bowling alley. Owners were Clarence W. Blumenthal, 207 Washok building, and Mrs. Isabella Domick, of Berkeley.

A friend tells us that Bill Raymond, grandson of Mrs. Ann E. Hathaway, 532 Townsend, was one of those in the 17th Pursuit Squadron, Selfridge Field, which left Sunday for service in the Philippine Islands.

During this Wanderser's meanderings in Chicago last week end he caught a glimpse of Betty Maxwell who was working in that city's Auto Show as one of three attractive young women helping to demonstrate Pontiac cars. Mighty small world—magic driving automobiles and then seeing Betty.

The Board of Education was quite interested last week in an item shown them in the regular report of its work. The item was a bill for "Mademoiselle \$2.50." That, Business Manager Randall explained, is a magazine used in the sewing classes.

The Eccentric is an independent Republican newspaper but editorial page has no influence on the news columns, our readers must have noted. It is not taking any newswoman in the park. Detroit News.

Wise Gobs In 1939, some fifty-four United States sailors were killed in highway mishaps, while but thirty-three were drowned. No wonder the wise talker is not taking any newswoman in the park. Detroit News.

Say Parkway Cost Would Be Small

All public works require funds to carry them through to completion. And the relief parkway and the city's new streetcar system for the five counties constituting the Detroit metropolitan area, upon which citizens will vote in the November 8 election, is no exception.

However, the per capita cost of this project is small. The Detroit-Huron-Clinton Park and Parkway Association, civic organization favoring the measure, calls the proposed parkway-planting development "the cheapest form of recreation possible—available 365 days of the year."

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Statement To The People About Proposal Number 3

By MANFRED BURLEIGH, CHAIRMAN LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, MICHIGAN MOTORBUS ASSOCIATION

In none of the literature circulated by the D. S. R. has there been a statement of just what Proposal Number 3 is. D. S. R. officials have told what they claim the proposal will do to library workers and school children and what it will do to Grand Rapids. They have called it a gold brick and an attack on Home Rule. But I have failed to come across one line written by D. S. R. officials which even attempts to tell the people what the proposal is.

Perhaps they think the voters wouldn't understand the simple language of the law and perhaps they think they can confuse the people by the mass of misrepresentation they have been circulating about the effect of the law.

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Advertisement for 'I'll Measure Your Lighting Without Charge' featuring a woman and a light meter.

Advertisement for 'E & B Team Sets New League Mark' featuring a woman and a bowling ball.

Advertisement for 'I'll Leave It To You' featuring a woman and a light meter.

Large advertisement for 'I AM SURE THAT NOW, KNOWING THE REAL FACTS ABOUT PROPOSAL NUMBER 3, YOU WILL NEXT TUESDAY VOTE YES ON PROPOSAL NUMBER 3' with portraits of officials and a large 'X' for 'VOTE NOV. 5 X REPUBLICAN'.